



Frances Aquino, 13, (left) handed a meal to Luis Lomeli, 12, yesterday at the Surf's Up Cafe cart at Hilltop Middle School. The cart is run by the ASB, the student activities club. *Scott Linnett / Union-Tribune photos*

# Partnership expands menu for lunch

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Each day at lunchtime, cafeterias and student stores aim to take in as much money as they can during 30 frenetic minutes.

They're not supposed to compete. In reality, though, "they've been competing with each other for about a million years," said Nancy Stewart, food service director for South County's Sweetwater Union High School District.

Federal, state and local laws dictate who can sell what and when they can sell it. These rules make up what one stu-

dent activities dean calls "the line in the sand."

Student activities clubs known as ASBs generally have to stay out of the lunch business and make their money on chips and granola bars during lunch breaks.

But the line in the sand became blurry this week at Hilltop Middle School in Chula Vista, where the ASB began selling sub sandwiches, salads and pizza at the same time the cafeteria was selling chicken sandwiches and taco plates.

The ASBs have been given a



The ASB's lunch cart offered buffalo chicken along with baked chips. The ASB started selling food at lunch this week, and the group splits the profits with the cafeteria.

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