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THE LOOK BOTH WAYS ISSUE

Dog beach proposal clears first hurdle

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The dogs had their day Tuesday when City Council members voted to champion a pilot program which would allow dogs and their human companions to play on the beach.

The vote, brought forward by Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and Councilmember Terry O'Day, directs staff to work with the state and local stakeholders to create an off-leash area for dogs on the beach down to the waterline.

If they can get buy-in from the state, city staff would be asked to monitor the effects of the dogs' presence on water quality through the life of the pilot project to see if the romping canines made a dent in the recent gains Santa Monica has seen in its water quality.

The details of the pilot program have yet

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CARRYING ON

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Quinn Holderman, 2, (top,center) picks out a pumpkin at the Wednesday Farmers' Market. For years the market has offered people the chance to take home as many pumpkins as they can carry for only $5. The record Wednesday morning was eight pumpkins, according to market staff.

David Clayberg (right) walks away with four pumpkins, far from his record of nine a few years back. 'I love this event,' he said. 'We've been coming for years. It's a lot of fun.'

Man killed in hit-and-run

Police searching for charcoal Toyota Camry

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police Wednesday were searching for a charcoal-colored Toyota Camry involved in a fatal hit-and-run collision on Santa Monica

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Progress made on homelessness, but resources scarce

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Homeless service providers are dealing with stagnant resources in the face of continued need with additional challenges on the horizon.

That was the message given to City Council members Tuesday night by Human Services Administrator Setareh Yavari in the annual review of the Santa Monica Homeless Plan.

The team of service providers and city staff that spearhead homeless outreach have seen signs of success in recent years, starting with a 19 percent decline in homeless seen between the 2009 and 2011 homeless counts.

Those successes were also reflected in a community survey released in April that demonstrated that homelessness had dropped behind the economy and traffic congestion as a "top of mind" concern for Santa Monica residents.

Still, Yavari told council members, the need for the services offered by city programs and private providers remains in high demand.

According to counts, there are approximately 7,551 homeless on the streets of

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Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011

The people problem
Santa Monica College, Theatre Arts Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
In a lecture titled "9 Billion People + One Planet = ?," prize-winning writer Andy Revkin will give the keynote speech for Santa Monica College's Campus Sustainability Week. Revkin, who authors The New York Times' environmental blog "Dot Earth," is currently a senior fellow at Pace University's Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies. The lecture is free; call (310) 434-3909 for more information.

Dia de los Muertos
Santa Monica High School, Roberts Art Gallery
601 Pico Blvd., 5 p.m.
Stop by the second floor of the history building for a new art exhibit highlighting the "Day of the Dead," featuring artwork from Samohi alum Daniel Alonzo, along with pieces from students at Samohi, John Adams Middle School, Grant Elementary School and the Pico Youth & Family Center. For more information, call (310) 395-3204.

Friday, Oct. 28, 2011

Trick or treat
YWCA of Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 3 p.m.
Come celebrate Halloween early at the Y, with a haunted house, spooky snacks, a costume parade and more. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for kids, and meals are $5; all proceeds go to YWCA Cycle of Life Programs. For more information, call (310) 452-3881.

Howl-o-ween
Healthy Spot
1110 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m.
Doll up your pup in her best costume to compete in the Halloween contest for best dressed. Healthy Spot will also offer gift bags for the first 100 dogs, refreshments and raffles at the fourth-annual bash. All donations will benefit Thumping Tails Animal Rescue Bill Foundation. For more information, call (310) 458-2004.

On a crusade
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
Participate in a free, one-night "miracle healing crusade" with international evangelist Wayman Mitchell of Prescott, Ariz. Mitchell has led healing crusades throughout the United States and abroad and prays for people with ailments ranging from sprained ankles to cancer. God's miracle-working power is available to those who seek it, according to Mitchell. For further information, call the sponsoring Lighthouse Church of Santa Monica, (310) 560-7793.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi getting defensive

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD Offense may be pretty to watch, but it doesn't necessarily win football games.

The Santa Monica High School Vikings have been explosive on offense at times this season, but it's the defense that is proving to be the difference each week.

The effort on the defensive side of the ball has helped build a 6-1 overall record and 2-0 mark in Ocean League play for the No. 8 ranked team in the CIF-Southern Section Western Division. The defense has given up just 77 points all season and looks to continue that trend Friday during homecoming against Morningside at Santa Monica College.

The best perspective on just how dominant the defense has been, ironically, comes from one of their own.

Starting senior quarterback Christian Salem, who has led the Vikings to 215 points this season, sees more of his defense than anybody else. Practice after practice, the first-year starter being recruited by Occidental College gets a behind-the-scenes look at what his teammates can do.

"It's great," Salem says of facing those guys every week on the practice field. "It helps me prepare, it's like playing against a college defense."

Salem has grown accustomed to just how fast and physical the likes of linebackers Chris Collins and London Lewis are, even during practice. Coupled with defensive backs Dylan Muscat, Mathew Rusk-Kosa and Sebastian LaRue, Salem said that this particular group of guys has figured out how to read routes. It isn't rare for them to cause him fits.

"Our guys are taught how to read receivers," he said. "A lot of other defenses don't teach that."

It doesn't hurt that Clark is a former defensive back himself at Samohi, something that he feels rubs off on his players.

Clark fancies himself a defensive coach first, the side of the ball he's most comfortable with. That perspective has helped as the Vikings look to build themselves into possible league and division title contenders.

"They play hard, they understand what it takes to win," Clark said. "They are concerned about not letting people into the end zone. They play with so much passion."

The defense's propensity for being stingy comes with a price. Many of the starters play both ways. Guys like defensive back/running back Kori Garcia, Collins and Salem's favorite target, wide receiver LaRue, line up for nearly every play on both sides of the ball.

Clark tries his best to keep his guys fresh by using regular substitutions, but he considers it a challenge that takes all of his attention to pull off. Fortunately for him, his two-way players have been willing to tackle the task.

"These guys never leave the field," he said. "They've learned to play for one another."

That commitment will be challenged this week against Morningside as starting running back and cornerback Garcia will be sideline by a concussion suffered last week against rival Beverly Hills. The senior being recruited by a number of Ivy League schools will certainly sit this week, opening the door for somebody else to rotate in and contribute on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

Will Taylor will be tasked with many of the jobs Garcia has made his own. On offense, Taylor will be looked on to backup the emerging Lewis at running back and possibly start alongside cornerback Dylan Muscat on defense.

Clark is confident that the sophomore is up to the task.

"I'm excited to give the youngster a chance to carry the ball," Clark said of Taylor. "He's hungry to get an opportunity."

Samohi's ability to move the ball on the ground may come in handy against an offense that Clark is worried about.

After studying film, Clark is impressed by Morningside quarterback Gregory Adams, who will be making his third start against Samohi. The junior was crafty enough during the first two meetings, and Clark knows that maturity will only make him even more dangerous.

"He has a nice arm and he's left-handed," he said of Adams. "He makes them a dangerous open-field team."

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Companies sued for calling bottles biodegradable

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The California attorney general's office on Wednesday sued three companies over allegations they misled consumers by marketing plastic water bottles as biodegradable.

The lawsuit — said to be the first government action to enforce the state's environmental marketing law — accuses ENSO Plastics of Mesa, Ariz., of falsely claiming their bottles will biodegrade in less than five years, leaving behind no harmful materials.

It is illegal in California to label a plastic food or drink container as biodegradable when such materials can take thousands of years to break down, if at all.

"Californians are committed to recycling and protecting the environment, but these efforts are undermined by the false and misleading claims these companies make when they wrongly advertise their products as 'biodegradable,'" Attorney General Kamala Harris said in a statement.

Environmental groups have long griped about plastic bottles, which typically wind up in the trash after a single use and can only be recycled a number of times before the plastic degrades.

In 2008, the state Legislature enacted a law banning companies from false advertising on plastic food and beverage containers after finding that "littered plastic bags and plastic containers have caused and continue to cause significant environmental harm and have burdened local government with significant environmental cleanup costs."

The bill banned the use of words like "biodegradable," "degradable" or "decomposable" in the labeling, a law that will expand to all plastic products beginning in 2013.

Harris' lawsuit states that ENSO claimed in marketing materials to have developed a resin additive that contains microbial agents that speeds up the centuries-long process required to break down plastic. The suit also said the companies are calling the bottles recyclable when, in reality, plastic recyclers consider such bottles a contaminant and will pull them out of recyclable plastics.

The suit names two companies that sell water in ENSO's bottles: Aquamantra, of Dana Point, Calif., and Balance Water, of West Orange, N.J. The products are found in

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Analysis: College costs shift to families

BY JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

YPSILANTI, Mich. It was a transformation that was, by historical standards, remarkably swift: The decade of the 2000s saw a fundamental shift in how Americans answer the question "Who will pay for college?"

The bill at public universities is higher than ever, and students and their families are footing a greater share of it.

Realizing higher education would be essential to succeed in the emerging economy, Americans aspired and flocked to higher education as never before over the last 10 years. But over that same span, the 50 states did less — much less, factoring in the increased demand — and asked students and parents to do more. That was true even during the flush years in the middle of a decade bookended by two economic downturns.

The federal government, meanwhile, picked up much of the slack, with each of the last three presidents substantially increasing spending. But while the billions Washington poured into student financial aid helped many students, they did little to stem price increases. Low-income students got some relief in expanded Pell Grants, and a massive increase in tuition tax credits has disproportionately benefited families earning over $100,000. Middle-class families have borne the brunt.

Frustrations over high student debt have been front and center for the Occupy Wall Street protesters. Politicians have noticed, too: On Wednesday, in Denver, President Obama announced a series of steps that would do little to relieve students of the burden of paying for college, but aim to at least protect more borrowers from monthly repayment burdens that would ruin their finances or keep them from choosing public service jobs.

That may be the best the federal government can do in an era when almost everyone wants to go to college, Washington's budgetary well has run dry, and the states either cannot or will not play the same role in supporting public higher education that they have in the past.

"There's been a fundamental and permanent shift in how we see the financing of higher education in the United States," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president at the American Council on Higher Education. "Increasingly, higher education is seen as being almost exclusively a private good and therefore something that individuals ought

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Beliefs

Editor:

As a permanently disabled 54 year old who's worked "on the books" for the majority of my life and paid into the Social Security system for the majority of these years (since I was 14), I believe the following:

• The deficit reduction supercommittee shouldn't be cutting your hard-earned Medicare and Social Security benefits to fix the nation's deficit.

• I and 50 million other seniors are counting on Congress to protect these benefits, and we won't sit back while they make decisions in secret.

• Raising the Medicare eligibility age is unacceptable, and would raise out-of-pocket costs by $2,200 each year. Cutting Social Security benefits would be devastating to seniors and other middle-class Americans who rely on those benefits to make ends meet.

James Taylor
Santa Monica

More pressing matters

Editor:

I was in the audience many years ago at St. Bede's Church in Mar Vista when Councilman Bill Rosendahl spoke ("Activists protest Santa Monica Airport," Oct. 17). He said he lived for many years in Venice and decided to buy a home in Mar Vista. He said he did not know that an airport existed. That is because he bought a home not near the airport. Someone in the audience replied and said it had been there since 1917!

I raised my hand and said the following: "In all the years in Venice, didn't you notice something resembling a bird rising into the western sky, but the wings didn't flap!"

Mr. Rosendahl slices his baloney pretty thin when he says that the airport negatively impacts his constituents without any of the economic gains that Santa Monica receives. Rand Corp. recently stated that the airport brings in $187 million a year and creates 1,600 jobs in the surrounding area.

Many neighbors like the airport because it provides a view of the last remaining open space in the area.

Mr. Rosendahl has never held any publicized dialogue with jet business aircraft owners or associations.

At a meeting at St. Mark's Church in Mar Vista a few years ago a UCLA speaker gave a report of the study of fine particulate emissions measured. After the airport report, the speaker said they moved the measuring devices near the Santa Monica and Los Angeles freeways. The speaker said the numbers were similar

I own a home in the 2800 Block of Stoner Avenue. A straw poll of the surrounding neighbors finds no particular animosity towards the airport. I also own another home on the other end of the airport and the tenants find nothing to complain about.

Some of his constituents think he spends too much time bashing the Santa Monica Airport to the detriment of his other duties as a Los Angeles City Council person. There are many complex issues that need his attention in the city of Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles

Life Matters

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Selecting the best major to secure a job after college

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

My son is currently a sophomore in college and although he is not sure about his career plans, he believes he has talked a lot about working in business. Given the amount of loans he has to take out to fund his education, I want to make sure that he is successful in securing a job after graduation. We have heard conflicting advice about the best subject to major in to secure an entry-level job. Are certain degrees more adaptable than others given the current job market? Is it best for my son to study business administration or something more specific like finance or accounting? Perhaps I am overthinking this, but it seems like now is the time to start planning.

Signed,
Major Mom

DEAR MAJOR MOM,

Majors that require and teach students critical thinking and analytical skills tend to produce entry-level candidates who are best prepared for today's job market. Ultimately, an undergraduate degree provides a student with a basic overview of that general subject matter. In my opinion, students should explore majors that will allow them to build on their personal strengths while also gaining abilities in those skill areas that are most desired by top employers, including communication skills, analytical skills, problem solving skills and teamwork.

More important than the major is how well the student can market that major. Specialized majors often have faculty who are familiar with the professional industry and can educate students about the key skills that employers are looking for. I have found that students who are best able to articulate their specialized skills and abilities are most likely to be successful in the job search.

Business administration provides a great foundation and can be a good option for a student who is interested in "business" but has not yet narrowed down which aspect they would like to pursue as a career. Because the degree provides a general overview, it can be a great way for a student to determine their true career passion by testing out their interests. Some schools allow students to attain a degree in business administration and select a concentration or focus in another area like finance or marketing, which can be a great way to get a well-rounded education while also gaining basic skills in a more specific area.

For some industries, like accounting, there are specific state guidelines dictating the amount of coursework and hours a student must complete to become licensed or certified. Students interested in accounting should explore the state requirements and determine whether they can meet those requirements with a general business administration major and a minor or if they need to fulfill a major in accounting to meet the requirements for the CPA exam in their state.

Career-focused training can be beneficial for students who have a strong sense of their career goals. The coursework is generally focused towards the technical skills required for the field and students often have practical opportunities to apply their skills through internships or fieldwork experiences. Candidates with specific technical skills can fare well in the job search, especially if they are effective in marketing that skill and connecting their unique abilities to the needs of the employer.

Given the challenges of today's job market, it is important for students to consider the versatility of their degree. Ultimately, students should be concerned about selecting a major that will teach them a variety of skills, especially communication skills. Employers are often open to hiring candidates from a variety of majors, but they are not willing to compromise on communication skills and an ability to think outside the box. Many managers believe that they can train new hires on the technical skills required to complete a job, but are not willing to take the time to teach responsibility, effective communication or teamwork.

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Invest in the 7 billion as human capital

ON OCT. 31, THE WORLD'S POPULATION is projected to reach 7 billion.

The 7 billionth person will be born into a world that is very different from when the United Nations was founded in 1945, when our numbers were only about a third of what they are today.

We are living 30 percent longer. More of our children survive. We are now more urban. We are more interconnected and interdependent than ever.

The 7 billionth person will also be born into a world of contradictions. While most people are having smaller families, our numbers grow globally. While some poor countries' populations are growing more quickly than their economies, the populations of some rich countries are shrinking, threatening to undermine economic growth. There are more young people in the world, but there are also more elderly.

The challenges ahead are formidable, with new pressures on land, energy, food and infrastructure and on the governments that must provide services, such as education and health, and with the global economic crisis shaking the foundations of individuals, families and communities.

We can — and must — confront these challenges. But we must act now. What we do today can have a profound impact on the lives of people everywhere tomorrow and for generations to come.

We have to protect our environment, provide clean water and energy and enough food, and address the threat of climate change.

We have to rectify inequalities between women and men, girls and boys. We must change attitudes so that violence or discrimination against women and girls becomes unacceptable everywhere. We must ensure girls have the same educational opportunities as boys. We must continue work against skewed sex ratios.

We also need to make motherhood safe. That means caring for pregnant women, preventing deaths in childbirth, and providing nutrition to mothers and babies.

Millions of mothers must still give birth without help from a skilled birth attendant. And millions more have little or no say in basic decisions about how many children they have or when to have them. An estimated 215 million women in the developing world lack access to modern family planning.

About a quarter of the world's people are between the ages of 10 and 24. We used to say our youth will be the leaders of the future, but, as we have seen in many parts of the world, we now know that they are already leaders of today.

Young people have the potential to transform economies, politics, and whole societies. They have the potential to drive development through their creativity, ideas, enthusiasm, and innovative spirit. However, in order for this potential to be realized, governments, United Nations Population Fund and the wider United Nations should take steps to ensure our youth populations are healthy and have access to education, including sexuality education, so they may understand how to protect themselves from HIV and have the knowledge to make informed decisions. Girls who stay in school are less likely to have unintended pregnancies, are healthier, and more economically productive in adulthood.

BY INVESTING IN PEOPLE NOW – EMPOWERING THEM TO MAKE CHOICES THAT ARE GOOD FOR THEMSELVES AND THE GLOBAL COMMONS – OUR WORLD OF 7 BILLION CAN HAVE THRIVING SUSTAINABLE CITIES ... .

We must ensure that our youth have jobs and opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. Today, only about half of the world's youth participate in the labor force, and almost everywhere, young women have fewer job opportunities than men do. Investments in young people's education, health and employment can enable countries to build a strong economic base and reduce poverty, a key aim of the Millennium Development Goals.

Lifting people out of poverty, maintaining a healthy planet, promoting economic growth and development, and tearing down barriers to equality are one and the same fight. Development can only be sustainable when it is equitable and serves all people.

By investing in people now — empowering them to make choices that are good for themselves and the global commons — our world of 7 billion can have thriving sustainable cities, productive labor forces that can fuel economic growth and youth populations that can fully contribute to their communities and nations.

Our world of 7 billion presents unprecedented challenges and opportunities. We must meet the challenges and seize the opportunities now to chart a sustainable, equitable, healthy and socially just path to the future.

DR. BABATUNDE OSOTIMEHIN is an under-secretary-general of the United Nations and executive director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund.

The Q Line

Cut in two

The effort to break up the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is gaining momentum again as some Malibu city officials and parents explore their options. It's going to be difficult, but not impossible.

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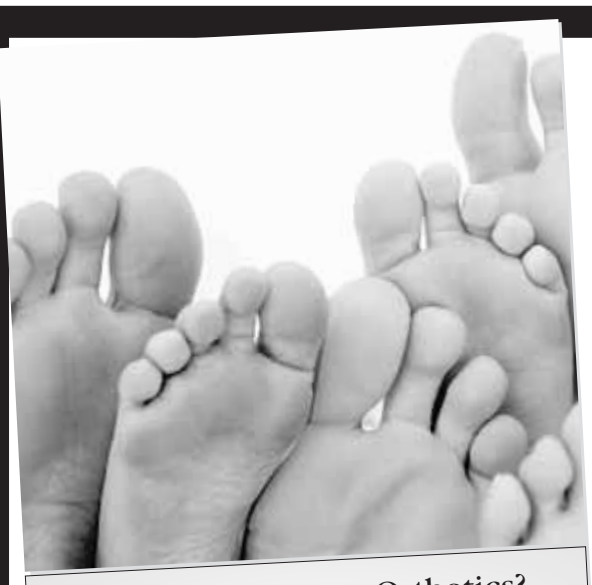

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Prisons face historic downsizing

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A California prison system that has grown over the past several decades to be the nation's largest and has been criticized and sued for severe inmate crowding is heading for an historic downsizing.

Some 26,000 guards, janitors, cooks, records clerks and correctional counselors are being warned they could be laid off, though far fewer will actually lose their jobs.

The move is the result of a new law that shifts lower-level offenders to county jails to save money and reduce state prison crowding. The law was passed to help the state close a $26.6 billion budget deficit and is expected to trim hundreds of millions of dollars from the state's largest department.

"It's quite remarkable that, for the first time since the 1980s, there's actually a stabilization and eventual shrinking of the prisoner population," said Joshua Page, a University of Minnesota sociology professor who recently wrote a book on the growth of California's corrections system.

The downsizing could also strike a significant blow against the politically powerful guards' union.

The union will be one of the biggest losers as inmates, parolees and the money to house and supervise them flow to the local level, said Frank Zimring, a University of California, Berkeley law professor and expert on the state prisons.

"The largest measure of their political impact was their financial clout," Zimring said. "Every dime that goes to the local level should be seen as a threat to the guards' union. Eventually, it will weaken it."

Department officials are mailing out so many notices to give themselves and their employees flexibility as the system adjusts to a new role handling the most serious offenders, said Robert Downs, chief of the department's Office of Personnel Services.

Officials said the realignment is projected to reduce the prison population by up to 30,000 inmates over three years and cut in half the number of ex-convicts the state supervises on parole.

The downsizing is a reversal from the past 30 years, during which lawmakers and voters passed a series of tough-on-crime measures that helped spur a boom in the inmate population and prison staffing.

A prison-building surge couldn't keep up with an inmate population that went from 21,000 in 1976 to more than 159,000 today. The number of employees also swelled from about 12,000 in 1976 to 65,000 today. That's nearly one of every five state workers.

The union's growth tracked the inmate surge. It grew from 2,500 members in 1978 to more than 30,000 today, second only to the Service Employees International Union in representing state employees.

The guards' union became a force that often drove corrections policy while helping its members line up lucrative contracts that made rank-and-file correctional officers the most highly paid of any state.

Former Gov. Gray Davis was criticized for accepting more than $3 million from the union for his 1998 and 2002 campaigns, including $251,000 two months after he agreed to a contract giving them a 34 percent pay raise from 2003-2008.

That was more than twice as high as the average increase for a state employee during that time.

As a result, an entry-level guard earned $45,288 before overtime last year, the most in any state, according to the American Correctional Association. The base salary for a California correctional captain is a top-in-the-nation $98,856.

Davis' move helped spur a campaign that led to the Democrat's recall, and the election of Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2003.

Schwarzenegger's successor, Gov. Jerry Brown, sought and signed the law that shifts jurisdiction over many criminals to the county level. He argued California had no choice, given its budget deficits and a federal court ruling that prison crowding was leading to increased violence, disease and inmates' deaths.

The court ordered California to reduce its prison population by some 33,000 inmates over two years, a ruling upheld in May by the U.S. Supreme Court.

California estimates the realignment will save $453 million this fiscal year and nearly $1.5 billion annually by the time the shift is complete in four years.

Other states have reacted to budget shortfalls in recent years by speeding the release of inmates, closing prisons or increasing their use of privately run facilities, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The 26,000 layoff warnings began being sent home Friday to every employee with less than 10 years' seniority, from janitors to guards. The process is taking days because its mailroom can handle only 6,000 notices a day.

The department estimates that it will eliminate about 3,400 positions from the first wave of warnings. For instance, for roughly each six fewer inmates in the state's 33 adult prisons, the department will need one less guard, said Downs, the department personnel chief.

Parole officers and others who work outside the prisons will get layoff warnings later, possibly in March, Downs said.

State law and union contracts require the department to give employees 120 days' warning before actual layoff notices can be issued starting Feb. 29. That gives employees time to retire, find new jobs, or transfer to understaffed prisons.

Actual layoffs will be reduced because the department loses about 50 employees each month to attrition and has kept vacant positions open in anticipation of the cuts.

Officials couldn't say how many warning letters are going to each job classification.

However, Ryan Sherman, spokesman for the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, said he expects his members to be heavily affected because rank-and-file guards make up about 23,000 of the department's employees.

His union and the SEIU Local 1000 are among unions that negotiated incentives to encourage their members to move to prison vacancies in other cities as an alternative to losing their jobs.

"Pack up your family and move and pull your kids out of school — not a good thing," Sherman said. "What's worse, though, is to be unemployed in this climate."

Ryan said the union's first priority is keeping jobs for as many of its members as possible, not maintaining its political clout. "I think that we'll continue to be a force at the Capitol advocating for our members, no matter how many they are," Ryan said.

Zimring said the lower prison population may finally let the department concentrate on the rehabilitation. From 1980 to 2000, the department managed growth and then shifted to managing crowding, he said.

"As soon as you get beyond managing crowding and managing growth, you can maybe start talking about doing something for prisoners," Zimring said.

Obama announces help for student loan borrowers

BY JIM KUHNHENN & KIMBERLY HEFLING
Associated Press Writers

DENVER President Barack Obama recalled his struggles with student loan debt as he unveiled a plan Wednesday that could give millions of young people some relief on their payments.

Speaking at the University of Colorado Denver, Obama said that he and his wife, Michelle, together owed more than $120,000 in law school debt that took nearly a decade to pay off. He said that sometimes he'd have to make monthly payments to multiple lenders, and the debt meant they were not only paying for their own degrees but saving for their daughters' college funds simultaneously.

"I've been in your shoes. We did not come from a wealthy family," Obama said to cheers.

Obama said it's never been more important to get a college education, but it's also never been more expensive. Obama said his plan will help not just individuals, but the nation, because graduates will have more money to spend on things like buying homes.

"Our economy needs it right now and your future could use a boost right now," Obama said.

Obama's plan will accelerate a measure passed by Congress that reduces the maximum required payment on student loans from 15 percent of discretionary income annually to 10 percent. He will put it into effect in 2012, instead of 2014. In addition, the White House says the remaining debt would be forgiven after 20 years, instead of 25. About 1.6 million borrowers could be affected.

He will also allow borrowers who have a loan from the Federal Family Education Loan Program and a direct loan from the government to consolidate them into one. The consolidated loan would carry an interest rate of up to a half percentage point less than before. This could affect 5.8 million borrowers.

Student loans are the No. 2 source of household debt. The president's announcement came on the same day as a new report on tuition costs from the College Board. It showed that average in-state tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose $631 this fall, or 8.3 percent, compared with a year ago. Nationally, the cost of a full credit load has passed $8,000, an all-time high.

Student loan debt is a common concern voiced by Occupy Wall Street protesters. Obama's plan could help him shore up re-election support among young voters, an important voting bloc in his 2008 election. But, it might not ease all their fears.

Anna Van Pelt, 24, a graduate student in public health at the University of Colorado Denver who attended the speech, estimates she'll graduate with $40,000 in loans. She called Obama's plan a "really big deal" for her, but said she still worries about how she'll make the payments.

"By the time I graduate, my interest rate is going to be astronomical, especially when you don't have a job," Van Pelt said. "So it's not just paying the loans back. It's paying the loans back without a job."

The White House said the changes will carry no additional costs to taxpayers.

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., his party's ranking member on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said in a statement that while he supports efforts to help struggling graduates, the president's plan was crafted behind closed doors and "we are left with more questions than answers."

Last year, Congress passed a law that lowered the repayment cap and moved student loans to direct lending by eliminating banks as the middlemen. Before that, borrowers could get loans directly from the government or from the Federal Family Education Loan Program; the latter were issued by private lenders but basically insured by the government. The law was passed along with the health care overhaul with the anticipation that it could save about $60 billion over a decade.

The change in the law was opposed by many Republicans. At a hearing Tuesday, Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., who chairs a subcommittee with oversight over higher education, said it had resulted in poorer customer service for borrowers. And Senate Republicans issued a news release with a compilation of headlines that showed thousands of workers in student lending, including those from Sallie Mae Inc., had been laid off because of the change.

Today, there are 23 million borrowers with $490 billion in loans under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Last year, the Education Department made $102.2 billion in direct loans to 11.5 million recipients.

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HOMELESS
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Santa Monica. Of those, 1,200 fall into the "priority population" category, meaning they are either Santa Monica residents who fell into homelessness, or they have lived on Santa Monica streets for several years.

That population gets the most intensive services provided by City Hall.

Eighty percent of the homeless come from outside city limits, Yavari reported.

Approximately 36 percent come from Los Angeles and the remaining 44 percent are either from elsewhere in the county or from another state.

"Homelessness is a regional issue, and these efforts have to extend outside of our city's borders," Yavari said.

That "regional issue" puts a significant strain on municipal coffers because most homeless do not have access to normal medical care, and rely on expensive emergency services for their needs.

One chronically homeless man, referred to as "Daniel," cost Santa Monica roughly $50,000 for the 17 times the Santa Monica Fire Department deployed to assist him when he was found drunk on the streets.

Since, "Daniel" has gone through several months of rehabilitation and is now permanently housed and thriving, Yavari said.

Keeping chronically homeless like "Daniel" off the streets can save service providers around $27,504 each year by ensuring consistent access rather than providing help in a piecemeal way, according to a 2009 report by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

The resources needed to help these individuals is sorely lacking.

Santa Monica and its local providers bear a disproportionate amount of the burden for caring for the homeless, but don't have enough money to get the work done.

City staff contemplated breaking from LAHSA, which receives and then distributes the federal money and other support throughout the 85 cities in its "continuum of care," over this issue earlier in the year.

That tension has dissipated, but the underlying problem has not — too many needs chasing too few dollars.

Advocacy at the federal level is necessary but it's a "long, slow, frustrating process," Yavari said.

That spoke to council members, particularly Bobby Shriver, who have spent the last seven years trying to get the Veteran's Administration to rehabilitate a building for therapeutic housing on its West Los Angeles campus.

Los Angeles is the veteran's "homeless capital" of the nation, according to homeless advocate New Directions, which is based at the West L.A. VA campus. Veterans comprise 31 percent of the county's "chronically homeless" population, according to LAHSA.

Advocates succeeded in pressuring Congress to release $20 million to pay for the rehabilitation of one of three buildings on the campus, referred to as building 209, but the effort "falls far short" of the VA's commitment, Yavari said.

Pressures on service providers for homeless veterans will only increase in coming years as over 100,000 male and female soldiers return from the warfront in Iraq, advocates said.

Service providers are gearing up for the challenge, but with little idea of when it will emerge or how severe it will be.

"I don't expect that on Jan. 1, we'll see 100,000 more people on the streets," said John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, Wednesday. "The challenge is going forward, how quickly will those folks be able to reintegrate, find jobs and get back to their lives."

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DOWN AND OUT: **A homeless man rests on the Third Street Promenade in this photo from 2008..**

Many returning soldiers manifest symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after their return, which can cause them to cycle into homelessness, Maceri said.

Another potential problem, and even more difficult to predict, will be the impact of the state's "realignment" program on the Los Angeles region's homeless population.

Through the realignment program, state prisoners are being bumped to the county jail system, which in turn is filling up local jails. Some offenders will end up on the streets before their sentences are served, and how that will impact local communities is entirely unknown.

Unlike the situation with the veterans, it's impossible for organizations to be proactive on realignment, Maceri said.

"They're like apples and oranges," he said.

Santa Monica's action plan concentrates on the "Housing First" model, which means getting clients into housing before applying conditions like sobriety.

The struggle, according to the staff report, will be finding the resources to not only help the current population, but enroll new clients each year, and the failure to do so is costly.

"Without new resources, agencies will soon reach their capacity to serve clients, which will either lead to no new clients being housed, or divert services away from those in permanent housing," the staff report reads. "Both of these scenarios could deter or turn back local progress in reducing street homelessness in Santa Monica."

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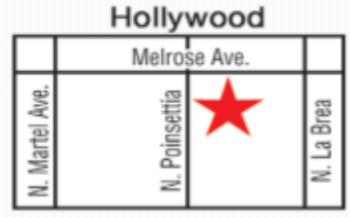

COLLEGE
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to pay for by themselves."

Some lament the change, arguing society benefits when more students graduate and suffers when they don't. States traditionally have supported higher education, they say, and if it's more important than ever, why cut back now?

Others welcome the shift, arguing individuals who most directly benefit should pick up more of the costs. And colleges, they argue, could do more to hold down costs themselves.

On Wednesday, the College Board released the latest figures on the cost of college, and they were demoralizing enough: Four-year public colleges increased tuition 8.3 percent, and the cost of a full credit load has passed $8,000. That doesn't count room and board, and hundreds more for textbooks.

The trend is more apparent when you look at data from the College Board and other groups for the whole decade:

—In 2000, fewer than one-third of Americans said college was essential to be successful. Now the figure is well over half, and with jobs scarce, enrollment is surging. Enrollment grew 9 percent during the 1990s; during the 2000s it rose 33 percent, to roughly 21 million.

—State support, however, didn't keep up. Funding per student rose 6 percent in the 1980s and 5 percent in the 1990s. Then, between 2000 and 2010, state support fell 23 percent after accounting for inflation.

The effects are clearly visible in the prices that public colleges, which enroll 80 percent of students, charged. In the 1980s tuition rose 4.5 percent annually above general inflation. In the 1990s it rose 3.2 percent. In the 2000s: 5.6 percent.

The pain of the recent increases was magnified by the economy. During those earlier decades, median family income was rising. During the 2000s, the family incomes of Americans declined across the board.

—In 2000, the states on average kicked in more than $8,000 per student in higher education on average, and asked about $3,350 from each student (that's in constant 2011 dollars adjusting for inflation). At that time, just three states, none larger than New Hampshire, asked more from each student than the state contributed.

Fast forward to 2010, and the states' contribution had fallen to $6,500 per student. The students' share was up to $4,300. By then, 19 states had crossed the threshold of charging students more than the public contribution.

—States say they simply don't have the money, and that's partly true. But economists also measure what they call state "effort" to fund higher education — state appropriations for every $1,000 of average personal income. The figure measures a state's commitment to higher education, regardless of wealth. The efforts of states vary substantially, from $2.44 per $1,000 in New Hampshire to $12.73 in New Mexico. But nationally, the average state effort fell sharply during the last decade, from $7.25 to $6.11.

"The states are simply funding other priorities," Hartle said. "They're funding Medicaid, they're funding corrections, they're funding elementary and secondary education." Higher education, by contrast, "has an awful lot of people who look like paying customers."

It may be that funding higher education on a mass scale is now beyond the capacity of the states. But if Americans are really so determined to go to college, as they seem to be, someone will have to pay. And increasingly that's been students themselves.

"Looking at 2000-2010, things are bad, really bad, and getting worse," said Rich Williams, higher education advocate for the group US PIRG. "We saw less than half of students needing to borrow just before 2000. Now it's two-thirds. You're seeing loan debt place serious financial barriers in front of students that weren't there."

Total federal loans are up 57 percent over the last decade, and outstanding student loan volume has passed $1 trillion. Partly that reflects more students, but average indebtedness for graduates is now well over $20,000. For the average borrower, that's not life-ruining, but the increase is worrisome.

While some Occupy Wall Street protesters have called for forgiving student loan debt, most college students say they agree they should pay something for their college education.

On the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Leah Shutes, a third-year student working toward a degree in journalism, says she has no illusions college should be free or easy.

But roughly $60,000 deep in student loans already, she feels like she's bearing an awful lot of the burden alone.

"I don't believe it should necessarily paid for in full," she said. "But, you know, a little help?"

The effects of high prices are more complicated than people realize. It's not just that students drop out, though some do. More commonly, they work more hours on the side and take fewer credit hours. That strings out their time to graduation, making college even more expensive, as well increasing the risk they won't graduate at all.

Shutes works 20 hours per week and thinks it may take her three more years to finish. By then she believes her debt could hit six figures (her debt levels are unusually high; fewer than 1 percent of undergraduate borrowers have more than $100,000).

"As students we can kind of feel a lot of pressure and maybe a little bit of resentment because our entire lives we're told go to school, stay in school, get a good job," she said. "At the same time, they say, 'Here's less financial aid.'"

The Eastern Michigan campus, serving a region where the economy struggled throughout the 2000s, may not appear at first glance much different than a decade ago.

But roughly twice as many students, and about half of all enrollees, now receive Pell Grants. That's indicative of more federal aid but also more struggling students; most Pell recipients come from families earning less than $50,000.

A recent college health survey showed increased student stress. More students are trying to make do without purchasing textbooks. Administrators say students are now working two and three jobs instead of one, which affects their work.

"It's a vicious cycle," said Bernice Lindke, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management.

Ten years ago, EMU enrolled 24,300 students and received $90 million from the state of Michigan. Last year it had slightly fewer students and got roughly $65 million. Meanwhile, tuition has doubled. The university used to get one-quarter of its budget directly from students; now it depends on them for three-quarters.

Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, said there's plenty of blame to go around, but few strong incentives to change. States cut funding, knowing they can pass the blame onto colleges for turning around and raising tuition. Colleges don't fight the budget cuts terribly hard, knowing they can turn around pass price increases onto students.

Students gripe, but can usually borrow to get what they need. Only later do the bills come due. And who knows whether they will have the jobs they need to pay those bills?

"The cost of higher education has gone up faster than anything else in the economy," Callan said. "I don't know anybody who thinks the course we're on is sustainable."

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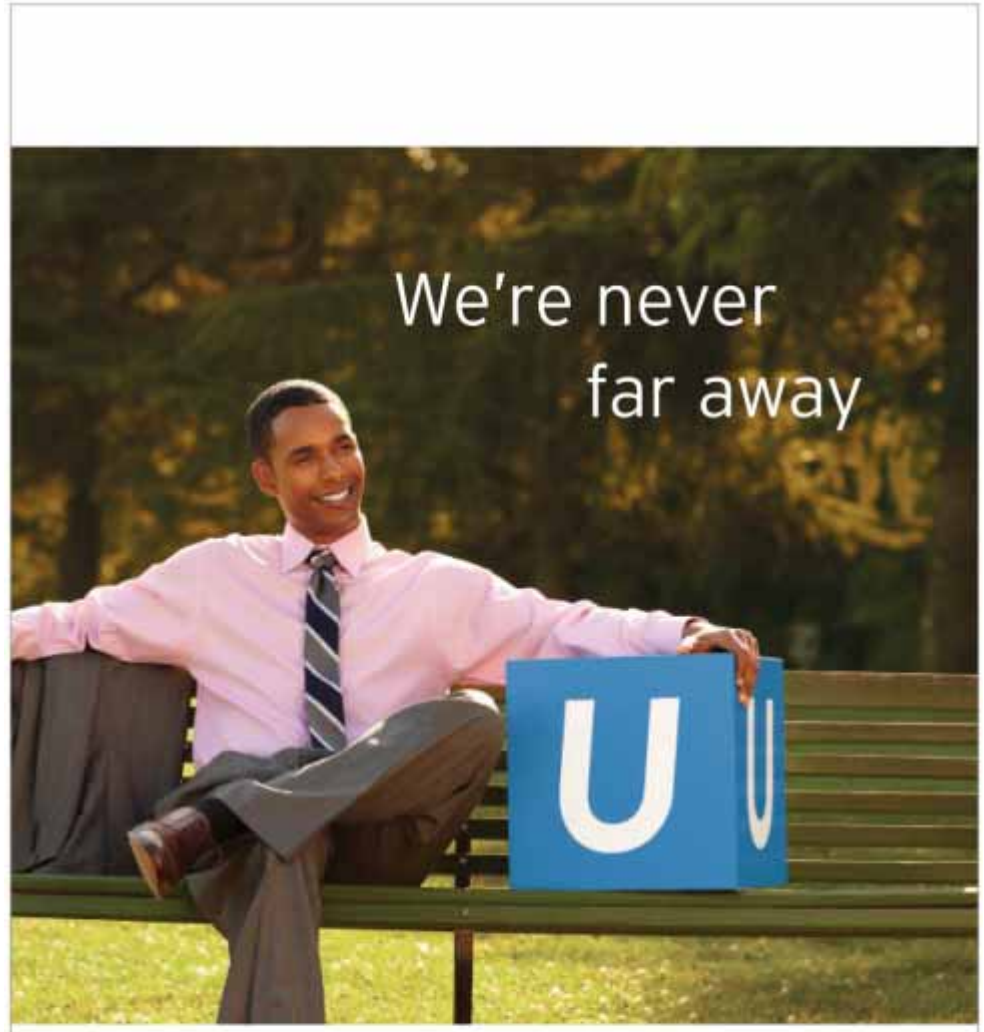

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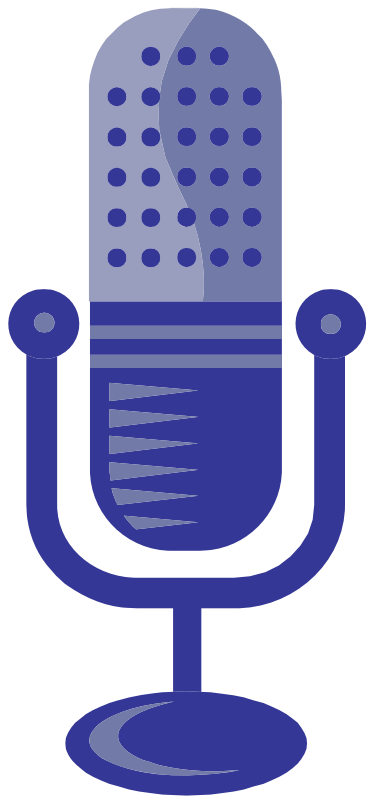

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ENSO didn't immediately return two calls for comment. Officials of Balance Water and Aquamantra said they're disappointed that their companies were targeted when they've worked so hard to do something good for the environment. Both also stand by the claim that their bottles are biodegradable, but say they will remove the labeling.

"I'm shocked that they have nothing better to do than go after companies that are doing their best for the environment," Aquamantra president Alexandra Teklak said. "We're such a small company. We don't even make $100,000 a year."

Martin Chalk, a co-founder at Balance Water, said the selling feature of their product is flower essences in the drink. The company didn't need to use the more expensive biodegradable bottles but wanted to do the right thing, he said. Chalk also said they have a former biochemist and a chemical engineer on staff who reviewed ENSO's studies and determined it was credible and "not quackery."

"At the end of the day we will be compliant with the state of California," he said. "We will either remove the word or go back to regular, conventional non-biodegradable bottles."

FATAL
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Boulevard.

An unidentified white male in his late 50s or 60s was struck and killed around 5:50 a.m. Wednesday while walking in a crosswalk against a red light at the southern intersection of Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards, Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis said.

The impact threw the victim about 30 feet, he said.

The driver of the Camry continued southbound on Lincoln Boulevard with damage to the right side of the vehicle and its hood. The vehicle is believed to be either a 2009 or 2011 model.

"It's also missing the passenger-side mirror," Lewis said.

A witness at the scene called police.

Lewis said the victim was not carrying any identification and investigators are waiting for the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office to provide more information.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463).

So far this year there have been five fatal traffic collisions in Santa Monica involving automobiles and pedestrians, Lewis said.

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DOGS
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to be crafted. Heal the Bay and the Natural Resources Defense Council both oppose the idea of dogs on the beach, but are willing to bend if proponents keep the dog-friendly area fenced in and away from the water.

Dog-loving organizations like Unleash the Beach and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles rejoiced at the decision, and promised to work with City Hall moving forward to craft the pilot program.

"If you have the pros and cons lined up on a peace of paper, one side is empty," said Georja Umano, the founder of Unleash the Beach. "There are worries that people have, but there's nothing to back them."

It wasn't just environmental groups opposing the move.

A surfer wearing a dog mask who introduced himself as Dog Man told council members that making room for dogs at a beach meant for humans would only add to pollution and danger.

"Even though dogs are the new kids, that shows the dog-a-holic depravity in our society," Dog Man said. "Clean their teeth, give them anti-depressants, dress them up as fashion, but keep them off our beach."

Dog Man is in powerful company.

The proposal flies in the face of state policy and environmental groups that believe the presence of dogs on public beaches would endanger not only the wildlife and water quality, but also the peace of mind of beachgoers.

Unfortunately for dog-enthusiasts, that means the very groups that City Hall will need to get on board to push the matter forward.

The Santa Monica Beach is owned by the state and run by City Hall through a management agreement. Changes in beach operation still have to be run by state officials.

In this case, that's Acting Superintendent for the Angeles District Craig Sap.

The state has come down squarely on the side of leashed dogs, said Ron Stearns, spokesman for State Parks.

"I will tell you that down through the years, policy has been consistent and clear," Stearns said. "Dogs cannot be off leash anywhere in the State Park system, and in particular, State Parks has not favored dogs on the beach."

In part, that's for environmental reasons. Groups like Heal the Bay and the Natural Resources Defense Council say that the presence of dogs below the high tide line adds to water pollution, something which advocates contest.

Proponents back up their statements with a 2006 state report called "Dogs on the Beach: A Review of Regulations and Issues Affecting Dog Beaches in California."

That report shows that the 60 beaches that allow dogs have not shown higher levels of bacteria than other beaches that do not.

Mostly, however, State Parks holds that beaches are not a friendly place for off-leash dogs.

Beaches like Santa Monica's tend to be crowded in the summer with people laying or sitting down.

"They don't want dogs bounding into their little area," Stearns said. "Many people who don't have dogs are intimidated by dogs, even friendly ones."

Stake Parks will sit down with City Hall to discuss the matter, he said.

This isn't the first push for an unleashed dog area in Santa Monica.

Unleash the Beach brought the matter forward in 2004, piggybacking on an unsuccessful move to create a dog area at Dockweiler Beach.

Tuesday night, City Manager Rod Gould expressed some hope that this time it might be different.

"Our suggestion is that if council chooses to go forward, we'll draft a letter to the new superintendent," he said. "We'll make a request to consider it, work with state and park staff, and reference the state's own report."

Councilmember Bobby Shriver, who served on the State Parks and Recreation Commission from 2001 until 2008, warned proponents that the tough work was still ahead.

"I think this is going to be a hard slog, and I want to be careful these folks don't get their hopes up too high," Shriver said.

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

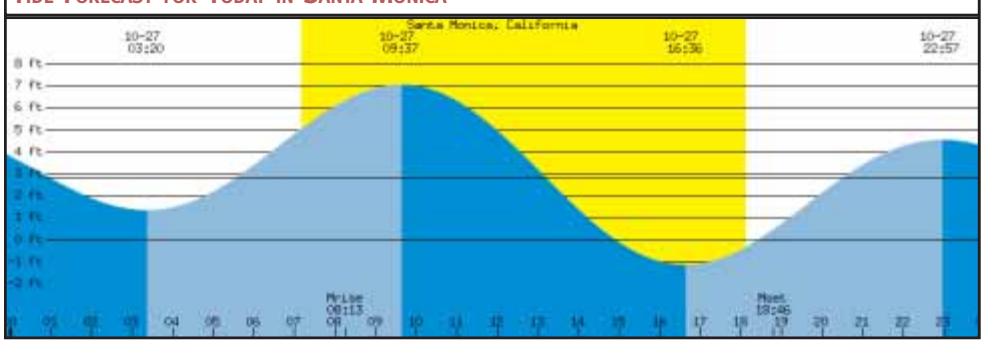
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

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 **October 19, 2011**

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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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Aline creeks.	ns	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.	B	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	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 Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A
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.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	F
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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

SC loaded with newcomers

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Kevin O'Neill had Southern California's offensive scheme set for the season, using guards Jio Fontan and Maurice Jones to run pick-and-rolls as part of one of the Pac-12's best backcourts.

Throw that idea out the window.

Fontan is expected to miss the upcoming season after tearing a ligament in his left knee during the Trojans' exhibition trip to Brazil in August. The team's heart may as well have been ripped out, too.

"It changes everything we do and puts us in a position where we need to play off more movement and more inside than we planned on doing with Jio," said O'Neill, starting his third year as coach.

Fontan only played the second half of last season after transferring from Fordham, but he quickly made an impact. The point guard led the team in assists during that stretch and finished second in scoring with a 10.5 average.

Named team captain, he scored 57 points in USC's first two games in Brazil before he landed awkwardly on his way to the basket and suffered the injury.

Now it's up to Jones to run the offense alongside freshman Alexis Moore, who made an impressive debut in Brazil. The 6-foot-2 guard showed he can score off the drive or from long range and can guard different spots on the perimeter.

Jones, who averaged 9.9 points and set a school freshman record with 69 steals last season, is ready for his new role.

"I'm going to handle the ball more, and I've got to be more vocal and be more of a leader," he said. "And I'm going to need to score more."

O'Neill is comfortable with putting the ball in Jones' hands.

"We're going to sit him out as much practice time as we can without hurting the team, but he has to play 40 minutes a game," the coach said.

The Trojans were 19-15 last season and tied for fourth in the league before earning a berth in the NCAA tournament. They lost leading scorer Nikola Vucevic to the NBA draft, along with Marcus Simmons, Alex Stepheson and Donte Smith.

Even with the departures, O'Neill has a lofty goal in mind.

"We plan on being an NCAA tournament team," he said.

Besides Moore, 7-footer Dewayne Dedmon and Greg Allen — both junior college transfers — Iowa transfer Aaron Fuller and freshman Byron Wesley are among the newcomers who figure to get major minutes.

"There is going to be a big learning curve. Everything is a first for these guys," O'Neill said. "I hate to say it, but many of these guys are basketball virgins at the college level. Their first road trip, staying in a hotel is going to be brand new."

O'Neill plans to experiment with playing three big men at the same time, using Dedmon, Fuller and 7-1 James Blasczyk, a former Texas A&M player who was in junior college last season.

"If we do go to that big lineup, I feel that we can dominate the offensive glass," Fuller said. "Our bigs do a tremendous job of rebounding, getting good position and getting guys open shots. Any of us out there, it will be a good thing."

Dedmon could be the Trojans' most intriguing player. Already O'Neill, a former NBA coach, predicts he will eventually make it to the pros.

Dedmon didn't start playing organized basketball until he was a senior in high school. He averaged 6.6 points and 7.8 rebounds at Antelope Valley (Calif.) Community College before transferring to USC. He practiced the second semester with the Trojans, holding his own in the paint against Vucevic and Stepheson.

Since then, Dedmon has bulked up and O'Neill expects him to be a force in the paint.

The Trojans open the season at home Nov. 11 against Cal State Northridge. The highlight of their non-conference schedule is a visit by Kansas on Dec. 22, with other games against Minnesota, New Mexico and Georgia, before beginning Pac-12 play at California on Dec. 29.

"We're going to surprise a lot of people in the Pac-12 and even in the beginning of the year, there's going to be some teams people don't think we're supposed to beat," Jones said.

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Mighty Macs (G) 1hr 40min
12:15pm, 2:40pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:00pm, 6:50pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
9:40pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:40pm, 9:20pm

Norman (R) 1hr 28min
12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 10:05pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Ghostbusters (PG) 1hr 47min
7:00pm

Footloose (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 12:45pm, 2:00pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm, 10:20pm

Real Steel (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Three Musketeers (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:15pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:01am

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm, 12:01am

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Take Shelter (R) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Chalet Girl (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Man Nobody Knew (NR) 1hr 44min
1:55pm, 7:20pm

Finding Joe (NR) 1hr 20min
4:40pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Thing (R) 1hr 43min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Way (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:35am, 4:45pm, 9:50pm

Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 1hr 21min
11:00am, 11:40am, 1:20pm, 2:45pm, 3:40pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:20pm, 9:30pm, 10:40pm

Johnny English Reborn (PG) 1hr 41min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Big Year (PG) 1hr 40min
2:10pm, 7:25pm

50/50 (R) 1hr 39min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

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Relax with a loved one, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Remind others of the very fiery and abrupt personality you can manifest. Allow your creativity to fill in the blanks. A gesture later today could patch up any disagreement. Also allow someone else to demonstrate more creativity. Tonight: Let your hair down. Relax with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ If you can stay open to extremely assertive people, you will feel OK by the end of the process. A family member could be difficult beyond what you imagine. You will be able to be heard, but perhaps not immediately. Tonight: Let another person choose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your imagination takes another twist or turn. You might feel as if someone doesn't hear your point of view. As a result, you could lose your temper. You also show the ability to soften an associate's hard stance. This, too, will pass. Stay centered. Tonight: Make it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Allow greater creativity to flow into your work. Express your caring in a manner in which the other party can hear it. Try to use your imagination and understanding, and this person's verbal style. Tonight: Having fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Anchor in and get to the bottom of the problem. You could be questioning how to handle your frustration and perhaps anger. You know what is necessary, or so you think. A family member or roommate can be supportive. Tonight: Head home. Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep talking and opening doors. Suppressing your feelings would be a mistake, as they will come out in some form. Choose to express your discomfort in a manner in which others can respond to. Work on being more expressive and vulnerable. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You will want to make a difference. Others might alternate between coaxing, manipulating and a saccharine attitude. Take your time making a decision about how to handle your finances and an investment. Tonight: Tumbling into the weekend spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be causing more problems for yourself than you realize. What you do might be in sharp contrast with what you say. Get feedback, especially if you don't seem to get the appropriate reactions. Tonight: Let your magnetism speak.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Rethink a personal matter. Much is going on in your mind, but your ideas might not be ripe. Brainstorm with a trusted friend, and ideas will flourish. What emerges could be one of your best ideas. Tonight: Vanish for a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to rethink a situation involving a meeting, and perhaps a personal wish or goal, with greater care. In a professional matter, you'll gain support if you explain your case more clearly. A partner or loved one expresses frustration. Tonight: Meet where people are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others think you might be the best person to shoulder a responsibility. Do you have the time? The desire? A partner or set of loved ones could be most upset by your choosing to take on any more. Are you sure this is what you want? Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take an overview and understand what is motivating an associate or someone in your daily life. You might feel frustrated. The smart move is to detach and gain more understanding. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music after calling a distant friend.

Happy birthday

This year you sparkle and express high energy. You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities. Your biggest challenge will be choosing the appropriate course of action. You might feel that a boss carries grudges and can be difficult. You might want to become your own boss. If you are single, you meet many potential sweeties. While you are choosing the person, ask yourself what type of relationship you want. If you are attached, remember your partner -- he or she deserves your time and attention. Be sensitive to his or her needs. SCORPIO pushes you hard.

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

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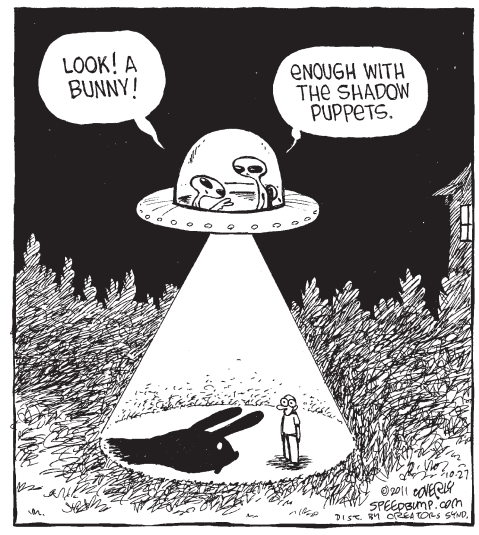
By Dave Coverly



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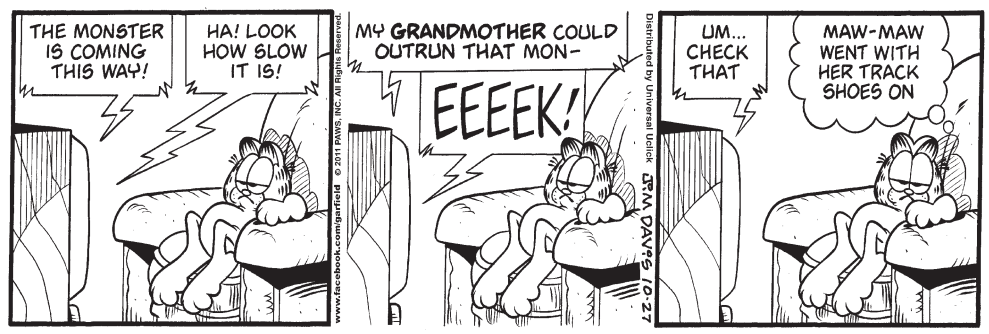

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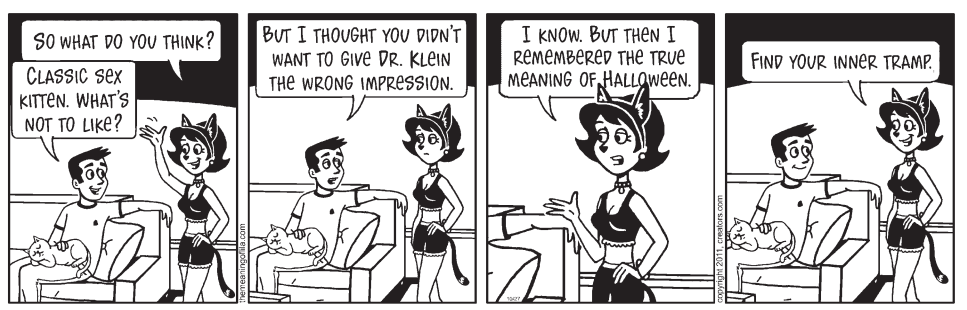

Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pool-table accessory
5 Bar
11 Steel ingredient
12 — Rico
13 Fork feature
14 Spanish region
15 "Hair-spray" actor
17 Peyton's brother
18 News summary
22 Contort
24 Bouquet
25 Informer
26 Silent OK
27 Skilled
30 Canal parts
32 Pitcher Martinez
33 Exalted verse
34 Work under
38 Red shade
41 Put away
42 When most kids are in first grade
43 Barking beast
44 Beautiful
45 Throws in

DOWN

1 "Puttin' on the —"
2 Met song
3 Stuck up
4 Prepares to propose
5 Ship pole
6 Dawn goddess
7 One-pointer in horse-shoes
8 Assn.
9 Ear: Pref.
10 Dijon denial
16 Suitable
19 Vigorous
20 Wild
21 Stationery buys
22 Catch
23 Walk through water
28 Commend
29 Throat mass
30 De-pressed
31 Texas city
35 Hot
36 Frog's cousin
37 Night fliers
38 "East of Eden" brother
39 Sense of self
40 Gun

G	I	F	T	■	C	E	A	S	E	D
O	S	L	O	■	E	X	H	A	L	E
W	E	A	N	■	S	T	O	P	I	N
N	E	T	■	C	A	R	Y	■	■	■
■	■	T	I	A	R	A	■	F	A	T
E	J	E	C	T	■	S	A	L	S	A
D	A	N	E	■	■	■	M	A	I	L
A	V	E	R	S	■	P	E	T	A	L
M	A	D	■	E	V	E	N	T	■	■
■	■	■	P	I	E	R	■	E	A	R
S	N	O	O	Z	E	■	U	R	G	E
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13				■	14					
15				16				■	■	■
■	■	17			■	18		19	20	21
22	23				■	24				
25			■	■	■	■	■	26		
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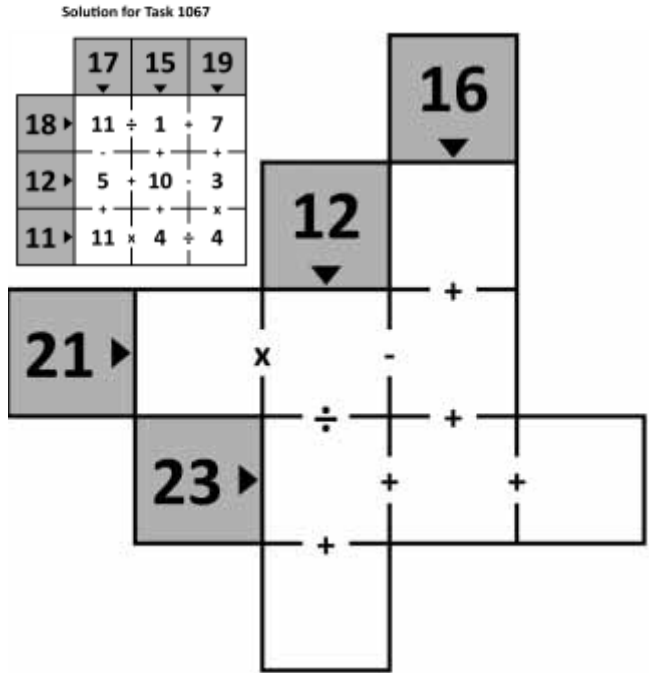
Solution for Task 1067



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In an art-science collaboration in August, Dutch artist Jalila Essaidi and Utah State researcher Randy Lewis produced a prototype bulletproof skin -- or at least skin that would limit a .22-caliber bullet to only about 2 inches' penetration into a simulated human body. Genetically engineered spider silk (reputed to be five times stronger than steel) was grafted between layers of dermis and epidermis. Mused Essaidi, we "in the near future ... (may) no longer need to descend from a godly bloodline in order to have traits like invulnerability...."

■ Turned down once before, liquor manufacturer EFAG convinced Germany's Federal Patent Court in September to award trademark protection to its schnapps with the brand name Ficken, which in German translates directly into what in English is known as the F word. The court acknowledged that the name is unquestionably in poor taste but is not "sexually discriminatory" and does not violate public morals. In fact, the court noted, the word is widely used in Germany. (In March 2010, the European Union trademarks authority granted a German brewery the right to call its beer "Fucking Hell" -- the first word of which is the actual name of an Austrian village and the second a German word referring to light ale.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1971 The Democratic Republic of the Congo is renamed Zaire.

1973 The Cañon City meteorite, a 1.4 kg chondrite type meteorite, strikes in Fremont County, Colorado.

1981 The Soviet submarine U 137 runs aground on the east coast of Sweden.

1986 The British government suddenly deregulates financial markets, leading to a total restructuring of the way in which they operate in the country, in an event now referred to as the Big Bang.

1991 Turkmenistan achieves independence from the Soviet Union.

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Petition of MARIA CHEYENNE PHOENIX THIBEAULT for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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