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BUSTED: **Santa Monica police tow the car of an alleged drunk driver during a DUI checkpoint last year.**

Cops to be out in force on New Year's Eve

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITYWIDE When it comes to drinking and driving, the Santa Monica Police Department has a "zero tolerance" policy.

Officers will be conducting a "Zero Tolerance DUI Saturation Patrol" New Year's Eve at various locations throughout the city, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver before their celebrations begin, police said.

The saturation patrol is an effort to make New Year's Eve safer by cracking down on impaired driving and to improve traffic safety, save lives, and prevent injuries, said Sgt. Jeff Wiles.

"If you drive while impaired from alcohol and/or drugs, Santa Monica Police Department officers will be looking for you," Wiles said. "If you are driving while impaired you will be arrested."

Funding for the patrol is provided by a

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City Hall launches youth violence prevention website

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL Santa Monica officials have launched a "youth violence prevention" portal on City Hall's website, part of an effort to better inform the public about programs geared toward at-risk minors in Santa Monica.

The website, which City Hall announced on Tuesday, is accessible at www.santamonicayouth.net.

The move comes after the City Council this year added funding to the Youth Resource Team's budget and ordered a new policy group to begin holding meetings on violence prevention.

The YRT seeks to keep youth safe and support healthy development from infancy through adulthood through the collaborative work of the city of Santa Monica, education and non-profit agencies, neighborhood organizations, governmental partners, business, and faith communities.

"We're very excited about santamonicayouth.net and envision it as an impor-

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Homeless man pleads not guilty to slashing face

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A homeless man living on the streets of Santa Monica was arraigned Tuesday after police accused him of slashing another man's cheek in front of the McDonald's on Second Street.

Clarence Anthony Williams, 38, plead not guilty to one count of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of mayhem, a clerk with the Los Angeles Superior Court said. He is expected to be back in court on Jan. 12 for a preliminary hearing. He is currently being held on $1 million bail.

Police said the victim, whose name was not released, was standing outside the fast food restaurant around 7:45 a.m. on Dec. 26 drinking a soda and smoking a cigarette when Williams approached him and "suddenly raised his right hand and slashed the victim's left cheek, possibly with a box cutter," said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

Williams then allegedly grabbed the victim's right leg and dragged him roughly 15 feet, letting him go in the middle of Second Street near Colorado Avenue. While on his back, the victim tried to defend himself by kicking at Williams, who tried repeatedly to cut the victim. After roughly 20 seconds, the victim got to his feet and ran for help.

Trisler said the gash in the victim's cheek was roughly 6 inches long, running from his cheek to the back of his head. The victim, who police said was also homeless, told officers that he did not know Williams well. The two met a day earlier when the victim lit Williams' cigarette.

Armed with a description of the suspect, officers tracked down Williams at OPCC's Access Center, the first point of entry for homeless individuals and families seeking assistance. Officers used video footage from security cameras in the area to identify Williams, Trisler said.

He was arrested and booked for attempted murder, kidnapping and a probation violation. Williams was on probation for trespassing.

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Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010

Economics for women
YWCA
2019 14th St., 6:30 p.m.
This event is designed to help women during these tough economic times by learning strategies for financial well-being and wealth-building. This workshop costs $99 and includes materials and a light dinner. For more info, call (310) 452-3881.

BINGO!!
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 2 p.m.
Play bingo for prizes at this free event. For information, call (310) 458-8644.

Skate, skate, skate
1324 Fifth St.
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
It's that time of year again. ICE at Santa Monica is back. Skate to your hearts desire — or at least until the rink closes for the night — everyday until Feb. 25. Admission and skate rental is $10. For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010

Badgers unite
Santa Monica Pier
3 p.m.
Join thousands of Badger fans at the world-famous Santa Monica Pier for what could be a record-setting crowd. Show your Badger spirit at the official Wisconsin football Rose Bowl pep rally with the UW Spirit Squad, the UW Band and other special guests. This event is free.

Adventures in Acting
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 4 p.m.
Adventures in Acting helps kids make friends and gain self-confidence and have some theatrical fun at the same time. Participants work with costumes and make-up and are featured in a fully-staged play. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 9.

Friday, Dec. 31, 2010

Wine and cheese for New Year's Eve
Paint:Lab
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Paint:Lab is celebrating New Year's Eve with paint, wine and cheese. This is an open-lab event with no instructor. For information, call (310) 450-9200.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

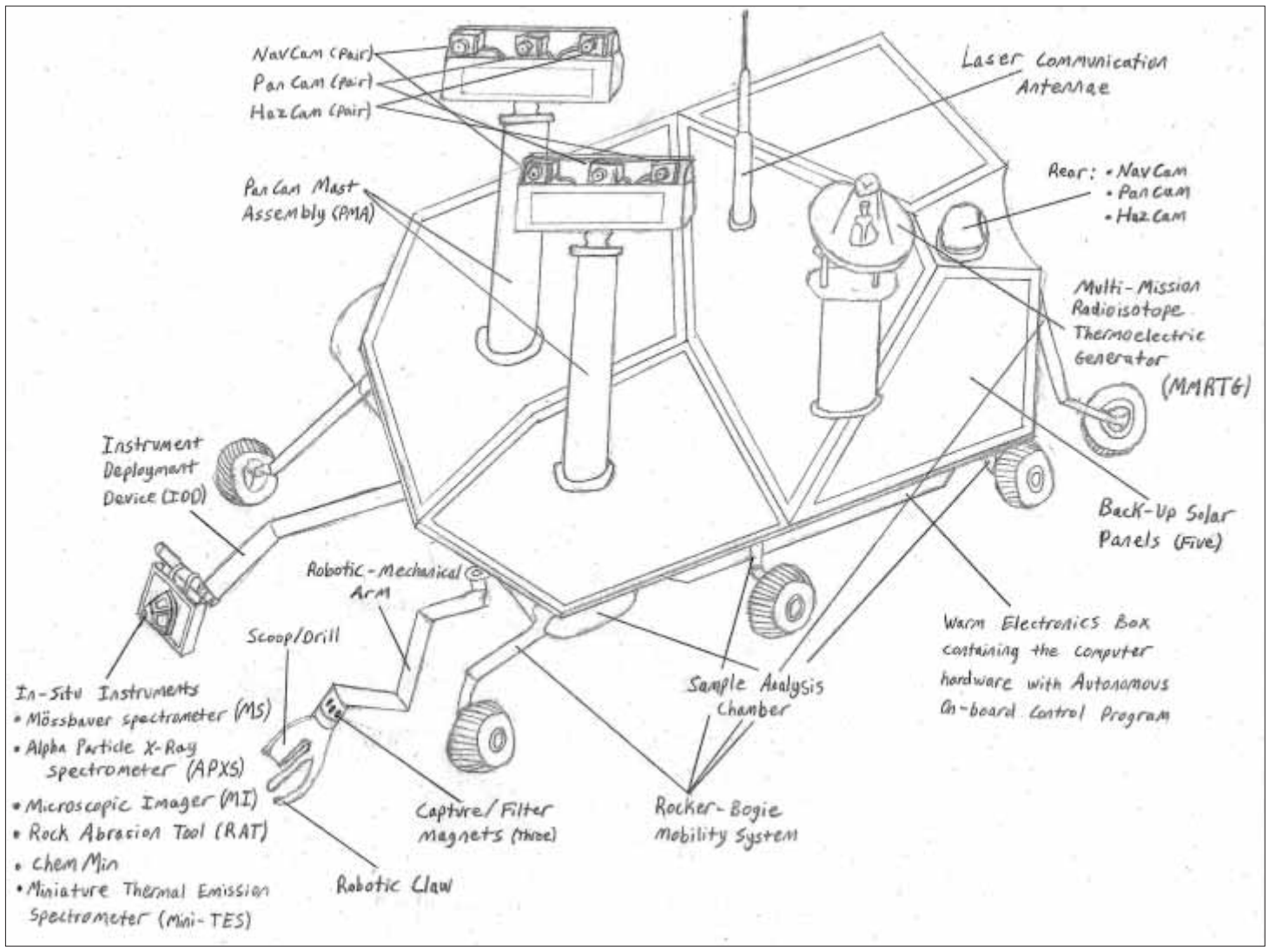


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WINNING ENTRY: **A sketch of Santa Monica College student Michael Maylahn's Mars rover.**

SMC student shoots for Mars, reaches stars with NASA award

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica College student Michael Maylahn shot for Mars and reached the stars.

Maylahn recently led a team of community college engineering students from throughout the nation in a competition to create a prototype Mars rover at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. His team won first prize, beating out three other teams.

"I was ecstatic," Maylahn, a mechanical engineering major with an A-minus average, said. "It was an amazing opportunity."

A second-year student, Maylahn was recommended by English professor Kevin Menton to participate in the project, in which just 89 students out of hundreds of applicants across the country were accepted into NASA's National Community College Aerospace Scholars Program. To be accepted, he had to complete a rigorous months-long application process.

To qualify, Maylahn spent about 800 hours last summer completing four web-based research assignments in which he drew up a plan for a hypothetical robotics mission to Mars — in addition to his coursework and full-time job.

His plan included a financial proposal, timeline, sketch of the rover, an objectives abstract and a proposal outlining every aspect of the mission, including how the rover would get to Mars, how it would communicate with Earth, what scientific equipment would be needed for testing and analysis, and how it would be navigated. It was accepted, and he was flown to Alabama for the three-day, hands-on experience at the NASA center in the fall. (Half the students accepted into the program were sent

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Photo courtesy Santa Monica College

MAYLAHN

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Rally volunteers needed

The Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau is looking for a few good men and women to help welcome University of Wisconsin fans for a Rose Bowl pep rally Thursday at the Santa Monica Pier.

The Badgers have chosen Santa Monica as the location for their official pep rally. The CVB expects over 25,000 fans to attend.

Volunteers will help welcome fans, and guide them through the city by the sea. Volunteers will be holding signs directing fans toward the rally, as well as hand out maps and special deals at local restaurants and shops. Volunteers are to arrive at the visitor center kiosk near Bubba Gump restaurant on 2 p.m. on Thursday. Volunteers should wear black pants and comfortable shoes. A black sweatshirt will be provided.

Volunteers will have a chance to win prizes, including a pair of tickets on Starline Tours, Pacific Park tickets and restaurant gift certificates. For more information contact the CVB at (310) 319-6263.

The 97th annual Rose Bowl will feature the No. 5 BCS ranked Wisconsin Badgers and the No. 3 BCS ranked Texas Christian University Horned Frogs. It will be played on New Year's Day at 2 p.m. The game will be televised nationally on ESPN.

Wisconsin finished the year with an 11-1 overall record (7-1 in conference) and shares the Big Ten Conference championship with Michigan State and Ohio State. The Badgers earned the Big Ten Conference BCS automatic qualifier as the highest ranked BCS team. They are making their sixth appearance in the Rose Bowl Game, and first since 2000. Wisconsin is 3-3 in its Rose Bowl Game appearances. The Badgers will be making its ninth consecutive bowl appearance and first BCS bowl game since the 2000 Rose Bowl Game.

– DAILY PRESS

L.A. councilman seeks reward in Xmas shooting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A Los Angeles city councilman is asking for a $50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of whoever was responsible for the fatal Christmas Day drive-by shooting of a young mother in South Los Angeles.

A representative for the office of

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Identifying dangerous crosswalks

Editor:

I don't know what caused the recent accident that killed a pedestrian on Wilshire Boulevard, but I can tell you where more accidents are waiting to happen. You know those blinking lights embedded in the pavement at crosswalks throughout the city? Well, half of them don't work. Who got the contract to put these things in, and why aren't they fixing them?

But perhaps it doesn't matter. Even when the blinking lights do work, most motorists either don't notice or ignore them. At least that's how it is in my neighborhood. I've often had to stop midway across the street to let a car zip by my toes at 40 mph. I'm thinking especially of the crosswalk at 22nd Street and Pico Boulevard where hundreds of people, many of them pushing baby carriages or with toddlers, take their lives into their hands each Saturday morning to get to the Virginia Avenue Park Farmers' Market. I'd say at least three out of four cars won't stop for you there, even if you're in the middle of the street. Perhaps it's because there is no overhead traffic light and the crosswalk is not at a real street corner as most motorists would expect, or perhaps they just don't want to stop.

Oh, and did I say that the blinking lights embedded in the pavement don't work? Another bad crosswalk is about eight blocks east on Pico Boulevard near McCabe's guitar shop. But the first one I mentioned by Virginia Park has to be the worst. It's as if the cars don't even see you.

Gene Williams
Sunset Park

Changing face of homelessness

Editor:

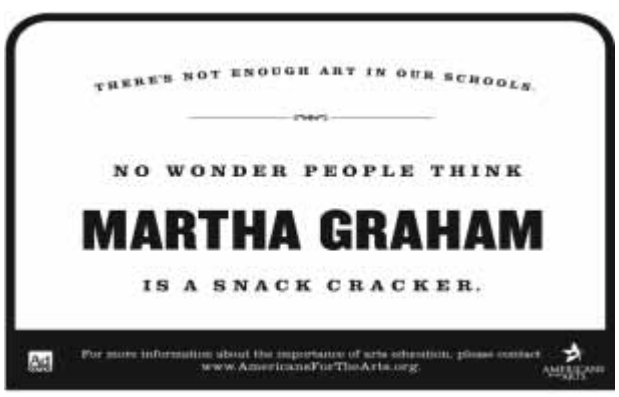
I was homeless for 11 1/2 years here in Santa Monica. In that time I have seen many people suffering with debilitating illnesses with no way for them to get the care they need to recover. I was fortunate to get my Section 8 certificate and now reside on Second Street and Arizona Avenue.

Now I see someone has benefited from the programs we have here to combat homelessness. Yes, I said combat. In this economy, with the housing crisis, people are losing everything and becoming homeless more than when I was on the streets. I think if more people would wake up and see this crisis as it really is and not with the spin our "honest" media puts on it there would be less homeless than there are now. I talked about the real estate meltdown in one of my columns in 2003. I gave it a one to five year window and it happened in 2005-06. Now this woman has overcome a debilitating disease and is on her way up.

Why can't we do this for as many homeless as we can? Are we really so far removed from this dilemma that we can't see the whole big picture? And now the banks are running scams to take properties back from the people they lent to before the bubble popped.

Next time you see a homeless person think about this, think about why that person is homeless. It's no longer a realm of drunken drug addicts as it may have been years ago. Now the middle class is eroding and people are becoming homeless in record numbers. You won't here on CNN or Fox News. You don't need to, it's right outside your own front door now, for as long as you have a front door.

Charles Springer
Santa Monica



Your column here

David A. Holtzman — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A layoff for terminators

ON MONDAY, DEC. 20, THERE WERE 717 inmates on death row in California when one of them, a 42-year-old man, was found unresponsive in his cell and died. Excluding him, since California reinstated the death penalty in 1978, 52 death row inmates have died of natural causes and 18 have committed suicide, while the state has only executed 13.

The capital punishment system here is a costly, inefficient government program. It's so under-funded that about half of the state's death row inmates are still waiting for lawyers. With the death penalty facing opposition from a growing chorus of people and nations, it's time to end it.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger can help. In what little time he has left in office, he can give his legacy a considerable boost by commuting the state's hundreds of pending death sentences to life in prison without possibility of release. As a Los Angeles resident on the world's stage, he should be sensitive to his image at home and abroad.

The leading example of an outgoing governor commuting death sentences is George Ryan of Illinois in 2003. Gov. Ryan was facing corruption allegations at the time, and some people say he never would have commuted those sentences if he wasn't so worried about how people would remember him. But his two successors have maintained a moratorium on executions, and last month both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times published editorials calling for an end to the death penalty in Illinois.

Gov. Schwarzenegger does not have legacy worries like Ryan's, and his movie career may push most of his governorship from collective memory. But it's fair to say his time in office didn't work out as well as he hoped. He might want to embrace the last-minute chance to get on what will likely be the right side of history on a major issue.

The tide is turning against the death penalty. Newspapers and websites provide report after report of dysfunction in the capital punishment system. The United Nations General Assembly voted last month in favor of a worldwide moratorium on the use of the death penalty; support increased and opposition declined since a similar resolution was adopted in 2007. Los Angeles County voters just spurned their own pro-death penalty district attorney in favor of a candidate for state attorney general who promised to enforce the law, but forthrightly told voters she would rather not.

In 2006, the League of Women Voters of the United States adopted a position calling for the abolition of the death penalty. League positions are based on member study and consensus, and members found numerous problems with continuing the policy of killing some convicts. The capital punishment system was unfair and affected by error to an extent the league found unacceptable. Flaws such as false testimony, eyewitness error, prosecutorial misconduct and arbitrariness of application could not be adequately reformed by legislation. The death penalty was not a deterrent. Resources expended for the death penalty could be better used for programs to reduce crime and serve the victims of crime.

In California, the number of inmates condemned but not executed in California has increased steadily in recent years, more than doubling from 308 at the end of 1991 to 681 at the end of 2009. And now it's well over 700. That the state has executed only 13 convicts since 1978 makes much of the system (special phases of trials, mandatory appeals) seem like a costly charade.

The League of Women Voters' position against the death penalty is based on facts, figures and policy arguments. League members generally like to stick to those tools when trying to persuade decision makers. But in the realm of politics, feelings matter. Despite some of his movie roles, Arnold Schwarzenegger is not a robotic killer. His constituency is worldwide, and worldwide opinion would back him up if he takes this chance to be a real-world hero.

Arnold Schwarzenegger is about to spend less time in Sacramento, and more time with friends and neighbors. He and I both live in Brentwood. I met him recently and invited him, "man to man," to join the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles. (The nationwide league began admitting men in 1974. I'm the first male president of the local league, which was founded in 1920.) It would be great to have him over for the league's Westside Evening Unit meetings at my home. It would be fantastic if he would stand with the league on the death penalty and commute the pending sentences while he still can.

DAVID A. HOLTZMAN is president of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles.

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Hiding in the Open

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Women are more equal than men

CONGRATULATIONS, WOMEN HAVE equal rights. Now they have just as many heart attacks and cancer problems as men used to have in the work force. The good news is, by the same token, men are getting healthier. As they're out of work, and not in college, the stress of their lives has allowed men to live healthier, although poorer lives.

This is changing the definition of what is "men's work." Every time I ask a woman what's "women's work," I' am greeted with hostility, although I've never heard hostility from a man when I ask that type of question. Why is that? If you know the answer to that, please respond to this column at the www.smdp.com website under "columns" and "Hiding in the Open," or e-mail it to me because I'd really love to hear your definitions of what you think are men's and women's work.

It's ironic that, as the workforce has given women more than equal rights, men are unemployed now four to one when compared to women. Of course we all heard about the fact women under the age of 35 are making 17 percent more than men the same age. Various organizations have cried foul because when women begin to drop out of the workforce to have children, they suddenly see their wages and long-term earnings drop. Unfortunately, that goes for men as well.

We're now seeing that when a man or a woman drops out of the workforce for more than two years, they aren't able to get a similar job later, making the same money doing the same activity, due to the fact that their skills have fallen behind. They also find they've lost seniority, as well as the political contacts that they require in order to get ahead. Women are expecting unequal rights, and it will be interesting how this will play out in our society.

Divorce law is a great example of some of the unequal rights women are granted as fallout from the male dominated 1950s. Attorney David Pisarra has a regular column in this paper that clearly demonstrates this point. As a result, all these happy, successful women, who're now making 17 percent more than then their male peers, are finding it hard to find a man who has a college degree or earns more than they do.

Oprah is a great example of the trend of successful women who keep a long-term boy toy, while running around with their gal pals. When Jessica Simpson married her husband, and insisted on not getting a pre-nuptial agreement, she learned that her husband had the right to her hard-earned money. You see the law treated her husband like any 1950s housewife who stayed home while she made a great deal of money. Granted, he made a couple of million dollars a year, but she made many times that amount. Still, he was entitled to half of the difference in their income for half of the term of their marriage.

Jessica Simpson said in 2004: "If anything were to happen to me and Nick, I've had a great life with him, and he'd deserve half of everything I have." What surprised everyone is she's now changed her mind on that once she began earning the kind of money that will make her a billionaire this year. Ms. Simpson dates and marries a successful person, who helps her start a career, but once she's successful, she dumps the dude? Her ex-husband, being a stand-up guy, thinks it's wrong to steal money from his ex-wife, and instead of asking for hundreds of millions of dollars like Tiger Woods' wife did, he requested $8 million, since he was actively involved in some of their businesses. It's embarrassing that she's contesting that now as well.

Pandora's box has been opened, and we're facing a brave new world together. We've changed the rules against men to such a degree that they're now outnumbered in universities by a factor of almost two to one. As a result, they're now out-earned by 17 percent, and the numbers will rapidly get worse as women work through the corporate ranks and men retire. So please stop quoting me 1970 statistics and look around, women are offered the same compensation plan or better. The great recession has proven that women are more competitive in the workforce than men by a large degree, and the question we'll have to ask is: What do men do?

Men make up less than 25 percent of all the teachers in public schools. Every study has shown that women and men learn more when taught by someone of the same sex. This means that, from the start, women are getting better educated. Based on the results of the last four years of high school, these better-educated women score higher on test results and get better grades by a large margin. They then go on to earn 63 percent of the seats in the universities, and go out into the workforce better prepared than their male competitors.

We, as a society, will have to face these problems. It makes no sense to cure the lack of equality for women at the expense of men. Since it's a zero sum game, then we, as a society, will all lose.

DAVID ALSABERY is working hard for the woman. He can be reached at alsbery@gmail.com.

The Q Line

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Off on a good note

As one year passes and another nears, we couldn't help but wonder what you thought Santa Monica's government should reconsider as we head into 2011.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What should be City Hall's New Year's resolution?

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State's snowpack swells to twice normal size

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The Department of Water Resources conducted its first snow survey of the season Tuesday and found the snowpack in California's mountains is holding nearly twice as much water than average for this time of year.

The heavy snowpack across the 400-mile-long Sierra Nevada range means the state will likely be able to boost water deliveries next year to cities and farms coping with a recent drought.

The agency previously projected the state will deliver half of the water requested next year. The latest results mean the allocation is almost certain to rise, providing some relief to the state's water shortage.

"This boosts our hopes that we will have an adequate water supply for our cities and farms as we continue to shake off effects of the 2007-09 drought," Mark Cowin, the department's director, said in a statement.

The final amount of water that can be delivered to 25 million Californians and nearly 1 million acres of farmland will largely depend on how the weather develops into spring. Tuesday's snow survey was the first of five that will be conducted for the season.

The state delivered 35 percent of the water requested in 2008, 40 percent in 2009 and 50 percent this year. The last time the state was able to deliver 100 percent of allocation was in 1996.

Even in wet years, allocations are hard to achieve because of pumping restrictions in the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta to protect a threatened fish.

Frank Gehrke, the department's snow survey section chief, warned that while the initial results look great, it's too soon to tell how the season will end because of the climate phenomenon known as La Nina. La Nina usually brings drier months later in the season.

"We don't know if this is a wrinkle in the pattern, or if we're going to get lower storm activity later on in the winter," Gehrke said.

Most of the state's major reservoirs are near or above normal levels for this time of year. Lake Oroville, the State Water Project's principal reservoir in Butte County, is at 95 percent of normal, holding 2.1 million acre-feet of water. The lake last filled to its 3.5 million acre-foot capacity in 2003.

The latest survey found water content in the overall snowpack at 198 percent of normal. Electronic readings showed northern mountains at 169 percent of normal for this time of year, central mountains at 180 percent and southern mountains at 261 percent.

A manual survey conducted near Lake Tahoe at Philips Station registered 158 percent of normal water content in 56 inches of snow.

The statewide snowpack was 85 percent of normal this time last year.

Schwarzenegger's pledge to blow up boxes a dud

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO It was the kind of over-the-top pledge Californians had come to expect from the Hollywood action star they had elevated to the governor's office in their unprecedented political revolt: Arnold Schwarzenegger wouldn't just rearrange the boxes of a bloated state bureaucracy, he would "blow them up."

The "Governator," who rode voter discontent into office during the 2003 recall election, said he would streamline a wasteful government to trim its cost, consolidate departments with overlapping responsibilities and eliminate unneeded boards and commissions.

As Schwarzenegger prepares to leave office in January, most of the boxes survive. Some have been rearranged, some have expanded, and at least one restructuring has been criticized for causing more harm than good.

"Every governor proposes moving boxes around to reorganize government. I don't want to move the boxes around; I want to blow them up," he said in his first State of the State address in January 2004. "We have multiple departments with overlapping responsibilities. I say consolidate them. We have boards and commissions that serve no pressing public need. I say abolish them."

He ordered a study — later named the California Performance Review — which issued recommendations in August 2004 that would have been the largest reorganization of state government since the 1960s.

The performance review proposed consolidating 11 agencies and 79 departments into 11 major departments while eliminating 12,000 state jobs. It said 117 of the 339 boards and commissions it examined should be eliminated to save $34 million and 1,153 jobs, many paying more than $100,000 a year.

"No one paid by the state should make $100,000 a year for only meeting twice a month," Schwarzenegger said in his January 2005 State of the State address. Yet he continued appointing members to many of those same boards, using the appointments as every governor before him had — to reward termed-out lawmakers who had supported his proposals.

Schwarzenegger targeted 88 of the boards and commissions in a January 2005 report. Yet by the time the report was issued, Schwarzenegger was already moving on to other priorities and into a phase of confrontation with lawmakers.

A month later, he formally withdrew his reorganization plan, saying in a letter that "I have concluded that this proposal will benefit from further review." His office counts 34 boards and commissions that were eliminated or consolidated during his administration, though not all were as a result of his efforts.

Schwarzenegger could have used "the power of the bully pulpit and his herculean appeal" to push through reforms that had widespread voter support, said George Passantino, who helped guide the performance review as a consultant with the Reason Foundation, a Republican-oriented think tank.

"Only the governor can say whether this was a sincere effort or more showmanship," said Passantino, now managing partner of a public affairs firm in Palmdale. "At the time, I believed it was very, very sincere. The enthusiasm was palpable."

Schwarzenegger never resubmitted the reorganization plan, concentrating instead on an end-run around the Legislature with a hodgepodge of ballot initiatives for a 2005 special election. Voters rejected all four of his proposed reforms, which would have extended the time it took teachers to gain tenure, made it harder for public employee unions to collect dues, limited state spending and implemented redistricting reform.

"He comes into office as an outsider saying 'I'm going to blow up the boxes,' and he gets to Sacramento and he realizes that the Legislature is the biggest box. The process itself is the box. So to get anything done, he had to blow up the political process," said Susan Kennedy, a Democrat who Schwarzenegger hired as his chief of staff after he was trounced in the special election. "He turned his attention to big reform and changing that."

His biggest change was consolidating the adult and juvenile prison systems in 2005.

The administration had hoped the streamlined agency would reduce the number of parolees who quickly return to prison, rein in its runaway budget, improve inmate medical care and end abuses of juvenile offenders.

Yet critics say the decision backfired by creating a behemoth too big to manage.

The Little Hoover Commission, which investigates government operations, said ongoing problems with adult prisons quickly overshadowed the juvenile institutions. It has recommended separating oversight of juvenile offenders, who are housed in a combination of county and state lockups, from what became the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

"The reforms committed to have not materialized," commission chairman Daniel Hancock said at a November hearing on whether the corrections consolidation has worked. "Hoped-for streamlining has not occurred. Five years later, prisons remain overcrowded, recidivism is still high, and rehabilitation programs have fallen to budget cuts."

The Republican governor eventually helped persuade voters to create an open ballot primary election and give an independent commission, instead of lawmakers themselves, the power to draw legislative districts. Robert Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles, agreed with Schwarzenegger that those changes will send more moderate legislators to Sacramento and perhaps produce a more bipartisan atmosphere in the Capitol.

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tant tool for sharing with the public the current work of the Youth Resource Team and ways the community can get involved," said Julie Rusk, human services manager.

Initially, the portal will provide details on upcoming YRT meetings and information relevant to the efforts in youth violence prevention in Santa Monica. The site also contains links to a wide range of reports on the topic.

The goal, officials said, is to make sure Santa Monica's initiatives are on track, in line with best practices nationally and receive regular evaluation.

"The efforts here illustrate the commitment to address the complex and urgent problem of youth violence with innovation, coordination, and hands-on hard work," a press release from the human services division stated.

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NASA
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to compete at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.)

At the space flight center, he and his team were given 30 hours to create a business model for a robotics firm that would hypothetically create and sell a Mars rover to NASA for a mission. Teams were also given a box of robotics parts to build the rover.

Maylahn said he tapped into his leadership abilities to encourage team bonding, which is what he believes gave his team the edge to win the competition.

Originally from Sarasota Springs in upstate New York, Maylahn moved to Los Angeles in 2009 and enrolled at SMC.

"SMC has been an amazing way for me to receive a top-notch education with quality professors at a ridiculously low price," he said. "The level of rigor of my classes is equivalent to that at UCLA and other great schools, yet I pay $20,000 less."

Maylahn has his eye on transferring to a top engineering school such as Caltech, Harvey Mudd College, UCLA or Cal Poly Pomona.

"I got a good glimpse of what I want to do with my life," he said of his experience at NASA. "I want to work in robotics, and my ultimate dream is to own a robotics company."

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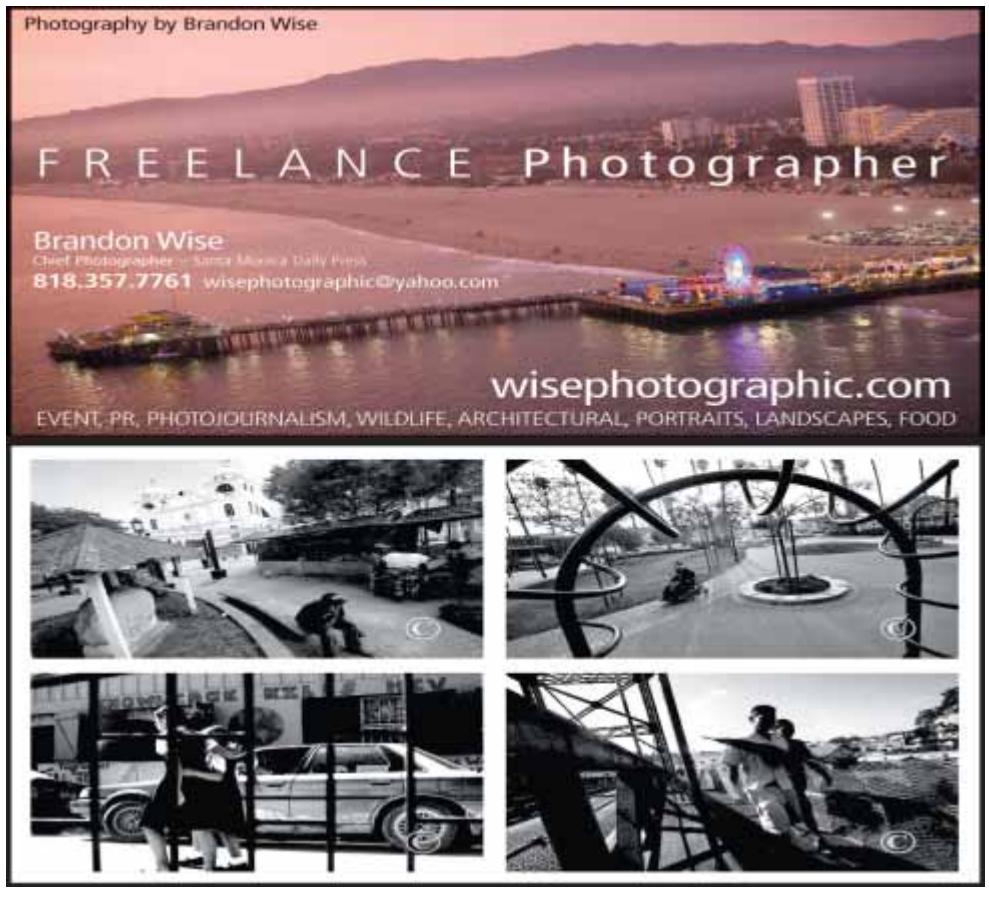
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA HOUSING AUTHORITY
2011 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN
AND ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The City Council/Housing Authority Board of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive comment and adopt the 2011Annual Plan and proposed revisions to the Santa Monica Housing Authority's Administrative Plan. The Annual Plan outlines the Housing Authority's policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. The Administrative Plan establishes oversight policies to operate the Santa Monica Housing Authority's (HA) housing rental subsidy programs in a manner consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. Copies of the draft Annual Plan and Administrative Plan are now available for review during the 45-day public comment period ending February 11, 2011. Copies are available at the Santa Monica Housing Authority Office at 1901 Main Street, 1st Floor, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90405 and on the web at www01.smgov.net/housing/section8.htm. Please send your written comments to the above address, Attn: Annual Plan, by February 11, 2011.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011
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Dec 14	F/JV/Var	CSHM	SMCHS	4/5:30/7pm
Dec 17	JV/Var	New Roads	SMCHS	5:30/7pm

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Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
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"Everyone in California should be heartened with these declines," said Christopher J. Murphy, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). "But as encouraging as this is, we can't let up on the efforts to encourage and support traffic safety. Please, help make your community safe; if you see a drunk driver, call 911."

The patrol will deploy throughout Santa Monica starting at approximately 6 p.m.

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SHOOTING
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Councilman Bernard Parks announced Tuesday that Parks is seeking the reward, which must be approved by the City Council.

Kashmier James was visiting friends in South Los Angeles and returned to her car Christmas night when a blue vehicle pulled up alongside her and someone fired shots. James' young daughter, who was not hit, was strapped in the back seat of her car.

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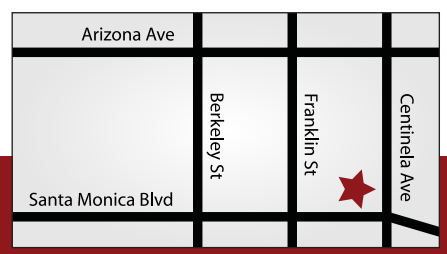
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Hawaii's governor wants to reveal Obama birth info

MARK NIESSE
Associated Press

HONOLULU Democratic Gov. Neil Abercrombie wants to find a way to release more information about President Barack Obama's Hawaii birth and dispel conspiracy theories that he was born elsewhere.

Abercrombie was a friend of Obama's parents and knew him as a child, and is deeply troubled by the effort to cast doubt on the president's citizenship.

The newly elected governor will ask the state attorney general's office about what can be done to put an end to questions about Obama's birth documentation from Aug. 4, 1961, spokeswoman Donalyn Dela Cruz said Tuesday.

"He had a friendship with Mr. Obama's parents, and so there is a personal issue at hand," Dela Cruz said. "Is it going to be done immediately? No, the first thing on our list is the economy."

It's unclear what Abercrombie could do because Hawaii's privacy laws have long barred the release of a certified birth certificate to anyone who doesn't have a tangible interest.

Hawaii's health director said last year and in 2008 that she had seen and verified Obama's original vital records, and birth notices in two Honolulu newspapers were published within days of Obama's birth at Kapiolani Maternity and Gynecological Hospital in Honolulu.

So-called "birthers" claim Obama is ineligible to be president because they say there's no proof he was born in the United States, with many of the skeptics questioning whether he was actually born in Kenya, his father's home country.

"What bothers me is that some people who should know better are trying to use this for political reasons," Abercrombie said.

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New laws may not have longevity

ZSCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. Revamped gun measures and tougher rules for payday lenders are among the laws set to take effect around the country on Jan. 1. But some of them may not be on the books for long.

This January, the statutes will kick in just as freshly elected governors and legislators arrive for work. And if new GOP majorities succeed in getting legislation repealed, the result may be sudden U-turns on issues that were only recently debated.

Before the November election, Democrats controlled legislatures in 27 states, with Republicans in charge of just 14. But after the nationwide Republican sweep, the GOP will soon control 26, the Democrats only 17. Control of others is split between the parties. The election also increased the number of Republican governors from 23 to 26.

With the switch in party control could come abrupt changes in the way some states handle government regulation, privatization and other matters.

Nowhere was the political shift more dramatic than in Wisconsin, where power in the Statehouse will shift wholesale from Democrats to Republicans. Already, incoming Republican Gov. Scott Walker and others would like to head off a law that makes it tougher for payday loan companies and auto lenders to do business in the state.

Until Democrats pushed the law through the Senate and House in 2010, Wisconsin was the only state that did not regulate those industries, and consumer advocates complained that lenders were exploiting poor people by charging exorbitant interest rates.

Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle shepherded the bill into law. But Walker said the new regulations go too far, and that the outright ban on loans secured by an auto title isn't what many legislators want.

"My hope is we're able to go back to that common-sense middle ground" with lesser restrictions, said Republican state Rep. Robin Vos, co-chairman of the budget committee. The new law limits payday loans to a maximum of $1,500.

In New Hampshire, Republicans hope to shoot down a new gun law they say doesn't do enough to protect private property and gun owners' rights. Republicans captured the legislative majority from Democrats in the midterm election.

In the recent session, lawmakers gave residents the right to display a gun or other weapon to warn away a potential attacker. Republicans plan to replace it with a stronger version that was vetoed by Democratic Gov. John Lynch in 2006. The tougher law would allow gun owners to use deadly force when threatened, inside their home or anywhere else.

"Why should I have to run away?" said Republican state Sen. Jack Barnes, who said residents who feel threatened should be able to use whatever force necessary. "It's my house."

In a switch benefitting the Democrats, incoming Gov. Jerry Brown in California may undo part of his Republican predecessor's legacy on privatization.

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Brown could stop the controversial sale of 11 state buildings — including the Ronald Reagan building in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Civic Center — for $2.3 billion. Outgoing Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger sought the sale to help balance the state's budget.

As the state attorney general, Brown declined to defend the measure in court and asked that it be delayed. A court-ordered delay means the issue will be pending when Brown takes office Jan. 3.

A variety of other laws will take effect without any threat of repeal.

Alabama, which had fewer public ethics regulations than other states, will add new measures stemming from a major government corruption scandal that brought down Birmingham's mayor, Alabama's former junior college chancellor and three legislators. The new laws impose more restrictions on lobbyists and provide subpoena powers to the State Ethics Commission.

While other states have increased "sin taxes" and fees, Massachusetts will remove a 6.25 percent sales tax on alcohol in effect since August 2009. The repeal followed a major advertising campaign by liquor store owners and beer distributors.

California will try to rein in its rampant paparazzi. New laws dictate that those caught driving recklessly while chasing celebrities in the state can now be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a $2,500 fine. Previously they were charged with a lesser infraction. The state will also downgrade marijuana possession from a misdemeanor to an infraction requiring no court appearance.

Delaware, Kentucky and Kansas will join many other states adopting tougher laws regulating cell phone use while driving.

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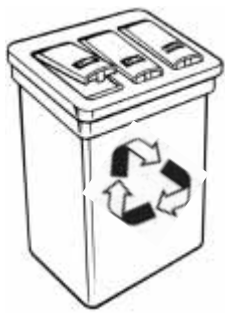
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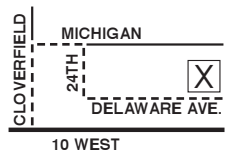
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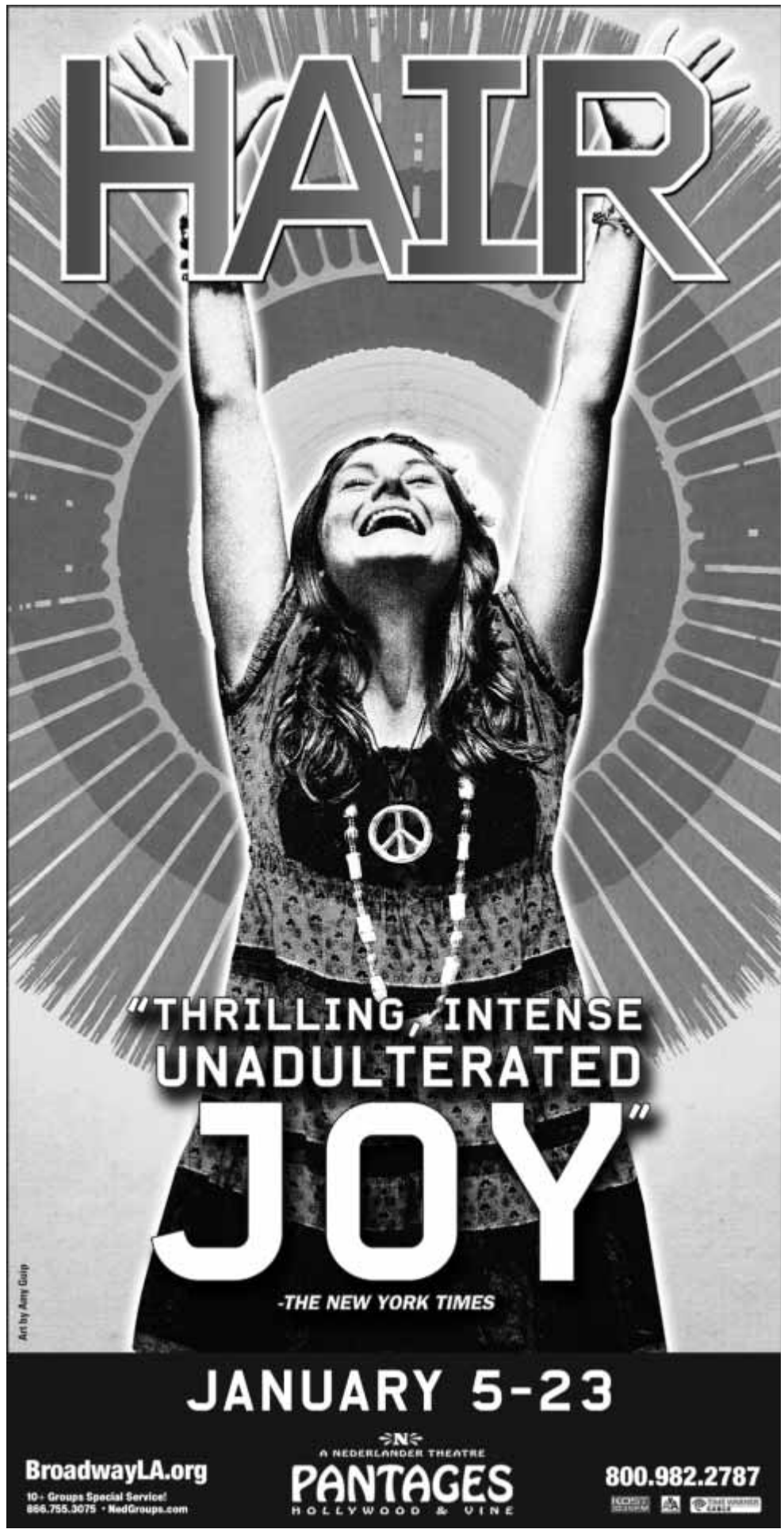
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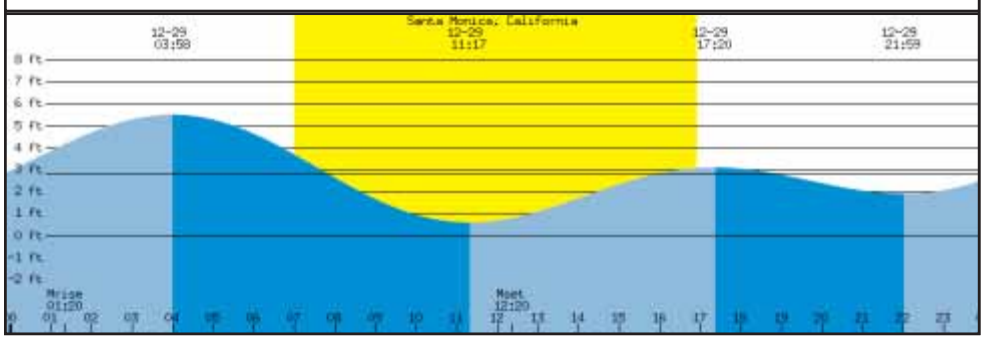
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- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 22

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	C
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Troncas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
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+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	D
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.	D	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
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+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
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+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Suspended Ohio State players apologize to fans for actions

RUSTY MILLER
AP College Football Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio Star quarterback Terrelle Pryor and four Ohio State teammates suspended for the first five games of the 2011 season apologized on Tuesday for selling championship rings and memorabilia and taking discounts from a tattoo parlor.

The NCAA will permit all five to play in the Sugar Bowl against Arkansas on Jan. 4.

"I didn't mean to hurt nobody at all and I didn't mean to bring anything down or embarrassment to our university because this is the greatest university in the nation," Pryor said, addressing his comments to alumni, former Ohio State players, fans, teammates and the coaching staff."

He added: "Hopefully I can someday get your forgiveness."

Pryor, along with starting tailback Dan "Boom" Herron, wide receiver DeVier Posey and offensive tackle Mike Adams, and backup defensive lineman Solomon Thomas, said they regretted their actions, which go back as far as two years.

The five juniors walked single file into a room at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center, sat at a table and then each spoke about a minute. Two spoke from written notes. Reporters were not allowed to ask questions.

The players used the phrase "Buckeye nation" nine times in referring to those to whom they were apologizing.

"It's something that is life-changing," Thomas said. "This has really made us all really look at things very differently. We're very remorseful to everyone around us, everyone in this room. We realize we made a mistake."

Ohio State spokesman Shelly Poe told The Associated Press she did not know if the apologies were part of players' punishment or if they were compelled to apologize by the coaches or asked to speak publicly.

The Buckeyes practiced earlier in the day. They leave Wednesday for New Orleans, site of the Sugar Bowl.

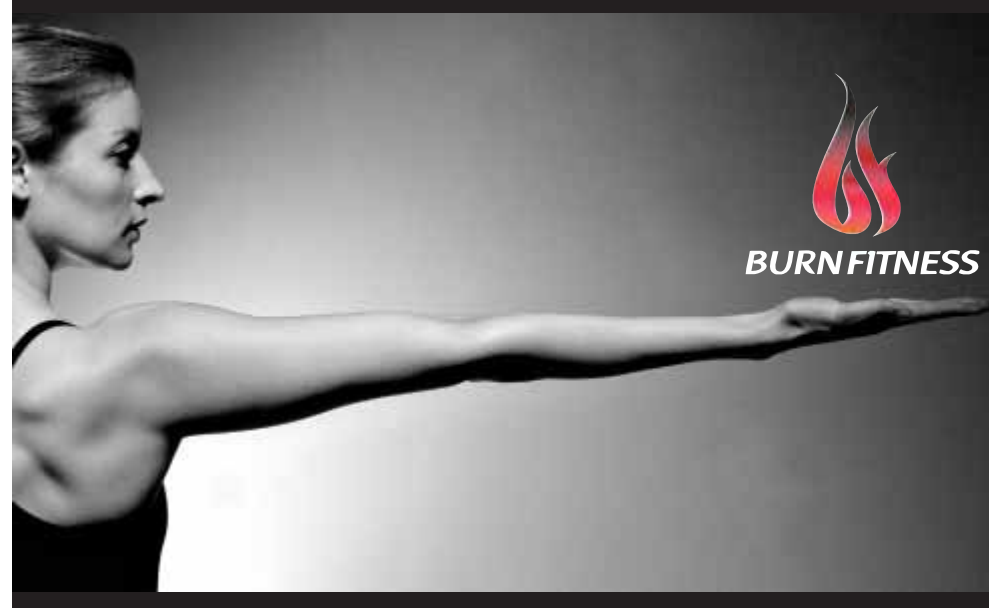
Pryor must repay $2,500 for selling his 2008 Big Ten championship ring, Fiesta Bowl sportsmanship award and his 2008 gold pants, a tradition-rich charm given to players who are a part of a team that beats rival Michigan. Pryor called his actions "young, selfish mistakes."

The five were suspended last week by the NCAA; Ohio State is appealing. Coach Jim Tressel and athletic director Gene Smith, along with the players, did not directly address the investigation or the players' relationship with the tattoo parlor and its owner because of the appeal and a separate federal investigation.

"I'm very humble and thankful to be a Buckeye now and into the future," Herron said. "My hope is there will be a day when I am forgiven."

Since they are juniors, they could enter the NFL draft this spring and avoid NCAA punishment. Only Posey confirmed he was returning for his senior season.

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Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Rabbit Hole (PG-13) 1hr 32min
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Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
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Virgo, visit a friend or chat on the phone

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Challenges surround you. The real issue remains how to handle them. You cannot go to battle over every issue or problem. Some of you might be at the point where all you want to do is hand the problem to someone else! Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Accomplish as much as you can. Prioritizing is the only way to go. A partner or associate can relate to your sense of direction. Schedule a discussion with someone who comes from a different point of view. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Tap into your creativity. A child or loved one might not intend to create a roadblock. Work with this person without forcing the issue. Clear out as much as you can in the afternoon -- errands, work or whatever is necessary. Tonight: Exercise time!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Leaving home takes talent. You have been getting used to being close to the pad. Your creativity surges midday, helping create more reasons to stick close to home. If you are single, you also do need to go out. You are more likely to meet someone while out and about. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone is impervious to your messages. Try as you might, you cannot break through. Instead of trying or triggering, just forget it. This person will not relate until he or she is ready. This afternoon, clear your desk and finish a project. You are unusually efficient. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ A financial matter might get the best of you, perhaps creating a lot of negativity. You wonder what to do. Focus on communication; speak about what is bothering you. Others might have suggestions that open up your creativity. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Visit with friends -- on the phone, in person or in a chat room.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Someone finds you to be very difficult at this moment. As a result, this person could blow up as you rarely have seen. Know that it is not just him or her; it takes two to cause such an explosion. If you are handling your finances, trust your judgment in this area. Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Refuse to take someone's words personally. You could become very angry if you do. Defer the whole comment; deal with it in a few days. The afternoon sees you energized and magnetic. Discussions become quite animated. Tonight: Whatever knocks the Scorp's socks off!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities this morning. You still could hit a snafu. Give yourself a day or so before trying to dislodge the issue. Use the afternoon for quiet work or for where your intuition is needed. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Assume the lead once more, but also know that eventually you will step down and relax. Let others know this, too. Use this afternoon for getting together with others. Note where and with whom you feel the most comfortable. Tonight: Where the fun is, of course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take an overview. Detach or imagine what it is like to be the other person. This afternoon, clear out some must-do's. Check in with a boss and/or older relative or friend. Tonight: Know that, without question, you are leader of the gang.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A partner or someone key to your life could be very difficult. Let go. You also don't have support from as many people as you might like. Detach in the afternoon. Pretend you are someone else. You might see life quite differently. Tonight: Follow the music.

Happy birthday

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

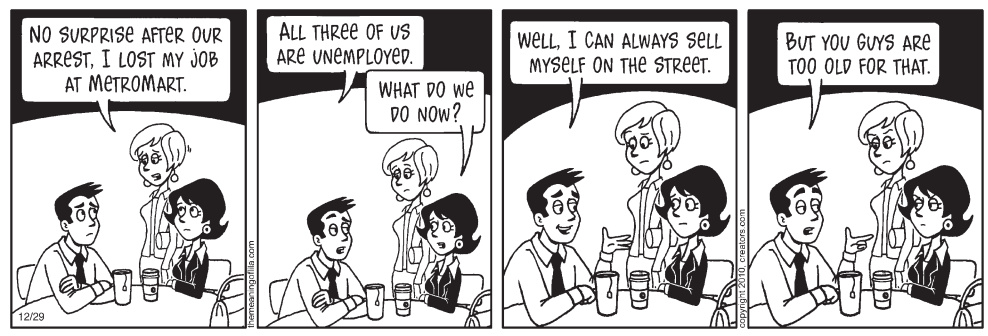
This year, you often juggle your personal desires with a need to lead. This conflict remains resolvable. To see the path, you will need to detach. If you are single, you meet someone through friends, or a friendship could evolve into more. If you are attached, take on a joint life goal together. You will become much closer. SCORPIO can be insightful and a good friend.



Garfield
By Jim Davis



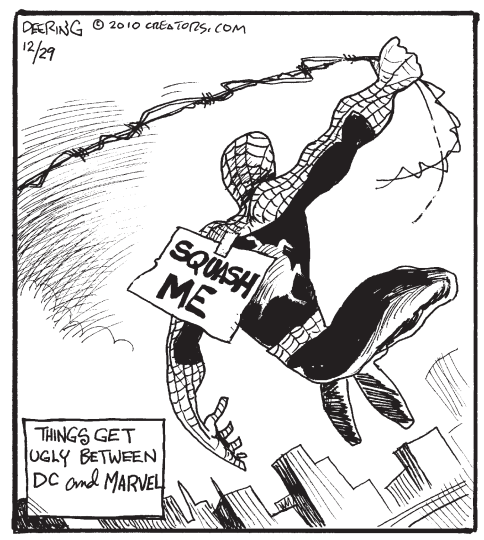
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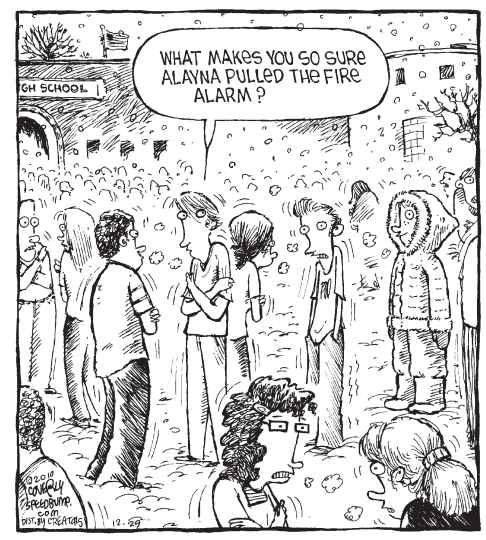
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	6	4	3	1	2	7	9	8
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5 Test software version
9 Homer work
11 Heaps
12 Strong suit
13 Switzerland neighbor
14 Common title word
15 Chapel topper
17 Cup holders
19 Fixed
20 Left over
21 A pop
22 Intent look
24 Night flier
26 Stock unit
29 Spot to jot
30 Shelf item
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35 Like Superman
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39 Wide inlet
40 Pertness
41 Wall St. events

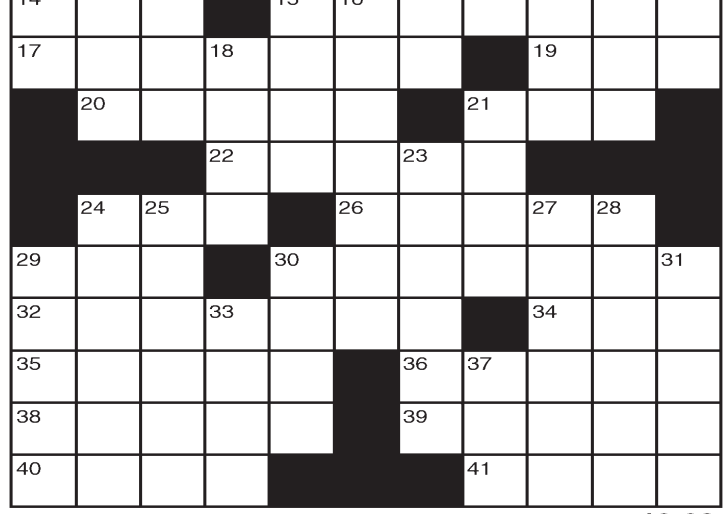
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2 Island greetings
3 Fill with enthusiasm
4 Put away
5 Chomp
6 Pass
7 Bank worker
8 To this point
10 Oasis setting
11 Bakery buys
16 Spy's crime
18 Play group
21 High point
23 Aegean island
24 Split level?
25 Conforms
27 Study
28 Los Angeles section
29 Print units
30 Auction nods
31 Title documents
33 Honey bunch
37 "How — love thee?"

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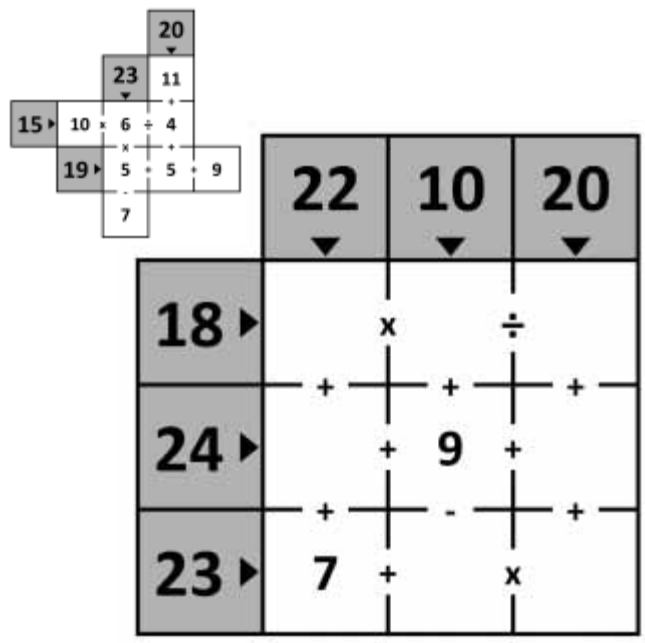
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Solution for Task 524



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mixed Message: Larry Falter, the owner of a Superior, Wis., jewelry store and an elder in a local messianic church, began staging in November a "Second Coming" sale, supposedly to commemorate the Day of the Lord when Jesus returns, triggering the Apocalypse. Among the responses by local residents: Why would anyone planning to be taken away need jewelry anyway, and, especially, why would Falter need to sell his jewelry instead of just giving it away? (Falter said that he owes money to people right now and is obliged to pay them back as best he can before departing.)

■ In November, Singapore's Information Ministry denounced the country's water polo team for wearing swim trunks in a likeness of the nation's flag (stars and a crescent) -- especially since, on the men's trunks, the inch-thick, 5-inch-long crescent is placed vertically on the front in what appears to be an "are you glad to see me?" design. The team's manager denied even the "slightest intention" of insulting the country.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1845 According with International Boundary delimitation, U.S.A annexes the Mexican state of Texas, following the Manifest Destiny doctrine. For others, the Republic of Texas is admitted as the 28th U.S. state.

1851 The first American YMCA opens in Boston, Massachusetts.

1860 The first British seagoing iron-clad warship, HMS Warrior is launched.

1876 The Ashtabula River Railroad bridge disaster occurs, leaving 64 injured and 92 dead at Ashtabula, Ohio.

1890 United States soldiers kill more than 200 Oglala Lakota people with four Hotchkiss guns in the Wounded Knee Massacre.

1911 Sun Yat-sen becomes the provisional President of the Republic of China; he formally takes office on January 1, 1912.

1911 Mongolia gains independence from the Qing dynasty.

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Meeting Location, Date and Time:
Los Robles Medical Center January 11, 2011 Classroom 1 Open House: 4:00 p.m. 215 West Janss Road Presentation: 4:30 p.m. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Prequalification packets will be distributed at the meeting. Subcontractors must be prequalified in order to bid on the project. Prequalification information must be returned to Layton Construction by 5:00 pm PST on January 13, 2011. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

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