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THE PUMPING IT OUT ISSUE

‘Chain Reaction’ gets positive feedback from Landmarks Commission

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Landmarks Commission voted Monday night to start a landmarking process for public art piece “Chain Reaction,” a move which will set in motion a chain of events with uncertain consequences for both City Hall and the sculpture.

If the application is eventually accepted, “Chain Reaction,” a 26-foot monumental piece by Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad that serves as a lurking warning against nuclear technology, would be the first public art piece in Santa Monica to win landmark status.

“It seems on the face of it that there’s credible evidence it should be landmarked,” said Commissioner Roger Genser on Tuesday. “There are a number of elements there to be considered. It was made by a notable artist, it’s in a site-specific location and it has cultural influence.”

The landmark designation provides protections and special process that makes it more difficult for structures and other landmarked things to be moved, demolished or altered.

That could make things difficult for officials that suspect the piece may be badly damaged by two decades of exposure to the elements, and may need to be taken from its location in the Civic Center, immediately across from the RAND Corp., to a museum or other place for repair and upkeep.

The extent of the damage is unknown, but the City Council has already agreed to allow staff to take the sculpture out of its public art collection if supporters of the sculpture haven’t raised enough money to save it by November.

Test results on its materials and a structural



Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

SEE SCULPTURE PAGE 10 **IN PROGRESS:** A worker inspects the ‘Chain Reaction’ sculpture late last month.

Police hunting for ‘Opportunistic Bandit’

Suspect wanted for series of robberies and crimes across Southern California

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Police are asking for the public’s help in apprehending a man they say has committed at least a dozen crimes in the Los Angeles area, including several car

jackings and robberies.

The same suspect, dubbed the “Opportunistic Bandit” by police because of the types of crimes and victims targeted, is also believed to be responsible for at least seven other illegal acts in the cities of Santa Monica, Glendale, Pasadena and Beverly

Hills.

During the Santa Monica incident, which occurred the evening of April 20, police said the suspect hopped into a woman’s 2010 Mercedes and drove off just

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Bergamot development stalls for now

Major mixed-use project put off to end of year for further review of plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

BERGAMOT STATION A major redevelopment of the former Papermate site previously scheduled for review in June will now be put off until the beginning of 2013, and a local anti-development group is taking credit.

Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC) announced in a release Tuesday that their opposition to the development, along with concerns from other neighborhood groups and even state agencies, had stalled the proposed Bergamot Transit Village, a 766,094-square-foot mix of apartments and shops slated for the east end of Santa Monica.

City Hall, however, denies that the group had any influence, instead saying that both the final draft of an environmental document for the project and negotiations with the developer were taking longer than expected.

SMCLC, which formed to fight a remodel of Santa Monica Place that included building three, 21-story condo towers, has long opposed Hines’ plan to build the project at the proposed size, saying that its traffic impacts were not accurately reflected in environmental documents and that the project was moving ahead of a wider planning effort for the area.

The group hired a traffic engineer and an environmental attorney to parse through thousands of pages of documents and come up with alternative analyses.

Those called the previous work “shoddy” and suggested that it was impossible to look at the Papermate site alone when a trio of developments totaling just under 700,000 square feet were planned on nearby Colorado Avenue.

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Pursuant to Sections 3381 through 3385, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for Los Angeles County, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

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All information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will be furnished, upon request, by Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, 225 North Hill Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The amount to redeem, in dollars and cents, is set forth opposite its parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of June 29, 2012.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 2nd day of May, 2012.

Mark J. Saladino

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3063 \$10,166.29
3018 WASHINGTON BLVD LLC AIN: 4237-026-046
3073 \$42,364.16
KIUMARZ LENHARD INC SITUS:1861 S BUNDY DR LOS ANGELES CA 90025-5201 AIN: 4259-018-011
3074 \$26,775.29
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3079 \$572,037.11
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3085 \$129,892.90
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3099 \$754.89
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3064 \$19,922.24
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3095 \$9,080.67
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3096 \$9,555.15
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3097 \$104,310.50
SCRPELLI, RICHARD AND MADJAR, CINDY N SITUS:2018 FAIRBURN AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90025-5914 AIN: 4317-006-005
3098 \$600.86
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Wednesday, May 16, 2012

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8:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Michael McCarty and Executive Chef John-Carlos Kuramoto lead an exclusive tour of the Downtown Farmers' Market to introduce guests to their favorite farmers, pay homage to ingredients of the season, and show how they pick the best ingredients. Guests will then head back to the restaurant and enjoy dishes specially created by Chef Kuramoto featuring the monthly ingredient, as well as wine pairings and recipes to take home. Cost: \$75. For more information, call (310) 451-0843.

Improve your improv
Improv for the People Studio
685 Venice Blvd., Venice,
7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Join improv pros for a free workshop to help you think on your toes for laughs. For more information, call (310) 576-7561.

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Om
Douglas Park Clubhouse
2439 Wilshire Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Learn the secrets of Tibetan Buddhist meditation during this practice session. There will also be book study during the by-donation event. For more information, call (310) 451-4368.

Awareness on screen
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., times vary
The FILManthropy Festival is a unique event for instigating and inspiring change by showcasing films that inspire, educate, raise awareness and motivate, so that audiences may open their minds and their hearts to creating a better world. The FILManthropy Festival encourages patrons to not only watch these inspiring films, but to do something — to work for change. For a schedule of films and screening times, visit filmanthropyfestival.org.

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For more information on any of the events listed,
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Starting fresh
Museum of Flying
3100 Airport Ave.,
6 p.m. — 10 p.m.

In honor of its 30-year anniversary celebration, the Cancer Support Community-Benjamin Center is bringing together two exceptional artists — Janet Roberts and Billy Zane — for an exclusive gallery event to benefit the organization. Showcasing 15 environmentally-friendly paintings from each artist, proceeds will help sustain free-of-charge programs offered at West L.A.'s CSC-Benjamin Center. For more information, call (310) 314-2555.

Friday, May 18, 2012

Bowling for benefits
AMF Bayshore Lanes
234 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Santa Monica-Malibu Substitute Teachers are holding a fundraiser dubbed Bowling for Benefits Two. There will be unlimited bowling, free shoe rental and prizes for just \$20 per bowler. Proceeds go to help local subs. For more information, call (310) 395-1528.

Dance, dance, dance
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica College's Global Motion World Dance Company presents "Olakino," a program of choreography from across the globe. "Olakino," Hawaiian for "Health," reflects the 2011-12 SMC Global Citizenship theme of "Health, Wellness & the Pursuit of Happiness." This performance also takes place on Saturday. For more information, call (310) 434-3467.

Fine wine
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave.,
8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
"Sideways the Play," adapted by Rex Pickett from his own novel, follows two friends — Miles and Jack — on their journey across the Santa Ynez wine country on one last blowout trip before Jack gets married. Along the way, Miles and Jack must face their uncertain futures ... just as soon as they figure out how to survive their chaotic present. For more information, call (310) 397-3244.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Jamba Juice squeezed for cash

Police are searching for two men who robbed a manager at Jamba Juice at gunpoint Monday night and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Sgt. Richard Lewis of the Santa Monica Police Department said the two suspects were seen loitering outside the business, located on the corner of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, around 10 p.m. as employees were closing for the night.

One of the men approached the store manager, who was taking out the garbage, and through a "ruse" was able to gain access to the business. Once inside, he pretended to have a weapon and forced the manager to let in his accomplice. The second suspect produced a handgun and ordered one employee into a backroom while the manager was forced to open a safe, Lewis said.

The suspects took the cash and fled on foot.

One suspect was described as an African-American male in his 20s, 6 feet tall with a thin build and acne scars on his face. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black jeans and white shoes.

The other suspect was described as a Latino male in his 20s, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, thin with a moustache. He was wearing a red hat, black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans and had "L.A." tattooed under his left eye.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463) or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com. Tipsters can also contact Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS, texting from their mobile, or by visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org. Callers may remain anonymous and may be qualified to receive a \$1,000 reward from Crime Stoppers.

KEVIN HERRERA

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Healthy food for those on the go

BY LAURA BURDINE

Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET A healthy vending machine, can it be true? Naysayers and skeptics be warned, the answer might surprise you. Though it might sound like more of an oxymoron than a legitimate idea, healthy vending machines have, in fact, become a reality thanks to Santa Monica-based h.u.m.a.n. Healthy Vending.

h.u.m.a.n., which stands for Helping Unite Man And Nutrition, manufactures high-tech vending machines that

offer nutritious snacks and beverages, as well as a pinch of educational entertainment with their LCD screens displaying healthy living tips.

Launched less than four years ago, the Main Street company already has over 1,000 healthy vending machines in use across the country and is expecting to approach 2,500 machines by the end of 2012.

"When we first started ... the community response was, 'What the heck are you doing?' The awareness just wasn't

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Photo courtesy San Antonio Missions

ON HIS WAY TO THE BIG LEAGUES? Cody Decker is a minor league prospect in the San Diego Padres' organization.

LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Former Samohi star Decker does it again

Padres farm hand named Texas League player of the week a second time

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA

Managing Editor

SAN ANTONIO Cody Decker's tear through the Texas League has netted the former Santa Monica High School slugger a second straight Player of the Week award, it was announced on Monday.

Decker's week was highlighted by a three home run effort during a doubleheader against Midland last week.

"I'm seeing it good," Decker said before a game on Tuesday. "But, I think I've done this my whole career."

Decker co-leads the league with 13 dingers. He's also tied

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Stay positive

Editor:

I pity the writers of the negative letters that dominate page four. These writers seem to spend the bulk of their lives knocked down by sidewalk bicyclists and flummoxed at grocery checkouts because they have neither a re-usable bag nor a dime to buy a paper one.

Saddest of all is hatred of “the outsider,” who might have the gall to want to live in Santa Monica for the same reasons the writers do. Since the population of Santa Monica increased by about 7 percent from 2000 to 2010, it’s possible that some of these writers were themselves outsiders whose arrival was fought by previous residents.

The ceaseless negativity is best typified by the writer who said that outsiders shouldn’t be allowed to live at “our beach,” as though she had poured the sand and created the Pacific Ocean (“Closed form council,” Letters to the Editor, May 11).

By contrast, I am grateful to live in a diverse, welcoming and vibrant city that is becoming increasingly walk-able and bike-able. I too was once a stranger to Santa Monica, and I enjoy living in a fascinating city with a wonderful climate and ambiance that is willing to re-invent itself for the benefit of those who are here now and who will arrive in the future.

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica

A different line

Editor:

I was very much disturbed reading the story (“Street performer sues cops, city for wrongful arrest,” May 9) about the Third Street Promenade performer held in the Santa Monica Jail for six hours after the authorities didn’t “get the joke” when he asked them as his Groucho Marx character, “Where’s your work permit?”

Perhaps a different Groucho remark would have left those policemen laughing instead of dragging him to the pokey. Perhaps the classic, “I don’t want to be part of any club that would have me as a member.” Or if he’d retorted with what Groucho told hotel clerks who were giving him a hard time: “Is it true gentlemen,” he asked, “you run a chain of brothels from coast to coast?”

Maybe next time.

Hank Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

Feeling entitled

Editor:

This letter is in response to Scott Mossman’s letter, “Self serve,” dated May 4.

Mr. Mossman, the height of entitlement you discuss is misdirected toward the supply side of the housing equation. Rent Control, along with other Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights (SMRR) social agenda programs, has become expert at accusing its opponents of the very condition they promote. Entitlements are discounts, gifts, and re-distribution of wealth not based on merit, but party affiliations.

Sir, you do make an excellent point regarding the Senior Center change.

Here, once again, SMRR is openly betraying its seniors in favor of younger voters. So out they go, tossed under the bus along with Mayor Bloom.

Robert Kronovet
Santa Monica Rent Board Commissioner



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Am I mother enough?

UNTIL I GAVE BIRTH FOR THE FIRST time, I never thought much about the fact that making a child doesn’t automatically make you a parent. To be sure, it’s a cliché straight from a public service announcement, but that doesn’t mean it’s any less true: Plenty of men father children but aren’t actually dads, and simply birthing a baby doesn’t make you a mom.

It’s different for everyone, of course, but sometimes you know you’re a parent when you experience actual physical pain when your kid falls and skins a knee for the first time (“You’re only as happy as your least happy child,” my dad always says) or your heart bursts into a thousand pieces when that chubby little hand grabs a hold of yours with purpose for no reason other than sheer adoration.

The need for a parent to nuance and finesse is never ending because no two children are alike, which means there is no miracle mold, book or philosophy on how to parent correctly, well or even close to perfect. What I’ve learned, however, in the nearly four years since I gave birth to my first daughter is that there are these rare flashes when you just kind of know in your bones that you’ve done something right.

I happen to think my parents did most things right when raising me and almost all of the time (the rest of the time was probably my fault, anyway). Like right after I graduated from college and hunkered down for a few months preparing for the Graduate Record Exam. Studying for the test consumed me, and the moment it was over I was awash with anxiety, my whole future life flashing before me dramatically.

My dad took one look at me after I came home from taking the exam and suggested we go for a drive. We rode around aimlessly for a while and then ended up at the retail store of a steakhouse, Manero’s, in Greenwich, Conn., that my family used to go to on occasion when I was a kid. He ordered me a chopped steak hamburger, which I ate as we sat in the car. I don’t remember how I did on the GREs, but I’ll never forget my dad on that afternoon and how that was the single best burger of my life.

I thought of that day, and my dad, over the weekend. A few days earlier my husband, Rick, had been animatedly telling our older daughter, Petunia, about the unadulterated joy of midnight snacks. She didn’t need much convincing; she wanted in on one. We all had a good giggle about it because, really, what were the chances we’d ever purposely wake her up to eat at midnight? She’s already a gremlin during the day; feeding her late at night would be like parental suicide. Even she seemed to understand it was nothing but a pipe dream.

Saturday night was a normal one in our house. After 8-month-old Peony went to sleep, it was on to Petunia, who required no fewer than three books, two cuddles, three trips to the bathroom, one fresh glass of water, one Dora Band-Aid, one tissue, two reprimands for singing too loudly and three

detailed explanations of what we were doing without her downstairs.

At around 8:30 p.m. it was finally quiet. That’s when I turned to Rick and said, “Do you want to blow Petunia’s mind a little? You should go wake her up and ask if she wants to come downstairs for a midnight snack.”

It wasn’t totally dark outside yet, but since we were fairly certain the only thing she actually knows about midnight is that glass slippers get lost and pumpkins materialize, we weren’t too concerned our cover would be blown. We did know, however, that we were running the risk of having to repeat her bedtime ritual all over again. Still, it intuitively felt like a chance worth taking.

He went upstairs to wake her up, and they emerged together a moment later in the kitchen, Petunia’s sleepy eyes shining like a super moon, her grin as wide as the horizon.

“How about a graham cracker?” Rick asked her as she scrambled up on her chair at the table.

“Oh, sure!” she exclaimed. “I love graham crackers.”

I HAPPEN TO THINK MY PARENTS DID MOST THINGS RIGHT WHEN RAISING ME AND ALMOST ALL OF THE TIME (THE REST OF THE TIME WAS PROBABLY MY FAULT, ANYWAY).

She sat silently but excitedly like a jumping bean at the table until the napkin, cracker and cup of water were placed in front of her, at which time she nibbled carefully and sipped the water like she was at high tea at Buckingham Palace. She was playing with house money, she knew it, and she wasn’t about to blow it.

I can’t remember much of what we spoke about. Maybe something about a new freckle on her pinky. Possibly her upcoming swim classes. But the look of gratitude and peaceful delight on her face as she savored her midnight snack will be tattooed on my pitter-pattering little heart.

When the last graham-cracker crumb and drop of water were history, we told her gently, “It’s time to go back to bed.”

She paused to flash us one final irrepressible smile and then said, “OK, goodnight,” as she quietly slipped out of her chair and padded back upstairs. We didn’t hear another peep from her until the next day.

The following morning I waited to see if she would make mention of it. When she didn’t say a word, I asked coyly, “Did you have a midnight snack last night?”

“Yes, just me,” she said with a small, sly smile. “Not Peony.”

I don’t know if that graham cracker made us parents. But it sure made us feel good.

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Putting nuclear power plants on ice

ENERGY IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF MODERN economies and there's no more amazingly useful form of energy than electricity. That's why I was initially startled to read the recent news that the last of Japan's 54 nuclear power plants has been shut down, a turn of events that makes Japan the first major economy of this century to run without operating any such reactors.

The news impressed me because prior to the mega-quake and tsunami of 2011, Japan powered 30 percent of its electrical grid from nuclear plants. Giving up about a third of the electrical power used by a major economy is a convulsive change. (By way of comparison, in the U.S. about 20 percent of our electricity comes from nukes. That's more than most people realize, but still a full notch less than what Japan had been doing before the quake.)

But big changes in public policy should be no surprise given the size of the nuclear disaster that hit Japan last year. The earthquake and tsunami there sparked problems that became nuclear meltdowns in power plants near Fukushima.

Japan has been making up the power gap it faces by importing more fossil fuels. That approach, of course, increases the world's production of greenhouse gases, an environmental black eye in the minds of many.

I've read that the Japanese have been importing 18 percent more liquefied natural gas than they were before the earthquake, the lion's share of which has gone to generating electricity.

Recently I talked all this over with Dr. Don Wall, director of the research reactor at Washington State University. Wall reminded me about how differently we can use natural gas and what those differences can mean in terms of efficiency. A good home furnace, for example, is close to 95 percent efficient.

"But burned to generate electricity, natural gas is only 35 percent efficient. So I think power generation is a horribly wasteful way to use good fuel," Wall said. "We have lots of uranium, and it makes sense to me to use it to generate electricity in nuclear plants."

Even with the increase in burning fossil fuels in Japan, power supplies have been tight. Last summer, when electricity demands were high, factories ran at night and during the weekends to help spread out electrical needs. In other words, people had to deal with major disruptions of their lives in order to hold things together over the warm months.

Some analysts see this summer as a test case for the possibility of a no-nuke future in Japan. If the nation can make it through the summer with some sacrifices but no blackouts, many citizens will want to keep the

shuttered nuclear plants off-line.

But if that happens, it will be an expensive change. The Japanese economy traditionally ran trade surpluses because the world bought so many Toyotas and the like. But because of the increases in fossil fuel purchases, Japan ran a trade deficit last year for the first time in more than 30 years.

Partly in response to such impacts Yoshito Sengoku, the president of the ruling party in Japan, called ending all nuclear power production the equivalent of "mass suicide."

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also being felt in Europe. Dr. Wall noted to me that Germany has been putting the brakes on using its nuclear power plants.

"That's been a windfall for France because Germany is now purchasing large amounts of electricity from the French," he said. "According to Le Monde, France has sold over \$400 million of electricity to Germany in nine months."

It's nice to have a next-door neighbor that can sell you a lot of electricity. But the irony is that France has the strongest nuclear program in the world. Almost 80 percent of all the power generated in France comes from nuclear plants. So Germany may be shuttering its own nuclear power plants, but it is increasing its reliance on such plants next door, at least for now.

"France is the largest net exporter of electricity in the world and it benefits from that fact in all sorts of ways," Wall told me. "It's interesting to think we in the U.S. could move in that direction ourselves if we made it a priority."

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The Q-Line

Pulling away

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Do you oppose the district splitting up, or do you think it's time for Malibu to break off?

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Boxer presses NRC on questions at nuke plant

MICHAEL R. BLOOD

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES California Sen. Barbara Boxer asked federal regulators Tuesday for details about the troubled steam generators at the San Onofre nuclear power plant, where a long-running probe into tube damage has kept the reactors sidelined for months.

In a letter, the Democrat asked Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory Jaczko for documentation on design changes to the generators made in 2009 and 2010, when they were installed at the seaside plant, and how the federal agency reviewed those modifications.

At issue is whether Southern California Edison sidestepped any federal requirements by conducting extensive modifications, a claim leveled by an environmental group that said the design changes are at the heart of the plant's problems.

The twin reactors, located between San Diego and Los Angeles, have been shut down for more than three months while investigators look into unusual damage to hundreds of tubes inside the massive generators.

"Concerns have been raised that design changes in the steam generators contributed to accelerated wear in tubes carrying radioactive water," Boxer wrote in a similar letter to SCE parent Edison International, which also requested documents. "The determination to restart the San Onofre reactors must ensure the safety of the millions of Californians who live and work near the plant."

Edison said in a statement Monday that "the NRC was fully informed that the replacement would be conducted under the same regulations as had been previously applied at other plants."

The 13-page report issued by Friends of the Earth warned that running the nuclear plant at reduced power would not resolve problems with badly worn tubing. Earlier this month the company announced a tentative plan to restart and run the seaside reactors at lower power, at least for several months, because engineers believe that will ease vibration that could be causing unusual wear in the tubes.

The generators function something like a car radiator, which controls heat in a vehicle's engine. The generator tubes circulate hot, radioactive water from the reactors, which heat a bath of non-radioactive water surrounding them. That makes steam, which is used to turn turbines to make electricity.

The tubes represent a critical safety barrier — if a tube breaks, there is the potential that radioactivity can escape into the atmosphere. Also, serious leaks can drain protective cooling water from a reactor.

The four generators each have nearly 10,000 alloy tubes that carry radioactive water. The report also expanded an earlier allegation that Southern California Edison misled federal regulators about the modifications, a charge disputed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the company.

The trouble began to unfold in January, when the Unit 3 reactor was shut down as a precaution after a tube break. Traces of radiation escaped at the time, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neigh-

bors. Unit 2 had been taken offline earlier that month for maintenance, but investigators later found unexpected wear on hundreds of tubes in both units.

The NRC has said there is no timetable to restart the reactors, as investigators continue to look for the cause of the unusual tube wear.

The report, written by Vermont-based nuclear consultants Fairewinds Associates, suggested the best alternatives might be scrapping and replacing the costly equipment, or spending as much as \$400 million on an extensive repair.

The generators were replaced in 2009 and 2010 in a \$670 million overhaul.

"Power reductions do not solve underlying and serious degradation problems," said the report. It warned of possible tube breaks that could endanger public health.

It said running at lower power would not prevent damaged tubes and tube supports from vibrating and damaging others nearby. "It will worsen the existing damage," the report concluded.

Gradual wear is common in such tubing, but the rate of erosion at San Onofre alarmed officials since the equipment is relatively new. The company last week said more than 1,300 tubes will be taken out of service, a far higher number than previously disclosed, but that number is well within the margin to allow the generators to keep operating.

Edison has been facing pressure from some nearby communities and nuclear activists who have raised safety concerns, while the company looks for a solution to the tube problem and a path to restarting the plant, an important source of power in Southern California. State officials have warned of possible power shortages in the region this summer while the plant remains dark.

The generators were designed to meet a federal test to qualify as "in-kind," or essentially identical, replacements, which allowed them to be installed without prior approval from federal regulators.

The report said a string of complex modifications involving tubes and supports should have triggered a more extensive review by the government, including public hearings, but did not. The report speculated that the NRC would have identified problems with the design if a thorough review was conducted.

"Edison should never have been allowed to install these fundamentally defective steam generators," Damon Moglen, climate and energy campaign director at Friends of the Earth, said in a statement. "Now Edison is planning to avoid dealing with the underlying problems and instead restart at lower power. Their claims of nuclear safety first ring completely hollow and must be stopped."

In a statement, NRC spokesman Victor Dricks said the company informed the agency of the steam generator design changes "in accordance with NRC requirements," and that portions of the design were reviewed by federal inspectors during the installation. He added that a team of investigators is reviewing those changes as part of its probe into tube wear at the plant.



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LOS ANGELES
6.6 million will fund SoCal toxic cleanup

Eleven companies and landowners blamed for polluting Southern California water supplies will pay about \$6.6 million to clean up the contamination.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that it's reached agreements to fund groundwater cleanup at a South El Monte Superfund site.

The agency claimed the current or former landowners and business operators polluted the groundwater with toxic industrial solvents.

The agreements cover only a portion of the eight-square-mile Superfund site in the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles.

Last fall, Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. was ordered to clean up groundwater contamination at the Superfund site, at a cost of about \$20 million.

The EPA says several tons of contaminants have been removed since groundwater cleanup began at the Superfund site in 2008.

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SAN ONOFRE
Rebuilt Trestles beach railroad bridge dedicated

A wooden bridge that gave the famous Trestles surfing beach its name has been reborn in steel and concrete.

The new San Mateo Creek Railroad Bridge was dedicated Monday at San Onofre State Beach in San Diego County.

The San Diego Association of Governments spent \$8 million to replace the 1941 bridge with a concrete-and-steel version that will carry dozens of trains each day.

The wooden trestles inspired the beach's nickname. The new version is inscribed with the name "Trestles."

AP

LOS ANGELES
Port reports 15 percent increase

It was the busiest-ever April for container volume at the Port of Los Angeles.

Port officials say combined import and export container volume increased nearly 15 percent last month compared to April 2011.

Arriving 20-foot equivalent containers increased 16.7 percent, from 312,359 containers in April 2011 to 364,555 last month.

Exports increased 11.5 percent, from 167,448 containers in April 2011 to 186,838 last month.

Overall container volume, factoring in empties, jumped from 479,808 containers in April 2011 to 551,393 in last month, making it the busiest April in port history.

AP

CAMBRIA
Kayaker says he survived great white shark attack

A kayaker says he was attacked by a 14-foot-long great white shark as he and his friends fished off the coast of Central California and that he escaped any injuries.

The San Luis Obispo County Tribune reports that Joey Nocchi believes a shark took a giant bite – about 22 inches wide – of his kayak on Saturday afternoon, off the coast of Cambria.

Nocchi says the shark slammed into him from under and that his friends watched as it launched him "out of the water 4 to 5 feet." His friends told him the shark's jaws were open.

The 30-year-old says he got back on his leaking kayak and quickly paddled to shore with them.

He says he will probably stay out of the ocean for a while.

AP

PETROLIA
Magnitude-4.0 quake in ocean

An offshore earthquake has been reported along California's north coast.

A U.S. Geological Survey computer-generated report says the magnitude-4.0 quake struck at 3:19 a.m. Tuesday and was centered 54 miles west of Petrolia, which is about 260 miles north of San Francisco.

A Humboldt County sheriff's dispatcher says there have been no calls about damage or injury.

AP

SANTA ANA
Parolee convicted in MySpace sex assault case

A parolee from Orange County has been convicted of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl he met on MySpace.

Prosecutors say Matthew Castaneda was found guilty Monday of two felony counts. Jurors were unable to reach a verdict on two additional felony counts. He was on parole for a 2007 prior conviction and violating a restraining order at the time of the crime.

Prosecutors say Castaneda met the girl on MySpace in November 2009 and began communicating with her online. In February, prosecutors say Castaneda met the girl near South Coast Plaza and took her to his motel room in Anaheim where he sexually assaulted her, then fled the scene.

He was arrested two days later.

Castaneda faces a maximum sentence of 24 years to life in prison.

AP

SAN BRUNO
Families welcomed back after gas pipeline blast

Families returning to a Northern California neighborhood destroyed by a gas pipeline explosion got an official welcome home.

The San Mateo County Times reports that two of 38 families who lost homes in San Bruno in 2010 have moved back, and that 26 others are in various stages of rebuilding.

City officials on Monday marked the occasion with a 6:30 p.m. ceremony and greeted the returning families.

Eight people died on Sept. 9, 2010 when a fireball fueled by a ruptured Pacific Gas & Electric Co. pipeline consumed homes.

Teddy Bernardo's family was the first to move back, and he says seeing the others return has helped bring the silent neighborhood back to life.

Still, his 8-year-old daughter is afraid to sleep alone in her new bedroom because it overlooks the spot where the pipe exploded.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: 1510 Pico – The Repair, Seal, and Restoration of Building Moisture Protection. This project involves the removal and reinstallation of the existing aluminum framed window system. Resealing of existing exterior moldings and re-flashing of existing aluminum frame skylight. Also the installation of new waterproofing membrane and metal flashing, new sheet metal wall coping system and of new flashing at various roof locations.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 10:00 AM, June 14, 2012

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE, 3171 SOUTH BUNDY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, ATTENTION: LEE PAUL, LPI. (Temporary building at east end of parking lot.)

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Senior living centers accept more pets

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Shirlee and Nathan "Nick" Horowitz faced one serious health crisis after another before their doctor said they had to move into an assisted living center. They had only one condition — they weren't going anywhere without their dog.

Hundreds of retirement communities across the country now allow seniors to live with their pets and more and more keep house pets that provide the benefits without the responsibility.

As many as 40 percent of people ask about pets when calling A Place for Mom, the nation's largest senior living referral service, said Tami Cumings, its senior vice president.

When the service was founded 12 years ago, pets were seldom considered when it came time for older people to enter rest homes or skilled nursing homes, Cumings said.

Then came the boom in independent living centers, assisted living complexes and memory centers for Alzheimer's patients. At the same time, some people have latched on to studies that show pets can help their owners' health physically and psychologically, said Lori Kogan, a professor of veterinary medicine at Colorado State University.

Shirlee Horowitz and her husband chose the Regency Grand in West Covina, about 20 miles east of Los Angeles. Meals are provided, as is housekeeping and transportation. Medication management and help with dressing and bathing can be arranged. But most of all, their collie Barney was welcome.

"I worried more about him because he had a big yard before," said Shirlee Horowitz, 77. "But he has adjusted to this better than we have."

Barney's friendliness has made it easier for the couple to meet their neighbors, and his walks have helped them get to know the complex.

Living centers usually prefer smaller pets and put the limit at two. Not all pets are dogs and cats either, Cumings said. They get a lot of calls about birds and fish, too.

As much as 30 percent of the residents at the Regency Grand have pets at any one time, said Leah Hynes, Regency Grand's marketing associate. Seldom do the elderly move in with puppies or kittens, she said.

Most of the time, their animals are older, too.

One of the residents lost her husband of many decades. She wanted a pet so Hynes helped her choose a cat. They named it Annie and had the cat spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

"It was like bringing a new baby home. She had the apartment set up and couldn't wait to have the companionship and someone to care for again," she said.

Residents who don't have pets of their own are encouraged to share Alley, the office cat. At the center's memory care center, a dog, a cat and two bunnies live with a couple of parakeets and a lot of fish.

Pet-friendly living centers are still in the minority, so people who don't like animals will easily find centers that say "No Pets Allowed."

But some living centers are cultivating small menageries.

At the Silverado Senior Living center in Encinitas, 25 miles north of San Diego, residents have miniature horses and for several months every year, a very young kangaroo, said Steve Winner, co-founder and chief of culture for the company's 23 centers in six states, including Illinois and Texas.

They've had a pot-bellied pig, chinchillas, guinea pigs and even a llama until he got too big, said Winner, who estimated that 20 percent of their new residents move in with pets.

When it's time to walk the dogs, a staff member might play "Who Let the Dogs Out" by Baha Men as a signal that it's time to put leashes on the dogs.

Kogan founded a prototype program called Pets Forever, a Colorado State class where students earn credits while helping elderly and disabled pet owners care for their animals.

As people grow old, they lose relatives and friends, maybe some of their mobility, their jobs and homes. "So pets become increasingly important," Kogan said. The relationship between a person and a pet may be the only thing an older person has left, she said.

"Clients will often say their pets are the reason they try to continue living," she said. "These pets really give them meaning and value in life, a purpose for getting up in the morning."

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as she was finishing filling it up with gas at an AM-PM on Pico Boulevard at Fourth Street. The victim left her keys in the ignition, said Sgt. Richard Lewis with the Santa Monica Police Department.

That Mercedes was recovered in Hollywood several days later. Police believe it was used to commit several other crimes in neighboring cities.

The suspect is described as an African-American male, 25 to 35 years of age with brown eyes and a bald head. He is said to be between 5 feet, 9 inches and 6 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing between 180 and 250 pounds.

Surveillance video of the suspect can be viewed on the LAPD's website — lapdonline.org/newsroom/news_view/50955

That footage is from an April 15 robbery that took place around 8:45 p.m. at a gas station located on the 1700 block of Highland Avenue in Hollywood. While inside the gas station, the suspect walked up to the female victim and tried to strike up a conversation with her. The victim left the business and entered her car. The suspect jumped into the passenger's seat and allegedly hit the victim several times and forced her out of the car. The suspect then drove away with the victim's car and purse.

During a separate incident, the suspect allegedly targeted and physically assaulted a 76-year-old woman, carjacking her vehicle and taking her purse.

The suspect is also believed to have entered occupied and unoccupied cars in business parking lots and steals purses. Additional, he forcibly grabs purses or money bags from unsuspecting victims, police said.

Other crimes committed by the suspect include street robberies, burglary/theft from motor vehicles, and vandalism.

Detectives are concerned the level of violence could escalate if the suspect is not apprehended soon.

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SMCLC also objected to the rapid pace with which developments were coming before the Planning Commission and City Council. The schedule included nine meetings for the Planning Commission alone between the end of April and May, which gave decision makers little time to review massive amounts of material.

At the time, Diana Gordon of SMCLC compared the problem to a sewer system failure.

"This month you have to look at three of the largest projects in the city's history," she said. "It's not doable in a contentious, full and accurate way."

Those projects included the Bergamot Transit Village, the area plan for the section of Santa Monica that contains the proposed transit village and a condominium complex at what is now the Village Trailer Park.

By the next Planning Commission meeting, the nine meetings requested of the Planning Commission had dropped to six, and the Bergamot Transit Village development agreement, previously set for late May, had been pushed out a month.

As of this week, the Planning Commission won't see the project until the end of 2012 or beginning of 2013.

The new schedule will give all involved more breathing room, said Planning Director David Martin on Tuesday.

Officials must respond to all of the comments submitted on the draft environmental impact report before the final can go to the City Council, a process Martin described as "very time consuming."

Additionally, staff is still negotiating with

the developer over the development agreement, essentially a contract between City Hall and Hines that allows the corporation to exceed the zoning code in exchange for benefits for the community like childcare centers and parks.

Planners have pushed for an alternative that would include more housing and less office space in the transit village, and the developer is considering it, Martin said.

The mix of office and housing will impact other aspects of the negotiations, including the amount of affordable housing required under code or mix of impacts to be addressed.

In the end, the City Council will be asked to certify both the environmental impact report and approve the contract on the same night, Martin said.

"Both things became issues and both of them needed more time. It made sense to continue things," Martin said.

That works out well for SMCLC, because it carries the large developments past the November 2012 election when terms expire for Mayor Richard Bloom, Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and councilmembers Terry O'Day and Bobby Shriver.

Most of the council members have accepted donations from developers in the past, according to the Santa Monica Transparency Project, a group of residents that picks through campaign finance records.

"That means we will be able to track and publicize council candidate donations in this upcoming election and continue to build our broad coalition to challenge the project unless it is suitably reduced in size and impacts," SMCLC wrote in the release.

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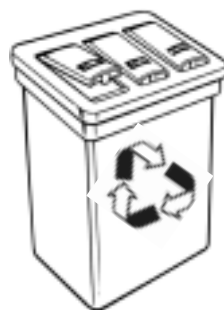
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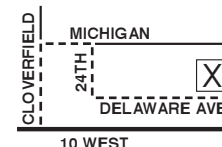
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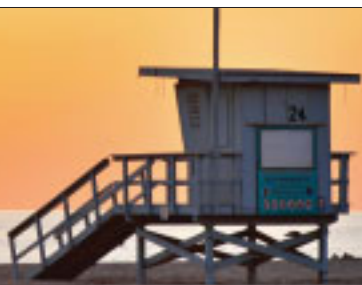


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integrity report are expected within the next two weeks, which will give a more accurate picture of the cost to rehabilitate "Chain Reaction."

No one is quite sure what a landmark designation for the piece would mean, said Jessica Cusick, cultural affairs manager with City Hall.

"If it were to become a landmark, (City Hall) would have to follow the landmark process," Cusick said. "What course (City Hall) would take is too soon to know."

It might have the side benefit of helping activists raise money to repair the piece, Cusick said.

They've currently accumulated roughly \$2,000 of an estimated \$200,000 to \$420,000 needed to fix the piece.

The decision to move forward with the application came in spite of an early report by Peter Moruzzi, an architectural historian with consulting firm ICF International, which noted that public art rarely receives landmark status and the work's cultural significance to Santa Monica wasn't clear.

That didn't deter supporters like perennial City Council candidate Jerry Rubin, who noted that there are six criteria under which the commission can designate a landmark, and cultural significance is only one.

The other five, which concentrate on aes-

thetics, history and the political meaning of a given structure or work of art, would also fit, Rubin said.

Santa Monica does have a history of giving landmark status to things outside the normal categories of buildings, monuments or statues.

In 1976, the Landmarks Commission voted to landmark the Moreton Bay fig tree, a colossal specimen on the Fairmont-Miramar Hotel property.

The commission also managed to landmark aspects of Palisades Park and took a shot at giving the special status to pieces of the lawn in front of City Hall before the City Council overturned that decision.

"We are innovators, not imitators," Rubin said Tuesday. "We do things in keeping with Santa Monica."

Consultants have 60 days to produce a full report examining "Chain Reaction" in relation to the six landmarking criteria, although Genser asked them to speed it up so that the commission could consider the application at its June meeting.

If the commission chooses to landmark the sculpture, officials can appeal the decision to City Hall, which ultimately casts the deciding vote on landmark designations.

"I hope everyone can work cooperatively to get the best analysis," Rubin said. "This is a first for Santa Monica, but we pride ourselves in being first in a lot of things."

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ROUNDUP

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for third in the league with 25 runs batted in.

His .290 batting average is good for second on his team, the San Antonio Missions, the double A affiliate for the San Diego Padres.

After starring at Samohi, Decker moved on to a standout career at UCLA before being drafted in the 22nd round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft by the Padres.

He was drafted as an infielder, but his real value is at the plate, according to scouting services.

Decker, who is making the transition to the outfield this season, believes that his approach to hitting hasn't changed over the years.

Ever since his storied days at Samohi, he said that where he plays makes little difference to him.

"I'm always pretty comfortable," Decker said. "I just go out and do my thing."

Although club officials haven't indicated he's being promoted, Decker said that the difference between double A and triple A is narrow. He considers the level of play to be similar, adding that just as many players get called up from double A as they do from the higher class.

"That's how it works these days," he said.

"It happens quite often."

While he's in San Antonio, Decker said he doesn't get out much besides the occasional movie, and of course his daily jaunt to the ballpark.

To keep himself entertained, he's taken to Twitter. His exploits on the social media giant have even attracted the notice of baseball writers. Some have called him the funniest man in minor league baseball.

"That's what they say," he joked, "and they would be right."

LaRUE CLOSE TO NOTRE DAME OFFER

Samohi junior wide receiver Sebastian LaRue is expected to be offered a scholarship by Notre Dame, Irish Illustrated is reporting.

LaRue, who already has offers from the likes of Michigan, UCLA and Oklahoma, tallied 55 receptions, 903 yards and 12 touchdowns last season for the Vikings. For his efforts, he was named to the All-CIF-Southern Section Western Division team among other honors.

Rivals.com has him ranked as the 141st prospect in the nation and the 21st receiver overall. He's considered a four out of five star recruit.

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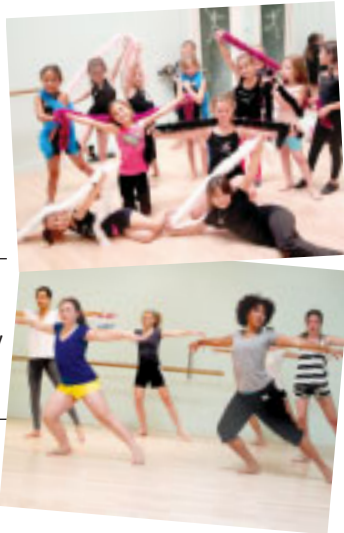
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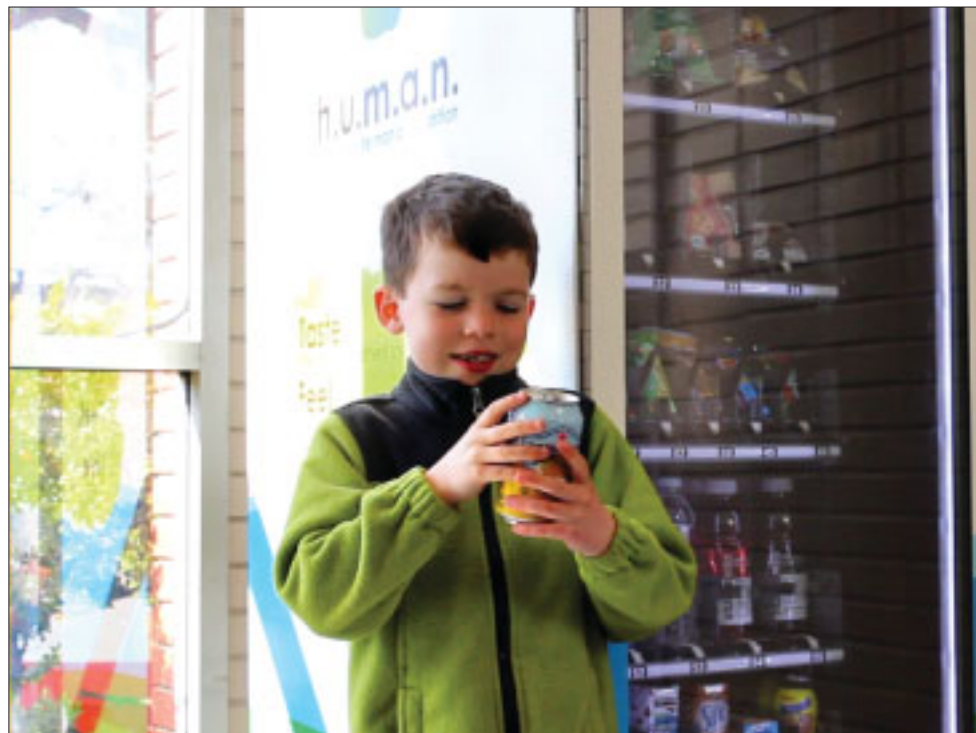


Photo courtesy Travis Miller, h.u.m.a.n. Healthy Vending

EATING FOR HEALTH: A young boy takes a closer look at a beverage he bought from a h.u.m.a.n. Healthy Vending machine. The company has an office on Main Street.

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there," said founder and CEO Sean Kelly. "Now, for the most part, the response is extremely good. People are more educated about nutrition. They want healthy, convenient foods."

An undergraduate student at Columbia, Kelly was at a posh Manhattan health club where he worked part-time as a personal trainer when he observed a young woman purchase a Coca-Cola from a vending machine and proceed to run on the treadmill while gulping down the sugary beverage. Kelly, a biomedical engineering student and staunch advocate for health and nutrition, was dumbfounded by the irony of what he witnessed.

"I thought to myself, if wealthy people don't have access to healthy foods and drinks in a huge health club in Manhattan," said Kelly, "how is that going to happen for average people in the rest of the country?"

After 18 months of research and development, Kelly launched the healthy vending company in 2008 and sold the first machine in March 2009 with a business model based on the idea that the company would own and operate all of their own machines. However, after running nearly 30 machines in three different states for only a few months, Kelly soon discovered that the requirements for running machines in all 50 states, and eventually globally, far exceeded the capacity of him and his some dozen employees. Thus, h.u.m.a.n. launched a franchisee model, allowing people all across the country to take on ownership of machines in their own territories in a partnership with less than 10 percent of the partners' earnings going back to the main company.

"Our franchisee model functions on the premise that we can have a much, much larger pie — yeah, we might have a smaller piece of that pie as opposed to if we did everything ourselves — but I think the important thing is that the pie itself, which represents the reach of healthy vending, is much bigger," Kelly said.

The company began earning profit in early 2011, a little over 18 months from their launch, with their earnings coming from a variety of sources. Over 90 percent of profits come from their franchisees and sales that have to do with their franchise model, including equipment sales and the fee they charge for finding and approving locations for their partners' machines. Furthermore,

they provide their partners with the option to stock their machines with products from the company's distributors, and if the partners do so, which most of them do, the company earns a rebate.

The company also takes a percent of gross revenue from the partners for royalty and marketing fees. Finally, the company sells digital, "educational" advertisements that play on the large LCD screen at the top of every machine in between videos with various health tips. The combination of these earnings plus the amount they earn from their own centrally operated machines amounts to about \$1.5 million in annual revenue.

h.u.m.a.n. has a staff of roughly 30 employees who earn salaries ranging from the low \$30,000s to the high six-figures (Kelly declined to give a numerical amount) for the top sales people with an average salary ranging from \$50,000 to \$80,000. Although these numbers are not modest, Kelly admits that his employees could definitely make higher salaries if they pursued careers in finance or investment banking, but their passion for the h.u.m.a.n. mission and philosophy keeps them at the company.

"Though of course we all want to make money, I can say for myself and I think most of us here that money is not the biggest draw right now," Kelly said. "Many of us are taking low market rates right now to be in a company that's a lot of fun and growing really fast, with the understanding of where we'll eventually be."

The company's revenue is not doled out exclusively for employee salaries; 10 percent of their total proceeds goes toward charities aimed at fighting obesity and malnutrition, including the ME3 Alliance, which h.u.m.a.n. helped found last year. The ME3 Alliance, which stands for Movement, Education, Exercise, and Entrepreneurship, aims to empower social entrepreneurs in small communities to fight for education, health and wellness.

With these relatively high earnings, charitable ambitions, and rapid growth, what exactly is it about h.u.m.a.n. Healthy Vending machines that distinguish them from traditional vending machines? Well, each machine is stocked differently, based on the location and demographic, but according to Kelly, the general premise is always the same.

"We focus on all-natural foods with limited or no artificial sweeteners, organic foods that come from the earth, and ingredients

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you can actually pronounce."

But Kelly admits that he neither believes in nor adheres to a "perfect diet" philosophy that forbids any one type of food, as long as the overall diet is balanced. Many of their machines, particularly those in middle or elementary schools, offer what Kelly deems "lesser evil" options, including organic cookies, baked pita chips, and gummy fruit snacks. Although these choices are not as nutritious as fresh fruits and vegetables, they are a step above their highly processed, trans-fat laden counterparts.

And for a nation in which over one third of all adults and nearly one fifth of all children are obese, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, small changes could make a big difference. Although the obesity rates are still high, in the past five years they have started to level off after decades of consistent growth, suggesting that while a significant number of people still are obese, fewer are becoming obese — possibly partially due to the growing popularity of the health food industry.

In the past three years, the health food industry has grown over 8 percent more than the total U.S. food market. Furthermore, in 2009, the year h.u.m.a.n. launched their healthy vending machines, the National Restaurant Association reported that 76 percent of adults said they are trying to eat healthier than they did two years earlier. That same year, the health food industry grew by nearly 20 percent and continues to grow each year.

Kelly has capitalized on those trends, emphasizing that the core goal of the com-

pany is to make it easier and more convenient to eat healthy food than junk food, and the social change will inevitably follow.

"If it's not easy to eat high nutrition food, and if it's not everywhere, meaning that people have constant access, then we're not going to solve this massive problem that we're facing today in terms of inadequate nutrition and inadequate exercise," Kelly said.

Though the company is making strides toward this goal of "easy nutrition everywhere," which is their slogan, they face constant challenges within the company, with competitors, and in the community. Though they are the largest healthy vending company in America, many competitors have surfaced in the past few years marketing healthy vending machines similar to h.u.m.a.n.'s, including Vend Natural and Yo Natural Inc.

Apart from the competition, Kelly cites his greatest challenge as finding the best people to represent the company, but this is a challenge that Kelly is happy to take on.

Kelly hopes to reach 10,000 highly successful vending machines in America and possibly globally by 2015. This year, the company is releasing a new line of vending machines featuring a wider selection of options as well as advanced touch-screen technology. And finally, Kelly plans to develop a program to encourage the franchise operators to be more actively involved in their communities to strive for as much social return as financial return.

"The greatest moment as an entrepreneur," said Kelly, "is that moment when you realize that the success of your organization relies as much if not more on the other people as it does on yourself."

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Cheaper gas not enough to boost summer driving

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NEW YORK Cheaper gas won't be enough to get many more Americans on the road this summer. They're still too worried about their jobs and the economy.

Economists and tourism experts are expecting only a small uptick in summer travelers. Gas prices are lower, but still high enough to keep some Americans off the road. The job market is improving, but still shaky. And household debt remains high.

Those who do travel won't feel free to splurge. The bulk of road trippers, experts say, will take shorter trips and reduce food and entertainment spending to conserve cash.

"Travel is about security," said John Larson, Vice

President for IHS Global Insight, the firm that analyzed the AAA study. "If you feel less secure about your future, you may be less willing to take this trip."

For Memorial Day weekend, auto club AAA estimates that 34.8 million Americans will take trips of at least 50 miles. That's a half-million more than Memorial Day 2011 but equal to the number who traveled two years ago. Roughly 30.7 million — or 88 percent of those traveling — will drive, up 1.2 percent from last year, AAA says. Memorial Day tends to be a good indicator of summer travel overall.

Gas prices may keep some low-wage earners home. But for the most part, Americans will buck up for gas, assuming they can afford to take a trip in the first place.

Douglas Frechtling, chair of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at George Washington University, says broader economic concerns far outweigh gas

prices for most Americans when considering summer vacations. Slowing job growth is likely rattling some families, and rent, car payments and other bills take priority over vacation.

Gas was averaging around \$3.85 per gallon when AAA spoke with 315 would-be travelers from April 20 to 24. The survey showed that those making under \$50,000 a year will make up about a quarter of all Memorial Day travelers, down from nearly a third a year ago. Higher gas prices eat up a larger share of lower-income families' household budgets.

AAA says the 66 cent increase in the average gas price from January through early April made many people skittish about taking long road trips. The average trip will be 642 miles this Memorial Day, compared with 792 miles. Half of those surveyed said they'll travel less than 400 miles.

Some travelers will drive this summer because they can't afford to fly.

Jennifer Padilla of Santa Fe, N.M., says her family is shelving a planned trip overseas this summer with family because her husband took a pay cut. Instead, the couple, their 3-year-old son and a friend will visit the sites in Bryce Canyon and Monument Valley, Utah, in their Honda CRV.

The average roundtrip domestic airfare this summer is expected to be up 9 percent to 10 percent from last year, according to Travelzoo. That's on top of a 5 to 7 percent increase between 2010 and 2011. AAA estimates that 5.5 percent fewer people will travel by plane this Memorial Day. The industry trade group Airlines for America is somewhat more optimistic about summer as a whole, predicting a slight 0.2 percent decrease in air travelers.

AAA and IHS found that Americans with incomes over \$100,000 a year will make up a greater percentage of travelers than a year ago — 36 percent compared with 30 percent. Middle-income Americans will account for 38 percent, down from 39 percent.

Families will carefully budget travel spending. Sixty-five percent of Memorial Day travelers surveyed by AAA say they'll cut back on entertainment costs during the weekend. Spending per person is expected to rise just \$10, to \$702, although falling gas prices could give travelers a few extra bucks to spend.

The U.S. Travel Association estimates Americans will spend about \$725.4 billion on travel this year, up 3 percent from 2011, but less than half the increase between 2010 and 2011. Frechtling says about half of all trips are taken in the summer and the period accounts for about 40 percent of the year's spending.

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Batali a hungry chef on food stamp challenge

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NEW YORK To much of the world, it was Monday. To Mario Batali, it was Day Four.

The chef, his wife and their two teenage sons are eating for a week on the equivalent of a food stamp budget in protest of potential cuts pending in Congress to the benefit program used by more than 46 million Americans.

That's \$31 per person for the week, or about \$1.48 per meal each.

Goodbye restaurants, free nibbles on his talk show "The Chew" and all the luxe offerings at Eataly, the high-end New York City market he co-owns. Hello Trader Joe's, Jack's Dollar Store, Gristedes and Western Beef, a low-cost supermarket chain.

"I'm (expletive deleted) starving," said Batali, who's on the board of the food relief agency Food Bank for New York City, which issued the challenge to celeb pals like Batali and anybody else who wants to know what it's like.

Batali said his first reaction when asked to join was a big "gulp," then he realized while shopping for Friday's start of the challenge that with a little forethought it wouldn't be all that brutal.

One lesson: forget organic and anything pesticide- or hormone-free. "The organic word slides out and saves you about 50 percent."

So what's on the Batali menu through Thursday? Lentil chili with onion, water and cumin was one dinner that came with a complaint from his wife when he

bought two bags of lentils instead of one, until he convinced her the extra cost would mean cheap eats for the next day.

"Rice and beans is in my lunch every day," Batali said. "We got a bag of mini gala apples for \$3. We bought a pork shoulder roast for \$8 and got two and a half meals out of it. I got a whole chicken for \$5, but it was spoiled so I had to return it and got a \$7 chicken instead. They were out of \$5 chickens."

Convenience also has been sacrificed, like the afternoon his boys, 14 and 15, were running late and the family really wanted to grab hot dogs before a basketball game but couldn't.

His kids are doing well and didn't have to be dragged into what Batali described as less of a publicity stunt and more of a conversation starter about what it means to be hungry in America today.

"They're having more peanut butter and jelly than they've had in the last 10 years because bread is inexpensive and peanut butter and jelly, if you buy it at the right place at the right time, is cheap," Batali said.

Also, the boys are eating school lunch, as those in low-income families do for free.

The Batalis have been joined on the weeklong challenge by wholesale meat purveyor Pat LaFrieda, who has a new Food Network series, "Meat Men," Margarette Purvis, who heads the food bank, as well as more than 200 others who registered to complete the challenge. And anti-hunger groups in Las Vegas, Philadelphia and parts of

Maryland and Ohio have led similar challenges over the last several months.

"Nearly 3 million New Yorkers have difficulty paying for the food they need," Purvis said. "They live in every single neighborhood. We're not trying to compare the food stamp challenge to the very real challenges people face. We're just trying to raise awareness that it's no longer just the homeless. It's working families who use the food stamp program. It's seniors. It's a lot more children, in every single neighborhood."

Any surprises for the chef?

"I thought spare ribs were cheap," Batali said. "Spare ribs this week are \$5.95, so I'm making pasta sauce with two pork chops that were \$1.39 a pound. It won't have as many bones to chew on but it'll have more edible meat, which at the end of the day is probably a better deal."

Batali has taken his challenge to "The Chew," where he and his crew will be chatting all week about eating on less.

"We, hopefully, aren't pretending or being like a bunch of yuppies saying, 'Oh yeah, this is how you can do it. Look, we can grind our own oats!' We want people to think about calling and talking to their representation about cuts to the Farm Bill and the food stamp program," he said.

Subsisting on food stamps, especially when food is made from scratch, is doable, he said, "as a way to live, but certainly not as a way to thrive. You can always have pasta with tomato, but that's not thriving."

ABC orders 10 new series for upcoming season

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK ABC is casting for an all-star edition of "Dancing With the Stars" this fall and is seeking to turn its Sunday night schedule into "a battle between good and evil," the network's entertainment chief said Tuesday.

The third-place broadcast network ordered 10 new series for next season, six of them dramas. In keeping with the staggered premiere schedule currently in vogue, only four of the new shows will start in September.

The network is looking to bring back favorites from the 14 editions of "Dancing With the Stars," its most popular show. Paul Lee, president of the ABC Entertainment Group, offered no hints on who would be dancing again.

In addition to the new shows, ABC is renewing six freshman series from the current season. "Missing" and "The River" are among the newly canceled. The network trails CBS and Fox in the ratings, its numbers essentially flat from last season.

"You have to evolve your brand," Lee said. "If you don't, it stagnates."

ABC's most important rebuilding job next season will come on Sunday, the most popular night for TV viewing. "Desperate Housewives" just had its series finale, and the soapy show designed to replace it, "GCBs," failed and was canceled.

Fortunately for ABC, the fantasy tale "Once Upon a Time" was an unexpected success this season and it will be paired with "Revenge," which will move from Wednesday nights. A new drama that will wrap up the night, "666 Park Avenue," is about a New York building with supernatural forces and features Vanessa Williams, late of the "Desperate Housewives" cast.

Two comedies that were introduced in the time slot following "Modern Family" on Wednesday nights — "Happy Endings" and "Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23" — will air on Tuesdays in the fall. When "Dancing With the Stars" ends, ABC will add two new sitcoms on that night in January for a total of four.

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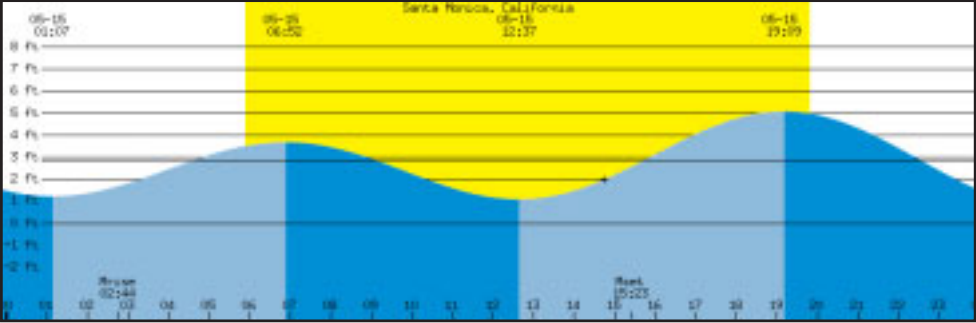


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 64.4°

SWELL FORECAST
The southerly swell should fade to chest max, with only knee to waist high sets expected at west facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SOUTH FACING BREAKS ARE LOOKING AT WAIST TO CHEST HIGH SETS, WEST FACING BREAKS CHEST HIGH.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days) Number of sewage spills — 0 Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0 Number of wet days — 12 Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 31 / 37 Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 0	The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Otter • van Furstenberg Family Foundation simplehuman Lacort SMA Healthe Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.	
LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachua and Los Altos creeks.	no	no
General Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancos Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Middle Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at San Nicolas County Beach.	A+	A+
Pasero State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Pasero Beach, at 24577 Malibu Rd.	A	A+
Sardier Beach at Malibu Colony Inn.	A+	A+
Sardier Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sunsetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19540 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	no	no
WV Rogers State Beach at 17290 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
LOCATION	DRY	WET
WV Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
WV Rogers State Beach at Palpa Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
WV Rogers State Beach at Teneoal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
WV Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chetoway).	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Audland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Race 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 Topical St.	A+	A+
Malibu del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Shipyard tower.	A	B
Deckweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	A	F
Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	A+
Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Deckweiler 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
no — no sample taken

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LEGAL NEWS

Accuser tells tale of two wives at Clemens trial

JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON Amid his year-by-year narrative of his complex relationship with Roger Clemens and performance-enhancing drugs, Brian McNamee weaved in a tale of two wives. He said it was his own wife who nagged him into keeping evidence that has become crucial in the trial of the storied pitcher, and it was a request from Clemens' wife that led to what McNamee called a "creepy" injection scene in a bathroom.

Clemens' longtime strength coach testified Tuesday for a second day in the perjury trial, which pushed his running total to more than nine hours on the stand, with cross-examination yet to come. The broad outline was familiar from McNamee's previous statements: He said he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone in 2000 and with steroids in 2001, and he gave Debbie Clemens a shot of HGH in 2003. That was in addition to the testimony he gave Monday, when he spoke of a series of steroids injections he said he gave Clemens in 1998, when he was pitching for the Toronto Blue Jays.

He went on to describe his marital problems, money problems and the legal mess that came about when he got entangled in the federal drugs-in-sports investigation that led him to become a reluctant but cooperating witness against one of the most successful baseball players of all time.

"It destroyed me. It killed me. ... I put myself in a situation where I had to do this," McNamee said. "I had to tell the truth."

Some details were new and fascinating, especially hearing them spoken out loud in a courtroom with Clemens sitting a few feet away. At one dramatic point, the adversaries were actually both standing, when McNamee rose from the witness stand and identified Clemens with an outstretched left arm: "He's right there with the brown tie." Clemens looked straight at McNamee, stone-faced and silent.

McNamee is far and away the government's key witness, the only person who will claim firsthand knowledge of Clemens taking performance-enhancing drugs. The former baseball great is accused of lying when he told Congress in 2008 that he had never used steroids or HGH.

McNamee again gave vivid and colorful details about injections. He appeared less nervous than he did on Monday, and his voice rose as he spoke of marital problems that he said developed in part because of his relationship with Clemens. The time away from home training Clemens meant McNamee didn't have time to take his wife and children to water parks and other family outings, he said, and his wife was concerned that her husband would become a fall guy at Clemens' expense.

"You're going to go down! You're going to go down! You're going to go down!" Brian McNamee said his wife, Eileen, told him in the "middle of a battle royale" argument.

McNamee said he thought "she might be right," so he kept the needle, swab and cotton ball from a steroids injection he said took place in Clemens' New York City apartment in 2001. He said he put the items in a beer can that he salvaged from the recycling bin in Clemens' kitchen — a means of protecting the used needle from accidentally stabbing himself — and brought the can home. It was put in a FedEx box and kept in the house, an effort to "keep the home front nice and smooth," McNamee said.

Years later, McNamee and his wife began

divorce proceedings, which are ongoing. In his 2008 congressional deposition, McNamee said he also kept the leftover waste from the injection because he distrusted Clemens "to a degree." He didn't mention that reason on the stand Tuesday.

McNamee said he kept the evidence a secret — even when he was telling investigators about injections he gave pro baseball players — because he was hoping he could minimize the impact on Clemens. It wasn't until 2008, after McNamee was angered by a news conference at which Clemens' lawyers played a taped phone call that contained medical details about McNamee's oldest son, that McNamee retrieved his collection of medical waste and turned it in.

It was "beyond inhuman to do that to a kid," McNamee said. "He had nothing to do with steroids in baseball, my son."

The prosecution is expected to show that the evidence contains Clemens' DNA. The defense has called the evidence "garbage" and is expected to claim it is tainted.

McNamee said Debbie Clemens, whom McNamee described as a "fitness enthusiast," started asking about HGH during one of McNamee's regular multiday visits to train Clemens at the pitcher's home in Houston in 2003. On a later visit, he said Roger Clemens summoned him to the couple's master bathroom, where McNamee said Clemens' wife lifted her shirt so she could receive an injection near the belly button.

McNamee said he felt "creepy" because of the setting and because it was his friend's wife. According to McNamee, Debbie looked at her husband, and said, "I can't believe you're going to let him do this to me," and Clemens responded, "He injects me, why can't he inject you?"

Later in 2003, Roger and Debbie Clemens appeared together in a photo for the annual swimsuit issue of Sports Illustrated.

While McNamee said Clemens was present for the injection, Clemens has said he was not. One of the false charges Clemens is alleged to have made to Congress is that McNamee injected his wife without Clemens' prior knowledge or approval.

The defense is expected to attack McNamee's integrity and motives, and the government tried to pre-empt those questions by having its witness refer to several less-than-savory incidents. McNamee referenced false statements he gave to police during an investigation in Florida in 2001, and he spoke of financial worries resulting from a failed investment in a proposed new gym and his inability to find steady work after his name became publicly linked to steroids and HGH.

McNamee also frustrated the Clemens team by implying several times that he supplied Clemens' friend and ex-teammate Andy Pettitte with performance-enhancing drugs, a fact that the judge has ruled can't be uttered before the jurors because it might prejudice them against Clemens. While the jury was on a break, defense lawyer Michael Attanasio said McNamee's references to Pettitte were "shameful" and asked that it "stop and stop right now."

"He needs to be told again," U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton said, "not to make any reference to Mr. Pettitte."

The trial is in its fifth week, and the tedium cost the proceedings another member of the jury Tuesday. Juror No. 1, a supermarket cashier, became the second member of the panel to be dismissed for sleeping. Her departure leaves 14 jurors, including two alternates.

MOVIE TIMES

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The Dictator (R) 1hr 23min 11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm	Under African Skies (NR) 1hr 48min 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm	Girl in Progress (PG-13) 1hr 30min 11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm
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Take a risk tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ When you respond with self-assurance, people are sure you know what you are doing. Note the vote of confidence you receive. As you assume a prominent role, make sure you are not stepping on someone's toes. Tonight: Adding excitement wherever you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Let others step out and do their thing. You might feel as if you are in some form of quicksand, either emotionally or regarding a hot issue. Taking your time is one of your strengths, as is knowing when to slow down. Tonight: Read between the lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. The results will be beneficial to you in many ways. You'll draw excellent results and end up with some extra time, which you might choose to spend with a special friend in your life. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your plate is full, and others would willingly add more. Recognize that not everything you are doing is necessary. Stop, reorganize and perhaps delegate a project or errands to others for now. Tonight: You are a force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Keep reaching for others who are very supportive and helpful before you get stuck. Your mind finds spending to be somewhat helpful in eliminating stress. Before you decide to indulge yourself, decide whether the bills that might come from today will stress you out. Tonight: Take a risk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You deal with others directly and get results. A problem with a creative project could emerge. Take a break, and you might see a solution evolve. Tonight: Chat away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others. You might see a display of passion that you find hard to believe. You often forget how colorful and creative your friends can be. Kick back and enjoy the moment. Mobilize your frustration to clear up a domestic problem. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Put 100 percent into whatever you do today. Whether you are retired or at work, you will feel better at the end of the day no matter what. Your creativity breaks through the most serious moments. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You finally can concentrate, and you are able to funnel your imagination into whatever you are doing. The unexpected occurs and forces your perspective to broaden. Someone you care about could be quite vocal. Tonight: Switch to play mode.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to check in on an investment or a family member. You'll hear news that electrifies your mind to new possibilities. Suddenly you become optimistic and ready to claim your power. Tonight: Close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Keep conversations open. More information heads in that could surprise you. You are coming from a very secure position that allows more give-and-take. A partner could challenge you and hit a vulnerability. Be open. Tonight: Visit with a relative or neighbor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of how much you share about a situation. You probably are not giving away too much if you do not feel regretful. No one can judge your decisions except you. Others often want to impose their belief systems on you so they can feel right. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

Happy birthday

This year you keep your opinions close to your chest. In fact, many people could find you closed or withdrawn. This period is about reflection and making better choices in the future. June could be unusually lucky for you. If you are single, check out any new suitor with care. This person might not be all that he or she claims to be. If you are attached, the two of you need more honeymoon-type weekends together. ARIES makes a great healer for you.

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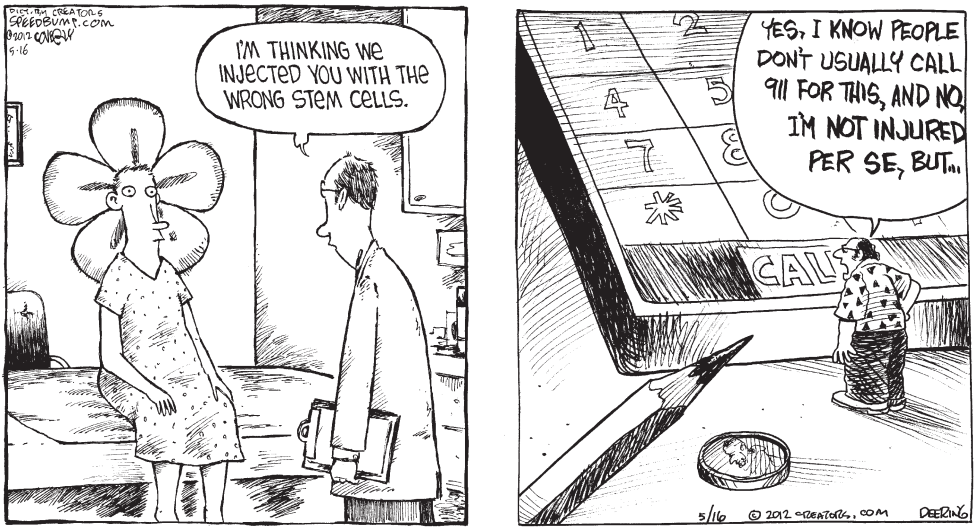


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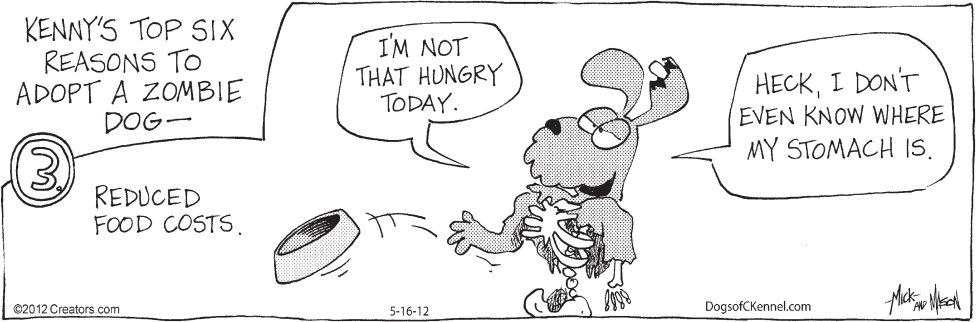
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Sudoku

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 ★★ ★

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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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Crazes
9 Skylit lobbies
11 Zellweger of "Chicago"
12 Makes headway
13 Have a spat
14 Avenue tree
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17 Regional talk
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Arrested for felony battery in Bloomington, Ind., in April: Ms. Fellony Silas, 30. (2) Announced as eligible for parole in June by the Kansas Prison Review Board: Mr. Wilford Molester Galloway. (3) Arrested for hit-and-run in April in Roseville, Calif.: Mr. Obiwan Kenobi, 37. (4) Arrested on drug and weapons charges in Clarkstown, N.Y., in April, Mr. Genghis Khan. (5) Among the silly town names uncovered in an April report on SmarterTravel.com: Why, Ariz., Whynot, Miss., Hell, Mich., Pig, Ky., Elephant Butte, N.M., Monkeys Eyebrow, Ky., and Embarrass, Minn. The report also found towns in Wales and New Zealand that are 58 and 57 letters long, respectively.

■ Following her recent holiday in the United States, in which she passed through Boring, Ore. (pop. 12,000), Scotswoman Elizabeth Leighton returned home to suggest that officials in her hometown of Dull, Scotland, arrange for the two towns to become "sister cities," even though they did not qualify under normal protocols because of Boring's larger size. (The Oregon town was named for a Civil War soldier, William H. Boring.)

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1918- The Sedition Act of 1918 is passed by the U.S. Congress, making criticism of the government an imprisonable offense.

1920- In Rome, Pope Benedict XV canonizes Joan of Arc.

1929- In Hollywood, California, the first Academy Awards are handed out.

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