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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: **Santa Monica College students walk down the main campus quad on their way to class Wednesday morning. Enrollment is up 8 percent, the increase partially caused by a cap on enrollment at state-run universities.**

SMC forced to do more with less

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC As students return to campus for the first week of school, they might notice their classes are in what feels like tighter quarters.

That's because enrollment has risen at Santa Monica College this semester by 8 percent, drawing in students turned away from the tapped out University of California and California State University systems and the recently unemployed looking to add on some extra credentials, all while cutting course sections.

"We're taking in as many as we can but we're basically full," Dr. Chui Tsang, the president and superintendent of SMC, said.

SMC began its fall semester this week with approximately 200 — or 6 percent — fewer course sections, the result of about $6.6 million in funding cuts because of the state fiscal crisis. Another 6 percent in cuts is expected for the spring semester and the winter session is slated to be reduced by about half.

For students, that means more competition for courses and larger class sizes.

"I think this is as much as we can take," Tsang said.

West Los Angeles College, which also recently began its fall semester, saw enrollment go up by 14 percent. Rebecca Tillberg, the dean of research and planning for West L.A., said she expects the figure will drop slightly after the first few weeks.

The increased enrollment is a trend that community colleges are experiencing across the country.

Schools in Indiana are seeing about 27.8 percent more students in the fall semester while colleges in Kentucky have welcomed about 11.2 percent more. Tidewater Community College in Virginia has reported a 25 percent increase and New River Community College in West Virginia has seen 35 percent more students, according to the National Association of Community Colleges.

The surge is typical of a economic downturn, George R. Boggs, the president and CEO of the association said.

"This time it was more dramatic than ever," he said. "The colleges are doing the best they can to handle it given the public

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Historical museum gets big gift from 'The Baron'

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN The widow of professional wrestling pioneer Baron Michele Leone, an ardent fan of the city and one of its most popular residents and flamboyant personalities, donated $100,000 to the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum, it was announced this week.

Billie Leone presented the check to the museum in her husband's memory to help support construction of the museum's new home. Presently located at 1539 Euclid St., the museum will soon be relocating to a permanent facility in the Santa Monica Public Library complex at Seventh Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

"My husband moved to Santa Monica in 1949, and that began his lifelong love affair with Santa Monica," Billie Leone said.

"He loved everything about the city, from the people to its many scenic attractions like the [Santa Monica] Pier, but he especially loved the sun, the beach and the ocean," she added. "He was very active and physically fit, and he would go to the beach every day when he was not out of town wrestling."

The two married in 1955.

Michele Leone, better known as The Baron, was considered a master showman, sporting long hair and a colorful cape into the ring for his matches. Thanks to the invention of television, The Baron become one of pro-wrestling's most famous personalities, becoming better known than Gorgeous George.

"Baron Leone was extremely popular in Southern California during his career as a professional wrestler, and many Hollywood starlets and actors would attend his matches," Billie Leone said. "He was liked by men, women and children alike — everyone he would meet. He also enjoyed greeting his fans and would always tell them to eat healthy foods and exercise."

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Come for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus.
Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Pier in pictures
First United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
The First United Methodist Church presents a beautiful, free photo exhibit by church member Allan Walker to coincide with the Santa Monica Pier's 100th anniversary. The exhibit features contemporary images of the famous structure. This exhibit will be open daily through Sept. 9. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Santa Monica Laughter Club
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Come join the laughter club every Thursday and laugh your socks off. This form of body-mind exercise is for all ages and fitness levels. Kim Selbert leads the laughter club and is a certified laughter yoga leader.
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Call (310) 613-3869 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009

Back to the fair
Pomona Fairplex
1101 W. McKinley Ave., 10 a.m. — 11:30 p.m.
The L.A. County Fair opens Labor Day weekend and offers visitors an endless assortment of new exhibits and entertainment possibilities. With the state of the economy, the fair is a great value with admission including a ton of fun activities such as animated dinosaurs, the Extreme Canine Stunt Dog Show at Bark Park, the pig races and learning about rainforests and how to adopt a more eco-friendly lifestyle. Families can also visit magical FairView Farms to see animals, taste organic foods, try their hands at cow and goat milking, as well as witness the birth of baby animals and enjoy fireworks. Opening day admission is $1. Call (909) 623-3111 for more information or visit www.lacountyfair.com.

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.

Decker wins league MVP

Former Samohi and UCLA slugger makes most of his first year in professional baseball

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PEORIA, Ariz. When Cody Decker isn't growing a boss mustache or playing pranks on his teammates and bragging about it on Facebook he apparently is making a name for himself in professional baseball.

The former Santa Monica High School and UCLA star was named MVP of the Arizona League last week after leading the league with 15 home runs and 63 runs batted in. His .354 batting average put him in the league's top three, narrowly missing a triple crown.

"I'm not nearly done yet," Decker said of his success with the Peoria Padres. "I'm just one step of the way there.

"I'm very happy I took my first step."

And a big first step it was. After being drafted in the 22nd round of the Major League Baseball Draft in June by the Padres, he quickly signed and went about setting the AZL on fire.

Instead of letting his low draft spot get him down, Decker said he uses it along with disparaging remarks he's heard along the way from talent evaluators to fuel his rise through the minors.

"My whole thing is to basically try and beat everyone I possibly can," he said. "For the last year and a half my whole motivation is to prove everybody wrong."

Included in that span he led the Pacific-10 Conference in home runs with 21 and has now been promoted to the Fort Wayne TinCaps, a single-A team that has already qualified for the playoffs.

With just a handful of games left in the regular season, Decker hopes to use that time to acclimate to the team and work on his swing before the playoffs begin.

In three games with Fort Wayne, Decker is having a hard time finding his stroke. He is hitting just .111 in nine at bats, but he isn't worried. He said it usually takes 20 plate appearances to find a rhythm.

"I'm feeling good, I'm just going out having my at bats," he said. "My head is in the right place and I'm trying to stay with my normal plan and get it going."

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GETTING READY Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Members of the Santa Monica Fire Department Haz-Mat Team help Daniel Sassoon (center) and Sam Neubauer into the decontamination tents during the UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center decontamination exercise on Wednesday afternoon. The SMFD worked alongside the UCLA Disaster Assistance Response Team in preparing for any future emergency.



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.

PUNK LEGEND: **Patti Smith will play the Twilight Dance Series tonight at the Santa Monica Pier.**

Concert series will rock to the end

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Tonight, a repeat performance won't fail to impress as Patti Smith, progenitor-empress of punk rock, Rimbauld and Verlaine's spiritual poet child and 2007 Rock Hall of Fame inductee returns to the Santa Monica Pier for the Twilight Dance Series' last concert of the summer.

The 62-year-old rocker, sometimes hailed as the "female Bob Dylan," is widely considered one of the most influential pioneers of the punk genre despite yielding only one top 20 hit (1978's "Because the Night") while piggybacking on the songwriting of Bruce Springsteen.

Born in Chicago and raised in New Jersey, Patricia Lee Smith fled the city and the factory where she worked in the late 1960s to settle in the freewheeling art-hobo scene of New York City.

Smith's musical career took off around 1974, when she began playing regularly at the famed CBGB club with her band featuring Lenny Kaye, guitarist Ivan Kral, Jay Dee Daugherty on drums, and pianist Richard Sohl. Smith's 1975 debut album, "Horses," presented a raw, garage band sound featuring her spoken word poetry and was ultimately hailed as one of the greatest all-time rock albums.

In the following decades, Smith's music career ebbed and flowed, but her queen mother status in punk rock never faded.

Tonight, two years after her last pier performance, Smith returns with her bandmates, including herself on vocals, Kaye on guitar, Daugherty on drums and Tony Shanahan on bass and keyboards.

Admission is free.

Governor seeks response to water crisis

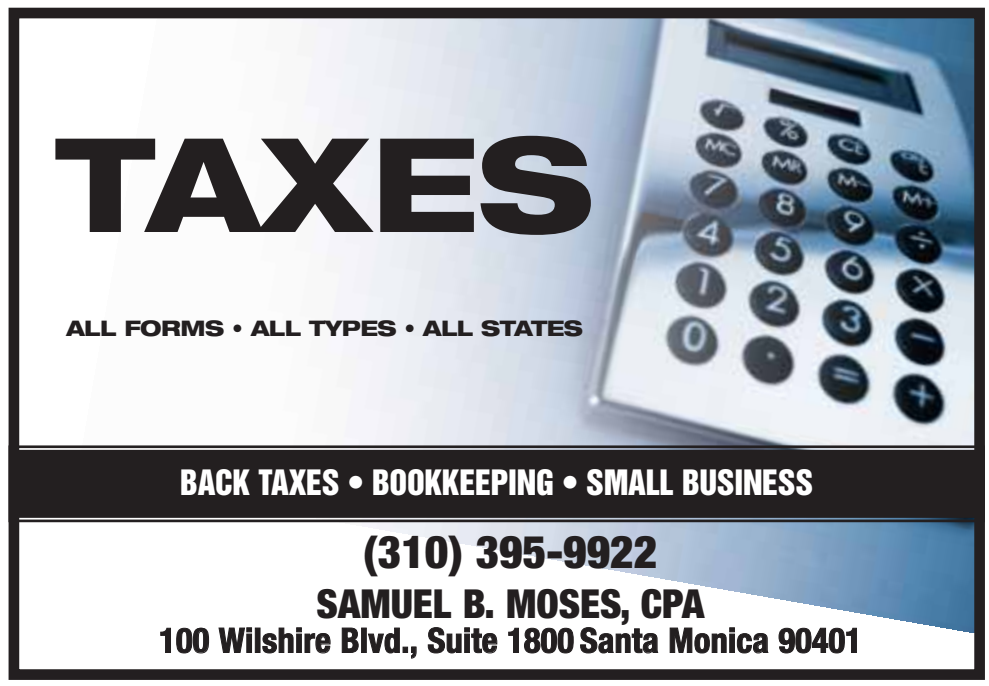
GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called on the Obama administration Wednesday to intervene immediately in California's water crisis, saying environmental restrictions that have slashed water deliveries to farms and cities were having "catastrophic impacts."

The Republican governor sent a letter demanding a federal response to the state's prior requests to hold talks about reduced supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the delicate ecosystem that serves as the main conduit moving water from north to south.

A three-year drought is to blame for the bulk of the state's current water shortages, and it has caused cities to ration their supplies and farmers to fallow a quarter-million acres.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Remedies no substitute for care

Editor:

I never have had health insurance in my life.

For the past week my throat has been hurting, headaches, my body hurts, can't speak well, been coughing a lot, but what it got me thinking about is our current debate over health care. I realized that I'm part of the "millions of uninsured," as we often hear on TV. Those "millions" are our mothers, sisters, brothers, friends and co-workers.

I just have a typical flu, but I can only imagine the plight of those that are dying of pain and disease for not being able to pay for health insurance. Is that the best we can be?

Should the big money making health insurance companies care for me? Should the government care for me? Yes! I have been a taxpayer since I got my first job at age 15 tutoring elementary kids on math and reading.

My hope is that my Facebook friends will stand up and do something too. Perhaps share your own or your family's experiences about the failing health care system.

If some of you write a note on Facebook and tag all your friends, I'm sure we can easily reach a few million people to join our cause.

We all want to live long, happy, and healthy lives. But it begins by having a vibrant health care system that works for us all.

In the meantime, all I can turn to is Rite Aid's Advil, CVS' NyQuill, and my mom's herbs, teas, and a wet towel on my forehead.

Fermin Vasquez
Los Angeles



Life Matters



JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Watch your mouth

Q: THIS QUESTION COMES OUT OF numerous recent discussions I have had. Why is it that we sometimes say the meanest things and hurt those we care about? Why do they do it to us?

- Signed, Sorry

A: Dear Sorry,

This is a great question and I want to remind you that your personal information will be kept strictly confidential.

There are many reasons for saying hurtful things to those we love, and we are all subject to it.

One reason has to do with our state of mind. Our state of mind can vary from day to day or sometimes within an hour. Some of us have steady state of mind, most of the time. But no one has the same state of mind all of the time. Sometimes we feel stressed out, tired, vulnerable or just simply more fragile. Maybe it is from a bad night's sleep, financial worries, a hard day at work, skipping a meal, or PMS. Being caught off guard, especially when our state of mind is not ideal can cause us to snap at people or even bite someone's head off.

We also have basic instincts. If someone says something that we misinterpret or maybe they say something that is insensitive or a bit on the cruel side, our most immediate response will be to retaliate. If we feel attacked, we tend to want to attack back. This is basic in the animal kingdom, but humans have a frontal lobe lending to our capacity to stop ourselves, think things through and not attack. But if we are in a vulnerable state of mind, we may not always catch ourselves. Of course there are things that can interfere with this capacity like drinking or drug use or maybe just being overly tired, hungry or stressed.

Most remarks are made due to misunderstandings; something left over, not communicated or plain old misinterpretation. There is also what is known as displacement. This happens when you are really upset with someone or something else but you take it out on the person closest to you. If you find yourself snapping at others or saying hurtful things, the first step is to evaluate your own state of mind. Are you run down, in need of a break, overly stressed? Or maybe your problem is situation or person specific, in this case look inside yourself for built up resentments. Resentment literally means feelings re-sent so look for old hurt or anger that keeps coming back. See what you can do to clean your own house so to speak.

Sometimes writing is a great tool. Make a list of the ways that you feel you have been wronged and evaluate it. It's best to read this with someone you know you can trust. Talking about what's on the list, if you believe in prayer, praying about it or actually just being honest with yourself can take you a long way. Maybe just write yourself a note about what is troubling you. Once you have done this, you may discover that there is something to talk over with the person you have been short with or the people involved in your troubling situation.

Perhaps you start with an amends; "I am really sorry that I snapped at you the other day or I am sorry that I said that to you. I have been doing some soul searching and realized that I have been upset over -----; I am hoping that we can resolve this." While this takes courage it almost always results in understanding and a better relationship.

There are few people who can say that they have never lashed out or snapped at someone. Most of us have said things that we regret to the people we care about the most. This may be worse these days when most of us are overly busy and have difficulty handling all the stress in our lives. It's important to forgive ourselves and to make amends, to say you are sorry and mean it. Otherwise, my only advice is to do your best to take care of yourself, be reflective about your state of mind so that you choose the best times for sensitive conversations, and be as honest with yourself as you can be on an ongoing basis, so that you do not build up unnecessary resentments. Know that our basic instinct is to retaliate so we must learn to count to 10, take a deep breath or think things through before opening our mouths. That way no biting tongue can ever come out!

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Hot and battered over KFC

LAST MONTH KENTUCKY FRIED Chicken unveiled the latest addition to its menu: the Double Down. The instant classic includes slices of pepper jack and Swiss cheeses, the Colonel's secret sauce and bacon wrapped not in bread, but between two slices of boneless KFC original recipe fried chicken. At present there are no plans to add Wet-Naps moist towelettes and Pravachol as condiments.

Only epicures in Rhode Island and Nebraska are privy to the Double Down at the moment, but the response has been so overwhelming that it's expected to hit KFCs nationwide shortly.

With the fast-food industry one of the few that hasn't seen a nosedive in revenue during the recession, KFC's competitors are scrambling to create an answer to the Double Down in order to keep their menus relevant and exciting to cash-strapped consumers. One rival in particular is scrambling more literally than others.

Popeyes, the 37-year-old Louisiana-based fried chicken chain, has long bemoaned its lack of a breakfast business because of its fears of going up against such morning food giants as IHOP and Denny's. However, its breakfast bête noire will come to a screeching halt when it debuts its new a.m. menu the day after Labor Day.

Instead of several items, Popeyes will only make one available before lunch. Deep-fried scrambled eggs wrapped in thrice-dipped French toast with a crispy hash brown crust and a 360-degree layer of bacon prepared three ways (skillet fried, microwaved and raw) smothered in white gravy with sausage bits is expected to provide a little bit of something for everyone. Orange juice and Oreo Milk Shakeuccinos© will be the beverage selections.

"All the calories you'll need in two days are in just one bite of our breakfast meal," gloated a Popeyes spokesman. "It's our way of thanking our customers and their wallets for frequenting our establishment. Oh, and our lawyers have asked me to mention that, calorically speaking, people who partake in our breakfast meal won't need to — and probably shouldn't, according to some leading cardiologists — eat anything else for at least 48 hours afterwards."

With their Quad Stacker (quadruple-stacked layers of beef and cheese topped with bacon and sauce for a whopping 1,010 calories and 70 grams of fat), Burger King thought it had achieved the Holy Grail of fast food sandwiches. But to stay in the game, it will add fried butter sticks as a side item in all North American restaurants this fall. Available in four sizes — small, medium, large and I have an inexplicable pain in my left arm — it'll come with a choice of dipping sauces, including Pan Drippings and Surprise Me With What's At the Bottom of the Deep Fryer.

Never one to let Burger King hold an uncontested spotlight, McDonald's plans to roll out a new side dish, too. Deep Fried Crisco Wedges will not only rival Burger King's fried butter sticks, but in an apparent nod to the growing environmental movement, the containers will be edible, too (packaging will vary by location).

McDonald's, which in recent years has also made efforts to promote more health-conscious dishes, has added an alternative to the caramel sauce that comes with their Apple Dippers.

"If we're pairing apples with a sugary dipping sauce, then let's give kids a sugary but preservative-free alternative," McDonald's Chief Executive Jim Skinner told shareholders at the company's annual meeting last week. "Now parents can choose between apples and caramel or apples and just plain sugar for their kids. That's right. Apples straight from the tree by way of a processing plant and sugar straight from the cane. The way God and dentists intended it."

Wendy's, eager to remain part of the conversation, is said to be in the final stages of adding Fried Coca-Cola to its beverage menu. (In a nod to the low caloric needs of some of their customers, Fried Diet Coca-Cola and Fried Coke Zero will not be available in the Biggie Size.)

In an attempt to appeal to both the health conscious and the guilty pleasure seekers, Arby's has added more vegetables to its fare. Diners can now load up their roast beef sandwiches with fried tomatoes, fried lettuce and fried onions. "Three servings of vegetables in every meal," boasts the menu above the cash registers in their restaurants across the country. "Four, if you get fries and count the vegetable oil."

And as part of their effort to continually think outside the bun, a Mexican food institution is teaming with an ice cream legend to create a new flavor. The Taco Bell Gordita Supreme Sundae is expected to be among the 31 offerings in Baskin-Robbins stores next spring.

KFC hasn't commented on any of its upcoming competition other than to say it is confident the Double Down will succeed. The makers of Pravachol said they're counting on it.

E-mail questions or comments to meredithccarroll@hotmail.com.

The Q Line

Road work

A pilot project that converted a stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard from four lanes to two is currently being studied by city officials. Some say the new configuration helps keep pedestrians safe while others believe it creates more traffic.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think Ocean Park Boulevard should be kept two lanes or should it be restored to four?

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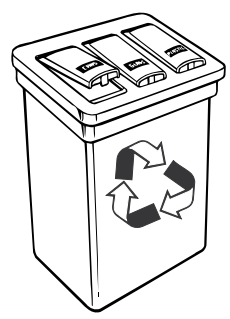
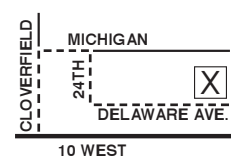

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Classier wine in 10 minutes

MICHELLE LOCKE
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NAPA Is life too short to drink cheap wine? Perhaps. But since that's kind of an academic question for a nation living on a beer budget, here are 10 ways to make what you're pouring better in 10 minutes or less.

SHOP TIL YOU DROP

• Go low, literally. Cheaper wines often languish on the bottom shelf. Some of them deserve to be relegated there. Others are perfectly adequate everyday wines and merit a few minutes spent checking them out. Some to try, Crane Lake Pinot Noir and that old standby, Gallo Hearty Burgundy.

• Go big. Large-format bottles generally come with a price cut, like the 1.5 liter Yellow Tail bottles that are the equivalent of two regular bottles. Many supermarkets offer a discount for buying six or more bottles and will give you a handy cardboard carrier so you don't have to clank your way home.

• Think inside the box. Many boxed wines are an excellent value; some offer the equivalent of four bottles in a compact package. Some suggestions — Bota Box chardonnay, Black Box shiraz and in Tetra-Pak cartons, Bandit cabernet sauvignon and pinot grigio.

CLEAR THE ATMOSPHERE

• Remove any scented candles or aggressively aromatic bouquets before you start pouring wine for guests. Strong smells can compete with the wine's own bouquet and throw off the taste. (Some high-end wineries use orchids because of their quiet demeanor.)

• Use the best quality glasses you have. They don't have to have a stem, but they should be sparkling clean and free from any soap residue. No paper cups.

STAY COOL

• Most wine tastes best a little bit cooler than room temperature. So don't be afraid to put a red wine in the fridge for a few minutes before serving. For white wines that are fully refrigerated, take them out about 10 minutes before serving so they can liven up a bit.

TAKE AN AIRY APPROACH

• Decanting a wine — whether you're pouring it in a fancy-pants special vessel or your basic glass carafe — can do a lot for every wine. With an older wine, avoid dumping into the decanter, which oxygenates it too much.

• Even if you can't be bothered to decant, wines, especially younger ones, can benefit from a little air time, known as "opening up." So, pour that pinot in the glass, then let it sit for a few minutes. You'll be surprised how much flavor can develop as the wine is reunited with oxygen.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO MIX THINGS UP

• Ever open up a bottle and realize, Whoa! Unfit for human consumption? Not to worry. If it's really vinegar you've got the basis for some fine salad dressing. If it's not that bad, just not good, add a few slices of lime, some ice, soda (sweet or not, let your palate guide you) and voila — lazy sangria.

AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS ...

• Keep a bottle of good gin handy.

Pasta dinner in just minutes

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Getting dinner on the table in about 10 minutes can be a workout. If you plan to cook, rather than just nuke, that sort of speed requires a fair amount of multitasking. Which means your best bet is to stick with simple, one-dish meals.

But that doesn't mean you need to skimp on flavor. Here are my top tips for speed cooking:

• Make friends with fresh pasta. It's pricier than dry pasta, but it cooks in just minutes and has a wonderful texture. And to save time, the first step of any recipe involving pasta should be to set the water on to boil. This lets you do other things while the water heats.

• Fresh herbs taste best, but dried are faster (shaking a bottle vs. washing and snipping). In this recipe, garlic powder does a respectable job standing in for fresh garlic.

• Opt for veggies that need little or no prep. Most grocers offer plenty of washed and chopped varieties. In this case, prewashed arugula needs nothing more than being tossed into the pan. Baby spinach is another good choice.

• Meat that cooks quickly — or is already cooked — saves time and can add tons of flavor. Cooked chicken sausages, prosciutto and chorizo need little work or time, but add serious flavor.

• If the cheese will be melted or tossed with other ingredients, get the shredded or crumbled varieties. Not only is it faster, you also won't need to wash up the grater.

FRESH PASTA WITH ARUGULA AND CHORIZO

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Pinch red pepper flakes
8 to 9 ounces chopped or crumbled chorizo, casings removed
12-ounce package fresh linguini
3 cups arugula
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over high, heat the oil. Add the garlic powder and red pepper flakes, then heat for 30 seconds. Add the chorizo and saute until browned and crisp, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, add the pasta to the water and cook until just al dente, about 3 minutes. Drain the pasta, then add it to the skillet with the chorizo. Toss well, then add the arugula and cheese. Toss again until the arugula is wilted and the cheese melts. Season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 818 calories; 375 calories from fat; 42 g fat (14 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 76 mg cholesterol; 67 g carbohydrate; 41 g protein; 3 g fiber; 1,439 mg sodium.



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Pepperoni pizza with a side of sustainability

PIZZA FUSION IS A NEAT, NEW RESTAURANT on the corner of Ocean Park Boulevard and 29th Street that serves up more than just pies of all kinds. This Earth-friendly restaurant chain dedicated to sustainability tries to educate its customers about the values of buying organic.

Even when you are just standing outside this modern, fresh space, looking at the Earth-friendly messages on the windows, you can tell the restaurant is meant for anybody. And when I say anybody, I mean anybody and everybody between 1 and 100.

Pizza Fusion is a franchise restaurant that caters to a health conscious clientele. All of their ingredients are organic, whole and healthy. They use mostly Farmers' Market bought products, and to show their support, they even made a Farmers' Market Pizza chock-full of vegetables and other spices bought at the market. It is one of my favorite dishes there because all of the vegetables combined are like a volcano, exploding with flavor. And don't let the veggie title fool you into thinking this pie isn't filling. I assure you that this pizza is fit for a king!

Pizza Fusion's decor is kind of simple. There are bamboo trees next to all of the windows, and there is a brick wall leading across the whole left side of the restaurant, framing the kitchen behind it. Paintings of grassy meadows and lush green fields hang on the walls. The wait staff walks around, wearing black T-shirts with slogans on the back saying stuff like "I'm 100% Organic" and "My Carbon Footprint is Smaller Than Yours."

The feel of this restaurant is contemporary. It uses wood, glass and stone very nicely to give a warm feeling for diners. The only drawback is that the sleek design creates an echo that elevates the noise level. On the positive side, every decoration is 100 percent organic and good for the environment.

As I said earlier, Pizza Fusion is great for everybody, in the ways of location, and of course, food. Pizza Fusion is known nationwide for being a haven for people that have problems such as diabetes, lactose intolerance, or just being vegetarian, vegan, or kosher. Whatever your deal is, you can find something delicious at Pizza Fusion that is suitable for your diet.

All of the pizzas come either as a personal pizza or a large pie. A large pizza is eight pieces, and the personal pizza is four, which is great for kids to share. It just matters on your appetite. But besides that, Pizza Fusion offers two kinds of pizza crust — the multigrain and the standard. All the pizzas have a thin crispy crust. If there are no pizzas on the menu that look good enough to you, you must be crazy. That said, you can make your own pizza and decide what toppings you want. I think it is a pretty good deal, as each of the toppings for your pizza is just $1. I would recommend any of the pizzas.

They have absolutely brilliant salad creations, too. Their organic ingredients give their customers a strong sense of their high-quality dishes. These wonderful salads include: The beet and feta salad, which is crisp arugula leaves blended with tender roasted beets, mild and sweet red onions, delicious feta cheese, and candied walnuts, all tossed with their tangy balsamic vinaigrette. They also have a unique roasted steak salad, which is tossed greens, crunchy cucumbers, juicy tomatoes, gorgonzola cheese, roasted zucchini and crisp red onions served with flavorful pan roasted steak. If you don't want pizza or salad you can choose from a few creative sandwiches.

And then my favorite — dessert. At Pizza Fusion you don't have many choices, but the few they have are amazing. Your choices are a homemade brownie, vegan chocolate chip cookies that are served fresh out of the oven, assorted sorbet and gelato flavors and a good old-fashioned root beer float.

The owner, David Wentworth, spent some time talking with me about the importance of organically grown foods, reducing your carbon foot print and his commitment to the local community. His manager, David Kelley, agreed with his sentiment and went on to say that they would like to get involved with the local schools and service organizations to raise their visibility and become part of this wonderful neighborhood. Wentworth was talking to me about having the recycled paper placemats for kids to color on, but was still waiting for the non-toxic soy crayons to show up. We used the placemats with their recycled paper pens.

I hope that this delicious restaurant review helps you the next time you want a pizza. All you have to do is head over to Pizza Fusion for the healthiest, most delicious pizza in town.

Until then, keep up the good eating!

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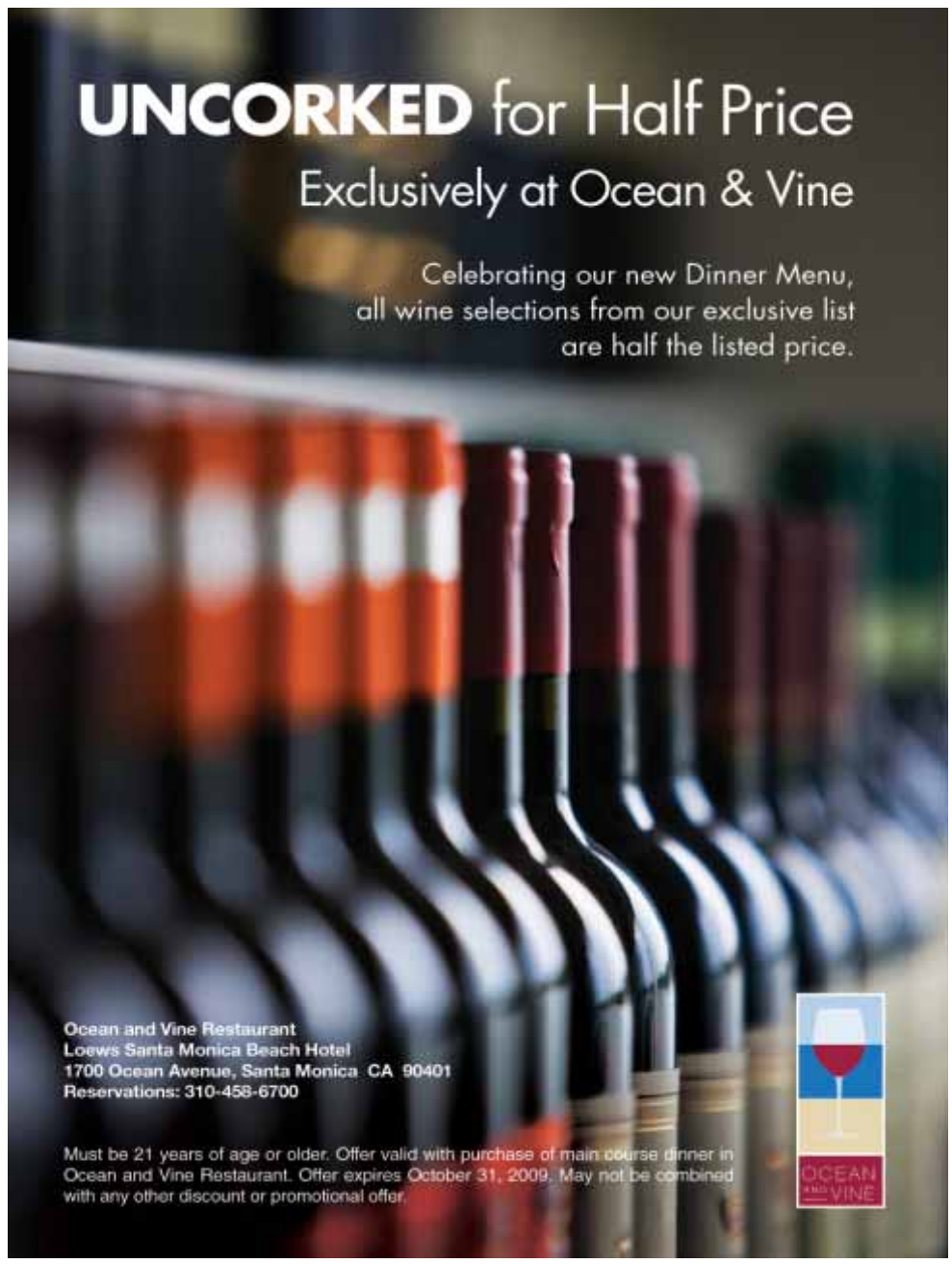
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JCs across the country see major surge in enrollment

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funding cuts they have been absorbing."

He notes that the situation in California, home to the largest community college system in the country, is among the most dramatic.

> **"I THINK THIS IS AS MUCH AS WE CAN TAKE."**
>
> **Dr. Chui Tsang**
> President/superintendent Santa Monica College

While figures for the fall semester will not be available until October, Paige Marlatt-Dorr, the spokeswoman for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, said that enrollment went up by 4.9 percent in the 2008-09 school year and was expected to surge again this year.

"What we are seeing is a great deal of our colleges are at capacity already and students are experiencing a longer wait list, larger class sizes and course sections being cut," Marlatt-Dorr said.

The cuts at SMC fall well below reductions at other nearby schools — Cerritos College slashed its offerings by 21 percent; Long Beach City College by 12 percent and the San Diego Community College District by 600 classes, turning away 18,000 students.

The chancellor's office is directing the community colleges with the smaller budgets to allocate money toward core programs, which focuses on career technical education, basic skills and university transfer.

"It's exacerbated here because California is in a worse situation than a lot of other states financially and the unemployment rate is higher than in other states," she said.

Tsang said he doesn't expect to see relief any time soon and expects the enrollment trend to continue over the next several semesters.

He added that some faculty members have taken in more students in their already impacted courses because of the strong demand.

"We just have to do a little bit more with less right now," Tsang said.

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THE ONE AND ONLY: **The wife of pro-wrestling great Baron Michele Leone donated $100,000 to the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum.**

Baron loved Ocean Park

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Michele Leone was born on June 8, 1909 in Pettorano in the province of Abruzzi, Italy, the son of a building contractor. Though his parents disapproved of it, Leone began wrestling at a very young age. He was the champion of his area by age 14, according to the Southern California Pro-Wresting Hall of Fame.

As Leone began to get better, he started to earn cash prizes and he would then reinvest some of the money in wrestling lessons. Though no records of his early European matches are known, reportedly he began to become pretty well known throughout the continent. In the 1930s Leone even traveled to South America to wrestle, but there is even less known about his time there than his European matches.

In early 1938 Leone came to New York City and almost immediately resumed his wrestling career. On May 2, 1938 Leone defeated Mike Kilonis in the opening match of a card at New York's Hippodrome. A little more than a month later he would be in the main event.

By November 1950 Leone was already the biggest star throughout Los Angeles, and on Nov. 22, 1950 he would meet Enrique Torres for the Olympic version of the world title at the Olympic Auditorium in front of a reported 10,400. Leone was able to capture the second and third falls of the match to win the title that Torres had held for nearly four years.

On May 21, 1952 Baron Michele Leone made wrestling history when he lost the Olympic version of the world title to Lou Thesz at Gilmore Field in Los Angeles, unifying it with the National Wrestling Alliance world title. The event drew 25,256 fans, which is still to this date the second largest crowd to watch a wrestling event in Southern California history, and took $103,277.75 at the gate, pro-wrestling's first gate of over $100,000.

In June 1952 Leone had to testify in court when Ian H. Caldwell and his wife, Mary, of West Los Angeles, filed a suit against him and Enrique Torres for $30,000. The Caldwells claimed they were injured when Leone tossed Torres from the ring at the Ocean Park Arena in Santa Monica during a match on Jan. 5, 1952. In court Leone testified, "If I could forward pass a man like Enrique, I'd quit wrestling and try for the USC football team."

The case was eventually thrown out.

After traveling the world as a wrestler, winning several titles, Leone settled in Santa Monica, reportedly moving back to an apartment building he owned aptly called "The Baron's Castle." The structure, topped off by a huge dome, still stands in Ocean Park today.

"We are thrilled and honored to receive this donation from Billie Leone in her husband's memory," said Louise Gabriel, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum. "Billie is a life member of the museum and a long-time supporter of its work to preserve Santa Monica's rich history and culture. Her generous gift gives our Capital Campaign a tremendous boost and helps move us closer to realizing the dream of our new facility."

The museum has reached 74 percent of its goal of raising $2 million. Other major donors have inlcluded Morley Builders, Macerich Co., Ron and Ann Funk, Bob and Louise Garbiel, Employees Community Fund of Boeing California and the Jean Nolan Trust.

Gabriel noted that the Leone donation would be used to sponsor an exhibit wall case featuring highlights from The Baron's career in and outside the wrestling arena. Included in the display will be one of the Baron's colorful capes.

In his later years, Baron Leone traveled frequently with Billie, and also made numerous personal appearances at sporting venues, trade shows and other events where he regaled the crowds with behind-the-scenes stories of his most famous matches and signed hundreds of autographs and photos.

Tragically, he was hit by a car while crossing the street in a crosswalk near his home in November 1988, and died nearly two weeks later from head injuries suffered during the accident. He was 79.

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Amazon, Google battle over book business

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SAN FRANCISCO Online bookseller Amazon.com Inc. is warning a federal judge that Internet search leader Google Inc. will be able to gouge consumers and stifle competition if it wins court approval to add millions more titles to its already vast digital library.

The harsh critique of Google's 10-month-old settlement with U.S. authors and publishers emerged this week in a 41-page brief that Amazon filed in an attempt to persuade U.S. District Judge Denny Chin to block the agreement from taking effect.

A flurry of filings opposing and supporting the class-action settlement is expected by Friday — the deadline for most briefs in the case. At least two other Google rivals, Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc., are expected weigh in with their opposition by then.

Microsoft, Yahoo and Amazon are all part of a group called the Open Book Alliance, formed last month to rally opposition to the Google book settlement. Other participants include the Internet Archive, the New York Library Association and the American Society of Journalists and Authors. The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, representing about 1,500 authors, on Wednesday became the latest group to join the alliance.

The U.S. Justice Department, which is taking a look at Google's book deal, has until Sept. 18 to share its thoughts on the case. That filing may provide a better indication whether Justice believes Google's deal with authors and publishers would violate U.S. laws set up to prevent predatory pricing and promote competition.

Amazon left little doubt where it stands. Its brief brands the provisions of Google's settlement as "a high-tech form of the back-room agreements that are the stuff of antitrust nightmares."

Although not all the critics have been as strident as Amazon, opposition has been mounting to Google's plans to create a registry that will sell digital copies of copyright-protected books on behalf of U.S. authors and publishers unless they withdraw from a class-action settlement. Even the German government expressed its opposition to the settlement earlier this week, even though the agreement only covers U.S. copyrights.

Google is downplaying the objections of Amazon, as well as the anticipated protests from Microsoft and Yahoo, as potshots from frightened rivals.

"The Google books settlement is injecting more competition into the digital books space, so it's understandable why our competitors might fight hard to prevent more competition," Google spokesman Gabriel Stricker said.

Seattle-based Amazon not only sells books, both in print and digital form, but also is trying to create a new distribution channel.

The Authors Guild, one of the parties that reached the settlement with Google, thinks Amazon is opposing the settlement because it wants the Kindle be the primary method for buying and reading digital books. "Amazon apparently fears Google could upend its plans," said Paul Aiken, the guild's executive director.




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WWII vets mark Japan's surrender aboard battleship

AUDREY MCAVOY
Associated Press Writer

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii The famous battleship where Japanese officials signed the surrender documents that officially ended World War II played host on Wednesday to about 20 aging U.S. veterans and dozens of observers as they marked the 64th anniversary of the war's end.

The USS Missouri, which was anchored in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, for the surrender ceremonies, has since been decommissioned and moored in Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie told those gathered it's fitting that the battleship — now known as the Battleship Missouri Memorial — is docked just a few hundred yards from the memorial for the USS Arizona.

The Arizona sank when Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, an event that drew the U.S. into the war.

"I can think of nothing more valuable of this complex here ... to enable generations to come to reflect and understand," said Abercrombie, D-Hawaii.

The memorial welcomes more than 40,000 tourists each month to exhibits that highlight the Missouri's role in Japan's surrender.

Walter Lassen, a 27-year-old first gunner's mate aboard the Missouri when the war ended, told The Associated Press in an interview last week his fellow sailors had "little love of the enemy" when Japanese officials came aboard to sign the documents.

The Missouri, one of the most powerful U.S. warships at the time, fought in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa as American forces neared the Japanese main islands.

For months, sailors focused on aggressively protecting their ship and other ships in the U.S. fleet. At one point, the Missouri came under the attack of 95 Japanese planes, Lassen said.

A kamikaze pilot slammed into the Missouri's hull in April 1945, though the plane's bomb failed to detonate and only the pilot was killed.

"The mood at the time of the ceremony was the culmination of all this amount of fighting we had been doing and all this shooting that had been going on," said Lassen, 91.

But with the surrender, sailors began to feel that their country was finally safe, he said. Lassen, who lives in Waikiki, had planned to attend Wednesday's ceremony, but had a last minute change of plans.

Pearl Harbor survivor Delton E. Walling, 88, of Fort Bragg, Calif., thought back to the U.S. servicemen who lost their lives in the conflict.

"They're the ones that are on my mind today — those boys that are in the Pacific," Walling said after the ceremony. "They're the ones that made your lifestyle the way it is today. They gave their life."

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense Wallace Gregson spoke Wednesday of how much has changed in 64 years.

"While there have been other wars since 1945, the scale and the scope of those conflicts has faded as the Asia-Pacific region has become a model of peace, stability and cooperation," Gregson said.

Next month, the Missouri will be taken to a dry dock at Pearl Harbor's shipyard for three months of sanding and painting to remove rust that's built up on the ship's hull over the years. It's tentatively set to reopen for visitors in January.

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Unemployment worries bring down market

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The stock market extended its slide to a fourth day as investors worried that a weak job market will trip up a recovery in the economy.

Stocks posted modest losses Wednesday, a day after tumbling on fears about the health of banks and concerns that a six-month rally of 50 percent has left the stock market overheated. The Dow Jones industrial average lost another 30 points after skidding 186 points Tuesday.

A private sector report on unemployment gave investors new reason to fret about what is widely seen as the biggest problem facing the economy. The ADP National Employment Report found that employment fell by 298,000 in August following a revised loss of 360,000 jobs in July. The losses were the smallest since September 2008 but more than analysts had expected.

The report shapes expectations for the Labor Department's monthly reading on jobs, which is due Friday. Unemployment has hit consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity. Without more help from consumers, the economy will have trouble pulling out of the longest recession since World War II.

"Until Friday's data comes, no one is really making any big bets," said Neil Massa, senior trader at MFC Global Investment Management. "A little profit-taking looks healthy at this point."

Analysts said the market's ability to avoid another steep drop was a good sign but cautioned that trading volume remains light ahead of the Labor Day holiday. Weak volume can skew the market's moves and makes it difficult to draw conclusions about investor sentiment.

"We need these periods of backing off," said Darin Newsom, senior analyst at DTN in Omaha, Neb. "When there is no news to really spark the interest that we need to take this thing higher, the inclination is to sell off."

Even with stocks down for four days, major market indicators have given up only two week's worth of gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 is up 47 percent from a 12-year low on March 9.

The Dow fell 29.93, or 0.3 percent, to 9,280.67, pushing its four-day slide to 300 points, or 3.1 percent. The index crossed between gains and losses 108 times as it traded in the second tightest point range this year.

The S&P 500 index fell 3.29, or 0.3 percent, to 994.75, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 1.82, or 0.1 percent, to 1,967.07.

Bond prices rose, pushing down yields. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.31 percent from 3.36 percent late Tuesday.

An increase in worker productivity couldn't shake investors' concerns about the economy. The Labor Department said output grew in the spring at the fastest pace in nearly six years while labor costs fell by the most in nine years. Productivity is the biggest factor in determining living standards because companies can afford to pay more if output increases.

Investors also were disappointed by the Commerce Department's report that factory orders rose 1.3 percent in July. That fell short of a 2.2 percent increase analysts expected, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters.

In other trading, the dollar slipped against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Light, sweet crude finished unchanged at $68.05 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 2.23, or 0.4 percent, to 555.83.

Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 6 billion shares compared with 7 billion Tuesday.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 slipped less than 0.1 percent, while Germany's DAX index fell 0.1 percent and France's CAC-40 lost 0.3 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average tumbled 2.4 percent after the drop Tuesday in the U.S.

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Japan's new leader pledges strong ties with America

KELLY OLSEN
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO Japan's incoming leader said Thursday he told President Barack Obama that the two countries' security alliance is the "foundation" of his country's foreign relations, an apparent attempt to ease concerns his new government may try to distance itself from Washington.

Yukio Hatoyama, whose party won a resounding victory in Sunday's parliamentary elections, and Obama spoke by telephone for about 12 minutes, Hatoyama's Democratic Party of Japan said on its Web site. The White House confirmed the call took place, but did not immediately release details.

"The Japan-U.S. alliance is the foundation," Hatoyama said he told Obama during the conversation, adding he "wants to build constructive, forward-looking Japan-U.S. relations."

His comments to reporters after the call were shown on national broadcaster NHK.

The White House said in a statement that Obama expressed his "strong wish to work with Mr. Hatoyama and the Japanese government." Obama mentioned cooperation on economic recovery, combatting climate change, denuclearizing the Korean peninsula, anti-terroristm and building peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

Hatoyama, a Stanford University Ph.D and grandson of a prime minister, has called for Japan and the U.S. to pursue a more equitable relationship and said Tokyo should strengthen ties with its Asian neighbors. That has raised concerns a rift could develop between the allies.

The Democratic Party, which trounced the incumbent Liberal Democratic Party, is expected to form a new government and name Hatoyama, the party's president, as prime minister on Sept. 16, replacing Taro Aso.

Under the long-ruling LDP, Japan has pursued close economic and security relations with the U.S., which has 50,000 troops stationed in the country under a mutual security treaty.

Unease about Hatoyama's views of the U.S. has been spurred by an op-ed published in The New York Times ahead of Sunday's election, in which he suggested that Japan had suffered under U.S.-led globalization.

He has tried to distance himself from the controversy, however, saying in comments broadcast Tuesday on Japanese television that what he wrote "was in no way an expression of anti-U.S. views."

In his op-ed article, Hatoyama also said that he was in favor of an "East Asian community," though also wrote that Japan's security pact with the U.S. will continue to form the "cornerstone of Japanese diplomatic policy."

In the elections, Hatoyama's party won 308 of the 480 seats in the powerful lower house of parliament, giving it control of the chamber and ensuring it will choose the next prime minister.

Hatoyama said he told Obama that the Japanese had received their "courage" to vote for a change in government from "the American people and President Obama."

Despite the overwhelming victory a poll said Wednesday that the new government will have a shaky mandate. Most Japanese voters chose the opposition because they were fed up with a half-century of rule by the governing conservatives, not because they were enthused by what the Democrats, according to the poll in the Asahi, a major national newspaper.

The poll found most voters remain skeptical about whether the Democratic Party can make good on its promises to bring the world's second-largest economy out of its worst slowdown since World War II, rein in the powerful bureaucracy and restore Japan's international credibility after a succession of three prime ministers in three years.

Only 32 percent of respondents said they felt the Democrats would be able to change the government significantly, while 46 percent said they would not, the poll said. It put the Democrats' approval rating at just 39 percent.

The poll was a random telephone survey of 1,104 eligible voters conducted on Monday and Tuesday. It reported direct results and so gave no margin of error, but a poll of that size would generally have a margin of about 3 percentage points.



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 67°

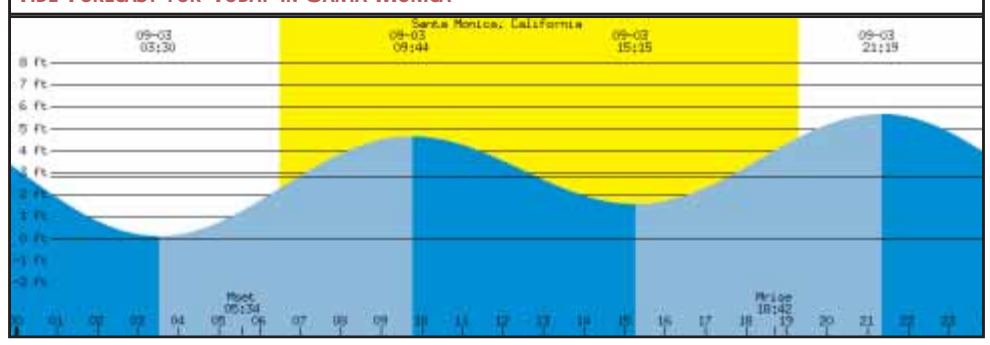
Swell Forecast

Today would be pretty much a repeat of Wednesday as far as surf goes. Winds should be light and variable in the AM and onshore in the afternoon to 15 mph.

Long Range Synopsis

Jimena's energy is expected to fade. NW wind swell is expected, mostly waist to chest around west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 3

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

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

LEGEND

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

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Legend of Hell House (PG) 1hr 35min
7:30

Poltregeist (1982) (PG) 1hr 54min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R) 1hr 29min
1:45

Funny People (R) 2hr 16min
4:00, 7:10, 10:20

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Play the Game (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

Taking Woodstock (R) 1hr 50min
2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Shorts (PG) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50

Ponyo (Gake no ue no Ponyo) (G) 1hr 40min
11:05am, 1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) 1hr 48min
10:50am, 1:25, 4:10, 7:15, 9:55

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
10:45am, 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25

Halloween II (2009) (R) 1hr 41min
12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
9:30

My One and Only (PG-13) 1hr 25min
11:00am, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20

Post Grad (PG-13) 1hr 29min
12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Paper Heart (PG-13) 1hr 29min
1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 35min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 10min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Flame & Citron (Flammen & Citronen) (NR) 2hrs 10min
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Final Destination (R) 1hr 22min
12:30, 5:40, 10:40

The Final Destination 3D (R) 1hr 22min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 1:30, 3:40, 5:00, 7:15, 8:30, 10:30

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min
12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40

District 9 (R) 1hr 53min
12:50, 3:00, 3:50, 6:50, 8:00, 9:50

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Chat over dinner, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ The sensitive Ram will feel a difference midday. You generally feel empowered, but for some reason, you decide to be an observer. You might have a lot to gain by following this path for at least a day or so. Tonight: Early to bed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You accept challenges well yet question why you are involved. Let go of an agenda and enjoy yourself. Your high energy proves to be irresistible to many, allowing for a greater give-and-take. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Once you have determined what information you need, you can step forward and take a stand. Others will respect how you approach a situation and learn from your thoroughness. You simply need to ask in order to receive. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You will want to take action and stay on top of your work. A change of plans might be in order if an offer comes in that encourages this diversion. Go down another path, but be aware of what is going on around you. Examine an offer that comes in from out of left field. Tonight: Opt for something different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner makes it clear that he or she works better on an individual level. Get together for a discussion with this person. Get to the bottom line. This person won't stand for anything less. You'll see the power of direct communication. Tonight: Dinner for two?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others will make it close to impossible to get into your routine. A boss or supervisor notices that you are a distraction, possibly dumping more work on you. You have the energy to deal with nearly anything. Tonight: Listen to offers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Focus on what you need to do, not what you think you should do. Creativity plays a strong role in the morning, but by the afternoon, you decide to clear out your must-dos. Enthusiasm and energy punctuate your actions. Tonight: To the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Once you get going, it could be close to impossible to stop you. It is important to understand your limits, what you can embrace and accept. Others respond to you wholeheartedly, especially in your inner circle. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ If you want to call it an early day, please do. You might have started out a bundle of enthusiasm but would like to head home early. Finances could be key to a decision. Be willing to deal with an opportunity to travel or open a door. You will feel happier. Tonight: Juggling opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Getting an answer to your inquiry could be a difficult experience. You discover quite possibly there is not one set answer, but multiple perspectives. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Finances can swing a decision, and there is nothing wrong with that. What could be a problem is not acknowledging the role money plays. Your instincts lead you down a certain path. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You blend into situations with ease this afternoon, yet you might prefer to take a stand. Your creativity is stimulated by facing difficult or strange situations. Count on your ability to move past a problem and find the perfect path out of the maze. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

Happy birthday

This year, witness the power of determination. Once you decide to act, the energy will appear. Plan a lot of time for networking and forging a clear path in a new direction. Networking will add many people in your life on multiple levels. If you are single, you move into a new realm where you are more open to different types of people. A friendship could be the beginning of a solid bond. If you are attached, the two of you bond while working on a common cause. PISCES reads you cold.

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

Girls and Sports

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Difficulty Level ★★★

	5		2		4		7	
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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

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

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5 2002 animated film
11 "Yeah, right!"
12 Broadway worker
13 Sean Astin movie
14 Chooses from the menu
15 Spur
17 60 secs.
18 "Great!"
22 Horse
24 Sung story
25 Take the title
26 Really enjoy
27 Foreword
30 First sign of spring
32 Nebula makeup
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34 Rafter's protection
38 African expanse
41 Wild about
42 Steamy
43 Hearty dish
44 Swear (to)
45 "SportsCenter" carrier

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1 Letter start
2 Neighbor
3 River deposits
4 Thwart
5 Fan's favorite
6 Opera legend
7 Finishes
8 Dogfight pro
9 Berlin lang.
10 Hosp. sections
16 "Sturm — Drang"
19 Portico toppers
20 Pennsylvania port
21 Hobo attire
22 Big gulp
23 Turner of song
28 Feel sympathetic
29 Brother of Isis
30 "Right you — !"
31 Edit
35 Almanac bit
36 Plan part
37 Map dot
38 Vast expanse
39 Skill
40 Steaming

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Thousands of Koreans, and some tourists, uninhibitedly joined in the messy events of July's Byryeong City Mud Festival, which glorifies the joys of an activity usually limited to pigs. Mud wrestling, mud-sliding, a "mud prison" and colored mud baths dominated the week's activities, but so unfortunately did dermatological maladies, which hospitalized 200 celebrants.

■ National Specialties: (1) In May, Singapore's Olympic Council, finding no athlete good enough, declined to name a national Sportsman of the Year. (2) A survey of industrialized nations by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development revealed that Japanese and Koreans sleep the least, while the French spend the most time at both sleeping and eating. (3) A Tokyo rail passenger company, Keihin, installed a face-scanning machine recently so that employees, upon reporting for work, can tell whether they are smiling broadly enough to present a good impression.

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North of Montana	$2,795,000	$ 1,499,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	$ 1,895,000	$ 992,000
South of Wilshire	$880,000	$680,000
Sunset Park	$1,199,000	$644,250
Ocean Park	$1,598,500	$835,000

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