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Work to Work: Obama Greeted by Looming Fiscal Crisis

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Conciliatory Words From Leaders Amid Talk of Cabinet Shake-Up

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When Barack Obama took office in 2009, he inherited a dire fiscal situation. The deficit was \$1.4 trillion, and the economy was in a deep recession. He had to raise taxes and cut spending to pay for the war in Iraq and the stimulus package. He had to raise taxes and cut spending to pay for the war in Iraq and the stimulus package.

State	Obama	Clinton	McCain	Obama	Clinton	McCain
Alabama	65%	28%	7%	65%	28%	7%
Alaska	53%	41%	6%	53%	41%	6%
Arizona	62%	33%	5%	62%	33%	5%
Arkansas	61%	33%	6%	61%	33%	6%
California	68%	27%	5%	68%	27%	5%
Colorado	67%	28%	5%	67%	28%	5%
Connecticut	71%	24%	5%	71%	24%	5%
Delaware	73%	22%	5%	73%	22%	5%
District of Columbia	88%	9%	3%	88%	9%	3%
Florida	59%	35%	6%	59%	35%	6%
Georgia	57%	36%	7%	57%	36%	7%
Hawaii	79%	17%	4%	79%	17%	4%
Idaho	51%	43%	6%	51%	43%	6%
Illinois	66%	29%	5%	66%	29%	5%
Indiana	54%	39%	7%	54%	39%	7%
Iowa	69%	27%	4%	69%	27%	4%
Kansas	52%	42%	6%	52%	42%	6%
Kentucky	50%	44%	6%	50%	44%	6%
Louisiana	49%	45%	6%	49%	45%	6%
Maine	72%	23%	5%	72%	23%	5%
Maryland	70%	25%	5%	70%	25%	5%
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Michigan	56%	38%	6%	56%	38%	6%
Minnesota	67%	28%	5%	67%	28%	5%
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South Dakota	47%	47%	6%	47%	47%	6%
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Virginia	61%	33%	6%	61%	33%	6%
Washington	66%	29%	5%	66%	29%	5%
West Virginia	45%	49%	6%	45%	49%	6%
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Wyoming	44%	50%	6%	44%	50%	6%

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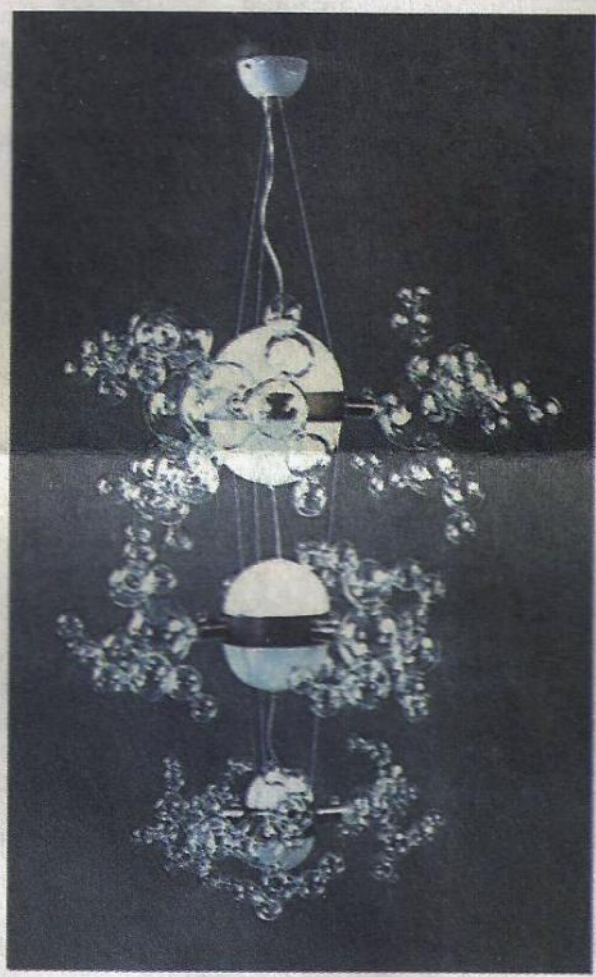
Frosted Orbs and Sparkling Bubbles

▶ Simone Crestani, a 28-year-old Italian glass designer, has been putting his own contemporary spin on Venetian glass with lifelike objects inspired by nature, including delicate trees and skeletal fish. But for his new limited-edition chandeliers, on view at Bernd Goeckler Antiques in Greenwich Village, he went a little more abstract. His Net chandelier (\$29,000), which encloses frosted orbs in a wavy grid of glass, is inspired “by a cloud with spots of light inside, like sunlight passing through,” Mr. Crestani said, adding that the piece took about three weeks to make.

As for the Bubble chandelier (\$27,500), right, it’s reminiscent of “a bottle of sparkling water, when you see all the bubbles attaching to each other,” Mr. Crestani said. And after all that time working with hot glass, who could blame him for thinking about a cold drink?

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