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GONE: **Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica staff members Noel Irias (left) and Tanner Madix take down the club's skate park on Wednesday.**

Boys & Girls Club closes popular skate park

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD A skate park at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica that was especially popular among in-line skaters was abruptly shut down on Tuesday, setting off complaints from the park's devotees and their parents.

By Thursday, the park's wooden ramps were being demolished — part of a plan to convert the park into space for team sports — leaving parents who had held out hope of saving the park crestfallen.

"There's so many kids that have won trophies and awards [for Rollerblading] and they have no where to practice now," said Misty McAfee, whose 9-year-old son was a regular at the park.

Other skate parks in the area, including The Cove at Memorial Park, which is operated by City Hall, have concrete ramps and aren't suitable for in-line skating, she said.

Aaron Young, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club, said the closure was in response to higher liability insurance rates that would have cost the club up to an additional $40,000 per year. The club also experienced higher attendance over the summer and needed the skate park space to build two new basketball courts and soccer and baseball fields, he said.

Just 20 kids could use the skate ramp at once, while the fields will provide space for as many as 100 kids to play, he said.

"You've got to make the best decision that's the right decision for all the kids — not just the kids that use the skate park," he said. "It's a tough decision. I don't like having to take the skate park away from the kids, but sometimes you do have to take a step back before you can take a step forward — and we need that space."

Young said the board of governors' 14-member operations committee met to consider closing the park in late August. No decision was reached at the meting, he said, but members later decided to close the facility.

"The committee left that meeting saying 'We need to think about it.' Then they got back to me and said, 'OK, this is what we're going to do," Young said on Thursday.

Parent's, though, said they were caught off guard by the park's closure on Tuesday. Several parents said they had been drafting letters in defense of the park in preparation for a board of governors meeting scheduled for Sept. 13.

"I don't know what we're more upset about: the park closing or the crazy, half-truth management," said McAfee's husband, Jason.

Young, for his part, attributed some parents' confusion to "bad information" and said the possibility the skate park would close had been well known for months. A

SEE SKATE PAGE 8



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SHOW OF UNITY: **Beth Shir Sholom Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, Director of Religious Affairs at the Islamic Center of Southern California Jihad Turk, Cantor Ken Cohen and Muslim actor, singer and prayer leader Ben Youcef (right of stage) join together in song during the Jewish new year Rosh Hashanah at Barnum Hall on Thursday.**

Rabbi urges support for NYC Islamic center

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI The Jewish high holiday Rosh Hashanah is traditionally a day for believers to reflect and repent as they head into the Jewish new year. But at a ceremony held

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi takes on a new Leuzinger

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

LAWNDALE The Vikings may be taking on familiar foe Leuzinger to open the season today, but it's a team that is sporting an entirely new look.

Luezinger has a new head coach in Reginald Grant and is scrambling to replace 21 of 22 starters from last year's team, including its quarterback.

"They are all young and unproven,"

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Friday, Sept. 10, 2010

Art and a ride
Santa Monica Pier Carousel
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An exhibit featuring photographs by Elena Perrotta are on display in the Carousel Building through Sept. 15, 2010. The exhibit is open during normal Carousel business hours and closed on Tuesdays. This event is free.

Historic tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn about the rich history of the Beach House from a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Tours are free, last approximately 30 minutes, and no reservations are required.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010

Become a part of the act
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Join the Robin Cox Ensemble for a continuous one-hour event that invites the participation of all. Before the concert, dance improviser Stephanie Nugent will offer concepts for movement. Non-dancers welcome, come participate as a mover, listener or dancer. Dance improvisation tips at 7:30 p.m., music at 8 p.m. Reservations for this event only; (562) 243-0848 or at www.robincoxensemble.com. Tickets are $15.

To be or not to be?
Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday 6 p.m.
Join the cast of "Elizabeth Shakespeare and the Astute Detective" on their opening night as they explore the question of who actually wrote the "Shakespeare" plays. Admission is $17.50 — $20. For more information or tickets, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

'Mountains to the Sea'
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, Aug. 26 through Nov. 28
"Mountains to the Sea" art exhibit reflects the land we walk on and the vistas that embrace us, illustrating the diversity of this experience through different artistic lenses and different mediums. After reviewing over 30 proposals from different groups of artists the Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division offered a three month show to the artist members proposal of the Topanga Canyon Gallery. In addition to the exhibit, several of the artists will also conduct workshops at the beach site. Check the www.AnnenbergBeachHouse.com site for more information.

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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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Help plan Pico Library

When it comes to building a new library for the Pico Neighborhood, City Hall wants to hear from you.

City staff will host a community workshop this Saturday, Sept. 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Thelma Terry Community Meeting Room at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

Pico Neighborhood residents have for decades requested a library be built to help revitalize Pico Boulevard and strengthen academic support for youth. The City Council in February voted to move forward with the creation of the Pico Branch Library.

Topics covered at the workshop will include an update on planning the new branch library, a presentation featuring a virtual tour of libraries nationwide as well as an opportunity to meet the design team, Koning Eizenberg Architecture. Workshops are also planned for October, November and December.

Virginia Avenue Park is served by Big Blue Bus Line 7. The park is wheelchair accessible and welcomes persons of all abilities. A Spanish-language translator will be available at the workshop.

The public is also being encouraged to give input on the Pico Branch Library planning process by completing a survey, available in both English and Spanish. The survey is available online at smpl.org/pico/TakeOurSurvey.htm and copies are available at all Santa Monica Public Library locations and at Virginia Avenue Park.

For more information about the Let's Talk Pico Branch Library Community Workshop, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606, sign-up for e-mail updates at pico.library@smgov.net, or visit the website smpl.org/pico/library.htm.

DAILY PRESS

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Free outdoor movies return

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and head down to the beach to catch Brand X Movies at the Pier.

The four-part series begins Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. with a presentaiton of "Iron Man." Subsequent movies will be: "The Spongebob Squarpants Movie" on Sept. 17; "Dirt!" on Sept. 24; and the original "Karate Kid" on Oct. 1.

Movies are screened on the Santa Monica Pier parking deck. No ticket is required for admission.

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LINING UP: **Lighthouse Christian Academy's football team practices at Penmar Park on Wednesday afternoon.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Familiar face leads Lighthouse Christian

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

PENMAR PARK The Lighthouse Christian Academy football team needed a change after failing to win a single game last season. That change will come in the form of the team's new head coach, Justin Kayne.

Although Kayne, who recently graduated from Lighthouse before heading off to play as a defensive back for the Santa Monica College Corsairs, is picking up the coaching reins off the back of a disappointing season for the Saints, the first-year coach is excited to bring a tradition of excellence back to their eight-man football program.

"We've got a great group of guys and we are all hopeful for a successful season," Kayne said enthusiastically. "We started practicing in the summer with weightlifting and skill fundamentals. We've also been working all summer long training, working on conditioning and getting the boys in shape."

The young coach's biggest hurdle is the difficulty he finds in trying to field a quality team. Enrollment at Lighthouse Christian Academy is only 52 students at the high school level and a typical eight-man team includes at least 12 players, so

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More star power for 'Stand Up To Cancer' telethon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Diane Lane, Marcia Cross and Mark Harmon are set to join more than 100 celebrities for Friday's "Stand Up To Cancer" telethon.

Kyra Sedgwick, Jay Leno and Ryan Seacrest also have been added to the list for the hourlong fundraiser, to be simulcast commercial-free by ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC and a number of cable channels.

Other previously announced stars include Sally Field, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and George Clooney.

Donations to the telecast are intended to fund innovative cancer research. The first telethon, in 2008, helped raise more than $100 million.

"Stand Up to Cancer," hosted by news anchors Katie Couric, Diane Sawyer and Brian Williams, will air at 8 p.m. EDT Friday. It also will be seen on the Armed Forces Network.

Residents: Police harassment spawned shooting outrage

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A city all too familiar with civil unrest was caught by surprise with the level of outrage over the fatal police shooting of an illegal immigrant from Guatemala

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Saw that one coming

Editor:

I'm not surprised that the Coalition of Santa Monica Employees endorsed the re-election of only incumbents. ("City Hall employees want more of the same come November," Sept. 4, page 1). That's why I didn't seek their endorsement

Why does Santa Monica need 1,600 city employees for a town that's just 8.3 square miles? Why does Santa Monica pay the second highest city manager salary next to Bell, according to the recent L.A. Times exposé, plus a $1.3 million low-interest mortgage offer? Plus what else? How many other city employees have City Hall loans? How much are city employee pensions costing us? I've spent 30 years fighting for employee rights, but these are hard times for everyone.

Too often City Council incumbents have voted for salary increases and for new positions just before elections. While not necessarily improper, endorsements by city employees who are on the receiving end of incumbents' "generosity with taxpayer money" smell – especially post City of Bell scandal. No wonder the Coalition of Santa Monica Employees' president wants "continuity." My supporters and I, on the other hand, want to see the long overdue tightening of Santa Monica's financial belt.

Susan J. Hartley
Santa Monica

Not happy with headline

Editor:

Your headline is inaccurate because we at Santa Monica Spoke have no objections to Agensys building their facility in the Pico Neighborhood ("Agensys proposal gets thumbs up despite bike riders' objections," Sept. 3, page 1). But we don't like that bicyclists were banned from using the main driveway to cross over the property to Bergamot, a future rail station. The new Land Use and Circulation Element promises "through access" for bicyclists when large properties, such as this four-acre parcel, are redeveloped. Requiring bicyclists to dismount to cross the property turns them into pedestrians and does not fulfill this "bicycle access" promise. This Pico Neighborhood is the least bike-friendly place in Santa Monica and this driveway would have allowed many more safe trips by bike, for example, to help high school students get to Samohi by connecting to Michigan Avenue.

Both the city lawyers and Agensys lawyers were concerned about liability issues and used that as an excuse to ban bicyclists from the property. We think that is unreasonable and discriminatory and do not see that this driveway/parking lot is any different from what you see at every major grocery store in Santa Monica. Since bicyclists are legal road users, with all the same rights and responsibilities, we think that where cars are legally allowed (except for most freeways), bicyclists should be allowed, especially on city-owned property such as this.

Barbara Filet
Santa Monica

Not as bad as lawnmowers

Editor:

Brian Bland suggests that the jet aircraft he complains about would not be visible on a 1945 photograph of SMO? Of course not, even if they had been invented they would have got up and gone away, as airplanes do, unlike lawn mowers, line trimmers, chain saws, leaf blowers, kindergartens and other stationary noise generators.

It has been suggested that the SMO detractors must rue the day the wheel was invented, clearly Brian is a member of that group.

Airplanes are here to stay, Brian, and at least pilots and airport operators make an effort to minimize the necessary noise that they make, unlike other sections of modern society. There are serious penalties for pilots who disobey airport noise abatement procedures.

George P . James
Santa Monica

Your column here



Joi Morris — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

My genes, not Myriad's

A COMPANY IN UTAH OWNS MY GENES, or at least they owned bits of them until recently when the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York invalidated patents issued to Myriad Genetics for the breast cancer genes, known as BRCA1 and BRCA2. I have a BRCA2 mutation and have long wondered how it was that Myriad could own two small slices of the chromosomes that reside in every cell in my body. After all, Myriad didn't "invent" my DNA; that was the exclusive job of my parents, who created the unique DNA sequence that is mine.

My mother had breast cancer when she was 43 and her grandmother also had breast cancer. When I wanted to test for the breast cancer genes my only option was to send my blood and my money to Myriad because their exclusive patent precludes other companies from testing for these genes.

The District Court's decision is only the opening skirmish in what is likely to be a protracted battle over gene patents. Myriad has promised to appeal, and experts believe this is an issue that will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. But the decision is nonetheless a watershed moment with implications that reach far beyond the BRCA genes, because approximately 20 percent of the human genome has been patented. Several thousand companies own different slices of my DNA.

Myriad and others argue that without the promise of patent protection companies will not invest the money needed to make new genetic discoveries. While this argument has some merit it ignores the fact that millions of public dollars also went into the discovery of the BRCA genes. The fruit of this public investment in gene research should be publicly available.

In contrast to the BRCA genes and other privately patented genes, the vast majority of gene sequences were discovered through the Human Genome Research Project and are publicly available through a database on the Internet, which facilitates collaboration and research to find cures for complex diseases like cancer. Multitudes of companies as well as public institutions do fund and collaborate on research on these non-patented genes.

The era of truly personalized medicine is at hand, when genetic information can be used to customize medical recommendations for both prevention of and treatment of diseases. But first we need to know the genetic code stored in our DNA. The National Human Genome Research Project is speeding toward its goal of a commercially available analysis of an individual's entire genome for less than $1,000. Yet even when technologically feasible, no company will be able to actually provide a full genome sequence. All of the DNA slices covered by patents will be excluded. Although I paid Myriad to find out that I have a BRCA2 mutation, as a practical matter neither I or anyone else will pay several thousand different companies for the information stored in the various other slices of DNA that are subject to patents. A full genome sequence for $1,000 would be useful to me and to my doctor, especially if it could shed light on my risk for the heart disease in my family. The future of personalized medicine could be strangled by the patent system. What an absurdity.

But this is an absurdity that can and should be avoided. By law, products of nature cannot be patented. Judge Sweet was right that the "essential characteristic" of DNA — its nucleotide sequence — does not change in any way as a result of the scientific manipulation necessary to decode the sequence for scientific or clinical use. The nucleotide sequence is defined by nature, not by any technology applied to it. Indeed, if the DNA code were changed as part of the chemical manipulations applied to it, then it would no longer be a blueprint of our genetic instructions and would lose its usefulness to both science and the individual. DNA, whether inside our bodies or out, whether whole or chemically manipulated for decoding, retains its native sequence as given to us by the egg and the sperm that created our first cell.

Myriad has vigorously enforced its patents, preventing research labs from performing certain types of research related to the BRCA genes and in some instances stopping research altogether. Other companies are unwilling to invest research dollars into BRCA-related research because of Myriad's patents. Myriad's patent not only limits research, it forces researchers to withhold critical information that would change the patient's future healthcare.

Any woman who wants to know if she is carrying a BRCA mutation must shell out more than $3,000 to Myriad to perform the test (in fact, Myriad raised the price of its test three days after the court's ruling in the patent case). But not all women can afford this. Even those with health insurance may find that the insurance company will not pay for the test, leaving them to fund the test themselves. The result is that each year women go untested and without the benefit of knowledge that could save their lives by changing a chemotherapy regimen or by early cancer detection through an intensive screening program. Myriad's monopoly has prevented access to what can be lifesaving information.

The goal of decoding and understanding human DNA should be to improve the lives of individuals affected by hereditary disorders, not just to improve the quarterly profits of the companies who perform genetic tests.

JOI MORRIS is co-author of "Positive Results: Making the Best Decisions When You're at High Risk for Breast or Ovarian Cancer." September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

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9/11 and mosque madness

TOMORROW IS THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY of 9/11, one of the darkest days in American history. Everybody remembers where they were when they saw the planes hit the World Trade Center. Everybody, that is, but George W. Bush.

I could never be irreverent about the 9/11 tragedy. But the "official story" made no sense. For example, at a December, 2001 press conference Bush chuckled, "I used to fly myself, and I said, 'There's one terrible pilot.'" But for W. to have thought that, he would have had to have seen the first plane hit the towers live. Nobody did. Cameras weren't trained on the WTC.

Bush described the crucial moment in the classroom. "Andy Card walked over and said, 'A second plane has hit the tower. America's under attack.'" In an age when nuclear missiles can get here in half an hour, I'll never understand how Bush just sat there for seven minutes reading "My Pet Goat" with the kids. (Maybe he wanted to know how it ended?)

Explaining his puzzling inaction Bush said, "I grew up in a period where the idea of America being under attack never entered my mind." Say what? When W. grew up the U.S. and the USSR had thousands of nukes pointed at each other.

We were so obsessed with a Russian nuclear attack, that in grade school we had frequent "drop drills." If the teacher emphatically said "drop," we kids instantly dived under our wooden desks. (As if a wood desk would help during a nuclear blast.)

One time, as I dived under my desk, I got a bad splinter. The school nurse jokingly blamed the Commies as she painfully removed it with tweezers. (Painful for me, although my whining might have been painful for her.)

Back at the press conference, Bush continued, "And I started thinking hard about what it meant to be under attack." (At that perilous moment Bush gets all "existential?") "But I knew that when I got all the facts, there would be hell to pay for attacking America."

There was hell to pay, and we're still "paying" i.e. Iraq and Afghanistan. As for "facts," they made them up.

Nov. 22, 1963, is another tragic date in American history. But W.'s father, Poppy Bush, says he doesn't remember where he was. And yet, only hours after JFK's assassination, Poppy made a phone call to the FBI in Dallas with a tip about who might have done it! So maybe W.'s memory lapses are genetic?

As we all watched 9/11 on television, it seemed surreal when the towers imploded so neatly into their footprints and the steel turned to dust. I wondered how did Building No. 7 turn to dust when it wasn't even hit by a jet?

Whenever I write about 9/11 I get e-mails condemning me for questioning the official story. Of course they're often from people who insisted there were WMDs or that Saddam plotted the WTC attack.

And then there's the 9/11 Commission. When Bush and Cheney finally agreed to testify they did so only if they weren't under oath. (Why not?) And they insisted on testifying together. Weird. Then again, Charlie McCarthy never went anywhere without Edgar Bergen.

ON THIS 9/11 ANNIVERSARY OUR NATIONAL EMOTION SEEMS INVESTED IN THE PROPOSED BUILDING OF 'THE GROUND ZERO MOSQUE.'

On this 9/11 anniversary our national emotion seems invested in the proposed building of "The Ground Zero Mosque." It's called that despite that it's two blocks from Ground Zero and a mosque is a holy place devoted solely to prayer for true believers. This is to be a 13-story "Islamic Cultural Center," open to New Yorkers of all faiths, and will include a culinary school and a basketball court! (To train terrorist chefs and point guards?)

But on Facebook and at Tea Party functions the project is described as a Muslim "Trojan Horse" from where evildoers will plot America's destruction. Never mind freedom of religion, or that New York Mayor Bloomberg, many Christian and Jewish leaders, and even many of the victim's families are in favor of it. Never mind that for 40 years, and without incident, there's been a mosque four blocks from Ground Zero.

In Florida tomorrow, Pastor Terry Jones is going to stage a Koran burning despite a warning from Gen. Patreus that, "The display would be dangerous for U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan." But Pastor Jones seems determined to have his 15 minutes of fame.

Sometimes as a nation we conveniently overlook the Constitution. After Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans living on the Pacific Coast were forced into "War Relocation Camps." Currently, if some otherwise rational and freedom-loving people have their way, we may overlook it again.

Watching this emotionally charged debate on an anniversary of 9/11 makes me feel as though the murderers who killed 3,000 innocent Americans caused even deeper damage. I hope we can somehow find a way to remember 9/11 without forgetting who we are.

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The Q Line

Weird weather

We've been wondering lately why this summer has been so mild.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you make of the strange weather recently?

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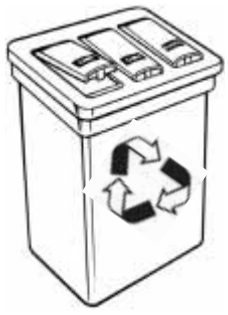
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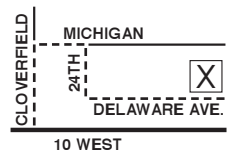


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U.S. Chamber begins attack ads against Senator Boxer

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is following up its endorsement of Republican Senate candidate Carly Fiorina with attack ads against Democratic incumbent Barbara Boxer.

The business group's TV ad campaign could help Fiorina dull the huge financial edge that Boxer had going into the general election. Fiorina lagged Boxer 12-to-1 in fundraising earlier this summer.

The ads began running Wednesday night in Sacramento, Fresno, Bakersfield and San Diego. One ad aimed at Central Valley residents accused Boxer of protecting California jobs and farms. A similar ad targeted at San Diego says Boxer voted to cut water to the city.

The two ads refer to a September 2009 vote on an amendment from Sen. Jim Demint, R-S.C. The amendment would have prevented the Interior Department from funding certain activities that reduced the amount of water available to some Central Valley farms as well as communities in Southern California.

The amendment failed 61-35. Boxer was joined by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California in voting against the measure. Feinstein called it a "Pearl Harbor on everything we are trying to do" concerning the state's water problem.

The ads frame the debate over water as one of fish versus people. It will appeal to voters who blame the government for a lack of water.

State and federal water officials have said the drought that plagued California was the biggest culprit in California's water shortages, not the federal rules imposed by wildlife agencies to protect fish in the delta.

For example, state and federal agencies were unable to pump 2.1 million acre feet last year because a three-year drought had left low water levels in the state's key reservoirs. It was far more than the half a million acre feet not pumped to comply with the federally ordered smelt protections.

J.P Fielder, the chamber's director of media relations, says the chamber will spend millions of dollars on various efforts in California, including the Senate race as well as potentially other races. The group supports mostly Republicans, but is backing some Democrats nationally as well.

Pair charged with setting fires during LAPD protest

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Two Los Angeles men have pleaded not guilty to illegally setting a fire during a violent protest over the police shooting of a knife-wielding man.

The city attorney's office says 24-year-old Carlos Garcia and 25-year-old Fernando Aguila entered pleas Thursday to two misdemeanor charges each. If convicted, they could each face up to 180 days in Los Angeles County jail and a $1,000 fine.

Both men have been released from jail and authorities did not immediately know whether they have obtained lawyers.

Prosecutors claim the pair lit a bonfire and threw wood on the blaze Monday night in the first protest of the shooting of 37-year-old Manuel Jamines on Sunday.

Police and the mayor have defended the actions of an officer who responded to a report that a man was threatening people with a knife.

Spears denies bodyguard harassment claims

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Britney Spears denied a bodyguard's accusations that she sexually harassed him and abused her children, saying Thursday in a statement on her website that authorities looked into his claims but found no reason to act.

The statement said the pop singer and her attorney expect Fernando Flores' sexual harassment and intentional infliction of emotional distress lawsuit to be dismissed.

"This lawsuit is another unfortunate situation where someone is trying to take advantage of the Spears family and make a name for himself," the statement read. "The Department of Children and Family Services conducted a proper investigation surrounding Mr. Flores' accusations and have closed the case without further action."

Spears did not say when the investigation was conducted and the department doesn't release details of its inquiries.

Flores claimed in his lawsuit that Spears repeatedly exposed herself to him and made other unwanted sexual advances. He also claimed she used his belt to discipline her young sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, and acted inappropriately in front of them.

The bodyguard's employment with Spears appeared to be brief — his court filings state he started working for her in February, and by June he was no longer on her security detail.

Flores also sued his former employer, Advanced Security Concepts Corp. A woman who answered the company's phone Wednesday declined to comment and refused to be identified.

Flores is seeking unspecified damages.

Spears' ex-husband, Kevin Federline, has also denied through his attorney that any abuse occurred and called Flores' accusations "baseless."

Attorney Mark Vincent Kaplan told The Associated Press on Wednesday that if Federline believed the children were in danger, he would have stepped in already.

"He is satisfied that the allegations are a product of economic motives," Kaplan said. "They are as baseless as they seem."

Federline has custody of the former couple's sons, but Spears has substantial visitation with the boys.

Spears remains under a court-ordered conservatorship in which her personal and financial affairs are controlled by her father and an attorney, and monitored by a judge. The conservatorship has prevented Spears from being deposed or testifying during previous cases in which she was sued.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Busted on his birthday

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TUESDAY, AUG. 31, AT 12:02 A.M.,
Santa Monica officers were on routine patrol in the 1400 block of Ninth Street when they observed two people riding bikes without lights. Officers stopped the suspects to write them a citation. During their investigation, officers searched the riders' backpacks for identification and said they found over 3 grams of psilocybin, a hallucinogen known as magic mushrooms. Officers arrested Giovanni Figueroaobando, 25, for possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at $10,000. According to police records, Figueroaobando was arrested on his birthday.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15, AT 3:38 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1300 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of someone trespassing on private property. When officers arrived, they made contact with a security guard who said that a man was refusing to leave. Officers contacted the man, who said he was just trying to find a place to sleep. Security wanted to press charges so the suspect was arrested for trespassing after he refused to leave the location. He was identified as Leon Redus, 52, of Arkansas. His bail was set at $500.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, AT 4:48 A.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the area of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard when a man came running up to their vehicle. The man said he was collecting cans out of the trash can near the rear of REI when a homeless man who was sleeping behind the trash can jumped up and started yelling at him. The alleged victim advised the suspect that he would only be a few minutes. The suspect then pulled out some box cutters and allegedly lunged at the victim. The victim, fearing for his life, ran away and contacted officers. Officers located the suspect and arrested him for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Enrique Perez, 21, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, AT 2:28 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 200 block of Broadway (Nordstrom) regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect entered the store, went to the men's section and removed belts and placed them in his pants before leaving the store without paying for the items. Security detained the suspect and called police. Officers searched the suspect and said they found other items that belonged to Nordstrom. Officers said they also found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamines. Officers arrested the suspect for burglary, a probation violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was identified as Fred Andrews, 35, a transient. He was not eligible for bail.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1, AT 11:45 A.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard regarding an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said the suspect, whom she has known for 10 years, invited her into his van. The suspect told the victim that she owed his father $200. The victim denied that she owed any money. The suspected allegedly started driving the vehicle and stopped in an alley. The suspect then struck the victim in the face several times, police said. The suspect reached into the victim's pocket and removed $40. The suspect then told the victim to get out of the vehicle. She did and he drove away. As officers were writing the report, the victim called and stated the suspect was back in the area of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers returned to the area and located the suspect and his vehicle. As officers checked the suspect's vehicle, they located a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. Officers also located rock cocaine and Oxycodone pills inside of the vehicle, police said. Officer arrested the suspect, Bradley Pearce, 56, of Santa Monica, for robbery, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia and a probation violation. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1, AT 2:43 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard (Zvezda) regarding a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees who said that two suspects – one male and one female – entered the store and one distracted a worker while the other removed a bracelet. The worker did not notice the item had been removed until she asked the suspects to leave the store. As the suspects were leaving, the man allegedly tried to steal a shawl. The suspects fled and the worker lost sight of them. Later that night, someone working next door saw the suspects at the Vons on Seventh Street and Broadway. The witness followed the suspects and contacted police. Officers detained the suspects, one of whom was allegedly wearing the stolen bracelet. Both were identified by the employee at Zvezda and were placed under arrest for burglary. They were identified as Douglas Saim, 52, a transient, and Ruth Cowan, 61, a transient. Bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, SEPT. 6, AT 1:02 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue (Sears) regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said that the suspect entered the store, removed a pair of pants and left the store without paying for them. Security detained the suspect and he was arrested for theft. He was identified as Robby Vavra, 47. No other information was provided. His bail was set at $20,000.

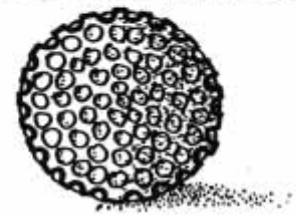
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SKATE
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handful of letters urging the board of governors to keep the park open were presented at the committee meeting in August, Young said.

Responding to parents' complaints, officials at City Hall on Wednesday looked into whether some of the ramps could be relocated to a city park but came up empty. As a consolation prize, every Boys & Girls Club skater, though, will be offered a free yearlong pass to The Cove.

"This happened fast and we were unable to save the wooden skate ramps, but I'm happy that Santa Monica's response was equally fast," said Councilman Kevin McKeown. "Every displaced skater will be welcomed at our city skate park at no cost to their families."

There could also be some changes at The Cove designed to welcome Rollerbladers.

"We understand that many of the [Boys & Girls Club] ramp users are in-line skaters and may have reservations about skating with boarders at The Cove." City Hall's community recreation manager, Kathy LePrevost wrote in an e-mail. "Our staff will work to ensure all participants are comfortable and assess whether or not separate skating sessions might be appropriate."

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Aaron Young,
President and CEO of the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica

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CEREMONY
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Thursday for the holiday at Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall, the day's message was also overtly political.

Speaking to a capacity crowd, Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels of Beth Shir Sholom Temple based his sermon around the ongoing controversy surrounding the so-called "Ground Zero Mosque," — an Islamic center proposed for a site in lower Manhattan two-and-a-half blocks from the former World Trade Center.

Opposition to the mosque is "a thin veil for bigotry, pure and simple," Comess-Daniels said in his remarks.

"Building an Islamic center dedicated to peace and pluralism in lower Manhattan within a couple of blocks of what used to be the World Trade Center is a great thing to do for the future of this country," he said. "If we don't enable that to happen, those crazy people who flew those planes — who were not doing anything in the name of real Islam — those crazy people will have won. If we don't enable the Islamic center to be built, we will have fulfilled their vision of us — that we are bigoted xenophobes who hate the other."

Beth Shir Sholom is characterized by members as a progressive synagogue that welcomes members from all faiths.

In that vein, the Barnum Hall event also featured remarks by Jihad Turk, director of Religious Affairs at the Islamic Center of Southern California, and a call to prayer sung by Ben Youcef, a Muslim actor, singer and prayer leader.

Comess-Daniels' remarks came a week after a poll found that two-thirds of New Yorkers, including many who said they were supporters of the mosque, want it to be relocated to a less controversial site farther from ground zero.

On Thursday, Comess-Daniels also urged members of the temple to speak out about the folly of opposing a religious group's right to worship freely.

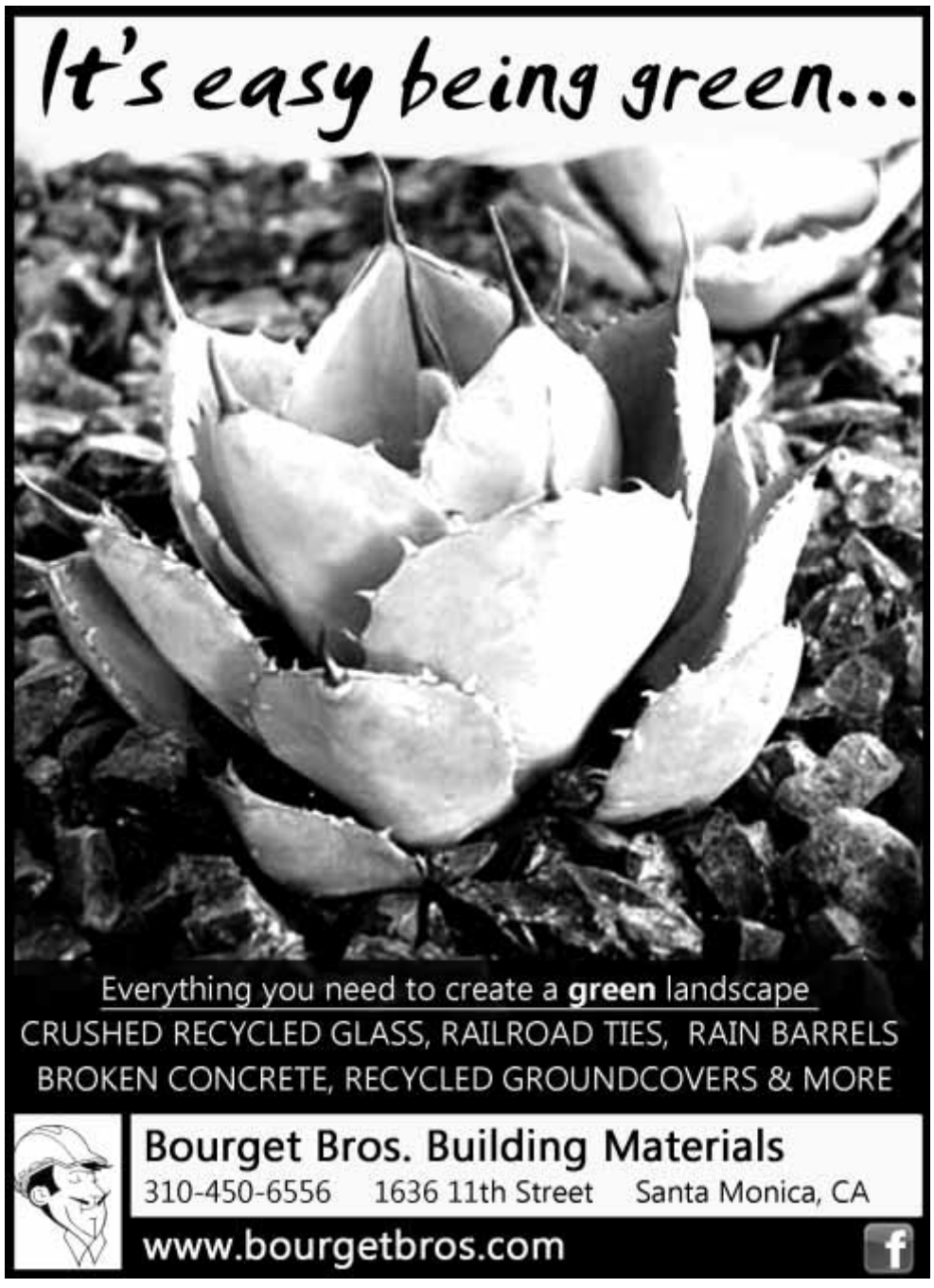
"There is work to be done. We must talk to our friends and family, near and far, 60 to 70 percent of whom are part of that prejudiced, fearful belief system" that opposes the proposed construction of the mosque, known as Park51.

"We must tell them the truth about Muslims, Islam and the progressive agenda of the Islamic center in New York City," he said.

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LIGHTHOUSE
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gathering enough players to fill the roster can prove to be tricky.

Due to the smaller field and the omission of three players at any given time, the tempo of the eight-man game is noticeably faster-paced with fewer players; and scores tend to be higher.

The Saints first opponent will be longtime rival Southlands Christian School, located in Walnut, Calif.

This is the third straight season Lighthouse will play the Southlands Eagles, but it will be their fourth game in three years. Last season, Lighthouse lost their season opener to Southlands, 26-20, but the Saints beat the Eagles twice in the 2008 season — including a 54-14 win in the playoffs.

Southlands Head Coach Frank Gerdine said his team always looks forward to playing the Saints and is glad to be opening the season against Lighthouse for the second season in a row.

"Coach Kayne accepting the head coaching responsibilities should be a welcome change for the Lighthouse team," Gerdine said. "They are always a tough matchup and we are really looking forward to our opening game. I wish Lighthouse Academy and their new head coach the best of luck."

Lighthouse plays in the eight-man Coastal League, along with four other schools: Rolling Hills Prep, Price, Ribet Academy and Hope Centre high schools.

In 2005, the Saints were California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division VA eight-man football runners-up, when Kayne was a freshman.

The game is scheduled for today at 3 p.m. in Walnut.

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SAMOHI
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Grant said of his Olympians. "It just means we'll have to play as a team to win."

Santa Monica High School, too, has a slightly different complexion with senior quarterback Brock Miller poised to make his first start for the Vikings.

While Leuzinger is vastly different from the team that defeated Samohi, 33-19, last season, there is a bit of bad blood between the schools.

During last season's game, Samohi's Cody Williams suffered a major injury to his spine that has put the now senior in a wheelchair and working to regain use of his legs. More than a few athletes at Samohi said that there were some Leuzinger fans who initially cheered the injury. And, again, during the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1 boys' basketball final in March there were audible taunts directed at Samohi's section by Leuzinger fans, which didn't sit well with Miller, who grew up playing football with Williams.

"We're going to do it for our boy, Cody," Miller said. "The whole team is ready to play."

With the added motivation of avenging the injury on the Vikings' minds, Head Coach Travis Clark said that the team has dedicated the entire summer to Williams, who was named a team captain by his peers.

"[The injury] was a real rallying point for the kids," Clark said. "They just want to go out and win for him."

For Leuzinger's Grant, he's just focused on breaking in a new squad.

He said the key position to settle is quarterback, where he has a two-man committee to start the season. Junior Laron Barnes and sophomore John Carrier will both see time behind center, but Grant said he wouldn't lean toward either player.

"We're going to see how the dust clears," Grant said. "Everything is still fresh and new."

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LAPD
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who was menacing officers with a knife.

The officers were also Hispanic, and witnesses backed up their claims that Manuel Jaminez threatened them.

And yet, protesters hurled eggs, bottles and rocks at a police station over the past several days, jeered the police chief when he tried to explain in front of a raucous community meeting and pushed long-simmering tensions to the forefront.

For many in the gritty Westlake neighborhood, the shooting was the last straw. Amid the poverty and chronic joblessness here, some residents say, officers mistreated them and were overly harsh in their enforcement of city ordinances.

"They are messing with people all the time," said Juan Lorenzo, a day laborer who knew Jaminez.

Lorenzo claimed that Officer Frank Hernandez, who the mayor hailed as a hero for shooting Jaminez, was disliked by many in the community because he would often ticket people for selling food on the street and would sometimes throw the food in the trash.

It wasn't immediately clear whether residents complained about police behavior to the LAPD.

Beyond complaints from several residents on Thursday about the police conduct, there were no easy answers to explain why the community reacted with such anger over the shooting.

The neighborhood just west of downtown is home to immigrants from Guatemala and elsewhere in Central America, where police corruption and violence leaves residents in fear and mistrustful of authority.

In Guatemala, for example, over 200,000 people died — many at the hands of soldiers or paramilitary patrols — in a civil war. In the face of police inaction and corruption, some towns in Guatemala have also become accustomed to taking justice into their own hands.

Mob attacks in which suspected criminals are beaten, sometimes to death, occur with some regularity in rural areas.

In Westlake, the police cracked down on gang activity, and reclaimed MacArthur Park that was once a no-go zone to all but gang members and drug dealers. Now, day laborers wait for construction jobs that sometimes don't come for days on end.

On the corner where Jaminez was killed, outside the parking lot next to a 99-cent store, a newspaper box was turned into a memorial. A heart-shaped bouquet was tied to the box and a photo of Jaminez was taped alongside.

Lorenzo, also from Guatemala, leaned against a metal railing on the corner and said he did not believe the police account.

Lorenzo said officers had planted a knife near Jaminez's body — a common refrain Thursday in Westlake. He had no proof, but he said the folding weapon looked more like the kind of tactical blade a police officer would carry.

Chief Charlie Beck on Wednesday said a witness — a neighborhood resident who was not named — told three bicycle officers, including Hernandez, that a man with blood on his hands tried to stab her and a pregnant woman next to her.

As the woman ran away, she heard the officers telling the suspect to drop the knife, then she heard three or four shots, turned around and saw Jaminez on the sidewalk, Beck said. Police said Jaminez raised the knife above his head and lunged at Hernandez.

The 13-year veteran of the department shot Jaminez twice in the head, police said.

The crowd of 300 people exploded when they heard Beck recount the witness's account. Someone called out that the story sounded like it was made up in Hollywood.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on Thursday defended Hernandez's actions, saying he was a hero and it was "outrageous" that angry residents called Beck a "murderer" at the community meeting.

Beck and other officials say outside radical groups, including the Revolutionary Communist Party, are provoking the protests.

Mike Prysner, an organizer with activist group the Answer Coalition, said the anger is endemic to the community.

"It's a common tactic by the police to try to blame community outrage on outside agitators," Prysner said. "In reality the outside agitators were the police who came into the community and attacked peaceful vigils."

Still, Prysner acknowledged that activists do play a role in helping residents express their frustrations.

Members of a different activist group on Thursday produced for the media a woman who said she witnessed the shooting and who presented a version of events at odds with what other witnesses told police.

The woman, who only gave her first name Ana, said she was out shopping on Sunday and, from her vantage point on the sidewalk across the street, saw Jaminez get shot.

Contrary to accounts from six other witnesses, she said, Jaminez was not holding a knife. "The police said 'drop the weapon,' and the man looked at them like he'd been drinking," she said in Spanish. "But he was holding nothing, absolutely nothing."

Police Capt. Kris Pitcher, who is overseeing the shooting investigation, said Ana had been identified at the scene but detectives had not yet interviewed her.

Hernandez, who is on administrative leave after the shooting, was involved in earlier shootings, Pitcher said. He did not have details on any of the shootings.

The Los Angeles Times first reported that he shot a female robbery suspect in 1999 when the woman allegedly pointed a handgun at Hernandez and his partner and refused orders to drop the weapon. Her injury was not life-threatening.

In 2008, the Times reported, Hernandez shot an 18-year-old assault suspect who tried to flee, then pointed a gun at Hernandez and another officer. Hernandez shot the man once, wounding him.

Neighbors and friends initially said Jaminez's last name was spelled Jamines but on Thursday the coroner's office said he went by the names Manuel Ramirez and Manuel Jaminez.

Tomas Gomez, the brother-in-law of Jaminez, said his relative came from a tiny hamlet in the rugged mountainous region of western Guatemala, the province of Solola, where he was married and had three young sons, the oldest of whom is eight.

Gomez said life was a struggle for Jaminez and his family, whose native language is Quiche, one of about 20 Mayan dialects spoken in Guatemala. He only spoke a little Spanish and no English.

"They didn't have enough to eat," Gomez said.

Jaminez decided to seek work in the U.S. a little more than five years ago. Here, he worked as a day laborer, mainly doing construction odd jobs, which he obtained at the local Home Depot. He rented a room in an apartment near the Home Depot.

At times, he felt trapped and grew sad at being so far from his family, Gomez said. "He didn't have the money to go back, he wasn't getting a lot of work here," he said. "There were weeks when he wouldn't get any work."

Gomez said Jaminez was not aggressive or violent. He had never seen him with a knife. He said he believes the police are inventing the story about the knife to justify killing him.

"That's a falsehood by the police," he said.

Minister cancels burning of Qurans on 9/11

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Associated Press Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. The minister of a Florida church said he has canceled plans to burn copies of the Quran because the leader of a much-opposed plan to build an Islamic Center near ground zero has agreed to move its location. The agreement couldn't be immediately confirmed.

The Rev. Terry Jones said Thursday that Americans oppose the mosque being built at the location and that Muslims do not want the Quran burned. He said instead of his plan to burn the books on Saturday to mark the ninth anniversary of 9/11, he will be flying to New York to speak to Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf about moving the mosque.

"We are, of course, now against any other group burning Qurans," Jones said during a news conference. We would right now ask no one to burn Qurans. We are absolutely strong on that. It is not the time to do it."

President Barack Obama, the top U.S. general in Afghanistan and several Christian leaders had urged Jones to reconsider his plans to burn the Quran, Islam's holiest text that Muslims consider sacred. They said his actions would endanger U.S. soldiers and provide a strong recruitment tool for Islamic extremists. Jones' protest also drew criticism from religious and political leaders from across the Muslim world.

Jones said Imam Muhammad Musri of the Islamic Society of Central Florida told him that officials would guarantee that the mosque would be moved.

"I asked him three times, and I have witnesses," Jones said. "If it's not moved, then I think Islam is a very poor example of religion. I think that would be very pitiful. I do not expect that."

Musri thanked Jones and his church members "for making the decision today to defuse the situation and bring to a positive end what has become the world over a spectacle that no one would benefit from except extremists and terrorists" who would use it to recruit future radicals.

CDC: Adults not eating enough produce

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA An apple a day? Apparently not in the United States.

Most Americans still don't eat vegetables often enough, and fruit consumption is actually dropping a little, according to a new government report released Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that last year about one-third of U.S. adults consumed fruit or fruit juice at least twice a day. That's down slightly from more than 34 percent in 2000.

Only about 26 percent ate vegetables three or more times a day, the same as in 2000. The statistics come from a national telephone survey of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

No state met federal goals of three-quarters of Americans eating enough fruit, and half eating enough vegetables. California ate the most fruit and Tennessee was best with vegetables. Oklahoma was at the bottom for fruit and South Dakota had the lowest vegetable consumption.

The report did not ask people which fruits and vegetables they ate the most. But a CDC study published last year concluded that orange juice is the top source of fruit among U.S. adults and adolescents, and potatoes are the favorite vegetable.

Health officials have been trying to promote fruits and vegetables — especially leafy greens — as healthy alternatives to salty, fatty and sugary foods. The goal is to curb the nation's obesity problem and reduce diabetes, heart disease and other maladies tied to bad diets.

The 2009 data are discouraging, said Dr. Jennifer Foltz, one of the study's authors.

"We aren't making progress, that's for sure," said Foltz, a CDC epidemiologist.

However, the study was done before a new wave of government efforts to promote home and community gardens and to expand the sale of fruits and vegetables at stores. A survey planned for 2011 hopefully will show an improvement, she said.

Apology not part of BP's oil spill report

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Associated Press Writers

NEW ORLEANS BP's long-awaited internal report on what it believes went wrong when a rig exploded and started the massive Gulf oil spill never mentions the words blame, regret, apology, mistake or pollution. The word fault shows up 20 times, but only once in the same sentence as the company's name.

BP took some of the blame, acknowledging among other things that it misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well that blew out and eventually spewed 206 million gallons of oil into the Gulf. But in a possible preview of its legal strategy, it also pointed the finger — and plenty — at its partners on the doomed rig.

The highly technical, 193-page report released Wednesday attributes the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history and the deadly rig explosion that set it off to a complex chain of failures both human and mechanical. Some of those problems have been made public over the past 4? months, such as the failure of the blowout preventer to clamp the well shut.

The report is far from the definitive ruling on the cause of the catastrophe. For one thing, government investigators have not yet begun to fully analyze the blowout preventer, which was raised from the bottom of the sea over Labor Day weekend.

But it does provide an early look at the company's probable legal strategy — spreading the blame among itself, rig owner Transocean, and cement contractor Halliburton — as it deals with hundreds of lawsuits, billions of dollars in claims and possible criminal charges in the coming months and years.

For Billy Nungesser, president of oil-soaked Plaquemines Parish, the report doesn't change the fact that in his mind the time that has passed since the disaster hasn't made offshore drilling safer.

"If they believe painting the rigs yellow would make them safer, stop delaying, give us a bucket of paint and let us get started," Nungesser said of those in power.

Critics of BP called the report self-serving.

"This report is not BP's mea culpa," said Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., a member of a congressional panel investigating the spill. "Of their own eight key findings, they only explicitly take responsibility for half of one. BP is happy to slice up blame as long as they get the smallest piece."

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

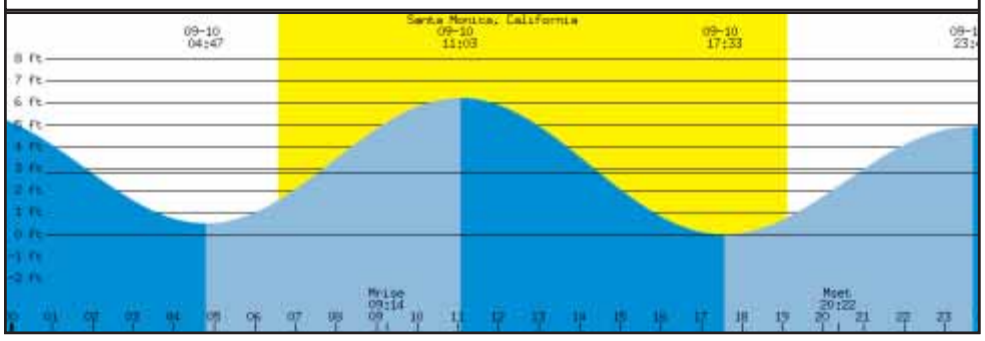
Swell Forecast

Looks smaller than today...knee high at best.

Long Range Synopsis

Most south facing breaks are looking at waist high surf in the early AM, building to about chest max later in the day.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 1, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 45 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza 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..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	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.	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
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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MLS

Galaxy activates Beckham from DL

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Galaxy activated David Beckham from their disabled list Thursday, clearing the English superstar for his return to MLS competition.

The midfielder is eligible to play in the Galaxy's home game Saturday night against Columbus.

Beckham tore his left Achilles' tendon March 14 while playing on loan with AC Milan, undergoing surgery two days later on an injury that prevented him from playing in the World Cup.

After traveling with the English national team in South Africa, Beckham returned to practice with the Galaxy on Aug. 10, gradually increasing his training regimen over the past four weeks

After leading Los Angeles to the MLS Cup final last November, Beckham hasn't played this season for the Galaxy, who still lead the Western Conference with 13 victories and 44 points behind U.S. national teamers Landon Donovan and Edson Buddle.

Beckham has seven goals and 15 assists in 41 career regular-season games with Los Angeles. He played just 11 games for the Galaxy last year after spending the first half of the season with AC Milan.

NCAA FOOTBALL

USC's Baxter finally makes debut

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Dillon Baxter is eager for his Hollywood premiere, even if it's a week late.

Southern California's touted freshman tailback will be in uniform Saturday night when the 16th-ranked Trojans host Virginia at the Coliseum.

Although Baxter is among the most anticipated skill-position recruits in the recent history of a talent-studded program, coach Lane Kiffin suspended him for last week's opener at Hawaii for violations of team rules.

Although staying home bothered him immensely, Baxter accepted his punishment and looked forward to playing against the Cavaliers.

Kiffin has suggested the Trojans could use Baxter as a ball carrier, receiver and quarterback at various points. He played all three positions in high school in San Diego.

NFL

Niners' Crabtree ready to start season

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA Michael Crabtree's sore neck is much better, he insists he's ready to play after missing the entire preseason and the spat last week with teammate Vernon Davis is long since done.

Crabtree, the second-year San Francisco 49ers receiver, will start his first season opener Sunday at Seattle. He didn't join the team until October last year following a 71-day contract stalemate by the 10th-overall draft pick in 2009.

As Crabtree formally addressed the local media Thursday for the first time since the start of training camp Aug. 1, Davis came up behind him and kissed him on the back of his right shoulder and rubbed his head.

"Michael, good to see you, buddy," Davis said to Crabtree, who didn't seem too amused by the gesture.

Davis let his teammate have it in front of everybody during a practice last week and coach Mike Singletary had to step between them before taking both players to the locker room for a talk.

"It was a matter of being a team captain. All I was doing was taking care of my responsibilities and doing my job," Davis explained after last Thursday's 17-14 preseason win over the San Diego Chargers.

Crabtree didn't want to get into specifics about the altercation or the cause behind it. Davis said he was frustrated by some things Crabtree did that he "didn't like."

"Ah, man, it was just something inside, you know," Crabtree said. "Something I just really don't want to talk about it because it's not a problem. By me talking about it it's going to make it a problem. It's nothing."

Crabtree has enough to worry about considering he hasn't played yet and many are already wondering whether his timing with quarterback Alex Smith will be affected come Sunday at noisy Qwest Field.

Crabtree made his NFL debut in San Francisco's sixth game last season at Houston. He finished his rookie campaign with 48 catches for 625 yards and two touchdowns, then impressed the coaches and Smith with his work ethic during the offseason.

He hurt his neck leading up to the 49ers' exhibition opener at Indianapolis and was limited mostly to individual work in practice when he did take part after the injury.

Offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye said Thursday he is concerned about Crabtree's stamina once in a game.

"He hasn't played at game speed in any of the exhibition games," Raye said. "And even though a year ago he was not here, he was conditioning. This time, he was here but not getting any conditioning. There's a different tempo from not playing and not practicing to going in to play. That would be my concern at this point. I think he'll do OK with the terminology, the system in the game. It's just how quickly we can get to where he's not maxed out and exhausted."

Crabtree doesn't think that will be an issue.

"I'm not worried about nothing," he said. "I'm just worried about getting all my plays in in practice, really going out there and playing. I'm getting really tired of talking about what's going to happen. We just need to go out there and play."

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Pepe le Moko (1937) (NR) 1hr 34min
7:30pm

Quay of the Goldsmiths (Quai des Orfvres) (NR) 1hr 42min

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min
4:30pm, 10:05pm

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

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
12:10pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min
1:05pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:55pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (NR)
11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:35pm

American (R)
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Legendary (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm

Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Machete (NR)
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Last Exorcism (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

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Stick to a budget, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others seem to pirouette in front of you. Someone who doesn't stop wants you to notice. A friend spews many good ideas and suggestions. You might feel as if this person is wifty or not grounded. Tonight: Hook up with friends. TGIF.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your pace reflects what you want to accomplish, and perhaps the fact that it's Friday. A boss wants to have a brainstorming session. What was booked as a quick meeting could go way past that. Tonight: Thinking and maybe talking work, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination keeps interfering with what you see as a boring task. How you handle a loved one and your choices could transform the relationship. Allow new types of thinking to open doors. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you can make it an early workday, do. You will be most comfortable at home. A partner offers opportunities you never even thought of. Think carefully before enacting a change on the domestic front. Tonight: Sharing with your sweetie or best friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Communication adds an odd but expansive quality to interactions. Others might not be as clear as you would like, but you are inspired to toss yourself into whatever a discussion revolves around. Your efforts quickly complete a job. Tonight: Chatting up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Accomplishing a project could be halted or waylaid. Being less uptight could help ultimately, as you cannot change what is occurring. You often take the lead in handling details and completing the final steps of a project. Tonight: Stick to your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You beam, and others seek you out like bees do honey. Whether dealing with a work-related matter or a personal situation, you need to take the lead right now. Everything else will fall into place. Use that great imagination. Tonight: Wish-upon-a-star time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you discover that there is no meeting of the minds, say less and listen more. Others have good ideas, too. A lack of focus on your part -- as your imagination frequently kicks in -- could make communication more difficult. Be happy it is Friday. Tonight: Now, use your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Focus on your priorities. In a meeting, don't lose sight of why you are there. You might need to ground the meeting more than once. Take a pro-active role in realizing a long-term dream. You might be surprised by the results. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Push as hard as you need to at work. A boss might be reticent, until he sees how enthusiastic you are. Creativity helps in a financial brainstorming situation. Check figures as well. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to add your particular touch to a situation. You might not feel as if you have everything in control as you would like. Reach out for others who have more expertise or experience than you. Tonight: You could be especially happy around great music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others make the first move, the first call, the first offer. Those you associate with want feedback, but also your participation. You might feel pressured by others. Handle what you must. Tonight: Be careful with a lively discussion; it could erupt into a fight.

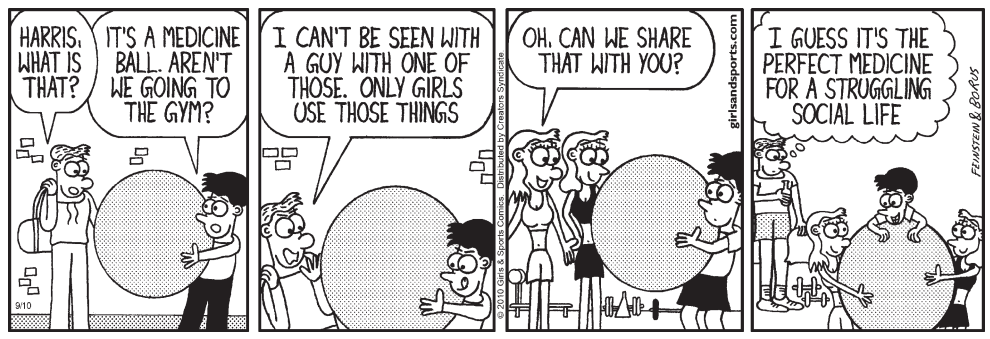
Happy birthday

This year, you have follow-through and drive. When you decide to realize a hope or wish, it is nearly as good as done. Your finances will need careful scrutiny; curb a tendency to go overboard at times. Innately, you have a sense that there is never enough. If you are single, someone is clearly an admirer and might be in your daily life. Look around. In any case, an intense relationship is slated for the next few years. If you are attached, the two of you could struggle over money. Perhaps separate checkbooks is the answer. LIBRA helps you spend your money!

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

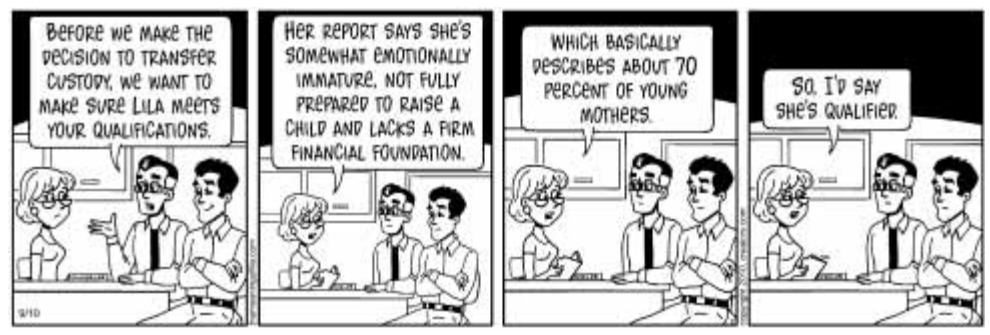
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By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



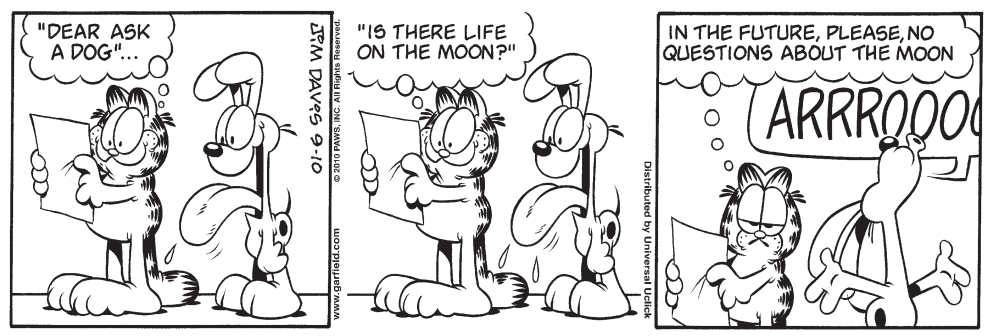
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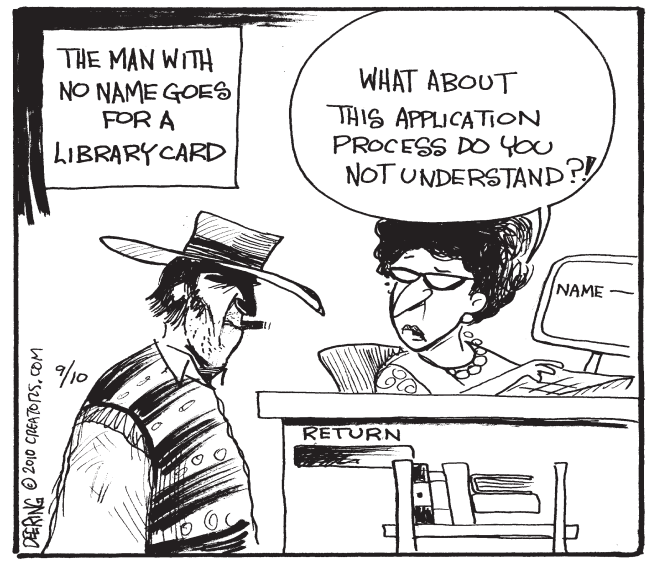
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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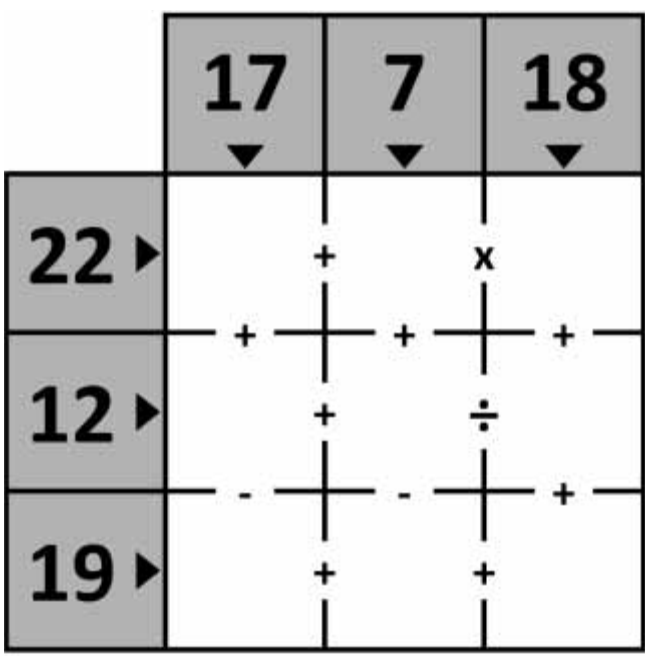
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- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
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2, 4, 6, 6, 9, 10, 10, 10, 11





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Social group
6 Collar
11 Massage targets
12 Earth color
13 Looks over
14 Ranch beast
15 Garden plot
16 Not nude
18 Brouhaha
19 Hankering
20 Good times
21 Cuts down
23 Valleys
25 Crew member
27 "Norma __"
28 Copying
30 Left at sea
33 Baby boxer
34 Kids' card game
36 Doc's bill
37 It began about 1000 B.C.
39 Slave leader Turner
40 Castle part
41 Barcelona buddy
43 Coffee additive
44 Role for Arnold
45 Stags
46 SAT takers

DOWN

1 Algiers section
2 Yield
3 Steve Martini book
4 Gymnast's goal
5 School paper
6 "Swing Vote" star
7 Play start
8 Steve Martini book
9 Moves stealthily
10 Grazing groups
17 Turner of TV
22 Was inactive
24 Swimming unit
26 Heats, as leftovers
28 Dawn goddess
29 Joplin tune
31 Carter follower
32 Wyoming range
33 Sales spiel
35 Gasp, say
38 Ship-shape
42 Skier Tommy

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Japanese ice-cream makers are famous for expanding the universe of conceivable flavors (as News of the Weird has mentioned several times), but a gathering by the fashion/style website The Gloss in July found several more, suggesting that maybe the world is about to run out of ingredients that can go into ice cream: haggis ice cream (from Morelli's in London), sardines and brandy ice cream (from Helader a de Lares in Venezuela), caviar ice cream (Petrossian in New York City) and foie gras ice cream (Philippe Faur in Toulouse, France, about $150).

■ In several regions of the African nation of Cameroon, parents try to keep maturing daughters off the market by "ironing" their breasts (pressing them with heated stones and leaves to make them flatter and the girls thus less desirable for sex). The practice reached world media (and News of the Weird) in 2006 as part of a condemnation campaign by the United Nations, but apparently it continues unabated, according to new videos circulated this year and described in The Washington Post in March. According to that writer, who interviewed numerous health officials in Cameroon, the practice apparently has little effect, in that the teenage pregnancy rate remains very high.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1976 A British Airways Hawker Siddeley Trident and an Inex-Adria DC-9 collide near Zagreb, Yugoslavia, killing 176.

1977 Hamida Djandoubi, convicted of torture and murder, is the last person to be executed by guillotine in France.

1990 The Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire – the largest church in Africa is consecrated by Pope John Paul II.

2001 Charles Ingram cheats his way into winning one million pounds on a British version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

2002 Switzerland, traditionally a neutral country, joins the United Nations.

2003 Anna Lindh, the foreign minister of Sweden, is fatally stabbed while shopping, and dies the following day.

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