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FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Samohi Vikings name Miller quarterback

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI With just days remaining before the kickoff of the first game of the season, the Vikings have found their man at quarterback.

Senior Brock Miller was named the starter by Santa Monica High School Head Coach Travis Clark this week as the Vikings prepare to take on Leuzinger on the road Friday.

"If he can deal with it," Clark said, "he'll have the keys until he wrecks the car."

Clark said he selected Miller over Christian Salem and newcomer Rhys Gervais primarily because of his superior arm strength. But, Clark did say that he was close to going with a committee behind center. He let the three fight it out for most of the summer, but in the end the decision was easy.

"Nobody took the job from Brock," Clark said of the position battle.

Gervais did impress this summer, though. Clark said had the sophomore from Washington been with the team as long as Salem and Miller, he might be the starter.

Miller's ability to air out the ball should be a boon for the team as it tries to replace last season's starter, Garrett Safron, who has moved on to Sacramento State. Helping ease Miller into the role of signal caller will be a trio of wideouts that has Clark excited about his offensive unit. Kris Comas, Brandon Taylor and Ken Fleming, a junior transfer, will be MIller's primary targets to start the season.

The player among them that intrigues Clark most is Fleming. His relationship with the receiver goes back to a skills camp that Clark held a few years back.

The Vikings' tight end, Matt Schultz, is another player that Clark feels will have a breakout season.

"He'll be discovered this season," Clark said of Schultz.

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A SAFER PLACE TO LEARN: **Among the improvements at Grant Elementary School was a new wall in front of the campus.**

Measure BB projects underway

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Nearly four years after voters overwhelmingly approved Measure BB, a $268 million bond issue to repair and renovate public school facilities, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students saw some of the first visible evidence of their parents' dollars at work as they returned to school on Tuesday.

Several minor projects — campus entryway renovations at Grant and Will Rogers elementary schools, for example — were completed over the summer, and bigger projects at two of the district's middle schools with a combined budget of $30.4 million were getting underway.

"It's a really nice way to begin the year," said Alan Friedenberg, principal at Grant Elementary, which received a $250,000 renovation. Will Rogers' improvements cost $180,000.

The Grant project created a courtyard that both shelters students from Pearl Street and provides a more welcoming feel to the campus, he said. "It's like having a front yard."

It's been so long since voters passed Measure BB, Friedenberg said, that some parents had forgotten it ever appeared on the ballot in 2006. Still, reviews of the renovation on Tuesday were positive nonetheless, he said.

The district's director of facilities improvement, Stuart Sam, said Measure BB construction projects are moving along at the expected rate.

"You usually have a pretty good time lag between a bond program and when everything gets approved from the state," he said. "You've got to go through an assessment of what the needs are and you've got to come up with a [construction] strategy."

While two of the biggest components of the district's Measure BB spending program — new facilities at Malibu and Santa Monica high schools — are still in the planning stages, improvements at Lincoln and John Adams middle schools are set to break ground within the next year.

Lincoln is slated to get a $17.5 million new two-story building that will house a library, classrooms and science lab facilities. JAMS is getting a $12.9 million makeover, with new classrooms, a renovated common area and new administrative offices included in the plan.

As students returned to campus on Tuesday, some classrooms, offices and Lincoln's library had been relocated to

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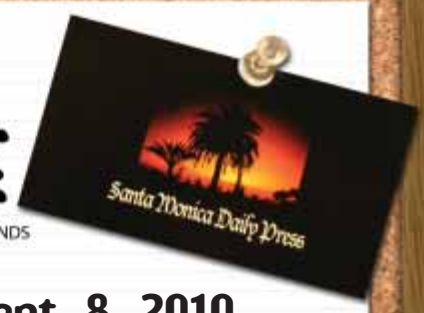
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Who dunnit?

Montana Avenue Branch Library
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come unravel the mysteries of Nevada Barr's "Ill Wind" in a lively discussion with fellow bibliophiles.

Sweet deals

Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

Get live

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
12:15 p.m. — 12:45 p.m.
Enjoy beautiful live musical performances by various artists in the Sanctuary most Wednesdays. Shopping the Farmers' Market around noon? The church is on Second Street, between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue. Work in the area? Drop in on your lunch break with your coworkers. For more information call (310) 451-1303.

Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

Think about it

Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m.
In this guided meditation, participants engage in a process that is very restful and rejuvenating and that may free old emotions and thoughts lodged in the body and/or mind. In addition, participants learn to use this meditation in their everyday lives. It is also fun and has immediate long-term benefits. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the community of people who are enjoying life and stepping into true health. Free, must be at least 50 years of age to attend.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



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BACK TO THE GRIND: **Students leave campus on the first day of classes at Santa Monica High School on Tuesday.**

Tips for heading back to school

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

COUNTYWIDE As parents send their kids back to school, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has tips on how to keep children safe and healthy.

"If you teach children healthy habits now, they will stick with those habits long-term," said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, director of public health for the county. "Give your kids the head-start they need to live long, healthy and productive lives."

School season means that children will come into contact with hundreds of other children daily, providing them plenty of opportunity to pick up whatever illnesses are going around, Fielding said. Teach children healthy habits, such as washing their hands before eating and after using the restroom, and covering their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Make sure that their vaccinations are up-to-date.

"Right now, a big concern is pertussis, also known as 'whooping cough,'" Fielding said. "Statewide, the numbers of pertussis cases have reached epidemic levels, and it is important that children and those that care for them, including teachers, aides, school officials, and adults at home, are appropriately protected against this vaccine-preventable disease."

In addition to the usual series of childhood pertussis vaccinations, the California Department of Public Health now recommends an adolescent-adult pertussis booster vaccine (Tdap) for:

• Anyone 7 years and older who is not fully immunized, including those who are more than 64 years old;

• Women of childbearing age;

• Anyone who cares for infants, particularly those under 3 months of age.

Flu and cold season will also begin shortly. This year's flu vaccine will include protection against H1N1 and other flu strains that are likely to start circulating in schools and elsewhere, Fielding said. Influenza can cause students, teachers and others to miss important days of school and work and, in some cases, can lead to serious complications for those who become sick. While colds are not as serious as influenza and there is no vaccine against colds, the chance of catching or giving a cold is reduced by hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes.

Residents are encouraged to first contact their regular doctor for recommended vaccinations. Those who do not have a regular healthcare provider or insurance coverage for vaccines can call the L.A. County information line at 211 or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip for referrals to providers and community sites offering free or low-cost immunizations.

Everyone should practice these healthy habits to help prevent the spread of any illness:

• Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using the restroom and before eating.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs are spread more easily through these areas.

• Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or with your sleeve.

• Stay home from work, school or day-care if you or your child is sick.

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Volunteers needed for county-wide beach cleanup

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BAY Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay is calling on those concerned about the region's waterways to volunteer for the 21st annual Coastal Cleanup Day.

The effort will take place Saturday, Sept. 25, organizers with Heal the Bay said Tuesday.

Tens of thousands of Southland residents are expected to mobilize from 9 a.m. to noon at more than 60 cleanup sites, from Compton to Malibu. Volunteers will canvass beaches, parks, creeks, lakes, highways and alleys to remove ocean-bound trash and beautify neighborhoods.

"The ocean needs us now more than ever and we all have a duty to protect it," said Eveline Bravo, beach programs manager for Heal the Bay, which organizes Coastal Cleanup Day in Los Angeles County. "A single day of concerted action and education can make a world of difference."

Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers have collected more than 1 million pounds of trash in Los Angeles County since 1990s inaugural event, equaling roughly the weight of a fully loaded Boeing 747 jumbo jet. By removing debris from beaches and inland neighborhoods, cleanup participants reduce blight, protect marine animals and bolster the regional economy, said Matthew King, a spokesman for Heal the Bay.

Linking with similar rehabilitation efforts around the globe, Coastal Cleanup Day participants can take satisfaction in joining the world's biggest single-day volunteer event. Attendees will receive hands-on education about the easy steps they can take throughout the year to keep local watersheds clean and build community pride.

Five "Code Red" locations in need of special attention this year are Dominguez Channel, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, Los Angeles River and Encino's Haskell Creek. These urban sites drain runoff from huge swaths of Los Angeles County and are overwhelmed by such litter as plastic bags and fast-food packaging, King said.

Some 61 sites have been confirmed this year, including 25 inland locations. There will be SCUBA dive sites in Santa Monica, Redondo Beach and Leo Carrillo state beach and a kayak effort in Marina Del Rey. A Google map of all cleanup sites can be found

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Making Montana one-way

Editor:

Nick Taborek's Sept. 6 article "Kinder, gentler streets," was wonderful. Santa Monica already has more "woonerfs" than most communities in Los Angeles County – the Third Street Promenade jumps to mind. What about making Montana Avenue a one-way street that heads down to the beach only with a 10 mph speed limit? How wonderful it would be to liberate the sidewalks onto the streets. There have been some fatalities over the years and this would reduce that in the future.

Your newspaper is consistently visionary, always helping prod Santa Monica toward a more sustainable future. Thank you.

Melina Watts
Malibu Creek Watershed coordinator

Restoring faith in mankind

Editor:

Living in a large populated town we tend to look at the people around us with distrust, annoyance, etc.; at least I did until yesterday. I left my purse on a bus stop bench and 12 blocks later I realized what I had done. I got off the bus to catch another bus back to my point of origin. Reality hit me with a sickening sucker punch. I had no money to catch a bus back. I swallowed my pride and asked a mother and her son for the fare. I did get a "not so pleased look" from her but she did give me the needed money. When I got back to the original stop there was no purse to be found. "Of course not," I thought . The stop was near the new mall on a busy Sunday. I had a meltdown thinking no keys to my car or apartment, cellphone gone, credit cards there to be used for the taker. I worked myself into such a state I began having an asthma attack. I did get to the nearby police station in quite a bad state. An extremely concerned young police lady told me my purse had been found and returned.

She immediately got my life-saving inhaler from my purse and helped me calm down throughout my asthma attack. Luckily, I was given the name of the woman who took the time to bring my purse over to the station. Suzanne is her name. Suzanne, the mother and son and the kind police officer, you not only saved my life but restored my faith in mankind (personkind). Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Louise Steiner
Santa Monica





Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Witnessing a double standard

THE PENDULUM HAS SWUNG AND WE are now seeing a change so dramatic that it is likely to cause very serious problems in the future for both men and women. When did it become acceptable and even funny to watch women hit, scratch and verbally abuse men?

Watching a television show called "Rules of Engagement," episode three of season seven called "Old Timers Day," I saw the abuse of men by women as acceptable in the show. The character Jennifer grabs her husband Adam and tosses him head first into a wall when he says, "are you gaining weight?" Can you imagine how funny that would not be if Adam had grabbed Jennifer and tossed her into a wall if she asked him about his weight?

In another episode called "May Divorce be with You," our hero Adam comes to the local diner to get coffee for his wife because the coffee maker is broken. He claims, "It's more for me than her, Jen gets a little cranky if she doesn't get her caffeine." Another character asks if she scratched him in the face. He responds, "Yeah, but in all fairness I was smiling at her with my stupid face." Then she shows up and says, "Seriously, you're talking? Where's my coffee?"

How funny would this be if Jen was punched in the face by Adam for not doing the laundry because the machine was broken and she said, "Yeah, but in all fairness I was smiling at him with my stupid face," then her husband shows up when she is at the laundry mat and says, "Seriously, you're talking? Where's my laundry?"

I asked other people what they thought of this and the women said it was funny and saw no problem with this behavior. When I pointed out the issue to women, all of them immediately said he was not hurt. More than one woman asks if he was hurt? Like that would make any difference? At this point I wanted to know what level of hurt is no longer funny when it comes to men hitting and throwing women?

People don't want to see the obvious. When normal society behavior was stacked against women, we as a society worked to change that. Those same forces for change are now passing equal rights and are now using the past behavior of men to justify why they can abuse men today. The state of women today is like no other period in our history. Forbes just released the World's Most Powerful Celebrities list and the top four positions are filled by women. Angelina Jolie followed by Oprah Winfrey, Madonna and Beyonce Knowles.

Most economist will agree that if a woman can do a better job for the same money, the woman will get the job because most employers are driven by a desire to make more money and not by sexism. Today in these harsh financial times in the thick of the greatest recession since the Great Depression, the proof is in the facts. Men have lost jobs at a rate of 3 to 1. As of right now men have lost 4.75 million jobs while women have lost 1.6 million jobs in the same period, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As of right now more women receive a paycheck than men. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, women between the ages of 20 and 30 make 17 percent more income than men of the same age. Women have higher SAT scores now as well. As of 1982 women were at parity with men graduating college. Women have increased their number from 58 percent in 2004 to the current 63 percent in our nation's universities. The number of women that graduated from university is almost 50 percent higher than men. The number of women accepted to colleges in 2009 exceeded men almost 2 to 1. Just as many women have a bachelor's and advanced degree as men do today, but that number is changing as more men retire.

Watching the television show "NCIS," Special Agent Timothy McGee is told by a female guest star (Brigid Brannagh) "refreshing to hear a man that is not a liar." What kind of effect do these and other comments like them have on young men. Should young men believe they are not as honest as women?

In another show called "The Good Wife," I saw a sexist scene that left me stunned. When two attorneys of the same rank from the same office walked into a storage room, the women pointed to the heavy boxes and looked at him to carry them. When I pointed this out to women that saw this show they tell me, "she is wearing high heels and a skirt." Is it the man's fault that she is wearing inappropriate clothing to do her job? I was then told "he is the man."

So I ask, what does she do "as the woman?" Should she get his coffee or make photo copies for him? Maybe make him a sandwich and fetch him a beer? Today, women want men to be men but what does it mean for women to be women?

The pendulum is swinging the other direction and open discrimination against men in the courts, at work and in the schools will not be good for America. Just as we try to fight negative portrayals of women in the media, we must also look to negative portrayals of men so that we truly have equality and do not set up future generations for failure.

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Daniel Brindis

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School lunch overhaul needs healthy options

IF YOU BLINKED, YOU MIGHT HAVE missed U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln change what your child likely eats for lunch at school. Recently, in the wake of Elena Kagan's confirmation, the Senate quickly and unanimously passed Lincoln's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

After years of negotiations and a recent push from Michelle Obama, the proposal received 30 seconds of floor time, which was more than enough for it to pass without any objection. The act will reauthorize the federal school lunch program before the Sept. 30 deadline, and it will also take initial steps to make school lunches healthier, safer, and more accessible.

Although it receives a splinter of the attention given to the two wars, healthcare, and the economy, the school lunch program has a huge impact on America. More than half of U.S. children are eligible for federal school lunches and the purchasing power impacts the way our food is grown and consumed. Within schools this means that the lunches served under the school lunch program are served to everybody. In a cafeteria there is no "poor" section or "privileged" section — it is the same food, same kitchen (that is, when there is a kitchen on premises). Unless you pack your son or daughter's lunch, this proposal mandates what your children are eating.

Studies show that kids' ability to learn and the nutritional value of the food they eat goes hand in hand. You don't have to read the academic literature about this — ask your local teacher what it's like to teach a class that just consumed French fries and surplus beef served in gobs of indistinguishable "brown sauce."

Besides encumbering attention-spans, the current school lunch system presents a serious problem: obesity. Children currently enrolled in the federal school lunch program are more likely to be obese than children who are not enrolled. Overall, 30 percent of American children are obese.

We are all stakeholders in this crisis. Obesity is a major factor in our ballooning healthcare costs because increased diabetes and cardiac disease are drains on Medicare, Medicaid and private plans. Obesity not only impacts our pocketbooks, but it also presents a national security concern — almost one third of young adults 17 to 24 years old are too obese to serve in the military. This is a problem that we need to address now. Each year we don't address obesity, we neglect another class of young Americans.

Doing anything in the Senate these days is no small feat considering the fierce political climate, the bottlenecked Senate calendar, and the 60-plus vote mentality. The proposal passed mainly because the $4.6 billion bill was completely paid for by taking away money from other programs. Almost half of the funding comes from food stamps (the SNAP program).

The proposal is a step in the right direction, but the new changes are slight. It adds 6 cents per meal, per child (now a pittance at $2.38 per meal). There is also some language that strengthens food safety, mandates wellness education, and sets guidelines for all food sold during school hours (a la carte and vending). The proposal provides funding for school gardens, which is important because they provide physical activity, food, and wellness education simultaneously.

The proposal does not go far enough though. We are missing an opportunity for real solutions to our broken food system.

Next month, the House will soon address the school lunch issue. Their proposal is slightly more ambitious and provides more resources — $8 billion and more meals to more children. Still, this proposal's increase (also 6 cents) is still nowhere near the additional $1 to $2 more that nutrition experts estimate is necessary to bring school lunch standards up to par.

At the end of the day, neither proposal addresses other fundamental issues with school lunches. Nutritional standards are not enforced and in most schools, real fruits and vegetables are a distant reality.

Every year we delay in aggressively addressing school lunches, we neglect another class of 5 million children who are beholden to the same unhealthy food. Our students are not learning how to eat and enjoy healthy food. Instead they have been fed food influenced heavily by a fast food culture. Are chicken nuggets and French fries really the model of nutrition we want our children to follow? We cannot afford to wait another five years to make important changes in children's nutrition. The young are where our nation's obesity crisis begins, and in our schools we need to make nutrition a lesson for life.

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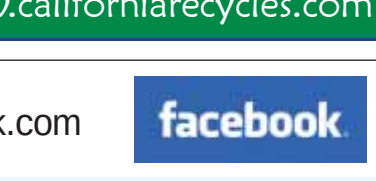
Weird weather

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So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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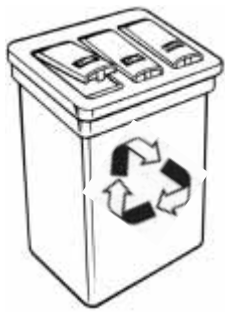
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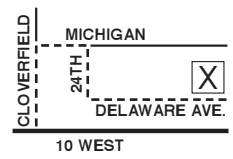


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WALL STREET

European debt woes send stocks down

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks closed lower Tuesday following new worries about Europe's debt problems. Treasury prices rose and gold settled at a new high as investors sought out safe assets.

U.S. stocks followed European markets lower after news reports said banks in Europe may have more risky government debt on their books than was disclosed during "stress tests" earlier this year. That could mean fees from regulators and more capital-raising by the banks to bolster their balance sheets.

Shares of major European banks including Barclays PLC and UBS fell, and the dollar rose against the euro.

"The soundness of stress tests are, and continue to be, in question," said Brian O'Reilly, president of the Collingwood Group. Uncertainty about the tests could be a drag on the market until European regulators provide some more transparency about exactly what figures were included in the test, O'Reilly said.

The reports renewed worries about European government debt, which had flared up earlier this year following a fiscal crisis in Greece that spread to other weak European economies and helped bring stocks down worldwide.

Stocks had been doing well last week, rallying on improved news about job growth and gains in manufacturing in the U.S. and China. The better economic news helped the market end higher for the week, breaking three straight weeks of losses.

Many investors still have faith the economy is growing, but the pace of that growth is in question. Economic reports have been inconsistent, leaving traders overreacting to every bit of news, said James Angel, professor of finance at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

"What it's going to take to keep (a rally) going is more good news," said Angel said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 107.24 points, or 1.0 percent, to close at 10,340.69.

Broader indexes also fell, making for a weak start to a week shortened by the Labor Day holiday on Monday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 12.67, or 1.1 percent, to 1,091.84, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 24.86, or 1.1 percent, to 2,208.89.

About three stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume was very light at 3.2 billion shares.

Volume often starts to pick back up after Labor Day when traders return from summer vacations. But Brian Peardon, a wealth adviser at Harrison Financial Group, said many investors might continue to stay out of the market even when they get back because of uncertainty about the global economy.

"It's very tough for the public to decipher what's happening," Peardon said.

Uncertain investors continue to pour money into Treasurys. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.60 percent from 2.71 percent late Friday. Its yield is often used as a gauge to set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Gold also rose as investors took money out of stocks and sought out other assets seen as having more stable value. Gold for December delivery rose $8.20 to settle at $1,259.30 an ounce.

Several reports later this week could shed more light on the U.S. economy including the "beige book" report from the Federal Reserve coming out on Wednesday and weekly unemployment numbers due out on Thursday.

Shares of Swiss bank UBS dropped 53 cents, or 2.9 percent, to $17.52. Spanish bank Banco Santander fell 48 cents, or 3.8 percent, to $12.20.

GOVERNMENT

Obama challenges GOP on tax breaks

TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama's proposed tax breaks for business sound like ideas that have enjoyed broad Republican backing in the past. But in today's toxic political atmosphere, he's unlikely to get much — if any — GOP help.

Still, his plans put Republicans on the spot, making it harder for them to say no to legislation they once embraced.

In a speech on Wednesday in Cleveland, Obama will ask Congress to let businesses quickly write off 100 percent of their spending on new plants and equipment through 2011.

Its part of a raft of new Obama proposals to spur job creation and help businesses — and to try to give his party a much-needed boost ahead of November elections that will determine which party controls the House and Senate.

Clearly frustrated by the halting economic recovery and mindful of polls showing Republicans poised to make big midterm gains, Obama had his economic advisers come up with a fresh set of proposals with job-creating potential.

Among them: a $50 billion program to rebuild roads, railways and airports and to create a new infrastructure bank to oversee long-term projects. Legislation containing multiple public works projects has usually been popular in Congress across party lines.

The administration has not spelled out exactly how it would pay for all the new proposals, but suggested it would offset tax cuts by closing various corporate loopholes and levying targeted tax hikes on big business, particularly on the oil and gas industry and on multinational corporations. Some of these tax proposals were included in the budget Obama submitted to Congress earlier this year but were never acted on by Congress.

Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the senior Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, called Obama's business tax measures serious proposals worthy of consideration. But he said that "raising taxes to cut taxes is at best a zero sum game."

The proposed tax break for research and development has been around in one form or another since 1981 and in the past has drawn bipartisan support. However, Congress previously extended it just for short periods of time, usually just for one or two years, with frequent lapses that make it hard for businesses to plan. The credit most recently lapsed in 2009.

Obama has long advocated making the credit permanent.

His proposal to let companies quickly write off 100 percent of their investments in new plants and equipment is similar to proposals advanced several times by President George W. Bush — with considerable GOP support at the time.

CLEANUP
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at www.healthebay.org/ccd

Coastal Cleanup Day sponsor Subaru will be hosting special test drive and sweepstakes events throughout the county to benefit Heal the Bay and raise awareness about the cleanup. Among other community building activities planned: Give Back to the Beach — a food truck festival, the LA Craft Beer Crawl curated by food critic Jonathan Gold, as well as a sunrise yoga session and three electronic waste drop-off/recycling collections. For event times and locations, information can be found at www.healthebay.org/ccd/whatsnew

Heal the Bay seeks volunteers of all ages and physical abilities. No special equipment or experience is necessary. Site captains will organize a diverse mix of individuals, families, neighborhoods, community groups, schools, faith-based groups, sports teams and businesses, King said.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own bucket or reusable bag and gloves from home this year to collect debris. The "BYO to CC" campaign hopes to reduce the waste created by the distribution of single-use disposable clean-up supplies.

Heal the Bay organizes Coastal Cleanup Day in Los Angeles County in partnership with the California Coastal Commission. The L.A. campaign is part of a global international event led by the Ocean Conservancy that encompasses 6 million volunteers in 90 countries and all U.S. states. The day has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's biggest 24-hour volunteer event.

This year's sponsors include Union Bank of California, the Grousbeck Foundation, KTLA5, the city of Santa Monica, Neutrogena, ClifBar and Subaru.

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ROUNDUP
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OSU'S KATZ MAKES DEBUT

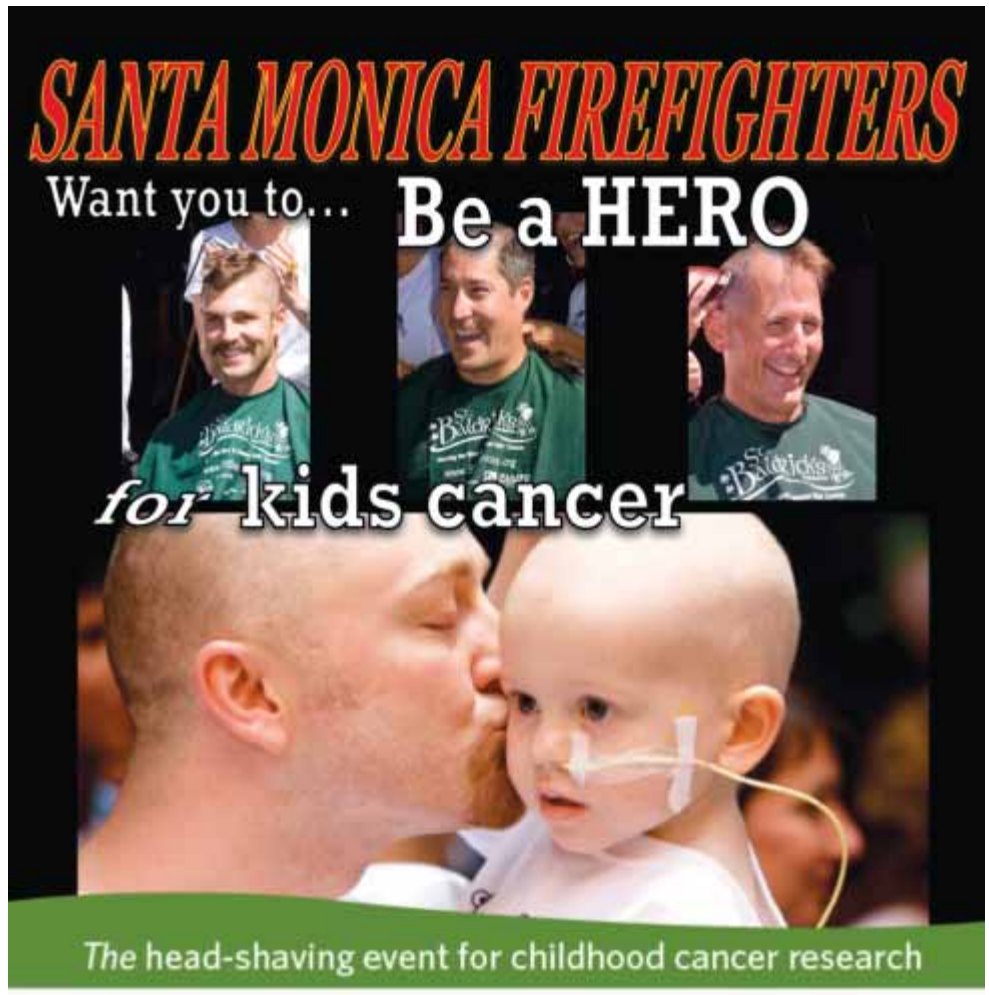
Former Samohi star Ryan Katz made the first start of his college career for No. 24 Oregon State in a losing effort on Saturday against No. 6 TCU in Irving, Texas.

The sophomore finished the night nine of 25 for 159 yards with two touchdowns. Katz threw for two first-half scores giving OSU a short-lived 14-7 lead in the second quarter.

Katz will lead OSU against Louisville on Sept. 18. The game will be at Corvallis, Ore.

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TIPS
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AFTER-SCHOOL SNACKS CAN BE HEALTHY

People who eat regular meals, beginning with a healthy breakfast, are less likely to overeat and gain weight than people who skip meals, Fielding said. Healthy snacks should be incorporated into a child's diet as a way to satisfy the hunger of a growing child, and to provide the vitamins and nutrients a body needs.

"Many people incorrectly believe that snacking is a bad thing," Fielding said. "But if you're careful about how much and what you eat, snacking can be a key component to a healthy diet."

HEALTHY SNACKING IDEAS

• Plan snacks as part of the day's menu by offering them at regular times, such as mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Children and adults should avoid nibbling constantly throughout the day, but a planned snack break can provide energy and nutrition, and help prevent binge eating or less healthy food choices.

• Some suggested "kid-friendly" fruit and veggie snacks include: adding peanut butter and raisins to celery sticks, dipping graham crackers or gingersnaps in applesauce, freezing fresh, unsweetened 100 percent fruit juice in popsicle molds, or serving frozen bananas with a small amount of cheddar cheese.

• Make healthy substitutions by trading in ice cream for frozen grapes, chips for pretzels, or a cup of low fat yogurt instead of a candy bar.

• When shopping at a grocery store or Farmers' Market, let children help pick out fruits and vegetables for snacks. They will be more interested in eating these foods if they have been involved in selecting them.

• Snacks are a good way to introduce new fruits and vegetables. Include a game or activity to learn about the new food and its nutritional value, and let the child help prepare the snack.

STAY ACTIVE, STAY SAFE

Many parents allow their children to walk or ride a bicycle to school, which can be a great way for them to get exercise. However, it is important to teach kids about pedestrian and bicycle safety before turning them loose on their own, Fielding said. From 2004 to 2006, there were 16 children (ages 5-11) killed in pedestrian accidents, and 1,824 children were injured.

There are "rules of the road" for pedestrians, just as there are for motorists. Take the time to make sure your children understand these potentially life-saving rules:

• Pedestrians are to use sidewalks whenever they are safely available.

• When sidewalks are unavailable, pedestrians must walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

• Pedestrians must obey traffic signals and/or traffic officers.

• At crosswalks where there isn't a traffic control signal or officer, pedestrians have the right-of-way.

• If there are not any crosswalks, signs or signals, the pedestrian must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

• Regardless of the right-of-way, the driver is required by law to take great care to avoid "hitting" pedestrians.

You can help make it safer to walk to your local school by:

• Adopt a Walk to School Week campaign at your child's school to help increase pedestrian safety awareness. For more information, go to: www.walktoschool.org.

• Start a walking school bus. Talk to other parents at your school and encourage a group of children to walk to school with one or more adults.

Between 2004 and 2006, three children were killed in bicycling accidents, and 915 children were injured. "These tragic deaths and injuries are, in most cases, preventable," Fielding said. "Ride with the flow of traffic, stay visible, and — if your child is under the age of 9 — be sure they ride on a sidewalk. And always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle."

For more information on pedestrian and bicycle safety, visit the L.A. County Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Program website at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ivpp.

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portable facilities so that demolition can begin.

Construction is expected to begin by the end of the year at JAMS, and by next spring at Lincoln. Sam said both projects are expected to be completed within two years.

Also over the summer, the district completed a landscaping project at Olympic High School, installed a new fire alarm at Webster Elementary and finished a district-wide phone system upgrade, all funded through Measure BB.

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Feds: Microbes feasting on Gulf oil

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON Federal scientists are reporting the best possible scenario for BP's leaked oil: Microbes are munching the underwater oil, but not robbing the Gulf of Mexico of much needed oxygen or creating so-called "dead zones."

Oxygen levels in some places where the BP oil spilled are down by 20 percent, but that's not nearly low enough to create the dead zones where fish can't live, according to a 95-page report released Tuesday.

Trying to disperse the oil underwater is like walking a tightrope. In an unusual move, BP released 771,000 gallons of chemical dispersant at the leaking well head, about a mile deep, instead of just on the water surface to break up the oil into tiny droplets.

That makes it easier for the oil-eating microbes to do their job, but in doing so they deplete the water of oxygen at places. Scientists were hoping that the oil was degrading but not at a rate that would cause lack of oxygen problems.

"Has it hit the sweet spot? Yes. Was it by design? Partly," said Steve Murawski (murr-OW-ski), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration senior scientist who headed the federal team. Oxygen levels would have had to drop another 70 percent to be classified as dead zones, he said.

The Gulf of Mexico already has a yearly major problem with a natural dead zone — the size of Massachusetts this year — because of farm runoff coming down the Mississippi River.

Federal officials had been tracking oxygen levels and use of chemical dispersants since the oil spill. Had the oxygen plummeted near dangerous levels, the dispersant use would have been stopped, said Greg Wilson, science adviser at the Environmental Protection Agency's emergency management office.

Dispersant use is the source of fierce debate. While it makes it easier for bacteria to degrade the oil, it also tends to hide oil below the surface, and there are concerns about toxicity

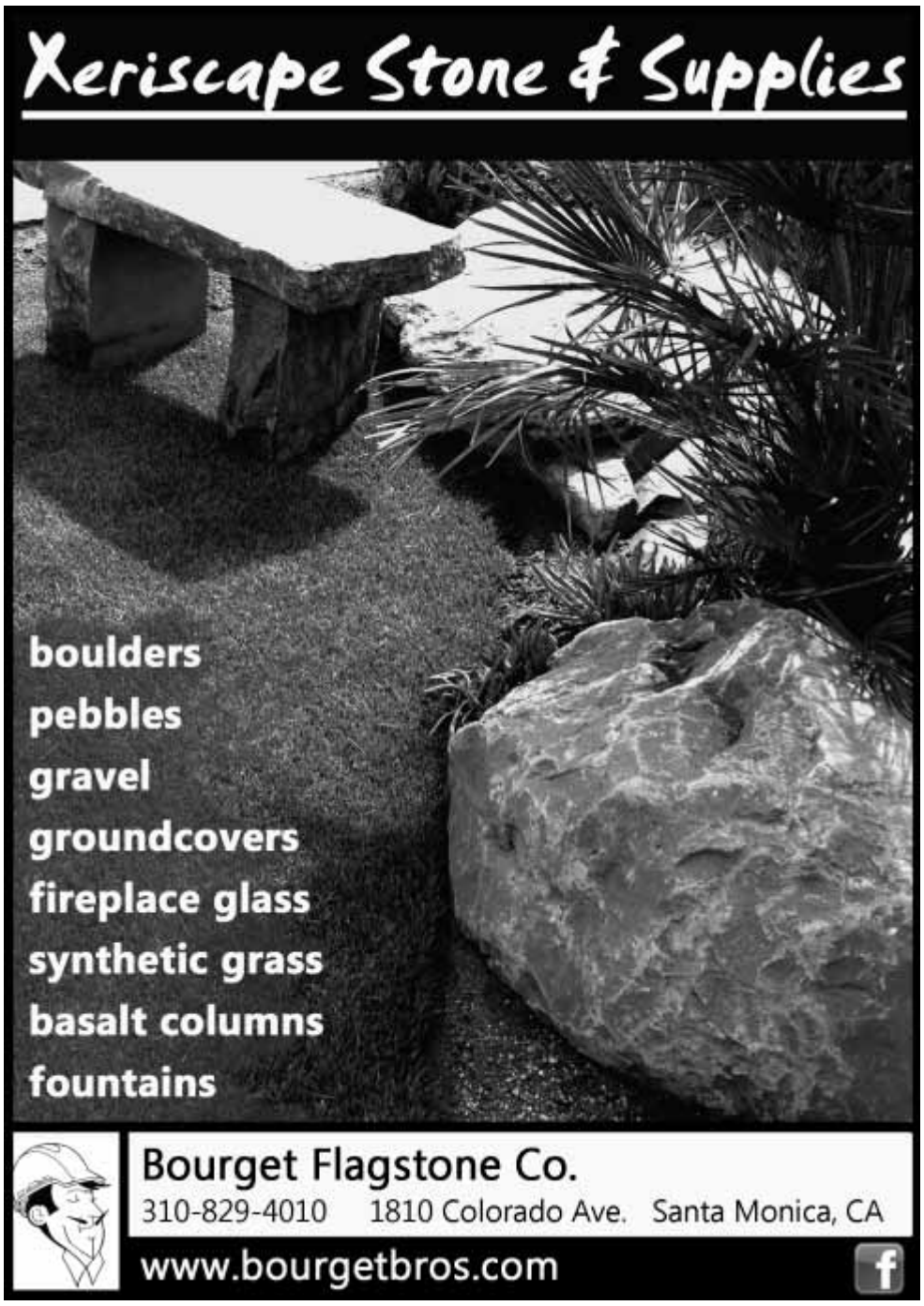
One reason that oxygen levels didn't drop too low is because of natural mixing in the Gulf, which kept bringing oxygen from other areas into the lower oxygen levels, Murawski said.

But there were indications that the bacteria was eating the oil underwater — at depths of about 3,300 feet — because oxygen levels sagged, lending more weight to claims last month by the government that much of the oil had degraded, dissolved or evaporated, Murawski said.

From April to July, about 172 million gallons of oil flowed into the Gulf of Mexico from the damaged well. Last month, two non-governmental academic teams of researchers found invisible underwater plumes of oil remained deep underwater in the Gulf

The new work is based on data collected from May through August at 419 locations by nine government and private research ships in the Gulf.

Larry McKinney, director of a Gulf of Mexico research center at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, said the new federal data showed that it was a "nearly perfect" outcome.





Church sticks with Sept. 11 Quran burning

MITCH STACY
Associated Press Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. A Christian minister vowed Tuesday to go ahead with plans to burn copies of the Quran to protest the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks despite warnings from the White House and the top U.S. general in Afghanistan that he would endanger American troops overseas.

Pastor Terry Jones of the Dove World Outreach Center, which has about 50 members, said he understands the government's concerns but plans to go forward with the burning Saturday to mark the ninth anniversary of the attacks.

He left the door open to change his mind, saying he is still praying about his decision, which was condemned Tuesday by an interfaith coalition that met in Washington to respond to a spike in anti-Muslim bigotry.

Gen. David Petraeus warned in an e-mail to The Associated Press that "images of the burning of a Quran would undoubtedly be used by extremists in Afghanistan — and around the world — to inflame public opinion and incite violence."

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley echoed that, calling the plan to burn copies of the Quran "un-American" and saying it does not represent the views of most people in the U.S.

"While it may well be within someone's rights to take this action, we hope cooler heads will prevail," Crowley said.

Jones told the AP in a phone interview that he is also concerned but wonders how many times the U.S. can back down.

"We think it's time to turn the tables, and instead of possibly blaming us for what could happen, we put the blame where it belongs — on the people who would do it," he said. "And maybe instead of addressing us, we should address radical Islam and send a very clear warning that they are not to retaliate in any form."

Jones, who runs the small, evangelical Christian church with an anti-Islam philosophy, says he has received more than 100 death threats and has started wearing a .40-caliber pistol strapped to his hip.

The threats started not long after the 58-year-old minister proclaimed in July that he would stage "International Burn a Quran Day." Supporters have been mailing copies of the Islamic holy text to his Dove World Outreach Center to be incinerated in a bonfire that evening.

The fire department has denied Jones a required burn permit for Saturday, but he says he is going ahead with his event. He said lawyers have told him his right to burn the Quran is protected by the First Amendment whether he's got permission from the city or not.

Muslims consider the Quran to be the word of God and insist it be treated with the utmost respect, along with any printed material containing its verses or the name of Allah or the Prophet Muhammad. Any intentional damage or show of disrespect to the Quran is deeply offensive.

The interfaith group of evangelical, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim leaders meeting in Washington condemned Jones' plan to burn the Quran as a violation of American values and the Bible. Among the participants was Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, retired Catholic archbishop of Washington, D.C.; Rabbi David Saperstein of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism; and top officials from the Islamic Society of North America, the group that organized the gathering.

"This is not the America that we all have grown to love and care about," said Rabbi Steve Gutow of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. "We have to stand up for our Muslim brothers and sisters and say, 'This is not OK.'"

In this progressive north Florida town of 125,000 anchored by the sprawling University of Florida campus, the lanky preacher with the bushy white mustache is mostly seen as a fringe character who doesn't deserve the attention he's getting.

Still, at least two dozen Christian churches, Jewish temples and Muslim organizations in Gainesville have mobilized to plan inclusive events — some will read from the Quran at their own weekend services — to counter what Jones is doing. A student group is organizing a protest across the street from the church Saturday.

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Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 17, 2010. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Oscar Santiago at the above address by September 17, 2010.

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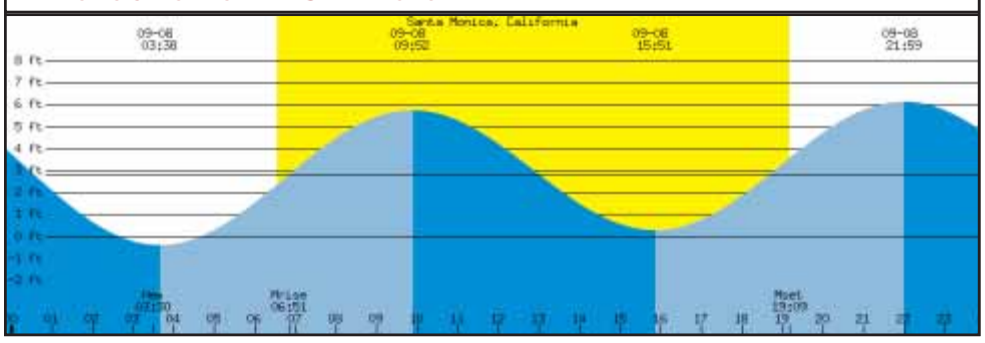
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Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	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.	A	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.	A	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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Report: Bush to lose Heisman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Yahoo! Sports reported Tuesday that 2005 Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush is expected to be stripped of the award by the end of the month

The former Southern Cal running back would become the first player in the 75-year history of the award to have the Heisman Trophy taken away. The report also said the award would be left vacant for '05.

The NCAA found major violations in USC's football program and levied serious sanctions against the school in June.

"I can tell you the Heisman Trophy trust has made no decision regarding the Reggie Bush situation," Robert Whalen, executive director of the Heisman Trophy Trust, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The website cited two anonymous sources close to the Heisman Trophy Trust, who say the group's investigation is almost complete and would agree with the NCAA's finding that Bush was ineligible during the '05 season.

Bush now plays for the Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints, who said Tuesday that they would have no comment on the report.

Typically, the Saints have declined comment on Bush's NCAA violations because they have no bearing on his pro career.

Team headquarters also were closed to reporters on Tuesday.

Bush's Los Angeles-based attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the AP.

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7:30pm

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Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min
12:15pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:10pm

The Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:10pm, 3:10pm, 6:15pm, 9:20pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
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Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
12:00pm, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

American (R)
2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

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2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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Highwater (NR) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

The Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
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1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Machete (NR)
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

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Relax at home, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ New beginnings involving diet, health and work become possible. A resolution made this morning could work. Your positive attitude and optimistic approach draw others closer. A partner opens up. Tonight: Relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A new beginning becomes possible for single and married Bulls. Your instincts come into play and mix with an innate ingenuity. You might wonder what a boss really means. This person is routinely vague. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Anchor in, knowing what it is you want. Whether at home or at work makes no difference -- you make a decision. Others support you in the process, though there could be a holdout. A boss, once more, becomes aware of you. Tonight: Kick back at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You have a question or inquiry that could impact a decision. You might want to check in with an older friend or boss who generally has plenty of good advice. Scurry for an expert if need be. Tonight: Off to a favorite haunt.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer. Often, you give away too much, be it time, effort or even money. You forget just how much you bring to the table. Having a good sense of self-worth is important. Reach out for those at a distance. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A New Moon in your sign allows a new beginning wherever you would like it. Charm, ingenuity and energy all mix to help you along. A partner who doesn't always get you wants to be helpful and tries at any cost. Tonight: Others respond to your wishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Know when to pull back and make better decisions for you and for others. Something that has been nagging at you in quiet moments needs resolving. Trust a partner who might be overly nurturing at times but cares. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A meeting points out the path to success or a long-desired goal. You have the energy to make this idea work, though others will pitch in. You could be uncomfortable with a family member who often confuses matters. Let this person be. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ A boss can be demanding, but you see a new beginning occurring. You don't want to mess this up, as your imagination goes haywire. Prioritize, trying to stay centered. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You want to break past restrictive thinking, most likely yours. Can you understand where someone else is coming from? Open up to an unusual solution that you would have deemed impossible a year ago. Tonight: Let your mind relax to a favorite piece of music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A key partner in your life makes it his or her pleasure to tune in and get closer. At first, you might not know how to handle this situation, even if it is professional. You are smart enough to know what is appropriate. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others appear to be empowered. You might wonder what you need to do in order to change a difficult situation. As you open up, what was originally your goal might no longer be. Good will flows between you and several associates. Turn the situation into a better working relationship. Tonight: Sort through suggestions, and choose one.

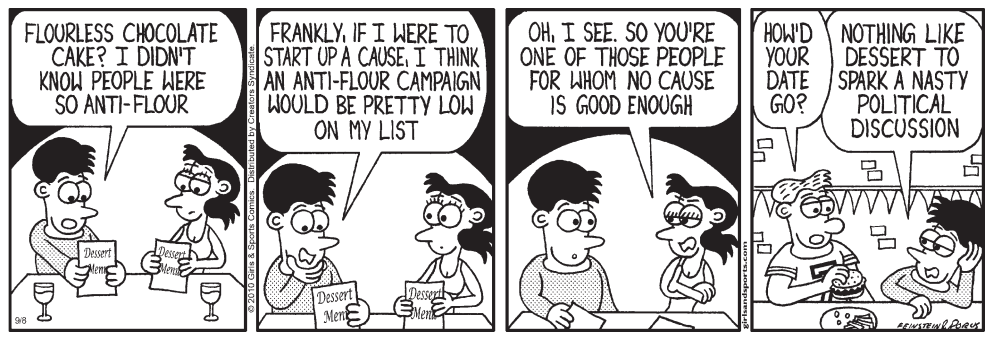
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Happy birthday

This year, you open up to new possibilities; you can manifest much of what you desire. Creativity marks your days, actions and words. Others simply enjoy working with you. Those in your personal life enjoy you more than ever. If you're single, your charm and energy could attract an exotic personality. Take your time getting to know this person. You will relish being with him or her a lot. If you are attached, defer to your sweetie and remain sensitive to him or her. You could become quite me-oriented. A fellow VIRGO can be like you used to be -- nit-picky and critical.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



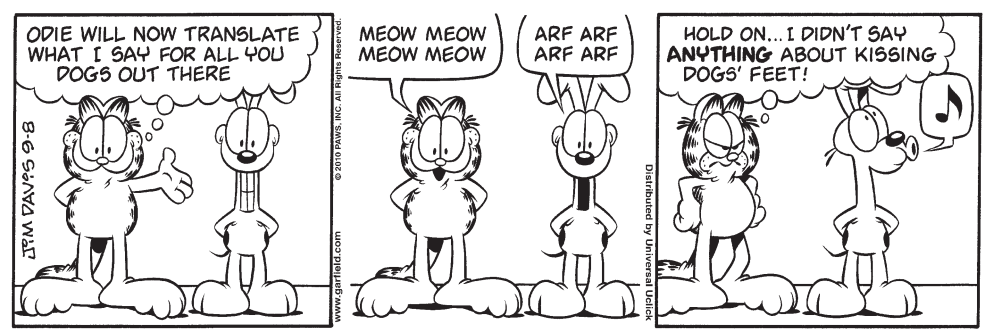
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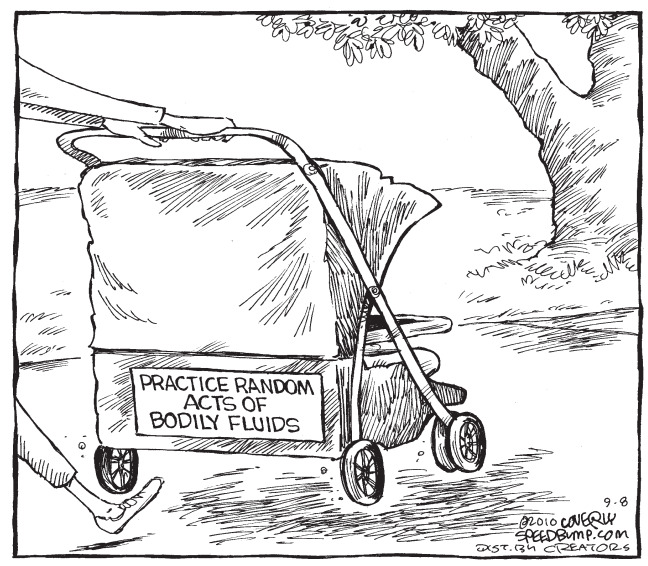
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like **a disaster** is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been **waiting** for this **to** happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll **happen.**

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

1	5	9	2	8	7	4	6	3
6	8	7	3	4	5	9	1	2
4	2	3	6	9	1	5	7	8
8	9	4	1	7	2	3	5	6
3	1	6	8	5	9	2	4	7
2	7	5	4	6	3	8	9	1
9	6	2	5	1	8	7	3	4
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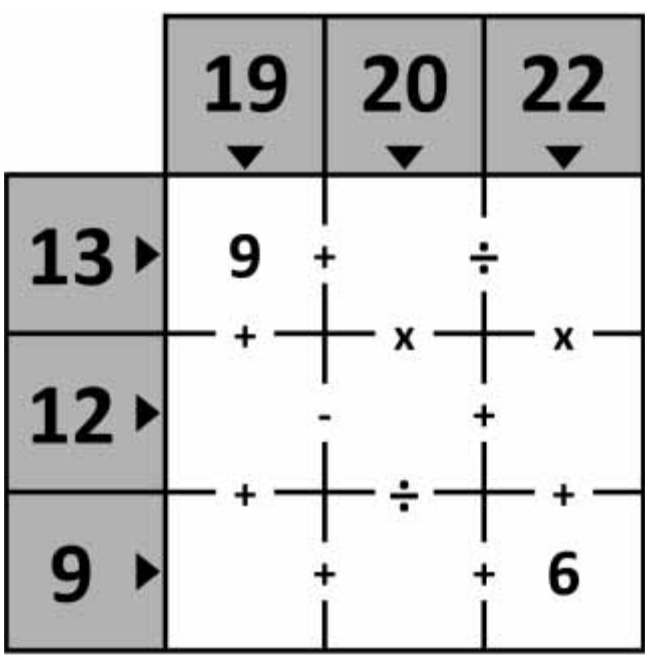
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• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 D.C. team, familiarly
5 Game with mallets
9 Cornhusker city
11 Volume-based
12 Clerk, at times
13 Dole out
14 Ripen
15 Slogan
17 Sunbather's marking
19 Understand
20 Spirited horse
21 Singer Shannon
22 Jot down
24 Blue
26 Wanders
29 Knight's title
30 Emergency phone
32 It rises and falls in fashion
34 Trip part
35 Opera pieces
36 Back biter
38 Iron
39 Director Lee
40 Sunrise site
41 Ordeal

DOWN

1 Diet stricture
2 Female friends, to Felipe
3 Knack
4 That girl
5 Influence
6 Compel
7 Music's Hampton
8 Quartet doubled
10 More pretentious
11 Canary's home
16 Firewood holder
18 Lascivious
21 Agreement
23 Tribe symbols
24 Rugged range
25 Warring groups
27 Bush family dog
28 Is furtive
29 Form
30 Radiator sound
31 Snowy bird
33 Ultimate
37 Choose

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40				■	■	■	41			

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Notorious Boston criminal gang leader Whitey Bulger, who has been on the run since 1995, made News of the Weird before that because of some unusual dietary (and hence, excretory) habits. Bulger would now be 80 years old, but law enforcement officials have no idea where he is, or what he now looks like, or even if he is alive, but they believe he likes to browse books. In April 2010, FBI agents blanketed bookstores in Victoria, British Columbia, having gotten word that he might be in the area, but nothing turned up. (Bulger was the model for the Jack Nicholson character in the movie "The Departed.")

■ Oklahoma City bomber-helper Terry Nichols, serving a life sentence at the "Super Max" federal prison in Colorado, recently ended what he said was his third hunger strike of 2010 to protest food quality. Lack of fiber in the diet, he said, causes him "chronic constipation, bleeding, (and) hemorrhoids" and thus disrespects "God's holy temple," which is Nichols' name for his body. The prison continues to offer Nichols only limited dietary options.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1863 American Civil War: Second Battle of Sabine Pass – on the Texas-Louisiana border at the mouth of the Sabine River, a small Confederate force thwarts a Union invasion of Texas.

1888 In London, the body of Jack the Ripper's second murder victim, Annie Chapman, is found.

1888 In England the first six Football League matches are played.

1892 The Pledge of Allegiance is first recited.

1900 Galveston Hurricane of 1900: a powerful hurricane hits Galveston, Texas killing about 8,000 people.

1914 World War I: Private Thomas Highgate becomes the first British soldier to be executed for desertion during the war.

1921 16-year-old Margaret Gorman wins the Atlantic City Pageant's Golden Mermaid trophy; pageant officials later dubbed her the first Miss America.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO 20101055489 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWIN DOVES, 12033 GOSHEN AVE. #5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DIANA C. REYES, 6611 CONVOY CT., SAN DIEGO, CA 92111; URSULA M. REYES, 12033 GOSHEN AV #5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by, an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein /s/: DIANA C. REYES, CO-OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2010.
NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code).
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. ES014224 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of EMILY LYNNE DECKER for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: EMILY LYNNE DECKER filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: EMILY LYNNE DECKER to EMILY LYNNE KESLER. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing:
Date: OCTOBER 15, 2010 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. B
The address of the court is Superior Court North District, 300 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: AUG 30, 2010

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