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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In her joyful 2004 autobiography, Sandy Sullivan, 65, the Republican candidate for secretary of state in Wisconsin, recalls her friskier days as a 1960s Green Bay Packers fan, including interludes with Hall of Fame running back Paul Hornung.

■ Donovan Brown, the Democratic nominee for a Florida state House seat, resumed campaigning in October after a two-week involuntary stay at a mental health facility after his mother took him in for evaluation.

■ Palm Beach County, Fla., whose Democratic voters' confusion over the "butterfly ballot" may have cost Al Gore the presidency in 2000, will now see if its Republicans will be confused by a state law that requires them to vote for their recently resigned congressman, Mark Foley, if they want to register votes for his Republican replacement.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 300th day of 2006. There are 65 days left in the year.

1787 The first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published in a New York newspaper.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The line of least resistance was always the most difficult line in the long run."

PETER CHEYNEY

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Vikings look to steady ship



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DOWN 'N' DIRTY: The Samohi varsity team runs through drills on Wednesday in preparation for its Homecoming Night clash.

Samohi needs to upset Centaurs for a playoff bid

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SAMOHI — After suffering three straight losses, including a 35-0 shellacking by perennial powerhouse Los Alamitos High School, the Santa Monica Vikings are looking to keep their playoff hopes alive.

They're also out to make a statement — that they won't go down without a fight.

This week may not seem the ideal opponent in which to make that statement, however. Not only will the Vikings (3-4), led by junior quarterback Ryan Katz, have to take out the undefeated Culver City Centaurs (7-0), they'll have to do it on Homecoming Night in front of what is sure to be a capacity crowd at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field.

"It's definitely going to be the

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ELECTION 2006



MICHAEL MCALEVEY

Case of slick editing or just intimidation?

BY KEVIN HERRERA

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LINCOLN BLVD. — A man featured in one of three television commercials attacking City Councilman Kevin McKeown's voting record said Thursday that he is a strong supporter of the candidate and never suspected that a videotaped interview he gave on the issue of home-

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Burgers, burgers and more burgers



BY MELODY HANATANI

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CITYWIDE — As Rachael Ray might say, "Yum-O."

Santa Monica, renowned for its healthy green and leafy cuisine, is also home to some of the best burgers this side of Los Angeles County, maybe even the nation, with such popular restaurants as Father's Office, the Library Alehouse and newly-franchised The Counter serving up massive quantities of the quintessential American meal daily.

While theories of the origin of the modern hamburger vary — from inhabitants of Hamburg, Germany, putting pork into a round-shaped bun to Mongols flattening their mutton beneath their saddles as they rode — few can deny the sandwich's continual lure.

Santa Monicans, whose healthy

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THERE'S THE BEEF: A bevy of burger joints are thriving in Santa Monica, a city known for healthy eating and lifestyles. It seems everybody has their favorite. (At left) Alexis Manriquez has made his choice, grubbing on a Tommy's world famous chili burger. 'This place rocks,' said Manriquez.

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Vikings looking for a happy Homecoming

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biggest game of the season for us," Katz, 15, said during practice Wednesday. "We've struggled the last couple of games, had some tough losses, but we're feeling pretty good as a team right now. We're fired up for Homecoming.

"We're ready to come out and put all of the pieces together."

In his first year as coach, Zack Cuda, who is joined on the staff by his twin brother Conrad, has seen his fair share of ups and down this season, however, he is confident that his players are beginning to believe in themselves, which could make for an interesting finish.

"I do this job for a lot of reasons, but specifically to teach young men lessons on how to be successful in life," Cuda, 28, said. "This year, we've been faced with a lot of adversity in a lot of different ways. A lot of what we've been talking about in our program is the way in which one deals with adversity defines who they are. Do we just pack it in because we may not make the playoffs? Even if we win out that still doesn't guarantee us a spot, so does that mean we just give up?"

"We've had some bad breaks, but you know what, we are still going to come out and play hard because that's who we are," Cuda added. "We're successful people. That's the message we've been sending all year and we're beginning to see some signs."

On offense, Cuda is looking for a balanced attack that will be bolstered by the return of power running back Louis Adeyemi, the team's leading rusher, who has only played sparingly since fracturing his hand in a loss against Morningside High School. Adeyemi, who has rushed for 769 yards in just 80 carries, is expected to be 100 percent entering into tonight's game.

"Having Louis back will definitely be a big plus," said Katz, who has passed for 986 yards, with 11 touchdowns and three interceptions. "He's such a leader on the field. He always brings it. We're a very close team and with all the work we've put in over the summer and now, we've gone too far to just quit now. Everyone's spirits are up and were ready to roll for Homecoming. We know there are going to be a lot of people in the stands ... we want to make sure that we show our Samo pride."

If Adeyemi can have a productive night, that should open up the defense for Katz to throw the ball to his two favorite receivers — Geo Allen and Jon Dunn, with three touchdowns apiece. Allen has 19 catches for 323 yards. Dunn has 16 catches for 254 yards.

The defense will be looking to put pressure on Centaur quarterback Darius Banks, a level-headed junior who is comfortable in the pocket, having thrown for 2,413 yards and 30 touchdowns, with just four interceptions. Banks is bolstered by a receiving corps that is regarded as one of the best in the conference.

Defensive coordinator Conrad Cuda has switched from a 4-4 defense to a 4-3, with two safeties watching the deep ball in an attempt to shut down Culver City's heralded passing game.

"Culver City likes to spread out the defense, so we have to show them different looks and bring pressure on every play," Conrad Cuda said.

With four sacks between them, defensive ends Jah'Herb Johnson and Nick Mays will have to make Banks uncomfortable by slashing through the offensive line, while linebackers Max Monbouquette and David Naylor, with more than 60 tackles apiece, will be expected to stuff the middle, protecting against short passes and the run.

The two may also be called on to blitz Banks, hoping to force him into making mistakes and turn the ball over.

Culver City can put points on the board, so keeping their offense off the field will be key to a Viking victory.

"Coming in with a losing record, we know we have a lot to provide and what better way to do that than to defeat one of the best teams out there, and on Homecoming. It's perfect," said defensive captain and free safety Cameron Collins, a senior. "The defense has been holding strong, we've been hitting hard and we'll be ready Friday night."

Tonight's kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: The Santa Monica High School Vikings face a tough challenge in tonight's Homecoming game against undefeated Culver City. (At top) The varsity team runs through drills on Wednesday in preparation for the Centaurs. (Above) Sophomore Jackson Knox, a 15-year-old varsity linebacker and wide receiver, works out the kinks during practice



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