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THE DOING IT ALL ALONE ISSUE

Animal research protester gets jail in stalking, conspiracy case

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN, LA An animal research protester — indicted last year on charges he and another person stalked two UCLA researchers and a Santa Monica resident who was the executive of a juice company — was sentenced Tuesday to three years in prison.

Kevin Richard Olliff, 23, pleaded no contest in March to felony stalking and conspiracy charges.

Olliff and co-defendant Linda Faith Greene were indicted in 2009 by a Los Angeles County grand jury on charges involving the UCLA researchers and an

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Holbrook's lead over Winterer down to 61 votes

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A close election got closer late on Tuesday, with updated results showing five-term City Councilman Bob Holbrook leading challenger Ted Winterer by 61 votes — fewer than .1 percent of those cast in the contest.

At the time of the previous update from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on Friday, Holbrook had led by 121 votes.

It was unclear by deadline Tuesday how many ballots, if any, remained to be counted.

But based on vote totals, it was evident that at least 4,505 ballots had been processed since initial election results were posted on Nov. 3, at which time county election officials had said there were an estimated 5,954 ballots outstanding.

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File Photo

LOOKING FOR FRESHNESS: **Shoppers at the Wednesday Farmer's Market in Downtown. State and city officials are looking for ways to better monitor markets and their farmers to ensure goods sold are organic and produced in the region.**

Farmers' Market enforcement comes into focus

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Bringing locally-grown produce directly from the farm to the consumer is at the heart of the Santa Monica Farmers' Markets' mission.

So when Laura Avery, who oversees all four of the Santa Monica markets, received a tip that one of her regular vendors may have been selling fruit imported from South America, she was understandably concerned.

The tip came in the form of a picture taken at a Hollywood market over the summer showing Jonah's Apples (a vendor that also participates in Santa Monica markets) hawking fruit that looked a little too good to be true.

The picture was taken in July and showed the vendors selling Gala apples, which Avery said aren't harvested in California until the late summer or fall. And though it's possible to store apples for long periods of time under the right conditions, Avery said these particular specimens had none of the telltale signs of having been picked the previous season.

While state law requires market vendors to sell only produce they grow themselves, the rapid proliferation of markets has made it difficult for state and county inspectors to enforce the rules. Often, the task of policing vendors falls to local market supervisors.

When the suspicious Jonah's Apples picture surfaced, Avery and the managers at the Hollywood and Mar Vista markets decided to team up to get some answers. They sent the photograph to three leading apple industry experts. The verdict that came back was unanimous: The apples could not have been grown at the Kern County farm operated by Jonah's Apples.

Armed with the evidence, Avery and her colleagues confronted the farmers and eventually received an admission of guilt. Though the farmers sought re-admission to the Santa Monica market, Avery said the breach was too egregious. Jonah's Apples was banned from returning.

"They didn't grown them and they weren't organic, so that's major fraud," she explained.

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Nov 13	JV	St. Anthony	Clark Field	3:00pm

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

Senior seminar
Main Branch Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Curious about Medicare or disability law? If you're 50 years or older, ask representatives from the City of Santa Monica and nonprofit agencies all your legal, health and disability questions in a half-day seminar at the library. Space is limited, so register at (310) 458-8644.

Rock on!
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Kids are invited to join the music group Brian Waite Band on a rock & roll adventure 20,000 volts under the sea! For ages 6 and up.

Day of the dead
Cafe Bolivar
1741 Ocean Park Blvd.
Have a thing for Dia de los Muertos? These local artists do. Check out the art exhibit "Vines of the Chicano Spirit," with works by Luis "Wicho" Brizuela, Danny Flores, Ernie Lucero. Prints and notecards for sale. Call (310) 837-5530 for more information.

ICE at Santa Monica
1324 Fifth St., 4:30 p.m.
Join city officials, California Gold synchronized skaters and LA Kings hockey players for the grand opening of ICE at Santa Monica. The outdoor ice rink is decorated this year with colorful flowers by artist Ed Massey, co-founder of Portraits of Hope, who was also responsible for floral lifeguard towers along local beaches this summer. Skate rentals: $10. For more information call (310) 393-8355.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010

Veterans Day

Celebrate Route 66
Santa Monica Pier, 8:30 a.m.
Come celebrate the 84th anniversary of the world-famous Route 66 with a day of activities, including a Veteran's Day recognition ceremony, a classic car show, and on-stage interviews with Route 66 icons. Runners with the Gumpathon will also be there, finishing the last leg of their transcontinental run across the legendary highway. For more information call (310) 458-8900.

Meditate for your health
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m.
In this guided meditation, participants engage in a process that is very restful and rejuvenating and that may free old emotions and thoughts lodged in the body and/or mind. In addition, participants learn to use this meditation in their everyday lives. It is also fun and has immediate as well as long-term benefits. Free, must be at least 50 years old to attend. For more information call (310) 458-8644.

Cook booked
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third St., 7 p.m.
Emmy Award-winning host of Food Network's "East Meets West" and James Beard Foundation's Best Chef of the Northeast, Ming Tsai presents his new book of simple and healthy dishes. Admission is free.

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.

CORRECTION

In a photo caption on page 1 of the Nov. 9 issue of the Daily Press, it should have said that the pay-on-foot machines at Parking Structure 8 do accept coins along with dollar bills and credit cards.

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HANDS ON

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Local skater/surfer/artist/activist Peggy Oki (left) shows Santa Monica College students and faculty the proper way to make origami whales during her lecture at the main campus on Tuesday. Oki uses her popularity as one of the original Dogtown skaters to lecture others about the importance on the protection of whales.

LA sheriff's removal of skeleton being probed

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The handling of the remains of Matrice Richardson, whose disappearance after release from a Los Angeles County jail led to criticism of the Sheriff's Department, is now the focus of an investigation.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter told the Los Angeles Times in a story published Sunday that sheriff's deputies may have violated California law and undermined his investigation when they moved the skeletal remains from a Santa Monica Mountains canyon in August.

The Times says the coroner's office and Sheriff's Department have now agreed to a probe overseen by the Office of Independent Review, the sheriff's watchdog agency.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says it's designed to minimize miscommunication.

Winter says the coroner's office told sheriff's deputies the remains should be untouched until coroner's investigators arrived.

Homeowners say loan mods led them to foreclosure

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Grocery store owners William and Esperanza Casco were making enough money to stay current on their mortgage, but when JPMorgan Chase & Co. offered a plan that reduced their payments, they figured they could use the extra cash and signed up.

The Cascos say they never missed a subsequent payment, so they were horrified when the bank decided the smaller payments weren't enough and foreclosed on their modest Long Beach home.

Their story is echoed across the country by people who claim — some in lawsuits — that banks didn't live up to their end of the deal when they agreed to trial mortgage modifications.

The suits add to a feeling among many struggling homeowners that they're getting little help from the part of the government's $700 billion Wall Street rescue that aimed to help them directly.

Indeed, Treasury statistics show that only about one-third of the nearly 1.4 million homeowners accepted into the government's payment reduction program over the past year have had their reductions made permanent.

"It is extremely unfair that someone like me and my wife who have owned our home for 17 years and never missed a payment could end up in foreclosure," Casco, 47, said in Spanish through an interpreter.

Chase spokesman Gary Kishner was unable to comment on whether Cascos had been current on their payments but insisted the bank had treated the couple fairly.

"We worked with the borrower to give him as many opportunities as possible to qualify for a modification," he said. "However, they were not able to do so and therefore we were forced to foreclose on the property."

Several federal lawsuits filed in Boston accuse major lenders of breach of contract under the government's Home Affordable Modification Program, in which banks agreed to participate as part of the bank bailout.

The lawsuits say the banks agreed under HAMP to grant permanent mortgage modifications to borrowers who make all payments during trial modifications.

Attorney Shennan Alexandra Kavanagh said several of the plaintiffs lost their homes after their payments reverted to their original sums that they were unable to pay. She said she believes tens of thousands of borrowers in Massachusetts alone could be covered by the suits if they get class-action status.

One of the lawsuits, against Bank of America Corp., was consolidated earlier this month with similar complaints in five other states, Kavanagh said.

Bank of America spokeswoman Shirley Norton said in an e-mail that the lender will continue aggressively defending itself against the cases.

More lawsuits have been filed against other lenders elsewhere.

In San Francisco, the Housing and Economic Rights Advocates legal services group sued Chase, accusing the New York bank of profiting from collecting payments during long trial modifications that ultimately end in foreclosure.

"They're participating in the crisis they had helped to foment by refusing to honor loan modifications they had already agreed to," said attorney James C. Sturdevant, whose firm is assisting in the lawsuit.

Chase's Kishner said he could not comment on the pending litigation.

Joseph R. Mason, a professor at Louisiana State University's business school who has written widely on the subprime lending

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Same old story

Editor:

Just thought I would chime in on the election. Funny how all the incumbents won for Santa Monica City Council. They have been bought and paid for for years by the special interest groups, mainly developers who have overbuilt every inch of the city with no traffic plan. I find it sick that not one of these incumbents even bothered to have lawn signs printed. Guess they knew they were shoe-ins. This is not government, but a dictatorship!

Can your paper shed some light on how these people got re-elected and who was funding them?

Kelly Davis
Santa Monica

Planes change

Editor:

My neighbor said that one of the papers ran a story that the new SMO flight path has had no detrimental effect on the neighborhood.

That is absolutely false. Come to my house and count the propeller planes. There are over 100 a day flying low and loudly over my house – descending ascending, and revving their engines. It sounds like WWII.

I have lived in Ocean Park since May 1995 and the first 14 years were wonderful and tranquil. The last year has been hell due to low-flying prop planes and jet traffic.

Do not believe what SMO tells you. In my opinion they only care about keeping their jobs, they could care less about how they have ruined our neighborhood.

Rob Nokes
Santa Monica



Your column here



Jon Coupal

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Paying the proper property tax

THIS FALL HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY frightening. There have been the little monsters at our doors on Halloween, the monstrous politicians invading our homes through the television, and there has been that property tax bill in the mail box.

Fortunately, as a direct result of Proposition 13, which limits increases in a property's assessed value to two percent annually, most property owners have a good idea what their tax bill will be even before opening the envelope. Still, every year at this time, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association reminds taxpayers to carefully examine their latest property tax bill. Although not common, assessors do make mistakes.

Taxpayers should understand the various charges and make certain that they are not being dunned for more than they are legally obligated to pay. The best way to check a tax bill is to have your previous year's bill handy for reference.

Checking the bill is especially important for those who bought their homes within the last six years at the height of the market. If the current home value is actually lower than the assessed value shown on the tax bill, the owner is entitled to file for a reduction in taxes.

Typically, the property tax bill will show three categories of charges. They are the General Tax Levy, Voted Indebtedness, and Direct Assessments.

The General Tax Levy is what most people think of when talking about property taxes. It is based on the assessed value of land, improvements and fixtures. This charge usually makes up the largest part of the tax bill and it is the amount that is limited by Proposition 13.

Proposition 13, passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1978, established a statewide uniform tax rate of 1 percent of assessed value at the time of purchase and limited annual increases in assessed value to no more than 2 percent. From a practical standpoint, this means that once the base year value of your property is established, the General Tax Levy cannot be increased more than 2 percent each year. This allows all property owners to predict their property tax bills into the future and budget accordingly.

The best way to check to make sure that your current General Levy of Assessment is correct is to compare it with the previous year's bill. The increase should be no more than 2 percent unless there have been improvements to the property like adding a room to a house.

This bears repeating: Because of the current decline in property values in California, many recent homebuyers are entitled to a reduction in their property tax bill to an amount even lower than their home's Proposition 13 adjusted base value. Although the reduction is temporary — taxes will go up again when the property regains value — the savings are permanent.

If in doubt about the current value of your property, check sales of comparable homes in your neighborhood. If homes like yours are selling for less than the valuation on your latest bill, contact your county assessor and ask that the value and resulting tax be adjusted to reflect true current value.

Voted Indebtedness is made up of those bonds and per parcel taxes approved by the voters.

Local general obligation bonds for libraries, parks, police and fire facilities and other capital improvements are repaid exclusively by property owners. Because a minority of the population is required to pay the entire amount, the California Constitution of 1879 established the two-thirds vote for approval of these bonds. This assures a strong community consensus before obligating property owners to repay debt for 20 or 30 years.

BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT DECLINE IN PROPERTY VALUES IN CALIFORNIA, MANY RECENT HOMEBUYERS ARE ENTITLED TO A REDUCTION IN THEIR PROPERTY TAX BILL

Until the year 2000, local school bonds also required a two-thirds vote, but the passage of Proposition 39 — backed by a small group of wealthy Silicon Valley businessmen — lowered the vote to 55 percent. Because the 55 percent requirement guarantees that most school bonds will pass, regardless of merit, many homeowners are seeing a significant increase in the Voted Indebtedness column on their tax bills.

Less common than bonds are per parcel taxes. These are taxes on property ownership, not on property value. Under Proposition 13, they require a two-thirds vote and are also listed either under "Voted Indebtedness" if they are being imposed to repay bonds or under "Other Levies" if they are for operational expenses of a local government entity.

Ironically, under the system in place for over a century, property taxes go into the general fund and are used for local services unrelated to property. For services to property, such as sidewalks and sewers, we pay extra. These charges are known as direct assessments.

Because of Proposition 218 — the Right to Vote on Taxes Act, placed on the ballot by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association in 1996 — property owners must be given a meaningful say in approving new assessments. Before an assessment can be imposed, or increased, property owners must be informed in writing and be given the opportunity to cast a protest vote on the new assessment or assessment increase.

If you have a question about your property tax bill you should contact the office of your county assessor. It's your money and you have a right to be certain that your bill is correct.

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Your column here

Susan Shaer

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My uncle the veteran and his shoebox of memories

MY UNCLE SIFTED THROUGH CRACKED, black-and-white photos of soldiers. Uncle Rob was in a rehab hospital, slowly fading. The photos were his buddies from World War II. A shoe box that held these photos and medals was practically the only thing he brought with him to the hospital.

The nurse told me it was common for older patients to reach into their distant past for memories they cherished. It was curious to me because he had never talked about his days in the war, nor his friends from that era. Now, he could recall each one's name, hometown, hair color, and laugh.

My Uncle and I rarely agreed on anything political, but we both enjoyed the banter and ribbed each other about our candidate choices. It was a familiar rift, not a hostile one. The year was 2001. Sept. 11th had not yet happened and George Bush was president. When Uncle Rob was not talking about his long-disappeared friends, he encouraged me to reconsider our new president.

"Well, I'm concerned that he would use nuclear weapons," I said. That stopped Uncle Rob cold. And then he looked at his war photos and shook his head. "Unacceptable," he said. "We weren't trained for that. Fight, yes. Die, maybe. But a nuclear bomb would get us all. Allies, enemies, animals, land, everything. It just wouldn't be fair."

As we honor our veterans this Veterans Day, we embrace the prospect that the U.S. Senate will take a strong step toward ensuring that many of the world's nuclear weapons are never used. New START, a treaty between the U.S. and Russia, should be voted on before the end of this post-election Senate session. In September the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved New START with bipartisan support. Now the treaty is ready to be considered and voted on by the full Senate. The original, 15-year-old START treaty, initiated by Ronald Reagan, expired in December 2009. For almost one year, there have been no on-site inspections of Russia's large nuclear arsenal. New START must be promptly ratified by the full Senate in order to reestablish inspections. This is vital to a transparent and stable relationship with nuclear-armed Russia.

As a veteran, my uncle, patriot to his dying day, and honoring his fighting partners, knew without question that using a nuclear weapon would be wrong. Therefore, it should be no surprise that New START has the unanimous support of the United States military.

It's not just the military that supports the treaty. The Senate heard testimony in favor of the treaty from Republican national security heavyweights like James R. Schlesinger, George Shultz, James A. Baker III, Henry Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft. An open letter in support of the treaty was published from 30 former national security officials from both political parties — including Colin L. Powell, Frank C. Carlucci, Madeleine K. Albright, Chuck Hagel, and John C. Danforth.

I KNOW MY UNCLE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTRY HE AND HIS BUDDIES FOUGHT FOR UNDERSTANDS THAT RATIFICATION OF NEW START IS GOOD FOR AMERICAN SECURITY, IMPROVES INTERNATIONAL STABILITY, SUPPORTS THE FIGHTING SOLDIERS, AND MAKES THE ENTIRE WORLD SAFER.

Immediately after this midterm election, the president announced his support for the post-election session to approve the treaty. "This is not a traditionally Democratic or Republican issue, but rather an issue of American national security I'm hopeful that we can get that done … and send a strong signal to Russia that we're serious about reducing nuclear arsenals, but also send a signal to the world that we're serious about nonproliferation."

The recent election demonstrated a clear desire by voters for bi-partisanship. New START would be a huge step to show the country that Republicans and Democrats can work together for the good of the country and the world.

The United States Senate can validate veterans with this vote. I know my Uncle would love to know that the country he and his buddies fought for understands that ratification of New START is good for American security, improves international stability, supports the fighting soldiers, and makes the entire world safer.

SHAER is executive director of Women's Action for New Directions, WAND, a national peace and security organization that supports the New START Treaty.

(**DAVID ALSABERY** will return next week with another installment of "Hiding in the Open.")

The Q Line

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Down to the wire

City Council incumbent Bob Holbrook leads challenger Ted Winterer by a slim 121 votes with less than 6,000 mail-in votes remaining to be counted.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Who are you rooting for and why?

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Sex, drugs more common in hyper-texting teens

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA Teens who text 120 times a day or more — and there seems to be a lot of them — are more likely to have had sex or used alcohol and drugs than kids who don't send as many messages, according to provocative new research.

The study's authors aren't suggesting that "hyper-texting" leads to sex, drinking or drugs, but say it's startling to see an apparent link between excessive messaging and that kind of risky behavior.

The study concludes that a significant number of teens are very susceptible to peer pressure and also have permissive or absent parents, said Dr. Scott Frank, the study's lead author.

"If parents are monitoring their kids' texting and social networking, they're probably monitoring other activities as well," said Frank, an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Frank was scheduled to present the study Tuesday at a meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver.

The study was done at 20 public high schools in the Cleveland area last year, and is based on confidential paper surveys of more than 4,200 students.

It found that about one in five students were hyper-texters and about one in nine are hyper-networkers — those who spend three or more hours a day on Facebook and other social networking websites.

About one in 25 fall into both categories.

Hyper-texting and hyper-networking were more common among girls, minorities, kids whose parents have less education and students from a single-mother household, the study found.

Frank's study is billed as one of the first studies to look at texting and social networking and whether they are linked to actual sexual intercourse or to other risky behaviors.

"This study demonstrates that it's a legitimate question to explore," said Douglas Gentile, who runs the Media Research Lab at Iowa State University.

The study found those who text at least 120 times a day are nearly three-and-a-half times more likely to have had sex than their peers who don't text that much. Hyper-texters were also more likely to have been in a physical fight, binge drink, use illegal drugs or take medication without a prescription.

Compared to the heavy texters, the hyper-networkers were not as likely to have had sex, but more likely to have been involved in other risky behaviors like drinking or fighting.

A Kaiser Family Foundation study found that about half of children ages 8 to 18 send text messages on a cell phone in a typical day. The texters estimated they average 118 texts per day. That study also found that only 14 percent of kids said their parents set rules limiting texting.

Other studies have tied teen texting to risky or lewd behavior. A Pew Research Center study found that about one-third of 16- and 17-year-olds send texts while driving. And an Associated Press-MTV poll found that about one-quarter of teenagers have "sexted" — shared sexually explicit photos, videos and chat by cell phone or online.

The latest survey did not ask what students texted or what they discussed on social networks.

One suburban Cleveland student said her texts involve non-sexual small talk with friends, homework assignments and student council bake sales.

"I text with my mother about what time I need picked up," said Tiara Freeman-Sargeant, a 14-year-old Shaker Heights High School freshman. She said she sends and receives about 250 texts a day.

Talking on the phone just isn't appealing to some teens, said her classmate, Ivanna Storms-Thompson.

"Your arm gets tired, your ear gets sweaty," said Ivanna, who also doesn't like the awkward silences.

Like her friend, Ivanna said she mostly gets A's. Whether kids who text do well in school or behave in a crazy, risky way is coincidental, she said.

"It depends on who you're talking to and whether they have their priorities straight," she said.

San Francisco to ban toys in some fast food kids meals

BY TREVOR HUNNICUTT
For The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO It's a happy moment for people who see the Happy Meal as anything but.

San Francisco is poised to become the first major American city to prohibit fast food restaurants from including toys with children's meals that do not meet nutritional guidelines.

The measure passed on a preliminary vote by the city's Board of Supervisors last week, and was expected to win final passage Tuesday with enough votes to survive a likely veto by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The ordinance, which would go into effect in December of next year, prohibits toy giveaways in fast food children's meals that have more than 640 milligrams of sodium, 600 calories or 35 percent of their calories from fat. The law also would limit saturated fats and trans fats and require fruits or vegetables to be served with each meal with a toy.

The legislation is a big victory for activists and public health advocates who have charged food marketers with being complicit in the country's growing childhood obesity rates. They hope other cities and counties nationwide will follow their lead.

"This will be a sign to the fast-food industry that it's time to phase out its predatory marketing to children at large," said Deborah Lapidus, a senior organizer with Boston-based Corporate Accountability International, a watchdog group that supported the legislation.

A similar ordinance has already been approved in California's Santa Clara County, where it affected about a dozen restaurants.

The industry, which favors self-regulation, says there is no evidence that San Francisco's law will halt the expanse of children's waistlines and the diseases associated with obesity, such as hypertension, diabetes and heart disease.

McDonald's and Burger King Corp. are among 17 major food and beverage marketers who have signed on to the Children's Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative, a

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Teaching children the gift of giving

BY IVAN ILLAN
Special to the Daily Press

As the holidays approach those U.S. families that can afford to are studying how they will spend a large chunk of their annual charitable donations. It seems that most giving happens during the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas each year. We want to help those in need when we have so much to be thankful for.

This year, take it a step further, and involve your kids. By establishing an annual holiday tradition, you can teach your children that wonderful feeling of giving to others. Children learn best by doing, and by empowering them to research, choose and donate money to a charity, they will understand what you already know: Giving feels great.

You are likely among the 90 percent of American households that donate to charities every year. But, have you ever asked your children how they want the money spent? And do they understand who in your community needs help? Now is your chance to teach them what you value most. Here's what you do:

1) Agree. First, you'll want to decide on an amount with your partner or spouse. Do the children have to choose a single charity? Do you want them to present the money themselves? Do you only want the money to help people, or can they "adopt" an animal with such groups as the World Wildlife Fund? Make sure you are in agreement about the parameters. As in all things to do with child rearing, you'll want to have a united front and clear instructions.

2) New tradition. Build this new habit into your existing holiday traditions. You could present the money to the children at your Thanksgiving dinner, for example. Or it can be as simple as the first fire of the season, to add a little anticipation to the mix.

3) When? Try to start when they're young, but older children can also enjoy these lessons. You'll want to keep it age-appropriate. A 5 year old won't be able to independently research his charity of choice, but a 12 year old might want minimal guidance.

4) How much? Present each child with an envelope with a meaningful amount of money inside. You don't want the amount of money to overwhelm them, but you do want them to feel they are participating in changing the world for the better. A good rule of thumb is their monthly allowance times three.

5) Good choices. Take this opportunity to talk out what you consider important and the needs of the community. Tell them how you choose to spend your donation dollars and why. Then, ask them if they agree. Work hard not to judge. If they would prefer to give the local spouse-abuse center iTune gift cards for the kids instead of shampoo or toilet paper (the less "sexy," but more needed items), think hard before you say no. Remember, you want this to be a joyful — not stressful — experience. You'll find your 6-year-old will probably want to rescue the cute arctic fox (complete with a stuffed animal for the donor), while the 13-year-old may be inspired to donate to the local children's shelter. Their choices may be a little self-absorbed the first go-around. Let them be. We all donate to the causes that mean something to us.

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6) Research. Giving the children a timeline for conducting their research, and check in with them periodically to see if they have any questions, what they've discovered and whether their opinions have changed. You are telling them their opinion matters. Show them how to ensure that the charity spends the money effectively and is classified as a 501c3. This will teach them how to be conscientious consumers. Also, they might want to participate in their school's "Coats for Kids" campaign or donate to the school's library, so encourage them to check in with their school's administration. Also, some principals have a "principal's fund" for children who need school supplies or even a new pair of shoes.

By teaching these lessons to your kids, you give our society the gift of children who understand the power of money as a source of change. Added bonus: You are teaching them to think about someone other than themselves without having to say they should be grateful. They'll be grateful all on their own.

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self-regulation effort run by the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

McDonald's says its meals advertised to children meet government nutritional standards, limiting total calories to 600 per meal and capping fats and sugars. The company also agreed to curtail advertising in schools and promote healthy lifestyles in all marketing efforts directed at children.

"McDonald's remains committed to responsible marketing practices, including advertising and promotional campaigns for our youngest customers," McDonald's senior vice president for marketing, Neil Golden, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

McDonald's sent several senior executives and others to San Francisco to oppose the measure in person.

As it was being drafted, amended and discussed over several months, Corporate Accountability ran a local newspaper advertisement signed by physicians, community activists and small restaurants that called on Board of Supervisors swing voter Bevan Dufty to support the measure.

Dufty eventually did so, saying San Francisco should not wait for the federal government to act and should serve as an example to other cities.

"I don't care how much they say, 'It's San Francisco, they're whacked out there, it doesn't matter,' the reality is they're taking notice," Dufty said.

Fast-food restaurants spent $161 million advertising to children under 12 and an estimated $360 million on toys distributed with their meals in 2006, according to a 2008 Federal Trade Commission report.

Marlene Schwartz, deputy director of Yale University's Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, said fast food advertising aimed at children has increased since self-regulation efforts began.



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The move was the most recent example of the steps Santa Monica officials take to ensure the integrity of produce sold at local Farmers' Markets, and it came as state agriculture leaders are taking a closer look at how to regulate markets amid growing concern that some growers are flouting the law.

A recent investigative series on NBC news detailed the transgressions of several Los Angeles-area market vendors, showing footage of them purchasing vegetables from mainstream bulk produce sellers and then passing the crops off as locally grown.

The expose, Avery said, has had a big impact on the Farmers' Market community.

"People want to believe that they're supporting a farmer and this has really shaken people's confidence," she said.

In Santa Monica, she added, enforcing the rules is a priority.

Avery and her team conduct regular farm visits to verify that vendors at Santa Monica markets sell only crops they grow themselves. But with 200 farmers who participate in local markets, she acknowledged it's a daunting task.

"We're well known for being the people that do go out and check," she said. "I think people are very confident when they come to the Santa Monica markets that they're actually meeting the farmer."

Consumers, she said, can do their part to make sure the produce they're buying is legit by asking questions of the farmers. The people who sell the food should be able to confidently explain where their produce came from and exactly what variety it is.



File Photo

ABOUT TIME: **The expansion of the Farmers' Market sector to include more than 700 markets with 2,200 growers statewide has made it imperative to review the market rules, state officials said.**

The California Farmers' Market Advisory Committee this week completed a series of four public hearings focused on updating Farmers' Market rules that were held around the state, including one in Santa Monica.

Jay Van Rein, a spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture, said the expansion of the Farmers' Market sector to include more than 700 markets with 2,200 growers statewide has made it high time for a review of California's so-called direct to market rules.

"It's the first time since Farmers' Market laws were put on the books that there's been a statewide reconsideration of the rules," he said. "These markets started out as fairly small and simple operations and have grown into fairly complex events."

The advisory committee will begin considering comments made at the hearings in November and will then release formal rule-change recommendations to the CDFA. Recommendations could call for administrative changes or new state legislation, Van Rein said.

A major theme at the hearings, he said, has been a call for more formal training for market managers, who are consumers' first line of defense against fraudulent vendors. By knowing which crops are in season and being able to spot signs a vendor's produce may have been mechanically sorted, it's possible to hone in on bad actors, officials said.

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>
> **Laura Avery**
> Santa Monica Farmers' Market supervisor

Another common refrain has been a call for a better process for referring complaints about vendors to the right authorities, Van Rein said.

While Avery said Santa Monica's farm audit program, which has been in place since at least 2004, could serve as a model for markets throughout the state, she said toughening the penalties for transgressors could go a long way toward improving compliance.

Currently, state agriculture code calls for a penalty of between $50 for minor violations up to $1,000 for major breaches of market rules.

Avery said the threat of permanently revoking selling permits would be a better deterrent than the relatively minor fines.

Van Rein said the state currently has the authority to suspend a vendor's license for up to 18 months, but added it's possible the advisory committee could recommend stricter penalties for breaking market rules.

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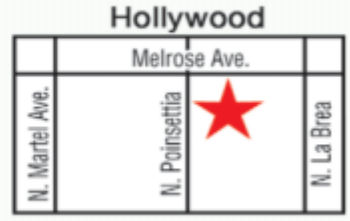
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debacle, said he suspects the loan modification disputes are a legacy of the federal government's rush to stem the flow of foreclosures before it had adequate plans in place.

"These policymakers said, just go out and do this and don't let us worry about the details," he said. "These details are now what are coming to the fore in these modification cases."

Laurie Maggiano, policy director at the Treasury Department's Homeownership Preservation Office, said banks were encouraged to offer trial modifications based on interviews with borrowers about their incomes and expenses while they sorted out the paperwork to qualify for permanently reduced payments.

The banks were under no obligation to make trial modifications permanent until this June, when new regulations stopped loan servicers from offering the trials based on stated income, Maggiano said.

Now, incomes and other details are being fully vetted before trial periods, and borrowers are preapproved for a permanent modification as long as they make three trial period payments, she said.

She also said banks are only obliged to grant modifications if the investors who hold the mortgages also benefit from the modification, as mandated by the October 2008 legislation approving the bailout.

Those explanations provide little comfort to the Cascos.

"I think that banks are playing games with us," William Casco said.

Casco said his monthly mortgage payments to Washington Mutual Inc. went up to $2,765 when he refinanced his home in 2006 to pay for a new a meat counter at his store in the industrial Los Angeles suburb of South Gate.

Chase was in the process of acquiring Washington Mutual in January 2009 when Casco said it sent a note telling him he qualified for a lower forbearance rate. The El Salvador native sent the tax returns and business documents the bank was requesting.

His payment was reduced to $1,250, where it remained for several months until Chase told him to apply for a trial loan modification.

Again, Casco said, he sent Chase the documentation they requested. His payment rose to $2,363 in June, then returned to the forbearance rate in October.

Casco said he continued paying what he was asked until August 2010, when Chase told his family that they were $50,000 behind on their payments and put them into foreclosure.

The home has since been sold and Casco is currently fighting eviction. That has him considering joining an existing lawsuit against the bank or seeking support to file a suit on his own.

"I'm determined to do whatever it takes in order to keep my house," he said. "I feel that a great injustice has been done to my family."

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executive at POM Wonderful Juice Co.

Greene, 62, pleaded guilty to three counts each of stalking and conspiracy to commit the crime of stalking. She was sentenced in April to five years probation.

The indictment alleged that Olliff, Greene and others affiliated with the Animal Liberation Front, whose members have protested in Santa Monica on several occasions, posted claims on the group's website about an explosive reportedly left on the doorstep of a UCLA psychiatry professor in June 2006.

The device, which had been set alight but did not explode, was discovered at a neighbor's home, officials said.

The following month, Greene, Olliff and others demonstrated outside the professor's house and chanted slogans about burning it down, prosecutors said.

Santa Monica police and FBI agents raided the homes of several animal rights activists affiliated with the Animal Liberation Front in November 2006 as part of an investigation into the group.

The Santa Monica City Council in 2008 created a 50-foot buffer zone area around residences, restricting protesters in response to the aggressive tactics of some animal rights activists protesting in the city. The ordinance was sponsored by the Santa Monica Police Department, which was called out to the home of UCLA vivisector Nelson Freimer several times in 2007 after animal rights activists targeted his home north of Montana Avenue.

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Reached Tuesday evening, Winterer said he remained hopeful.

"I'm encouraged to be gaining ground, but it's frustrating that the county is not giving us information on the number of ballots that have been counted and whether they're absentee or provisional," he said. "And they're not telling us how many votes remain to be counted."

An attempt to reach Holbrook Tuesday evening was not successful.

As of deadline Tuesday, Holbrook had 11,916 votes, compared with Winterer's 11,855. The candidates were ranked third and fourth, respectively, in the race for three four-year terms on the City Council.

The results showed a gain of 1,076 votes for Holbrook and a gain of 1,136 for Winterer since Friday's election update.

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Stocks and bonds stumble while commodities soar

BY DAVID K. RANDALL
Associated Press Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks fell in afternoon trading Tuesday as commodities rallied to two-year highs.

Gold, silver and soybeans jumped to levels last seen in October 2008 as investors moved money into hard assets in anticipation that a massive economic stimulus plan announced by the Federal Reserve last week will continue to weaken the dollar. Investors are expecting that commodities will hold their value even if the dollar falls.

The Fed plans to buy $600 billion in U.S. government bonds over the next six months in an effort to push interest rates even lower and encourage borrowing and spending. It's a tactic called quantitative easing, one that the Fed used successfully in 2008 to restore confidence in financial markets at the height of the credit crisis.

"The market is still being driven by the Fed's actions and it will be for a while," Dirk van Dijk, senior equity strategist at Zacks.com.

Treasury prices fell despite a strong auction of 10-year notes. Investors are concerned that demand may be weak for 30-year bonds in an auction upcoming Wednesday. The price of the 30-year bond was down sharply, losing about two full points, or $2 per $100 in face value. Its yield rose to 4.23 percent, the highest level since June 10.

The 30-year bond wasn't one of the maturities being heavily targeted by the Fed's purchasing program announced last week, and its long maturity makes it more sensitive to inflation than shorter-term notes.

Many investors worry that the Fed's bond-buying program could lead to a jump in inflation down the line, which would erode the value of all bonds since their fixed payouts would become worth less over time. With the Fed now focused on encouraging some inflation, "it might be hard for investors to convince themselves to buy" at Wednesday's auction, said John Briggs, a fixed income analyst at RBS.

The dollar has been falling against other currencies in anticipation of the Fed's stimulus program, but it gained 0.6 percent against an index of other currencies Tuesday as new troubles emerged in Ireland, one of the weaker countries that use the euro, Europe's shared currency.

Investors are concerned that Ireland's government will not be able to pass additional spending cuts and will have to ask for financial assistance. Greece, another member of the euro club, was forced to seek a bailout from other European countries in April after investors dumped the countries bonds in the wake of a fiscal crisis there.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 37.16, or 0.3 percent, to 11,369.68. The index lost 37.24 on Monday following six days of gains.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.17, or 0.4 percent, to 1,218.08, while the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 7.49, or 0.3 percent, to 2,572.56

Telecommunications and energy companies were the only groups of the S&P 500 to gain. Financial shares, which fell 1.6 percent, were the worst performing industry group.

Gold rose further, a day after trading above $1,400 for the first time. Gold is at a record in dollar terms but is still well below its peak in the early 1980s after accounting for inflation.

The weakening dollar has been benefiting gold as investors seek other assets seen as safe places to park money. Some gold investors see the metal as a hedge against national currencies losing their value as a result of inflation.

Gold was given another boost Monday when World Bank President Robert Zoellick wrote an op-ed piece in the Financial Times arguing that gold should have a place in the world's monetary system. Gold rose $6.90 to $1,410.10 an ounce, a 0.5 percent rise from late Monday.

Silver also rose, jumping 5.4 percent to settle at $28.906 an ounce. The metal's large gains may be a result of traders buying silver because it had fallen below its typical price relationship with gold. Gold usually trades at 50 times the price of silver, said Rick de los Reyes, a metals and mining analyst at T. Rowe Price.

"Gold is someone's first instinct when they are buying for all of the reasons they're buying gold right now, and silver usually lags somewhat," he said. Silver, which has a greater use for industries than gold, is rising alongside other industrial metals like platinum and copper.

In corporate news, Chevron Corp. shares fell 1.1 percent after announcing a deal to buy the natural-gas producer Atlas Energy for $4.3 billion, following other natural gas deals by rival energy giants Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell PLC.

Shares of Dean Foods Co. sank 17.7 percent after the country's largest dairy company announced disappointing results. The company has slashed prices to compete with supermarkets selling milk under their own labels. Dean Foods shares have slumped 52 percent for the year, making it one of the worst performing stocks in the S&P 500 index.

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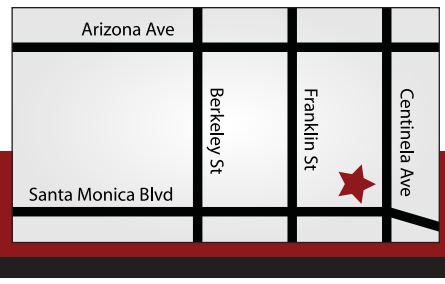
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Pentagon can't explain 'missile' off California

BY PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Pentagon said Tuesday it was trying to determine if a missile was launched Monday off the coast of Southern California and, if so, who might have fired it.

Spokesmen for the Navy, Air Force, and other military organizations said they were looking into a video posted on the CBS News website that shows an object shooting across the sky and leaving a large contrail, or vapor trail, over the Pacific Ocean.

The video was shot by a KCBS helicopter, the station said Tuesday.

"Nobody within the Department of Defense that we've reached out to has been able to explain what this contrail is, where it came from," Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said.

Lapan said that "all indications" are that the Department of Defense was not involved within the mystery object, and that the contrail might have been created by something flown by a private company.

Normally any missile test would require notification so that mariners and pilots could be warned or air space closed, but that may not have been done in this case, Lapan said.

"It does seem implausible, and that's why at this point the operative term is 'unexplained'," he said. "Nobody ... within the Department of Defense that we've reached out to has been able to explain what this contrail is."

Missile tests are common off Southern California. Launches are conducted from vessels and platforms on an ocean range west of Point Mugu.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, issued a statement jointly with the U.S. Northern Command, or NORTHCOM, saying that the contrail was not the result of a foreign military launching a missile. It provided no further details.

"We can confirm that there is no threat to our nation, and from all indications this was not a launch by a foreign military," the statement said. "We will provide more information as it becomes available."

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Nearly 4,500 stranded on cruise ship off Mexico

BY JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO Navy helicopters shuttled in supplies Tuesday to 4,500 passengers and crew members expected to remain stranded on a disabled cruise ship off the coast of Mexico at least through Wednesday night.

Mexican seagoing tugboats were expected to reach the Carnival Splendor on Tuesday afternoon to begin the slow process of towing it to the Mexican port of Ensenada. Passengers will be bused back to California from there.

The ship, which left from Long Beach on Sunday, was 200 miles south of San Diego when an engine room fire cut its power early Monday, according to a statement from Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines. It began drifting off the coast of northern Baja California.

Monty Mathisen, of the New York-based publication Cruise Industry News, called the fire a freak accident.

"This stuff does not happen, I mean once in a blue moon," he said. "The ships have to be safe, if not the market will collapse."

The last major accident on a cruise ship was when one sank in a Greek harbor in 2007 after hitting rocks. No one was hurt.

The 3,299 passengers and 1,167 crew members aboard the Splendor were not hurt either and the fire was put out in the generator's compartment, but the 952-foot Mexican Riveria-bound ship had no air conditioning, hot water or telephone service. Cell phone and Internet service were knocked out because of the loss of power, preventing families from communicating with their loved ones.

Toni Sweet, of San Pedro, Calif., was frustrated Tuesday after relentlessly calling the cell phone of her cousin on board and getting no answer.

"We know everything is fine, but we're just worried," Sweet said. "She was nervous about going on a cruise ship even before this happened and now with this, I don't think she'll ever go again."

Carnival spokeswoman Joyce Oliva said the ship's command has been able to communicate with outsiders on a backup system.

After the fire, passengers were first asked to move from their cabins to the ship's upper deck, but eventually allowed to go back to their rooms.

Bottled water and cold food were provided, and the ship's auxiliary power allowed for toilets and cold running water.

On Tuesday, U.S. sailors loaded cargo planes with boxes of crab meat, croissants and other items for the stranded passengers. They were to be ferried to an aircraft carrier at sea, where helicopters will pick them up and drop them on the ship.

The tugboats were expected to arrive back at the port with the ship around 8 p.m. PST Wednesday, Coast Guard Petty Officer Kevin Metcalf said. Metcalf said the tugs, which will be escorted by a Coast Guard cutter, must move slowly because the ship is so big.

From Ensenada, passengers will be driven 50 miles by bus to the California border, said Oliva, who added that she was unaware of any safety concerns from passengers or their families about traveling by land in Mexico.

Ensenada Port Capt. Carlos Carrillo said some bus companies that normally work with cruise ships docked in Ensenada already take passengers to the border.

"I don't think it will be much trouble to get the passengers to the border," he said.

Carnival Corp.'s stock was down about 1 percent Tuesday.

Mathisen commended the cruise line for its handling of the situation, saying officials responded quickly and were providing information.

But he said the accident deals another blow to the industry, which already has been hurting from a drop in trips to Mexico because of the country's drug violence.

It also will be costly for Carnival, which is refunding passengers, offering vouchers for future cruises and may have to dry dock the ship if the damage is extensive.

Once passengers are dropped off, the Splendor will be towed back to Long Beach, Calif., a journey that will take days. That's why the passengers will be dropped off in Mexico first.

"We know this has been an extremely trying situation for our guests and we sincerely thank them for their patience," Carnival President and CEO Gerry Cahill said in the statement. "Conditions on board the ship are very challenging and we sincerely apologize for the discomfort and inconvenience our guests are currently enduring."

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No charges for destroying CIA interrogation videos

BY PETE YOST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A special prosecutor cleared the CIA's former top clandestine officer and others Tuesday of any charges for destroying agency videotapes showing waterboarding of terror suspects, but he continued an investigation into whether the harsh questioning went beyond legal boundaries.

The decision not to prosecute anyone in the videotape destruction came five years to the day after the CIA destroyed its cache of 92 videos of two al-Qaida operatives, Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Nashiri, being subjected to waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning. The deadline for prosecuting someone under most federal laws is five years.

The part of the nearly 3-year-old criminal investigation that examines whether U.S. interrogators went beyond the legal guidance given them on the rough treatment of suspects will continue, a Justice Department official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because that part of the probe is still under way.

Jose Rodriguez, who was the CIA's top clandestine officer when the tapes were destroyed, worried that the videos would be devastating to the agency if they ever surfaced and approved their destruction. Rodriguez's order was at odds with years of directives from CIA lawyers and the White House.

Rodriguez' lawyer, Robert Bennett, said the department made "the right decision because of the facts and the law" and called his client "a true patriot who only wanted to protect his people and his country."

In January 2008, President George W. Bush's last attorney general, Michael Mukasey, appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney John Durham a special prosecutor to investigate the videotape destruction. Later, President Barack Obama's attorney general, Eric Holder, added the inquiry into the conduct of the harsh questioning.

A team of prosecutors and FBI agents led by Durham has conducted an exhaustive investigation into the matter, said Matthew Miller, chief Justice Department spokesman.

"As a result of that investigation, Mr. Durham has concluded that he will not pursue criminal charges for the destruction of the interrogation videotapes," Miller said.

The department's carefully phrased announcement did not rule out the possibility of charging someone with lying to investigators looking into the tape destruction.

CIA officers began the videotaping to show that Zubaydah was brought to a secret CIA prison in Thailand already wounded from a firefight and to prove that interrogators followed broad rules Washington had laid out.

Almost as soon as taping began, top officials at agency headquarters in Langley, Va., began discussing whether to destroy the tapes, according to current and former U.S. officials and others close to the investigation.

Dozens of CIA officers and contractors cycled in and out of Thailand to help with the questioning. If those videos ever surfaced, officials feared, nearly all those people could be identified.

During the investigation, agency lawyers were forced to turn over long lists of documents, including classified cables from around the world. Former CIA Director Porter Goss was summoned before a grand jury, as were the agency's former top lawyer, John Rizzo, and its current station chief in London.

Despite standing orders from the Bush White House not to destroy the tapes without checking with administration officials, momentum for their destruction grew in late 2005 as the CIA Thailand station chief, Mike Winograd, prepared to retire, the current and former U.S. officials have said.

Winograd had the tapes in his safe and believed they should be destroyed, officials said.

On Nov. 4, 2005, as the CIA scrambled to quell a controversy from a Washington Post story revealing the existence of secret CIA prisons overseas, Rodriguez called two CIA lawyers. He asked Steven Hermes, his lawyer in the clandestine service, whether he had the authority to order the tapes destroyed. Hermes said Rodriguez did, according to documents and interviews.

Then Rodriguez asked Robert Eatinger, the top lawyer in the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, whether there was any legal requirement that the tapes be kept. Eatinger said no.

Eatinger and Hermes have told colleagues that they believed Rodriguez was merely teeing up a new round of discussions about the tapes and, because of previous orders not to destroy the tapes without White House approval, they were unaware that Rodriguez planned to move immediately, officials told The Associated Press.

Relying on the advice from Hermes and Eatinger, Rodriguez told Winograd to write an official request to destroy the videos. On Nov. 5, 2005, the request came in. Its justification: The inspector general had completed its investigation and CIA lawyer John L. McPherson had verified that the cables accurately summarized the tapes.

On Nov. 8, Rodriguez sent his approval.

It took about 3 1/2 hours to destroy the tapes. On Nov. 9, Winograd informed Rodriguez the job was complete. Goss and Rizzo wouldn't find out until the next day.

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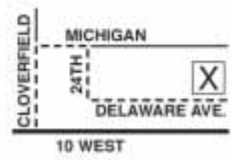
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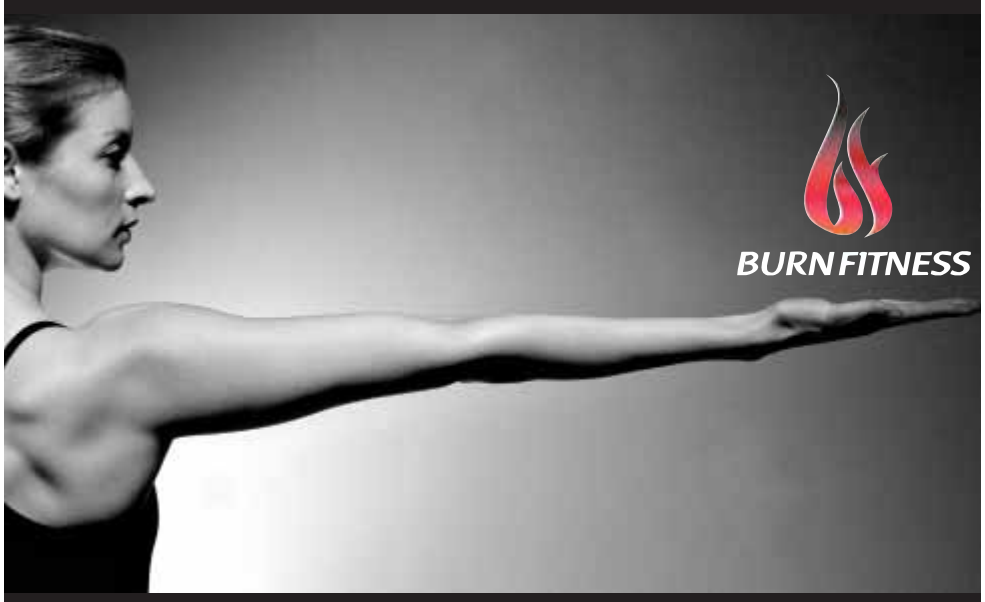
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At home in Indonesia, Obama reaches out to Muslims

BY BEN FELLER
AP White House Correspondent

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) From the most Muslim nation on earth, President Barack Obama is reaching out to the Islamic world, declaring that efforts to build trust and peace are showing promise but are still clearly "incomplete."

Obama on Wednesday will deliver one of the most personal and potentially consequential speeches of his presidency, reflecting on his own years of upbringing in Indonesia and giving an update on America's "new beginning" with Muslims that he promised last year in Cairo.

At the same time, the path to lasting peace in the Middle East was hardly looking smoother. A reminder of that difficult road was waiting for Obama when he landed here Tuesday on a steamy afternoon in southeast Asia. Israel's decision to build more apartments in east Jerusalem, a disputed territory claimed by Palestinians, had already earned a rebuke from American diplomats before a tired, traveling president weighed in himself.

"This kind of activity is never helpful when it come to peace negotiations," Obama said when questioned at a news conference alongside Indonesia's president, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. "I'm concerned that we're not seeing each side make the extra effort involved to get a breakthrough. ... Each of these incremental steps can end up breaking down trust."

Heavily invested and eager for Mideast stability, Obama insisted: "We're going to keep on working on it."

Obama's criticism came during a cherished, fleeting and twice-delayed homecoming in Indonesia. He canceled plans to come earlier this year because of domestic troubles, and now he's dodging a big cloud of volcanic ash.

India's most volatile volcano, Mount Merapi, has erupted with deadly force for days. The White House determined Air Force One could fly in as scheduled to Jakarta but that Obama should shorten his stay given the flow of airborne ash. That meant Obama would be in Indonesia for just 19 hours, still long enough to visit a famous mosque and deliver his speech.

The president, who is Christian, is eager to hold up Indonesia as a model: an overwhelmingly Muslim nation where other religions are respected freely and an evolving democracy is gaining strength despite a legacy of corruption.

He will revisit themes of his famous 2009 Cairo speech, one in which he called for mutual respect: from the United States for Muslims in a post-Sept. 11 world, and also from Muslims for the United States for its diversity and compassion. That speech also essentially set up an Obama scorecard on Iraq, Iran and efforts to combat Islamic extremists.

Obama is also giving substantial attention to the new partnerships his government has reached with Indonesia's. And he is talking freely about his time here, from age 6 to 10, when he was running around as a boy named Barry.

The personal touches began coming out as Obama, looking weary on his fourth day in Asia, reflected Tuesday on how Jakarta has changed since he lived here. His only real look came during a couple of motorcade rides.

"I feel great affection for the people here," Obama said. "And obviously I have a sister who's half Indonesian. My mother lived and worked here for a long time. And so the sights and the sounds and the memories all feel very familiar."

The president drew smiles from the gathered dignitaries by speaking a little Indonesian at times.

"We have been waiting for so long," said Yudhoyono to Obama at a press event shoved inside by rain.

The two presidents touted a deal that will have both countries cooperating on energy, education, the environment and many other subjects. More broadly, Indonesia offers the United States one more strategic, democratic voice in a continent of emerging powers and lucrative markets, while U.S. support can help Indonesia's own economy and regional security.

Both leaders pushed back on the thesis that Obama's efforts aim, at least in part, to counter China's rise. Obama insisted he wanted China to grow and prosper, and he said that "we're not interested in containing that process." Yudhoyono said he didn't think of one power counterbalancing another, but he added that there must be an "equilibrium" in the region.

Obama also pointedly noted that the global economy is out of whack, saying, "We have seen some countries run up very big surpluses and intervening significantly in the currency markets to maintain their advantage." The U.S. contends China's undervalued currency gives Beijing an unfair trade boost in the selling of its goods.

The president's stop in Indonesia came after he spent three days in India — the most attention any foreign country has received from him. Obama leaves Wednesday night for global economic meetings in South Korea, and then more in Japan.

Obama credited his own outreach effort as he described the joint efforts of the United States and Indonesia, saying they were "direct results of my call in Cairo for a new beginning between the United States and Muslim communities."

Overall, he said progress has been mixed.

"Or efforts have been earnest, sustained," he said. "We don't expect that we are going to completely eliminate some of the misunderstandings and mistrust that have developed ... but we do think that we're on the right path."

Indonesians all over this country of more than 17,000 islands gathered around television sets in their houses, coffee shops and office buildings as Obama's plane touched down. He was to deliver his speech at the University of Indonesia to an indoor crowd of about 6,000 people. An outdoor event was ruled out by concern over weather and the expected overwhelming crowd.

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Ordinances 2326 and 2327 will become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full test of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the city Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102 Santa Monica, California phone (310) 458-8211.

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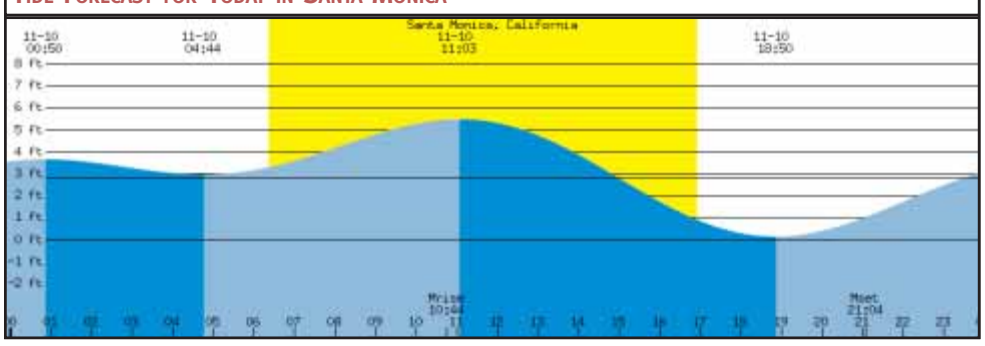
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Troncas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	C	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	B	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	D	A
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hawkins fired as Colorado football coach after loss

BY PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

BOULDER, Colo. Dan Hawkins was fired as football coach at Colorado three days after the biggest meltdown in school history put a cap on his five failed seasons with the Buffaloes.

Athletic director Mike Bohn promoted longtime assistant Brian Cabral to interim coach for the final three games of the season, beginning Saturday against Iowa State at Folsom Field.

Bohn said search for a new coach would begin immediately.

At 70 years old, former CU coach Bill McCartney has publicly expressed an interest in coaching again and remains a "viable candidate," Bohn said. McCartney led the Buffaloes to their only national title in 1990.

"He's a great statesman for our program," Bohn said.

Hawkins was hailed as a "home run" hire by Bohn in 2006 after going 53-11 at Boise State. But he never had a winning season in Boulder in nearly five seasons, going 19-39 and losing his last 17 games outside of Colorado.

The final loss came Saturday. Colorado blew a 28-point lead at Kansas when the Jayhawks scored 35 points over the final 11 minutes for a stunning 52-45 win. It was the biggest collapse in the 121-year-old program's history.

Dressed in Colorado colors — black suit, yellow shirt and striped tie — Hawkins stepped up to the podium at a news conference Tuesday, thanking former coaches, players and team personnel as he spoke for nearly 13 minutes, ending his speech with "Go Buffs."

He didn't take any questions from the media.

"I know it's been a tough time for every Buff faithful. Hopefully, we can get those things remedied," said Hawkins, who addressed the team and informed them of his removal first thing Tuesday morning. "I really hope the negativity that might surround me doesn't surround them. They don't deserve that. It's my responsibility and I take full responsibility for that."

Quarterback Cody Hawkins, the son of Dan Hawkins, was among the seniors who addressed the media, saying he found out Sunday night.

"I had a little time to deal with it," Cody Hawkins said. "College football is a business. There are a lot of great guys in this business who kind of get put out on the street."

Dan Hawkins was one of the hottest coaches in the nation when he was brought to Boulder to replace Gary Barnett, whose tenure was marred by scandal and a 70-3 loss to Texas in the Big 12 title game after the 2005 season.

This season, the Buffs started 3-1 but have lost five in a row in the Big 12, increasing the call for Hawkins' ouster, especially after Saturday's loss when he walked out on his postgame radio interview.

"We collectively believed that it was important to provide the opportunity for Dan as head coach and his current staff to pull things together, and things looked bright just one month ago," Bohn said. "However, things have gone downhill from there.

"While we recognize the progress that we have made in several areas during nearly five years under Dan, the negativity and divisiveness that is associated with the current leadership has become detrimental and is beyond repair to our current enterprise and it's time to make a change."

As for future plans, Dan Hawkins said those remain unknown.

"Life's an adventure: I've always sort of looked at it like that," he said. "I'm sure I'll coach again — at some point, at some place. ... I'm going to be a passionate spectator here for the next three, hopefully four games."

Over the weekend, it appeared that Hawkins may retain his job. Bohn issued a statement Saturday night after flying back from Lawrence, Kan., that did not mention Hawkins' job status.

However, Hawkins continued to take heat for having his quarterback son throwing the ball in the fourth quarter instead of running out the clock with a big lead. Some argued Dan Hawkins was more focused about getting his son the school's all-time passing record than he was about securing the win.

Cody Hawkins laughed at that notion.

"I was joking in the back ... that I was going to come up here and the fist thing I was going to say, I was going to sit down and say, 'As of 1:30 p.m. today, I'm no longer part of the Colorado Buffaloes football program.' Just to see what you guys would do," Cody Hawkins said. "That couldn't be further from the truth. When I signed my national letter of intent to come play football here, nowhere on the contract did it say I'm going to come play for Dan Hawkins. Yes, that's a big reasons why I came here, because I thought he ran the program the right way. But I wanted to be a part of Colorado."

In his speech Tuesday, Dan Hawkins encouraged fans to support the program over the next few weeks and in the move to the Pac-12 next season.

Cabral, 54, who coaches the inside linebackers, is the longest-tenured assistant in school history at 21 seasons. He served as interim coach once before, in the spring of 2004, when Barnett was suspended.

"Here we go again," smiled Cabral, who's hoping to be considered for the opening. "My role again is very much like last time I sat here. ... My role is to calm the storm."

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Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

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12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

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1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

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1:55pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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Due Date (R)
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
10:30am, 1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
10:45am, 1:25pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

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12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

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The world is your oyster, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are in command of your own ship. Take news that is forthcoming with a grain of salt. Honor your commitments, but don't allow someone to hang on you. Understanding evolves within a partnership. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Discussions evolve. The only way to solve a tension-laden issue is through a talk. Your way of handling a problem could be a lot different from another person's. Be willing to incorporate other ideas with a little more ease. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A close relationship becomes more of a possibility than you first thought. However, you might not be in the mood for the type of discussions that are likely to occur. A steady, even pace, even in explaining your logic, helps others receive your ideas. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be out of sorts; defer to someone else. How you see a situation and the choices you make could be very different from this person. If the end results are the same or better, why would you mind? Tonight: Go with another's choices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Emphasize the possibilities. Someone close could be a bit sour or negative. Use this trait as an asset; let him or her play devil's advocate. Your strength on a personal, emotional level pays off in a big way. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Being aware of the consequences of certain decisions could be critical. Although you are brainstorming and allowing creativity to flourish, you still need grounded thinking. Communication flourishes in an unprecedented manner. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be fighting yourself more than anything else. You need to deal with a situation differently, but will you? A family member has similar priorities when it comes to security. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Put your best foot forward. By giving 100 percent, you will never have a reason to feel bad or do the "what if?" should a situation not tumble in your favor. You often are very hard on yourself. Tonight: Meet a friend, and catch up on his or her news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You don't need a majority consensus, but it is nice to have some agreement and support before taking action or making a decision. Your instincts serve you well financially. Honor who you are in a discussion. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Though you radiate and seem self-assured, someone is coming down on you very hard. You wonder what you need to do to change this person's attitude. Instead of wondering, why not start up a conversation and ask? Tonight: The world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your instincts serve you well. If you feel that an idea or a meeting is off, you might want to cancel it. Give yourself some space, as it appears unanticipated demands could come in from out of left field. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want. Enlist others' support, and you will come to a conclusion much more quickly than you thought possible. You see the beauty of teamwork. Follow your knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

Happy birthday

This year, you build better relationships because of your willingness to listen and work with others. Often, you can become exasperated by the many demands and requests. You also can become quite depressed if you are left alone. In a sense, it might feel better to be overwhelmed. If you are single, you could meet someone quite exotic and different. Be open to a different style and MO. If you are attached, the two of you become much closer because of planning a trip or pursuing a mutual interest. CAPRICORN asks the right questions.

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



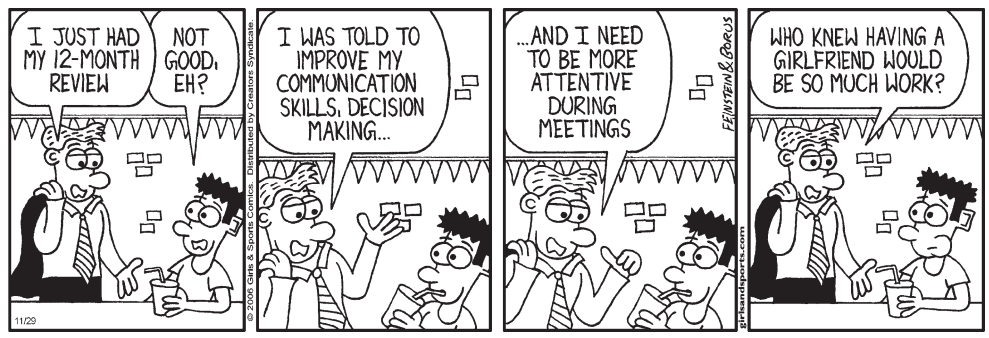
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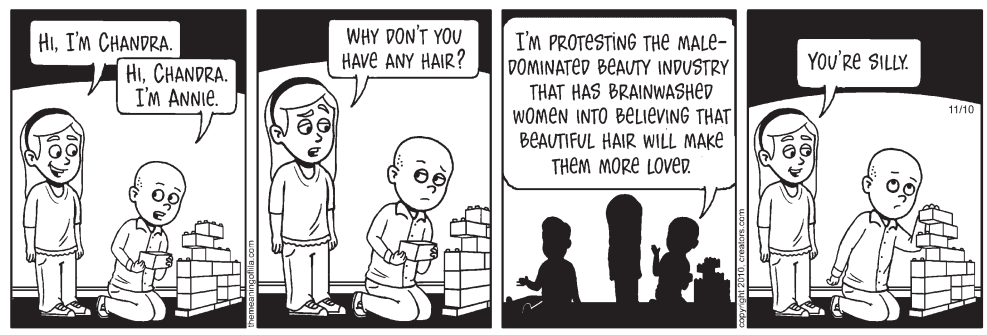
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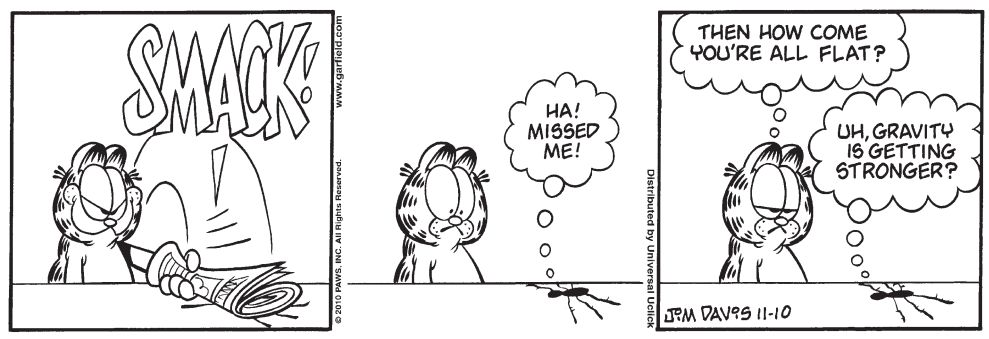
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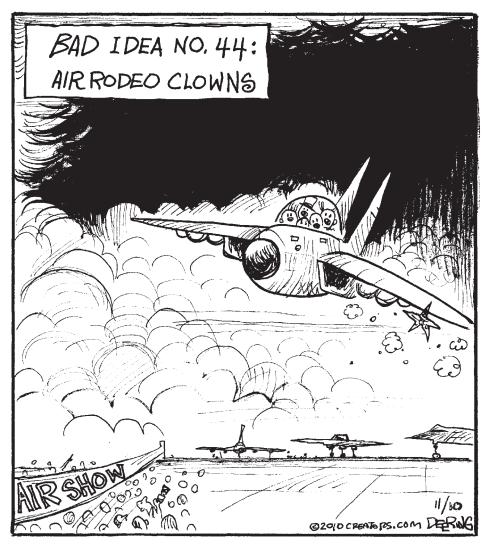
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Sudoku

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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9			5		8			6
	7	5				9	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

2	3	6	1	7	9	5	8	4
4	1	8	5	6	2	3	9	7
5	7	9	3	4	8	2	1	6
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1 Knife type
7 Ninny
11 "Twelfth Night" heroine
12 White House office shape
13 Like some furniture polishes
14 Split
15 Square dancer
17 Paris' home
20 Last Greek letter
23 Gun the motor
24 Some tires
26 Highest card
27 Bullring call
28 Pinnacle
29 Ranch pens
31 Second person
32 Kicked, in a way
33 Carolina bird
34 Region of eastern France
37 Jail cell
39 Stockpile
43 Cart pullers
44 Appeal to
45 Saucy
46 Vacillate

DOWN

1 Vote seeker
2 Saloon order
3 Border
4 Tusk material
5 Muse quantity
6 "What's Going On" singer
7 Moolah
8 Buffet abuser
9 Writer Brown
10 Antique
16 Mine finds
17 CD segment
18 Scout's job
19 Rarin' to go
21 Fielder's aid
22 Rockies resort
24 Byways
25 Maximum amount
30 Show mercy
33 Make baskets
35 Stepped down
36 Volcano shape
37 Force member
38 Log chopper
40 Braille unit
41 Luau strings
42 For each

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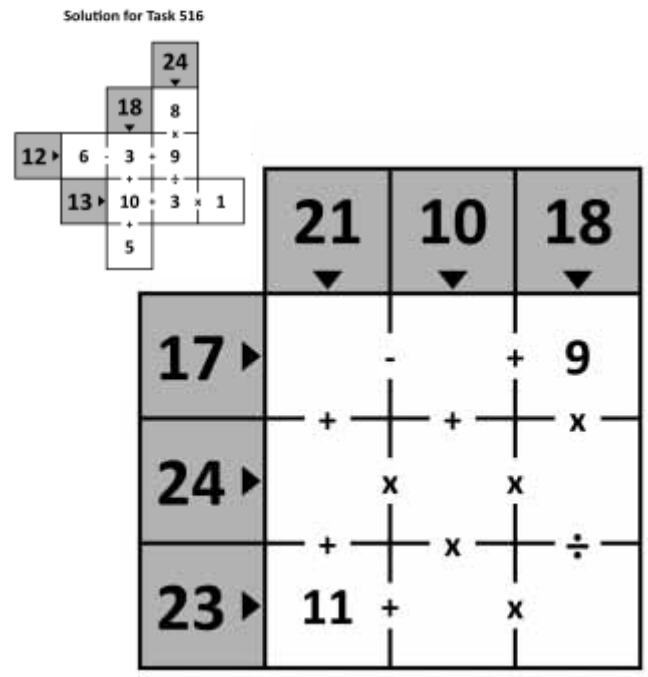
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Solution for Task 516



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Janis Ollson, 31, of Balmoral, Manitoba, is recovering nicely after being almost completely sawed in half in 2007 by Mayo Clinic surgeons, who concluded that they could remove her bone cancer no other way. In experimental surgery that had been tried only on cadavers, doctors split her pelvis in half, removed the left half, her left leg and her lower spine (and the tumor) in a 20-hour, 12-specialist procedure. The real trick, though, was the eight-hour, 240-staple reconstruction in which her remaining leg was reconnected to her spine with pins and screws, leaving her in an arrangement doctors likened to a "pogo stick." A September Winnipeg Free Press story noted that, except for the missing leg, she is enjoying a normal life with her husband and two kids and enjoys snowmobiling.

■ Kyle Johnson shattered his skull so badly in a high-speed longboard accident in June that ordinary "decompressive craniectomy" (temporarily removing half of the skull to relieve pressure) would be inadequate. Instead, doctors at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah, removed both halves, leaving only a thin strip of bone (after placing Johnson in a drug-induced coma) and kept the skull frozen to prevent brittleness. After the swelling subsided, they reattached the skull to his head and woke him up gradually over a week's time. Johnson admits some memory problems and cognitive dysfunction, most notably his inability to focus on more than one concept at a time -- even when they are part of the same scene, such as two crayons on a table. Johnson said he probably won't go back to the longboard but, curiously like Janis Ollson, looks forward to snowmobiling.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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