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Santa Monica's tsunami plan takes higher ground

Online service offers emergency alerts for residents

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The devastating tsunami that wreaked havoc on the island nation of Japan, contributing to what is accepted as the second worst nuclear disaster in human history, left an impact across the globe.

Its effects were felt even in the United States, claiming the life of an unwary onlooker in northern California and smashing boats in harbors along the coastline.

Santa Monica was mostly spared from the effects, and saw only a tsunami watch and high waves.

As for many coastal towns, however, the event became a call to arms, and one of the first tasks of the newly-created Office of Emergency Management under director Ken Semko.

According to a staff report, the majority of Santa Monica is protected from potential-

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SHOWING SUPPORT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People gather on Santa Monica Boulevard Monday with LED lights in hand in support of nurses at Saint John's who voted to unionize earlier this year but are still without a contract. Nurses said hospital representatives refuse to meet regular to hammer out a deal by Christmas.

Santa Monica's lost aviation history

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN While Santa Monica's position in the fabric of the aviation industry goes unquestioned, little is said of Waldo Waterman, the Santa Monican who pursued the dream of marrying the power of the automobile with the majesty of flight.

In the first half of the 20th century, Santa Monica was the beating heart of the aviation industry. Douglas Aircraft led the way in innovation, pioneering a series of planes for business and the military, the predecessors of the modern jet airplane.

It transformed a sleepy, bedroom community, filling it with blue collar jobs and people.

And yet if you ask those knowledgeable about aviation and its place in Santa Monica's past about the Arrowplane or its creator Waldo Waterman, the details becomes murkier.

Dan Ryan, managing director of Santa Monica's new Museum of Flying heard of it through whispers.

"It was lore from someone at the airport, years ago," Ryan said. "One of the old timers."

In fact, the Arrowplane was one of the early, relatively successful attempts at a goal almost as old as aviation itself — creating a vehicle that could take to the air as easily as it cruised America's highways and byways, and was accessible to the common man.

The 1920s sparked the "flivver" movement, an attempt by the federal Bureau of Air Commerce Chief Eugene Vidal to inspire American companies to create an airplane that cost under $700 and was safe, said Dorothy Cochrane, the curator of general aviation at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. where two of Waterman's designs hang.

"Some people derided the idea that you could build a $700 aircraft," Cochrane said, "and indeed, they were right."

Nevertheless, the competition Vidal began led Waterman, a Santa Monica tinkerer and inventor, to create the Arrowplane, an evolution of previous designs that meant to marry land and air.

Combining the two technologies required for flight and driving is an inher-

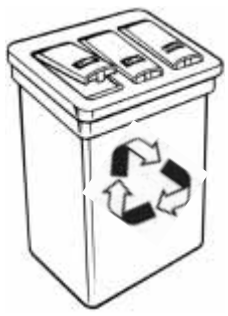
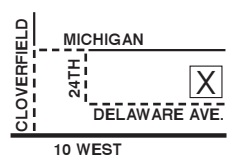
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011

Keeping them occupied
Euclid Park
1525 Euclid St., 9 a.m. — noon
Looking for a way to get your holiday shopping accomplished without the challenge of bringing the kids along? Art Innovators, an international art enrichment program, is offering winter workshops to keep the kids busy working on fun, creative art projects while parents shop. Advanced registration is required. To register online visit www.artinnovatorswestla.com and click on "CAMPS" or call the Santa Monica Community Classes and Programs office at (310) 458-2239.

Loud and proud
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10: 30 a.m.
Calling all singers. Show off your singing skills during a sing-a-long with Douglas and Mary Jane. Must be a Senior Center member and 50 or older to participate; membership is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Artists unite
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m.
The Artists League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club invites you to drop in Tuesdays to work on independent projects in watercolor, gouache and collage. For more information, call (310) 310-2273.

Dinner and a movie
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer star in "The Help," a moving adaptation of Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel about the lives of black domestic workers in 1960s Jackson, Miss. Co-starring Emma Stone, Sissy Spacek and Allison Janney.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011

Tiny shakers
Kidsrevolving Studio
1657 12th St., 10:30 a.m.
This yoga class offers an energy bursting, imaginative practice shaped just for little tots! Participants begin with a breathing warm-up and then experience a series of movement explorations based on themes inspired by cultures from around the world. Cost: $20. Call (310) 497.4277 or e-mail tiffany@kidsrevolving.com to make reservation.

Self healing
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Maria Locsin, a licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist, will lead a discussion on how to stay healthy and heal bodies. How? Maria repeats and reiterates: Food is your medicine. Must be a Senior Center member and 50 or older to participate; membership is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Drink and be merry
Library Ale House
2911 Main St., all day
It's the Library Ale House's favorite time of year for beer. The weather cools down and the ABV goes up. It's as though the universe is telling us to stay in inside and sip strong, dark beers. To that end, the Alehouse announces its 2nd Annual Strong Ale Holiday Fest, running Dec. 19-31. For more information call (310) 314-4855 or visit www.libraryalehouse.com

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DRAWING A CROWD: **Hundreds of Wisconsin fans gathered at the Santa Monica Pier parking lot during their Rose Bowl pep rally last year.**

Rose Bowl pep rallies return to Santa Monica

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM PIER If you're a college football fan in need of a fix now that the regular season is over, then the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau has just what you need — a Rose Bowl pep rally.

For the third year in a row teams to compete in the 98th Rose Bowl Game, scheduled for Jan. 2 at 1:30 p.m., will hold pep rallies in the parking lot north of the Santa Monica Pier.

The Oregon Ducks, Pac-12 champions and ranked No. 5 in the Bowl Championship Series poll, will square off against Big 10 champs the Wisconsin Badgers, ranked No. 10 in the BCS.

The bureau needs volunteers to help pull off the pep rallies, set for Dec. 31 (Wisconsin) and Jan. 1 (Oregon) from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers will be holding signs, passing out maps, cheering on teams and thanking the attendees for coming to Santa Monica.

Each volunteer will receive a T-shirt or sweatshirt, and a chance to win prizes that include tickets to Cirque du Soleil's "Ovo" and iPod Nanos.

To sign up, e-mail Nika Jalali, programs assistance for the bureau, at njalali@santamonica.com. Include availability and T-shirt size. Final details will follow.

Complimentary and open to the public, both events will feature specialties from local food vendors and varied entertainment.

Attendees can check www.santamonica.com/deals for discounts, activities, hotel availability and suggestions.

"Santa Monica is excited to once again welcome two champion teams," said Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom. "I believe that one thing all fans will agree on is that Santa Monica offers a broad range of world class amenities to enjoy before and after the parade and game."

The bureau expects thousands of fans to attend the rallies and book rooms in local hotels.

"Our local businesses are excited about the influx of visitors from both of these teams," said bureau President and CEO Misti Kerns. "We hope to again see fans enjoying all that our destination has to offer and encourage local fans to join in the fun and celebrate the New Year holidays where else, but right here at the beach!"

Santa Monica businesses can submit their offers for a free listing at www.santamonica.com/deals-form and can contact the bureau for Rose Bowl window placards.

"Wisconsin fans had such an amazing experience at the Party at the Pier … last year, that we had to come back to Santa Monica again," said Kevin Kleunder, assistant athletic director at University of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin lost 21-19 to the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs.

Oregon also held a pep rally in Santa Monica before the 2010 Rose Bowl game against the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Ducks lost 26-17.

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Rendering courtesy City Hall

NEW LOOK: **A rendering depicting what Ocean Park Boulevard will look like after $4 million in improvements are completed in early 2013.**

Work underway on Ocean Park 'green street'

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

OCEAN PARK Initial work has begun on the Ocean Park Boulevard "complete green street" project, which will transform a heavily-used section of the east-west thoroughfare with over 100 new trees, marked crosswalks with overhead flashing beacons and a system for collecting polluted storm water to keep it from running into the Santa Monica Bay.

City officials said the project, which will also include wider bike lanes and sidewalks and medians with more green space, is the result of many years of planning and collaboration between community members, City Hall and other stakeholders.

The project is budgeted for $4,448,438, with about $2.2 million coming from Measure V, the clean water parcel tax voters approved in 2006. The Measure V funds will be used for the urban runoff aspects of the project, city officials said in May of last year.

Currently the contractor is setting up and sending out public notices to residents and businesses in the project area, which stretches from Neilson Way to Lincoln Boulevard.

Actual construction is expected to begin in January and last roughly 12 months, city officials said. One lane of traffic will be kept moving in both directions at all times.

More information on the Ocean Park Boulevard "complete green street" project may be found online at www.SMConstructs.org/OPB. For questions about construction, call the construction manager Arcadis U.S., Inc. at (310) 857-4946.

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Ode to the Village Trailer Park

It is more than just a place for trailers and trees
Or a place for a while to rest one's knees.
It is more than just an o're looked spot
A relic of the past that some have forgot

Or a place unseen by passers on the street
Rushing to work, tired, back to their retreat
Not just acreage for salivating buyers
Nestled 'tween richer folk and airplane flyers

It is, in fact, a home of their dreams
They who seek safety from the rants and screams
From battles to survive their long years of life
Daily battles that scar and cut like a knife

Pleasures to be sure, found along the way
Moments of joy plucked from the fray,
Children to raise and sent on their path
Fortunes to find, in hopes safe from the wrath

Their elders encountered, facing e'en today,
Besieged as by wolves, though not in wolfish way,
Not as in nature as real wolves seek prey,
But cruelly as ogres they seem to portray.

Who are these elders that people the park?
There to live, not there as a lark,
(not just elders, but all to be sure
Deserve compassion, simple and pure)
There their hearts planted, their true souls seeded
In homes small yet huge in pride needed

They who merely by virtue of old age
Testify and model the value of life, engage
The world by standing tall as they can
As if saying, hear ye woman, listen man,

If you take away my home, my home destroy
You take my heart, lifelong hope, my joy
And into a soulless, plastered box, you move
Me, coupled with despair, what do you prove?

The wealthy, more wealth can acquire
While the unrich, not love, not respect require
Nothing but indignity as if they have earned
Their world contribution need be but spurned?

They were teachers and craftsmen (some still are)
Lawyers, artists, pros and lay, for long years by far
Given the world their talent, their love, their care
Grown tired, some sick, how do they fare

In a thankless world? Or in a world of thanks
For the love they have given, the hope they have striven?
Do they not deserve that home of their own?
Mid the quiet peace, gentle beauty
And sweet greenery they have grown?

Is that Ism called capital a license for the rich
To grow richer and richer, scratching that itch
Caring little for the folk as deserving as they
Asking for nothing more but for the right to stay?

In the dear homes they bought with the sweat of their brow
Unfettered by threat, that is, until now
Not just humans, but sweet critters, cats, hawks
If one listens, the park's green love talks

What kind of business is this killing dreams,
Simple pride, love, care? It simply seems
Unseemly a thing in our gem by the bay
As someone wise said "'tis not The Santa Monica way."

Jack Donner
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Christmas wish for a better world

AS A CHILD, MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST came right out of the Sears and Roebuck catalogue — toys, board games, bikes, action figures, etc. My parents, like so many in their day, belonged to the working-class poor, so while I never lacked for the necessities of life, many of the items on my wish list never came to be. Even so, I was no worse off for it.

I wish the same could be said of those still unfulfilled items on my adult Christmas wish list. Each year, I wish for the same things — an end to war, poverty, hunger, violence and disease — and each year, I find the world relatively unchanged. Millions continue to die every year, casualties of a world that places greater value on war machines and profit margins than human life.

For most people, putting an end to world hunger, poverty and disease may seem too insurmountable a task to even tackle. But there are practical steps each of us can take to hopefully get things moving in the right direction. Here's what I would suggest for a start:

Tone down the partisan rhetoric, the "us" vs. "them" mentality. Instead of wasting time and resources on political infighting, which gets us nowhere, it's time Americans learned to work together to solve the problems before us. The best place to start is in your own communities, neighbor to neighbor. After all, at the end of the day, it makes no difference what politician you voted for. Politics will never be the answer. Politicians have mastered the art of creating dissension, but they're all the same. Grassroots activism is the only kind of change you can count on.

Turn off the TV and tune into what's happening in your family, in your community and your world. Read your local newspaper. Attend a school board or City Council meeting. Get involved with a nonprofit that works in your community. Whatever you do, reduce your intake of mindless television and entertainment news. The only reality programming worth taking notice of is the one playing in your home and community.

Show compassion to those in need, be kind to those around you, forgive those who have wronged you, and teach your children to do the same. Increasingly, people seem to be forgetting their p's and q's — basic manners that were drilled into older generations. I'm talking about simple things like holding a door open for someone, helping someone stranded on the side of the road, and saying "please" and "thank you" to those who do you a service — whether it be to the teenager bagging your groceries or the family member who just passed the potatoes.

Talk less, listen more. Take less, and give more. If people spent less time dwelling on and attending to their own needs and more time trying to help and understand those around them, many of the problems we currently face could be eliminated.

Stop acting entitled and start being empowered. We have moved into the Age of Entitlement, where more and more people feel entitled to certain benefits without having to work for them. There's nothing wrong with helping those less fortunate, but as my parents taught me, there's a lot to be said for an honest day's work.

Remember that all people are endowed with inalienable rights. I've heard a lot of chatter in recent years in favor of torturing detainees and denying basic rights to noncitizens, but doing so not only goes against everything that the U.S. is supposed to stand for, but it also goes against every principle common to all world religions — forgiveness, charity, nonjudgmentalism, nonviolence, etc. America cannot continue to lambast terrorist groups for their contempt for human life and dignity when our own nation violates these same principles time and again.

Stop being a hater. How can we ever hope to curb the hatred and animosity that have spurred global terrorism over the past few decades if we can't even forgive the human failings of those in our immediate circles?

Learn tolerance in the true sense of the word. There's no need to legislate tolerance through hate crime legislation and other politically correct mechanisms of compliance. True tolerance stems from a basic respect for one's fellow man or woman. And it should be taught to children from the time they can understand right from wrong.

Treat women like people, not things. If pop culture and the media are any reflection of how women and girls are viewed today — primarily as sex objects — then one can only wonder what exactly the women's rights movement has been doing in recent years. The use of sex and its impact on young girls is particularly troubling. As professor Henry A. Giroux observed: "Market strategists are increasingly using sexually charged images to sell commodities, often representing the fantasies of an adult version of sexuality. … Children as young as 6 … are being sold lacy underwear, push-up bras and 'date night accessories' for their various doll collections."

Value your family. The traditional family, such that it is, is already in great disrepair, torn apart by divorce, infidelity, overscheduling, overwork, materialism, and an absence of spirituality. Despite the billions we spend on childcare, toys, clothes, private lessons, etc., a concern for our children no longer seems to be a prime factor in how we live our lives. And now we are beginning to see the blowback from collapsing familial relationships. Without the family, the true building block of our nation, there can be no freedom.

Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and comfort the lonely and broken-hearted. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Take part in local food drives. Take a meal to a needy family. Urge your churches, synagogues and mosques to act as rotating thermal shelters for the homeless during the cold winter months.

Give peace a chance. So far, the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan have cost American taxpayers nearly $4 trillion, and that doesn't even begin to approach the human cost in lives lost and families rent asunder. The military-industrial complex has a lot to gain financially so long as America continues to wage its wars at home and abroad, but you can be sure that the American people will lose everything unless we find some way to give peace a chance.

Start your own teaspoon brigade. You don't have to solve all the world's problems single-handedly, nor do you have to solve them overnight. Little by little, you'll get there, but you have to start somewhere. It is up to each of us to do our part to make this a better world for all.

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Merry is as merry celebrates

ALTHOUGH I MAY LOOK A LITTLE STODGY on the outside with a few gray hairs blossoming on the top, I still know how to celebrate, and this is the time of the year to do that sort of thing. I love a good Christmas celebration.

For the last few years, I have never had to check my calendar to know when it is time to celebrate the Christmas season. It seems that the Thanksgiving turkey always gives rise to what I shall refer to as the Holiday Turkey. No sooner is my Thanksgiving turkey resting snugly inside of me when the Holiday Turkeys begin their assault on Christmas.

Do not let this get out, but I love it.

Some people are quite offended when these Holiday Turkeys begin their assault on Christmas. I would be insulted if they did not. I expect them to attack anything to do with Christmas. It just goes to show that the Christmas story has not lost its offense.

Those of us who celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ embrace this time of the year with a great deal of joy and praise. After all, we are celebrating the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. What better message to celebrate at this time of year when most people are having a difficult time.

Don't get me wrong here. I believe in celebrating Jesus Christ every day. There is something special about setting aside one day out of the year to recognize his birth. I do not worship the manger nor do I venerate the three wise men. I do, however, appreciate the fact that Jesus Christ came into this world and it certainly is my privilege once a year to celebrate His birthday. I know He was not born on Dec. 25, but it is the thought that counts.

Even those who do celebrate Christmas sometime celebrate the wrong thing. People who do not have much money spend themselves poor getting Christmas presents for their family, and then they spend the rest of the year trying to pay off those purchases. That is a nice gesture but that is not the reason for the season. Instead of spending money this year for your family, why not spend a little time with them. That will do more good than something you buy in the store that will be obsolete by the time they open it Christmas morning.

Then there are those who take this time of the year to do nothing but party, party, party. By party, I mean getting so inebriated they have no idea what they are doing or saying. Many people will die during the celebration of Christ's birth because of some intoxicated driver. This is not the reason for the season.

You can always tell the quality of a person by what they celebrate and how they celebrate. Of course, the Holiday Turkeys will accuse me right here of being judgmental. Perhaps they are right.

What is wrong with a little bit of being judgmental?

Why is it we can be judgmental in every area of our life except those areas that are matters of life and death.

My doctor is so judgmental that sometimes I would like to punch him in the nose. What right does he have to tell me that I have something wrong with me? Well, he's the doctor. How many people have shortened their life by not listening to their judgmental doctor?

Some alcohol-saturated person will challenge me and say, "You have no right telling me what to do. I'm going to have a good time. Don't you judge me." Then they get smashed, jump in their car and end up killing some young family coming home from a Christmas party.

That certainly is not the reason for the season.

The Christmas season is not the time to get so drunk you do not know what you are doing that you hurt other people, and it is not the season to spend yourself into the poor house for the next year or so.

The Christmas season is the season to celebrate God's answer to man's incurable dilemma. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV). The answer to all of man's problems is Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season is the season to join with family and neighbor and sing of God's amazing grace. Go ahead. Deck your halls with holly but in the midst of it all, give God the glory in the highest. This is the season for our streets to echo with the joyous celebration of Christ coming into this world.

Then there are those who object.

I have a proposition for all of the Holiday Turkeys who object to me celebrating Christmas or trying to call it something other than what it really is.

You do not have to celebrate the Christmas season; just allow me to celebrate it in a way that I see fit. Then, I will not celebrate April 1 or Halloween but will allow you to celebrate your holidays anyway you want to. I think that is fair. It is a two-for-one deal I am not sure anybody could ever pass up.

Celebrate your holiday, and I will celebrate the Christmas season and wish all my friends a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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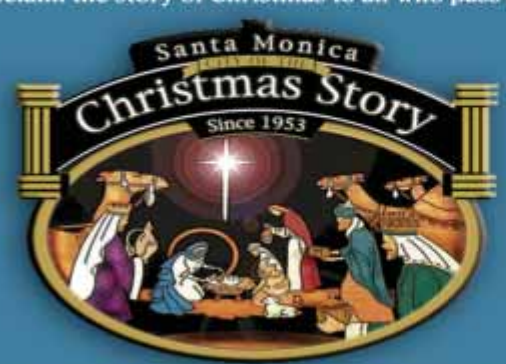


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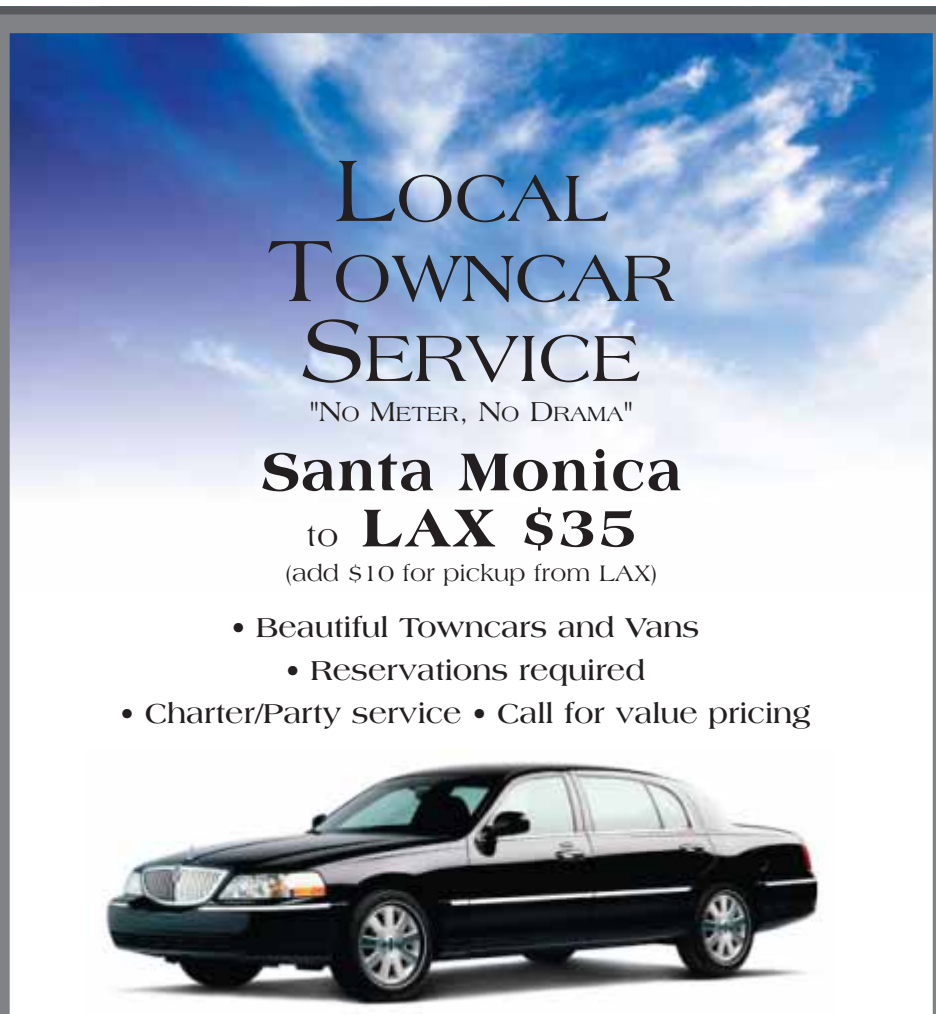
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Virtual schools booming as states mull warnings

BY IVAN MORENO & KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER More schoolchildren than ever are taking their classes online, using technology to avoid long commutes to school, add courses they wouldn't otherwise be able to take — and save their school districts money.

But as states pour money into virtual classrooms, with an estimated 200,000 virtual K-12 students in 40 states from Washington to Wisconsin, educators are raising questions about online learning. States are taking halting steps to increase oversight, but regulation isn't moving nearly as fast as the virtual school boom.

The online school debate pits traditional education backers, often teachers' unions, against lawmakers tempted by the promise of cheaper online schools and school-choice advocates who believe private companies will apply cutting-edge technology to education.

Is online education as good as face-to-face teaching?

Virtual education companies tout a 2009 research review conducted for the U.S. Department of Education that showed K-12 students did as well or better in online learning conditions as in a traditional classroom.

But critics say most studies, including many in that 2009 review, used results from students taking only some — but not all — of their courses online. They also point out wide gaps in state oversight to ensure students, and not their parents or tutors, are actually completing tests and coursework.

Still, virtual schooling at the K-12 level is booming. For example, one of the nation's largest for-profit online education providers, Virginia-based K12 Inc., saw its earnings more than double in the first quarter of this year, fueled in large part by a 42 percent enrollment spike.

"Online learning is the future of American education. Precisely because it's so transforming, it's threatening to the established institutions," said Terry Moe, a political scientist at Stanford University who studies the online school boom.

The conflict has boiled over in Colorado, which expects to spend $85 million this year educating some 14,200 students online. The state's online school industry is growing by double digits a year, bankrolled by a state government that pays private companies to teach students as young as kindergarten entirely via computer with limited oversight.

Online schools aggressively court new students in Colorado, where they are paid the same as brick-and-mortar schools. But so far the results have been discouraging.

A 2010 report by the state Department of Education showed below-average test scores, dropout rates near 50 percent in some cases and a student-to-teacher ratio as high as 317 to 1 at one school. Still, enrollment grew more than 12 percent between 2008 and 2009, and Colorado's online schools get paid for an entire school year even if a student drops out after Oct. 1, the date the state tallies student enrollment.

"I know there are millions of dollars being bled from the system that have no accountability tied to them," said Democratic Senate President Brandon Shaffer, whose requested an audit of online schools but was blocked by Republicans.

"If you're the person bringing this up, you're labeled anti-choice, anti-reform," Shaffer said.

An October report by the University of Colorado-based National Education Policy Center said school-choice advocates are pushing states to rush headlong into virtual K-12 education despite limited data.

"These online school providers are raking in hundreds of millions of dollars, and the product they're putting out is just horrible," said Gene Glass, author of the CU report and a vocal critic of public funding for online schools. But he said legislators see online schools as a cost-saver so states are moving forward.

Idaho and Florida passed laws in the last year requiring high school students to take at least one course online. Ohio lifted a moratorium on new "e-schools," and Utah passed a "virtual voucher" law allowing high school students to choose which courses to take online and which to take at a brick-and-mortar school.

Virtual learning can fill an important void for some students.

In Mims, Fla., 14-year-old Celestial McBride was homeschooled by her mother after third grade because the family traveled frequently. Now she takes courses from the public Florida Virtual School, where she studies at her own pace and expects to have a college-level associate's degree by the time she's 16.

"I think you learn faster online," said McBride, who attends virtual "clubs" including the school's student newspaper, published online, of course.

"In a regular classroom, you could always have the kid who's a disruption," she said. "Online, there's no disruption."

McBride's mom, Nancy McBride, said that taking classes online allows her children to travel without falling behind.

"The misconception is that the teacher isn't there. Not true. The teacher's right there, and they're involved with my kids at every step," she said

Jazmyn Styles, a 17-year-old senior at Pike High School in Indianapolis, said she takes online courses during the summer to free up time during the regular school year for college credit courses and internships.

She said she's in regular contact with her online teacher through Skype, instant messaging and e-mail.

"I like working at my own pace. Because when you're in a normal classroom, the teacher can only work as quickly as the slowest student," she said.

What about the teachers?

Kristin Kipp, a high school teacher at Colorado's Virtual Academy in Jefferson County, said she worried about connecting with students one-on-one when she switched to an online setting, but found that she got to know her students more through their steady stream of texts, e-mails and phone calls.

Kipp said teachers need to be proactive to maintain regular communication with students to help them succeed.

"My constant message in an online classroom is, 'I see you, I know you're there,'" she said. "So kids are constantly getting messages from me saying, 'Hey your grade went up 5 percent this week. Congratulations, keep up

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Survey: Teen pot use rises, alcohol use declines

BY TIM MARTIN
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. More teens are turning to pot and see it as less of a risk at the same time alcohol use among the same age group has dipped to historic lows, according to an annual national survey of drug use released last week.

The findings were based on a survey of 47,000 eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders conducted by the University of Michigan for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

One of every 15 high school seniors reported smoking pot on a daily or near daily basis, the highest rate since 1981.

One of every nine high school seniors reported using synthetic marijuana, sometimes called Spice or K2, within the previous 12 months.

Marijuana use rose among 10th- and 12th-graders, the study said. None of the changes was large enough to be statistically significant, "but they all continue the pattern of a gradual rise," the study said. There was a "non-significant decrease" in the percentage of eighth-graders who reported using pot within the past year.

The percentage of teens saying they see "great risk" in using marijuana generally has dropped in recent years.

"One thing we've learned over the years is that when young people come to see a drug as dangerous, they're less likely to use it," Lloyd Johnston, the study's principal investigator, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "That helps to explain why marijuana right now is rising, because the proportion of kids who see it as dangerous has been declining."

The study said marijuana use among teens rose in 2011 for the fourth straight year after considerable decline in the preceding decade.

The survey found 36.4 percent of 12th-graders reported using marijuana in the past year, compared to 31.7 percent in the 2007 survey. Usage was at 28.8 percent for 10th-graders and 12.5 percent for eighth-graders within the previous 12 months, according to the 2011 survey.

The synthetic drug survey question was asked for the first time this year. Fake marijuana, sometimes sold in drug paraphernalia shops and on the Internet as incense, contains organic leaves coated with chemicals that provide a marijuana-like high when smoked.

A Drug Enforcement Administration emergency order banning the sale of five chemicals used in herbal blends to make synthetic marijuana took effect March 1. The synthetics are among the many that would be banned under a bill passed in the U.S. House earlier this month. Many states also have their own laws banning the sale of synthetic marijuana.

Researchers say next year's survey will reveal more about the effectiveness of the control measures, since much of this year's survey covered a response period before the federal action took effect.

White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske called on parents to get involved to help stop the use of synthetic marijuana.

"It's not in the vocabulary of parents, and they need to be aware of it so that when they have that conversation about substance abuse that they are knowledgeable and they talk about this," he told the AP.

Alcohol use continued a trend of decline dating to the 1980s and hit a historic low for the survey, which began in the 1970s for 12th-graders. Forty percent of 12th-graders reported drinking in the previous 30 days during the 2011 survey, compared to 54 percent in 1991. Drinking also declined significantly at lower grade levels.

Other drugs showing some evidence of decline in use this year include cocaine, crack cocaine and inhalants.

The Monitoring the Future survey also shows that a decline in teen cigarette smoking resumed this year. The number of those who reported smoking in the previous 30 days for the three grades combined was 11.7 percent, compared to 12.8 percent in 2010.

Online:
The survey can be found at www.monitoringthefuture.org

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the hard work.'"

The nation's largest industry group for online schools, the Washington-based International Association for K-12 Online Learning, says states would be foolish to apply the brakes to online school expansion. Group CEO Susan Patrick pointed out that about one in three college students now take some courses online, and about 50 percent of workforce training is believed to be done online.

"The world has moved online, no question," Patrick said. "You have to ask, when did face-to-face learning become the gold standard for education?"

At the same time, the group says states need to do a better job overseeing online schools.

"You absolutely must have accountability, and in some cases, it's not there," Patrick said.

That's starting to change. The Utah law that expanded students' online school options also set new compensation rules for online schools — they get half the money up front, but the rest only for those students who finish the courses. Florida also pays only for completed courses, not by students enrolled. Oregon set up a task force to come up with better governance for virtual schools, and Washington passed a 2009 law setting up an agency within the Department of Education to vet applicants wanting to set up online schools.

Wisconsin earlier this year became the first state to require 30 hours of additional training for online teachers.

"The majority of teachers still haven't learned to do this, and online education is a distinct skill," said Dennis O'Connor, who teaches online education for graduate students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

O'Connor, who teaches his Wisconsin graduate students from his home in San Diego, embraces online learning but notes, "There's no proof one way or the other at this point if a total online learning experience is a good thing or a bad thing," O'Connor said.

Moe, the Stanford professor, said that states holding back on virtual education are ignoring reality.

"Twenty years from now, a typical child will be going to a hybrid school," he said. "They'll be going to a physical location, but computers will do 80 percent of the teaching."

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests were administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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ly destructive waves by a series of bluffs north of the Santa Monica Pier and the distance between the ocean and development south of the pier.

However, an "inundation zone" that includes all beaches, the area north of the pier below the bluffs and south of the pier east to Fourth Street and south to the Venice Border are at risk.

Experts from the National Weather Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, California Geological Survey, California Emergency Management Agency and the University of Southern California predict that there could be "ankle deep water on Main Street south of Pico Boulevard."

Under that premise, officials felt comfortable with the assumption that a tsunami could damage or disrupt roadways, take out power and communications systems, release toxic pollutants from the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility into the water and result in property damage and even death.

The Tsunami Response Plan that emerged in response to that threat built on three pillars: Notification, evacuation and communications.

The first, notification, is dependent on nature. Santa Monica is likely to be hit by a distant-source tsunami, meaning a powerful series of waves caused by an earthquake far offshore, according to a city staff report.

Tsunami Warning Centers like those in Alaska can detect those earthquakes and put residents on alert.

A near-source tsunami, like that which struck Japan, happens closer to shore and requires people to get out much faster.

Once a tsunami warning has been declared, residents can get to higher ground using the selected evacuation routes picked out by blue signs in the inundation zone.

Primary evacuation routes include the Santa Monica Freeway, Marine Street and Colorado, Pico and Ocean Park boulevards.

The idea is to get to higher ground, and safety, in as orderly a way as possible, Semko said.

"You don't have to go south on PCH to be safe, you just need to get to higher ground," Semko said, adding that if people follow the evacuation routes and go in the same direction, it will be easier for all involved to get to safety.

The communications segment, in particular, relies heavily on the new SMAlerts system, a subscription-based service that sends text messages, e-mails and voicemails with emergency information.

Anyone can sign up for the service at www.smalerts.net.

Other means of notification would be emergency vehicles with sirens roaming the streets and potentially door-to-door notifications.

That may not be enough, said concerned resident Reina Alvarez.

"We need a siren, so that people who are hard of hearing or heavy sleepers can wake up, get out and move, because we do live by the coast and it's probable that something like this could happen," she said at the Dec. 6 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook supported the horn system, particularly one like that in Eugene, Ore. used to call back drunken football fans which he said "could wake the dead."

"If we just had a horn that went off and woke people up, knowing it would be the reason, that would be a relatively simple thing," Holbrook said.

A siren system was considered, but ultimately determined to be too expensive and difficult to maintain, Semko said. They did not look into the possibility of a fog horn.

Nature does have its own tsunami warnings, including a loud, booming noise and dramatic recession of the water line before the swell.

Although the plan will keep residents safe, those nearest the water could see their property destroyed.

Many may be covered for the event of a tsunami without knowing it, said local insurance agent Dave Rosenberg.

Tsunamis stem from earthquakes, and fall under the purview of earthquake insurance, which 60 to 65 percent of his clients already have.

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WAITING: **People watch the beach from Palisades Park for any sign of large waves in March after officials issued a tsunami advisory. Waves measuring 2.4 feet were recorded near the Santa Monica Pier.**



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ently difficult task, said Bob Trimborn, manager of the Santa Monica Airport.

"You have boat planes, and sea-going planes, because they act the same way. You take a hull and put a wing on it and away you go," Trimborn said. "A car is a wholly different thing."

Inventors had to balance a car's heft with an airplane's need for lightness, and find a way for the plane's rotor not to strike the ground or anything else while driving at street level, among other challenges.

According to the Smithsonian, Waterman's first attempt at a tailless, roadworthy airplane was inspired by Glenn Curtiss, a pioneer aviator and creator of the amphibian, an aircraft that could glide on both wind and water, who fancied the idea of being able to drive away from a landing in field or water.

In 1932, a year before the federal government would announce its competition, Waterman designed and test flew the "Whatsit," so-called because its strange appearance caused passersby to ask, "What is it?"

The Whatsit featured detachable wings that the driver/pilot could affix to the aircraft before taking off. It lacked pitch stability, and was nearly destroyed in an early test-run, which led Waterman to put the project in storage.

In 1933, Vidal issued his challenge, and when Waterman looked at the entry requirements, he saw that they were similar to the years of work he'd already put into the Whatsit. That model he redesigned into what is now called the Arrowplane, which won the federal competition.



Photo courtesy The Smithsonian

FUTURISTIC: **The Waterman Aerobile.**

Waterman established a company and planned for an assembly line for later versions of the Arrowplane, called the Aerobile, at what is now a Midas auto repair shop at Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue, said Nina Fresco, a landmarks commissioner in Santa Monica.

Video, which can be found on the website www.criticalpast.com, shows the Aerobile in flight.

Others, including designer and brush salesman R. Buckminster Fuller, also attempted to bring the flying car mainstream. All failed, in part as a result of the lack of investment in Depression-era America.

Still, the dream of the flying car lives on in popular culture — think "The Jetsons" — and, next year, on America's roads.

A group of Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates based a company, Terrafugia, on the idea.

Terrafugia markets the Transition, a plane which can fold its wings up and drive on the road at speeds of 100 miles per hour.

It's expected to hit the pavement in 2012, according to the company's website.

"It's an ever-enduring quest," Cochrane said. "I don't see anybody stopping."

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FDA officials issue warning to unconventional sperm donor

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A man from the San Francisco Bay area has fathered 14 children in the last five years through free sperm donations to women he meets through his website — and is now in trouble with the federal government.

The case of Trent Arsenault of Fremont has drawn attention to the practice of informal sperm donation, which physicians and bioethicists call unsafe but some people say is a civil liberties issue.

Arsenault says he donates sperm out of a sense of service to help people who want to have children but can't afford conventional sperm banks. The 36-year-old minister's son has four more children on the way.

"I always had known through people praying at church that there's fertility issues," Arsenault told The Associated Press on Monday. "I thought it would just be a neat way of service to help the community."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration sent Arsenault a cease-and-desist letter late last year telling him he must stop because he does not follow the agency's requirements for getting tested for sexually transmitted diseases within seven days before giving sperm. The FDA did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Violators of FDA regulations on human cells and tissues face up to a year in prison and a $100,000 fine, according to guidelines published on the agency's website.

Arsenault gets tested regularly, but following the FDA's rules would make it impossible to keep offering his sperm for free, he said.

"The regulations may be little bit strict, but I think that's appropriate," said Dr. Mitchell Rosen, director of the University of California, San Francisco Fertility Preservation Center.

Rosen said it's not uncommon for women to use donated sperm from someone they know. But trusting a donor who is being honest about his background is no substitute for screening for diseases that could be passed on to the mother or child, he said.

A sperm bank will also isolate the actual sperm cells from the donor's semen, which reduces the risk of passing along pathogens, Rosen said. "In this situation there's no reduction of risk. It's just as if they're going out and having a one night stand."

Arsenault believes the FDA tracked him down from his website, which advertises his availability as a sperm donor. While some men offer their sperm through anonymous ads on Craigslist, Arsenault's site is filled with photographs of the trim, blond Midwest native. In its letter, the agency describes Arsenault's service as a business. Arsenault disagrees.

"This is not a business or a clinic. It's just people partnering up to have a baby out of compassion," he said.

At the time of the FDA letter, the Silicon Valley computer security specialist had made 328 sperm donations to 46 women, a number he said is now higher. He can continue to donate sperm while the case is pending.

Experts say the volume of sperm donations by Arsenault creates risks for future generations. They say the greater the number of children, the greater the chances of spreading a genetic defect. Children who don't know they're related could also unwittingly have sex, though unlike the anonymous sperm donor system used by sperm banks, Arsenault keeps careful track of his offspring.

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>
> Trent Arsenault,
> sperm donor

"There's a danger of accidental incest or inbreeding if you're the father of 14 children" and a habitual sperm donor, said bioethicist Arthur Caplan at University of Pennsylvania. "Nobody should be involved as a sperm donor on that level. It's not safe."

Caplan said the FDA may have a tough time asserting its authority over this kind of informal activity, though. Other medical experts think the agency may have a case since it deals with the safety of public health.

"He should not be allowed to do it unless he gets himself tested" and follow the same rules as sperm banks, said Dr. Stanley Korenman, associate dean of ethics at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.

The difference between asking a friend to donate sperm and the San Francisco case is a matter of volume, experts says.

"This guy is doing it commercially. He's turning out a lot of babies. If you have a friend doing it once or twice it's not a big deal," Korenman said.

The oldest child Arsenault has fathered is now 4. He and the recipients, whom he describes as "intimate partners," sign a legal agreement ahead of time stripping him of any custody rights and absolving him of any financial responsibility for the children.

But he says that part of the reason of making himself publicly visible as a sperm donor rather than remaining anonymous, as is typical with sperm banks, is because he and some of the families hope and expect he will have some involvement in the children's lives in the future.

He says he believes his case comes down to constitutional issues of a right to privacy and reproductive choice.

"It's not that much more different than a couple knowing each other who want to have a baby," Arsenault said. "It's just from me it comes in a cup versus sex."

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GOP worried by hacker threat to Iowa caucus vote

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IOWA CITY, Iowa Taking seriously an apparent threat from a notorious collective of computer hackers, the Iowa Republican Party is boosting the security of the electronic systems it will use in two weeks to count the first votes of the 2012 presidential campaign.

Investigators don't know if the threat is authentic, but it has nonetheless led the state party to confront a worst-case scenario. Their fear: an Iowa caucus marred by hackers who corrupt the database used to gather votes and crash the website used to inform the public about results that can shape the campaign for the White House.

"With the eyes of the media on the state, the last thing we want to do is have a situation where there is trouble with the reporting system," said Wes Enos, a member of the Iowa GOP's central committee and the political director for Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann's campaign in the state. "We don't want that to be the story."

Confident in the existing safeguards protecting the vote count itself, Enos and other members of the party central committee told The Associated Press they recently authorized additional security measures aimed at ensuring hackers are unable to delay the release of caucus results.

The state GOP fears such a delay could disrupt the traditional influence of Iowa's first-in-the-nation vote. Candidates who do well tend to gain momentum in the presidential race, while those finishing at the back of the pack may drop out. Experts in computer security said such concerns are valid.

"It's very clear the data consolidation and data gathering from the caucuses, which determines the headlines the next morning, who might withdraw or resign from the process, all of that is fragile," said Douglas Jones, a computer science professor at the University of Iowa who has consulted for both political parties.

"If I were one of these 'hacktivists' who had no scruples, I would be really strongly tempted to see if I could get into the computer and see if I could make 'SpongeBob SquarePants' win."

A former activist for Occupy Des Moines, Clarke Davidson, has said he posted the two-minute video on YouTube after masked men left it outside his tent near the state Capitol on Nov. 3. Other members of the protest group have discounted Davidson's story and say they oppose any efforts to shut down the vote count.

The video claims to be from Anonymous, a loosely organized group of hackers that has claimed credit for attacks on targets ranging from the Peruvian government to Paypal. It features a computer-generated voice denouncing what it calls a corrupt political system that favors corporations and calls on supporters to "peacefully shut down the first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses."

Investigators aren't sure whether the video is actually from anyone affiliated with Anonymous, and state authorities have not taken any actions since the call to "peacefully shut down" the caucuses does not amount to a crime, said Jim Saunders, director of the Iowa Intelligence Fusion Center at the state's Department of Public Safety.

Unlike most presidential primaries, which are conducted by state governments, Iowa's caucuses are run by the political parties. On Jan. 3, voters will gather in roughly 1,800 precincts in Iowa's 99 counties to declare their preference for a candidate. Those results are then reported to the state party, where they are tabulated electronically and reported to the public on a website.

The GOP is also encouraging the party activists who run the precinct votes to use paper ballots instead of a show of hands, which has been the practice in some areas. The ballots would provide a backup in the event of any later confusion about the results.

"If a hacker gets in and messes it all up, we can reconstruct (the results)," said Drew Ivers, chairman of Texas Rep. Ron Paul's campaign in Iowa and a member of the state GOP central committee. "It would take a little while. It might take a day or two, but we can do it."

Among the early voting states, the hacking concerns have most spooked officials in Iowa. In New Hampshire, whose primary is one week after the Iowa caucuses, officials rely on a mostly manual process that uses paper and is less vulnerable to an attack on computer systems, said Assistant Secretary of State Anthony Stevens. In South Carolina, which follows 11 days later, State Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire said he was not aware of any concerns.

Ryan Gough, the Iowa GOP official in charge of coordinating the caucuses, declined to comment on specifics of the new security efforts so as not to give away "the game plan" to hackers.

But Jones said officials are likely working to prevent two of Anonymous' favorite tools. The first sends thousands of requests to a website server, rendering the site inaccessible. The second is known as a "SQL injection" and could be used to change the content of a computer database, including one used to record vote totals.

When elections officials in Washington D.C. tested an online voting system last year, University of Michigan researchers were able to use an SQL injection to quickly invade the system and make it play the Wolverine fight song every time someone voted, he said.

"These SQL vulnerabilities are notorious, widely known and yet it's a mistake people keep making," Jones said. "It is one of the first things that you try these days."







SURF REPORT

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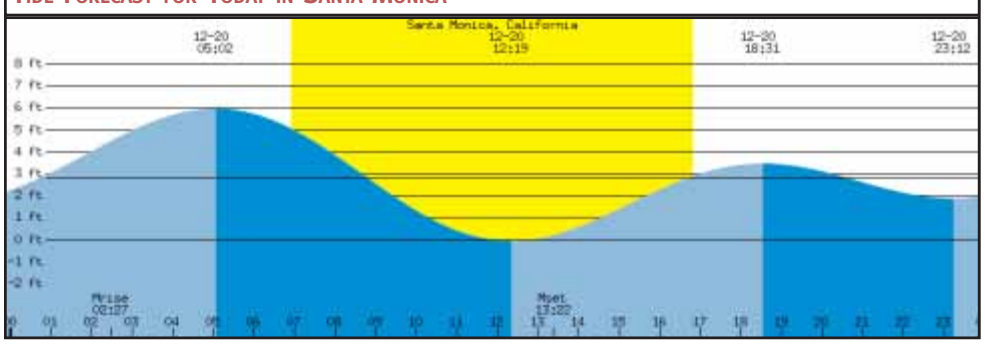
Swell Forecast

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

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 9
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	D
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	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
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.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	B	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Penn State saga voted AP sports story of the year

BY RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK The ouster of one of America's most revered coaches, Penn State's Joe Paterno, after shocking child sex abuse charges against his former assistant was overwhelmingly voted the sports story of the year by members of The Associated Press.

On the morning of Nov. 5, Paterno's Nittany Lions were undefeated in the Big Ten and ranked No. 16 in the country, and the 84-year-old Hall of Famer was renowned as the winningest coach in Division I football, a leader who preached and practiced "Success with Honor." Then came the staggering revelations: the indictment of longtime defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky for allegedly sexually assaulting eight boys over a 15-year span, perjury charges against two high-ranking school administrators and a grand jury report that suggested Paterno knew of accusations against Sandusky and did not do enough to pursue them.

Within four days, Penn State's board of trustees had done the once-unthinkable, firing JoePa after 46 seasons as head coach.

There were 214 ballots submitted from U.S. news organizations that make up the AP's membership. The voters were asked to rank the top 10 sports stories of the year, with the first-place story getting 10 points, the second-place story receiving nine points, and so on.

The Penn State saga received 2,044 points and 172 first-place votes. It was also voted the No. 6 news story for 2011 in the AP's annual poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The No. 2 sports story — labor strife in the NFL and NBA — had 15 first-place votes and 1,345 points.

The turmoil that at times seemed to rock college sports on a weekly basis this year was evident in the voting beyond the Penn State selection. Three more of the top 10 stories involved upheaval in the NCAA: conference realignment (No. 4); the Ohio State infractions that cost Jim Tressel his job (No. 6); and more sex abuse accusations, these involving Syracuse basketball (No. 9).

Tiger Woods' humbling return to the public eye was the top story last year.

Here are 2011's top 10 stories:

• 1. PENN STATE: Paterno said in a statement Nov. 9, "It is one of the great sorrows of my life. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more," and that he would retire at the end of the season. It wasn't enough to quell the rising outrage that he didn't go to the police after then-graduate assistant Mike McQueary told him in 2002 about witnessing an apparent assault. By the night of Nov. 9, Paterno was out, and so was Penn State President Graham Spanier. The Nittany Lions play Houston in the TicketCity Bowl on Jan. 2.

• 2. NFL/NBA LOCKOUTS: "Millionaires vs. billionaires" was often fans' reaction to the labor woes that struck the NFL and NBA this year. Basketball's dragged on for more than five months and wiped out 16 games of the normal 82-game schedule. The fallout won't be clear until the season begins on Christmas.

• 3. PACKERS WIN: Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay are shining and well out of Brett Favre's shadow. The injury-ravaged Packers barely made the playoffs as a No. 6 seed last season, then won three road games to reach the Super Bowl, where they beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 in February. They kept right on winning into the 2011 season, rolling to a 13-0 start led by play from their quarterback almost as perfect as their record, until an upset loss to the Chiefs.

• 4. CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT: San Diego State in the Big East? Another dizzying round of college conference hopping made a mockery of geography. Texas A&M bolted the Big 12 for the SEC in September, likely ending its more than century-old rivalry with Texas, which set off the dominoes. Missouri followed the Aggies to the SEC. The Big East lost Syracuse and Pittsburgh to the ACC and West Virginia and TCU to the Big 12, then regrouped by adding some hardly Eastern schools: Boise State, San Diego State, Houston, SMU.

• 5. CARDINALS WIN: St. Louis trailed in the wild-card race by 10.5 games in late August but rallied to clinch a playoff berth on the season's final day. The Cardinals' comeback in the World Series might have been even more remarkable. They were twice down to their final strike in Game 6 against the Texas Rangers, who were up by two runs in the ninth and 10th innings. St. Louis won it on David Freese's home run in the 11th before clinching the championship in Game 7.

• 6. OHIO STATE: The Buckeyes beat Arkansas 31-26 on Jan. 4 in the Sugar Bowl with five players allowed to take part even though they were suspended for the first five games of the 2011 season for NCAA infractions. Ohio State would soon have far bigger problems. The school learned that month that Jim Tressel, who coached the Buckeyes to their first national title in 34 years, long knew about the transgressions and had violated NCAA rules by not reporting them. On May 30, he finally resigned under pressure. After a 6-6 season, Ohio State replaced Tressel with somebody who's won two national championships: former Florida coach Urban Meyer.

• 7. MAVERICKS WIN: Five years after blowing a series lead in the NBA finals to the Heat, Dallas and Dirk Nowitzki got revenge and redemption against Miami. The Mavs picked up fans around the country by beating the Heat, suddenly everybody's favorite team to hate with the nucleus of LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. After Dallas won in six games, Dirk finally got his title — while LeBron still seeks his.

• 8. WHELDON DIES: Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon was killed Oct. 16 during IndyCar's season finale in Las Vegas in a fiery 15-car crash. The 33-year-old Brit won Indy this year in one of just three starts during the season as he searched for sponsorship. Wheldon was chasing a $5 million incentive in Las Vegas, and IndyCar is still answering questions about whether the race was excessively dangerous.

• 9. SYRACUSE: Less than two weeks after the Sandusky charges, ESPN reported that two former Syracuse ball boys accused longtime men's basketball assistant coach Bernie Fine of molesting them. Then, on Nov. 27, Fine was fired after the network aired a tape in which a woman it identified as Fine's wife tells one of the men, Bobby Davis, she knew "everything" that was going on. Fine has not been charged, and a federal investigation is ongoing.

• 10. WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Their country devastated by a tsunami and earthquake, Japan's soccer players vowed they would inspire their homeland. They did it with an improbable victory in the final, rallying from a goal down late in regulation and again in overtime against the favored Americans to force penalty kicks, which they won 3-1. The Japanese also upset host Germany in the quarterfinals.

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Make nice tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are known as the Pioneer of the Zodiac, yet you also work well with one other person. Together you could clear the decks more easily for the upcoming weekend. Be sensitive to what appears to be too good to be true. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others dominate. Don't worry -- they do value your opinions. You could have difficulty understanding where others are coming from. A true gentleness emerges because of the interaction you have with a loved one. Tonight: You can only say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Dive into work. You know the possibilities. Don't sell yourself short. You have the ability to get past a problem. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a friend or someone around work. Flex and understand. Tonight: Make nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Allow your ingenuity to flourish. You will not only complete a task but be able to finish any last-minute details. Just because you look up to or respect someone doesn't mean either of you might be suppressing strong feelings. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Stay close to home, and don't venture far. Not that you will get lost, but your imagination could encourage an adventure when you don't have time. Remember, for every action there is a reaction. Tonight: Head home early.

VIRGO (Aug. 2 3-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You feel inspired, no matter what you are doing. You have a lot going for you, though it might be hard to tell. You have a tendency to go to extremes. Make calls, return calls and schedule meetings. Let more caring in. Tonight: On the phone, the computer and/or sharing with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take. If you're wondering about a few last-minute gifts, know that not everything has to be a material manifestation. Consider a valued experience as a present. Tonight: Anchor in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Methodically enter the next few days. You might have too many lists, but you will burst through them like lightning. A child or new friend might need your time. Don't overthink things. You might not be comfortable with a personal matter. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ The best of attitudes can sometimes tumble during times of stress and fatigue. For a brief moment, the holidays or another situation could stress you out. A little distance could help you recuperate. An optimistic attitude helps you recharge. Tonight: Take a night off from the hectic pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your instincts play out when dealing with a partner or someone you care about. Pitch in with suggestions while completing a key project. Don't skip an important meeting. Recognize that you can stall a child's or someone else's requests. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take a stand, though you might need to handle a personal or domestic issue. You have what appears to others to be an endless source of energy and optimism. Listen to your instincts with finances. You cannot keep postponing a decision. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Read between the lines with what is occurring in a friendship. At first the situation seems hazy. Detach, and you will see clearly. Use this information to eliminate a problem that could affect you and others. Tonight: Orchestrate with music.

Happy birthday

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

You express an unusual intensity this year. Often, you are overwhelmed by the many opportunities and choices that drop in your lap. Before making a decision, you might want to further explore a new concept. You hold many feelings in. You could be seen as remote or unavailable. If you are single, you might put a suitor on a pedestal. This tendency could damage a potential bond. If you are attached, you, too, might not be seeing your sweetie clearly. When this person falls off his or her pedestal, don't blame him or her, but you -- you put this person there. SCORPIO makes a good healer.

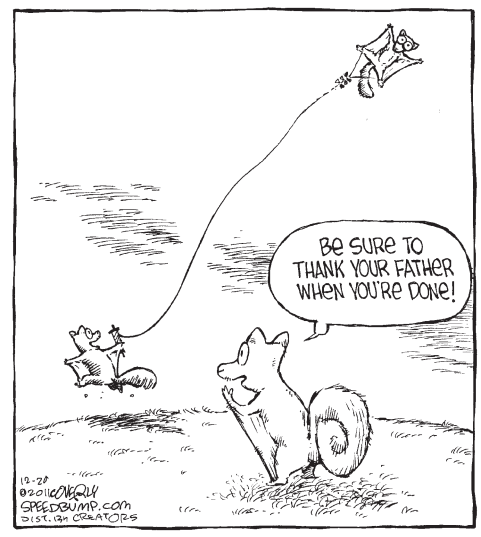


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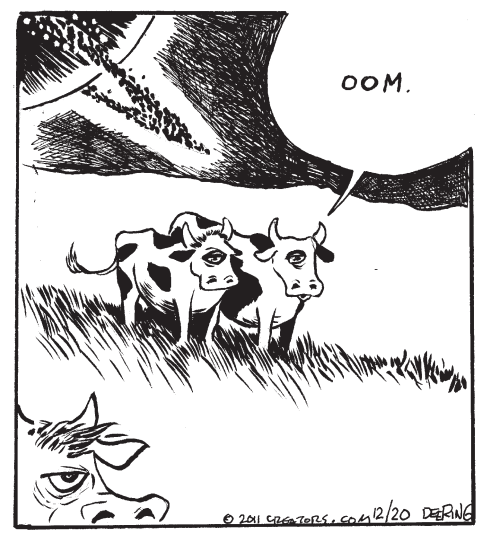
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Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



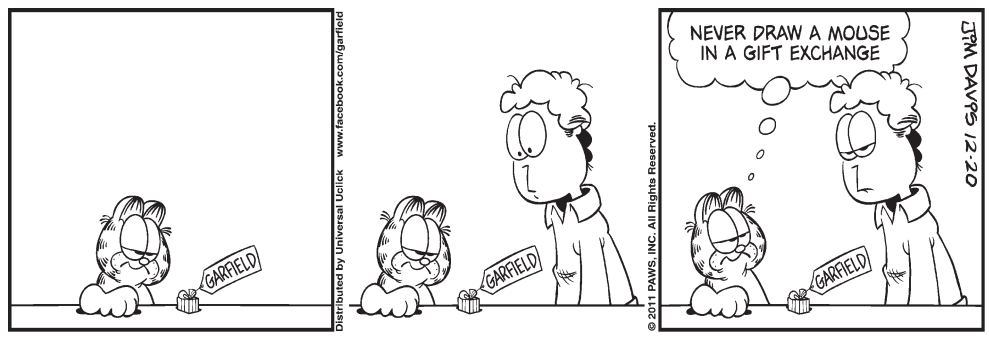
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The Meaning of Lila
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Uses a needle
5 Sailor's cry
10 Fielder's goof
12 Caruso, for one
13 Now
15 Generous — fault
16 Part of some German names
17 Queen of the fairies
18 Star in Aquila
20 Plunge
21 Smallest mammal
22 Tennis's Nastase
23 Stockholm native
25 Folded food
28 Some Olympic medals
31 Infamous czar
32 "Definitely!"
34 For each
35 Sigma follower
36 "My word!"
37 Military command
40 Baltimore suburb
41 Glossy
42 Stopwatch button
43 G-men

DOWN

1 Nose dividers
2 Flynn and others
3 Christmas symbol
4 Urgent call
5 Bus. envelope abbr.
6 Dog doc
7 Creature
8 Mogadishu native
9 Clef type
11 Critic's writing
14 Grieg, for one
19 Fiery crime
20 Playing area
24 Sweet rings
25 Al Gore's wife
26 Reluctant
27 Gentle touch
29 Arc unit
30 Appeared
33 Office sights
35 Speech copy
38 Take in
39 Politico Landon

G	L	A	D	■	T	A	G	U	P	■
R	A	C	E	■	A	R	O	M	A	S
I	N	O	N	■	R	I	P	P	L	E
S	C	R	O	O	G	E	■	T	E	A
T	E	N	U	R	E	S	■	E	A	T
■	■	■	N	E	T	■	D	E	L	E
S	P	E	C	S	■	S	A	N	E	R
C	A	N	E	■	S	K	I	■	■	■
A	R	T	■	S	P	I	R	A	L	S
R	A	W	■	T	I	N	Y	T	I	M
E	D	I	T	O	R	■	C	O	M	A
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Yesterday's answer

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10				11	■	12				
13					14					
15			■	16			■	17		
18			19			■	20			
■	21					■	22			
■	■	■	23			24		■	■	■
25	26	27		■	28			29	30	■
31				■	32					33
34			■	35			■	36		
37			38				39			
40					■	41				
42					■	■	43			

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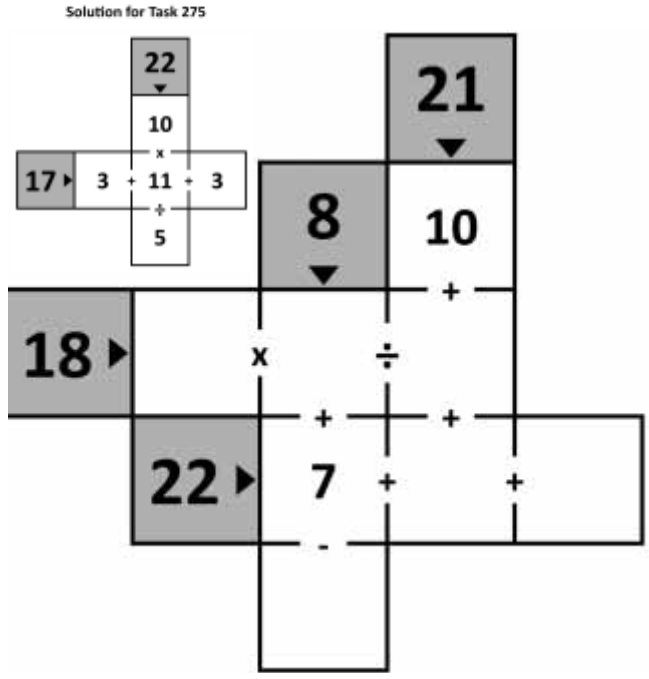
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, the super-enthusiastic winners of a Kingston, Ontario, radio station contest claimed their prize: the chance to don gloves and dig for free Buffalo Bills' football tickets (value: $320), buried in buffalo manure in a child's plastic inflatable pool. The show's host, Sarah Crosbie, reported the digging live (but, overcome by the smell, vomited on the air). More curious was a runner-up contestant who continued to muck around for the second prize, even though it was only tickets to a local zoo.

■ In a federal lawsuit for malicious prosecution, a judge found a "strong" likelihood that EPA agent Keith Phillips "deliberately" set up a hazardous-waste enforcement case against Hubert Vidrine for the purpose of facilitating his own work/sex relationship with a female EPA agent. According to the court, Phillips was married and unable to carry on with the agent (stationed in another city) except when they worked together, which they did periodically over a three-year period on the Vidrine case. In October, Vidrine was awarded $1.6 million in damages.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1860 South Carolina becomes the first state to secede from the United States.

1915 World War I: Last Australian troops evacuated from Gallipoli.

1917 Cheka, the first Soviet secret police, is founded.

1924 Hitler is released from Landsberg Prison

1941 World War II: First battle of the American Volunteer Group, better known as the "Flying Tigers" in Kunming, China.

1942 World War II: Bombing of Calcutta by the Japanese.

1946 An 8.1 Mw earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Nankaidÿ, Japan, kill over 1,300 people and destroy over 38,000 homes.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of TERRANCE JONATHON LEWIS for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: TERRANCE JONATHON LEWIS filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: TERRANCE JONATHON LEWIS to JONATHON PRINCE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: January 13, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. B, Rm #204
The address of the court is 300 E. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91502
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: 11/22/2011
MARY THORNTON HOUSE, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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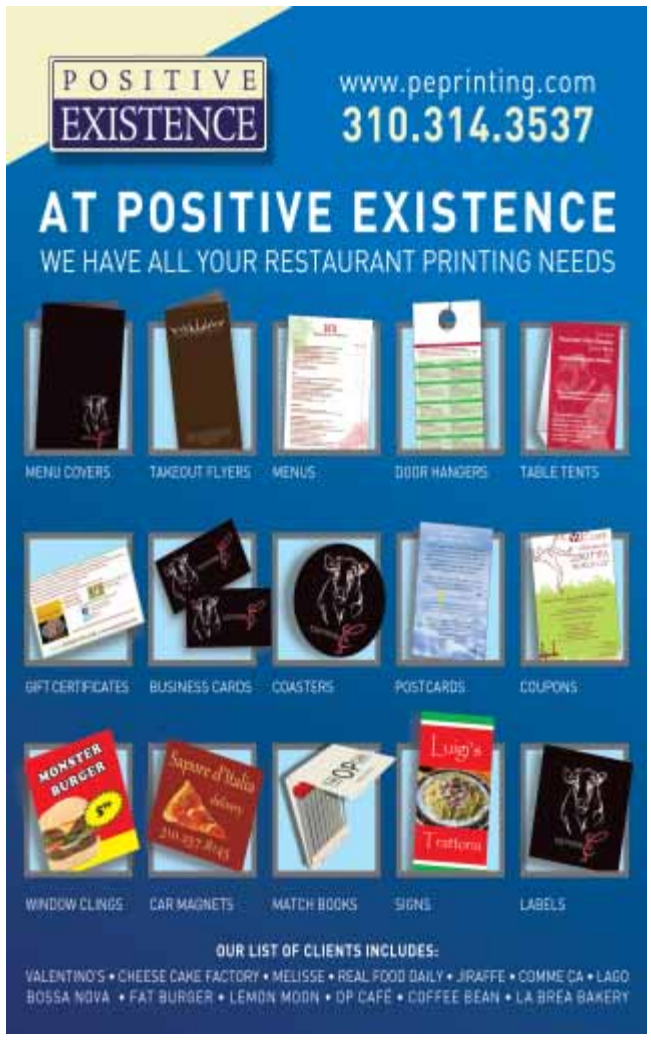
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