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THE MAX POWER ISSUE



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SLIGHT MIX-UP: **A cigarette butt receptacle on the Santa Monica Pier has confused some visitors who think it is collecting donations.**

No-smoking signs leave some puzzled

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Money may not grow on tree branches, but, at least in Santa Monica, it sometimes turns up in places that are just about as unlikely. Namely, at the bottom of ashtrays.

That's right. It's only been a few months since the City Council banned smoking on the Santa Monica Pier, but in that time at least $80 has been collected from the newly installed receptacles meant to serve as fire-safe places to discard cigarette butts on and around the popular tourist attraction, a source familiar with the inner workings of pier maintenance tells the Daily Press.

What gives?

According to Eric Faber, a board member of the Pier Restoration Corp., which oversees the 101-year-old landmark, it all boils down to unclear wording posted on the gray metallic receptacles that reads: "Save the Pier, Deposit here" in prominent type.

Below that, in a much smaller font, is the explanatory sentence: "Smoking is not permitted on the Santa Monica Pier, please deposit your cigarette butts here." Below that there's a fairly prominent standard "no smoking" symbol depicting a cigarette with a strike through it.

"I've always thought that signage was unclear in this city and it's another humorous example of not a lot of clarity," Faber said. "I think that [the designers] were trying to be clever, and the result was people thinking you should put money in there as well."

To be fair, the PRC board did approve the receptacles, which went through City Hall's normal design process.

Another PRC board member, Joel Brand, pointed out that considering the tens of thousands of visitors to the pier over a period of weeks, finding $80 worth of change during an ash tray-cleaning session isn't terribly surprising.

An extremely informal poll of passersby conducted in front of one of the receptacles by the Daily Press on Tuesday turned up mixed results.

Alberto Galliani, a visitor from Melbourne, Australia, had no trouble deciphering the message's intended meaning.

But Ana Berman, in town from Israel, had a different take.

"For me, it was like, 'Oh, they want money,'" she said. After a moment's reflection, she added: "But I guess I didn't look here," gesturing to the "no smoking" graphic.

For the time being, it remains a mystery where the money deposited in the ashtrays ends up. One thing is certain: It isn't going toward saving the pier. Faber, for his part, said he suspects it makes its way into the pockets of maintenance crew workers.

He said he hopes the PRC board at a future meeting will direct the pier's staff to find out who's collecting the money and what's happening to it.

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Actress Pressly charged with drunken driving in Santa Monica

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Prosecutors have charged Jaime Pressly with misdemeanor drunken driving.

The 33-year-old "My Name is Earl" co-star was arrested Jan. 5 after Santa Monica police say she was stopped for a traffic violation. She was released after posting $15,000 bail.

Deputy City Attorney Melanie Skehar says Pressly was charged Tuesday morning with driving under the influence and having a blood alcohol content of .20 or higher.

An e-mail message for Pressly's publicist was not immediately returned.

The charges were first reported Tuesday by celebrity website TMZ.

Teen injured during escape from blaze

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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A teenager was injured when she jumped from the second floor of an apartment building to escape a fire Saturday on Pearl Street.

Santa Monica firefighters responded to the scene at 8:40 a.m. where they doused the flames. They transported the teenager to a local hospital for treatment. The American Red Cross of Santa Monica assisted the inhabitants of the unit that had been ruled uninhabitable with water and smoke damage by fire personnel.

Red Cross responders helped the family locate temporary shelter and funds for food and other immediate necessities.

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Polar wonders
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Photographer Daisy Gilardini will share pictures from her time in the polar regions. There will also be a screening of documentary filmmaker Corina Gamma's latest work. For more information, call (310) 458-8716 ext. 3.

Planning Commission meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
Watch the city's Planning Commission in action.
For more information, visit www.smgov.net.

Ice time
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
ICE at Santa Monica offers the unique opportunity to ice skate in the sunshine. Admission is $10.
For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011

Dance the night away
CENTRAL
1348 14th St., 9 p.m.
DANCEiSM/GottaDanceDirty presents the VS Party featuring special guest DJs. No cover. For more information, call (310) 451-5040.

Stories for preschoolers
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11:15 a.m.
Kids 3-5 are invited to this weekly story time.
For information, call (310) 829-7081.

Friday, Feb. 4, 2011

Cafe Samo
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Samohi's choir program presents this cabaret-style show featuring dozens of performers who create and produce their own musical acts. For more information, call (310) 828-4884. This event also takes place on Saturday.

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CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 1, 2011 edition of the Daily Press about St. Monica's football team should have stated that Mau Lauaki led the Mariners with 95 tackles.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY

Celebrating Rosie's Girls

Rosie's Girls, a program designed to teach girls some of the finer points of manual labor, will celebrate its 10th year in Santa Monica on Saturday at the Main Library.

The event will feature speakers and information about upcoming sessions of the program. The next session begins in April.

In the past, Rosie's Girls have used their newly-acquired skills to assist local social service providers such as OPCCs Sojourn, a program for homeless women.

For more information, call (310) 458-8688.

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California Assembly prepares Holocaust documentary film

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The California Assembly is creating a video documentary based on interviews with survivors of the Holocaust and those who liberated the Nazi death camps 66 years ago.

Nearly 6 million Jews were killed, as were political prisoners, Soviet prisoners of war, Poles, gays and lesbians, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

"For the first time, we're moving to an oral history," said Assemblyman Marty Block, who is helping organize the California State Assembly Holocaust Memorial Project. The documentary replaces written interviews that were compiled into a book for the Assembly memorials each of the last eight years.

"I think it will be much more compelling. Seeing the folks who went through this, now mostly in their 80s, will be a pretty stark reminder of the horrible things they went through," said Block, D-San Diego.

Block said it is important to record their stories now as the World War II generation ages.

Though the Assembly estimates California is home to 15,000 Holocaust survivors, Block said assemblymembers are having increasing difficulty finding those able to participate in the program. A few years ago, the Assembly's annual memorial ceremony was expanded to recognize camp liberators. Last year, it added the children of survivors,

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TEACH-IN: **Teachers from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District use laptops to better understand new teaching materials during the kick-off event announcing California's first-in-the-nation environmental curriculum and the presentation of a $50,000 check from the Sempra Energy.**

District hailed for adopting environmental curriculum

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY Students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District could soon be getting an extra dose of environmental awareness in their science, history and social studies courses, thanks to a $50,000 grant from the Sempra Energy Foundation and a new curriculum developed by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

The award, announced by a representative from the foundation and the state's secretary for environmental protection, Linda Adams, at John Muir Elementary School on Tuesday, will pay for teacher training and instructional materials required to launch the Education and the Environment Initiative — a curriculum for K-12 students aimed at expanding environmental literacy.

SMMUSD is just the second district in the state to adopt the curriculum, which teachers are free to incorporate into lesson plans on a voluntary basis, CALEPA officials said.

The state legislature authorized the curriculum in 2003 under a bill sponsored by State Senator Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica). CALEPA subsequently developed the plan's specifics.

Sempra officials said the company's goal is to educate 100 teachers in the new curriculum. The first teacher-training event took place Tuesday.

The curriculum includes 85-units of environment-based education and comes in the midst of a five-year moratorium on the adoption of new textbooks in California public schools, making EEI the only new State Board of Education approved program that will result in new instructional materials for students for several years, officials said on Tuesday.

"This landmark curriculum will expand environmental literacy at a time when protecting our environment is paramount," Adams said. "This will help prepare today's students to become future scientists, economists and green technology leaders."

Mark Gold, president of Heal the Bay, which backed Pavley's legislation, also spoke on Tuesday, calling his organization's achievements in education some of its most significant.

He said the new curriculum was especially important because it came about without substantial financial backing from the state government.

"In a time when most of the talk about the future of California public school education focuses on budget cuts and teacher performance, the state has moved forward on an innovative and integrated approach to science and social science education that will result in environmentally literate students," he said.

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Protecting abortion from the right

Editor:

Drugged, raped, pregnant? Too bad, say some House Republicans. They don't believe those reasons are good enough for you to get an abortion. The GOP and Tea Party Republicans start off the new year pushing for one of the most extreme anti-abortion bills ever; that's after they introduced 600 measures last year in state legislatures to limit access to abortion.

Anti-abortion extremists are alive and well in America. They continue their relentless demonstrations and vicious intimidation of anyone who is involved and supports abortion clinics. They taunt abortion clients with their hellfire screeds and are big fans of Rush Limbaugh.

Their heroes live in the Old Testament and they use the Bible to justify their actions and agenda. Anti-choice forces carry out their malfeasance under the guise of the Lord.

Many in the anti-abortion movement still assert that killing doctors who perform abortions is fully justified. These people are religious fanatics.

There is nothing new in this information, and yet, Americans seem oblivious to the nature of their scurrilous activities.

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Santa Monica





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Human sex trafficking a very unfortunate part of Super Bowl

"The Super Bowl is one of the largest human trafficking events in the United States." — Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General

THE WILDLY POPULAR SUPER BOWL, WITH its revelry of sex, drugs and alcohol, invariably imparts a Bacchanalian aura to whatever city plays host to it, and Super Bowl XLV, which will take place in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday will be no exception. With greater numbers of Americans reportedly planning to celebrate the showdown between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Greenbay Packers by throwing a party, attending a party or watching at a bar or restaurant, consumer spending is expected to reach $10.1 billion.

Of course, that doesn't include the money that will be raked in by sex traffickers in the lucrative trade that surrounds the Super Bowl which, according to the Miami Herald, "is expected to generate as much traffic for prostitutes as it does for bartenders and bookies." In fact, the scale of prostitution at the last few Super Bowls was described by government agents as "incredible," according to Joseph Ullmann, an FBI special agent who handles cases involving crimes against children.

The Florida Commission Against Human Trafficking estimated that "tens of thousands of women and minors were trafficked in the Miami area during the last Super Bowl." One such trafficker, Manuel A. Walcott, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for offering a 14-year-old girl as a "Super Bowl Special" during the 2009 game in Tampa. When undercover investigators inquired about the special, they were quoted a price of $300 for two girls — a 14-year-old and an 18-year-old who had been a prostitute for two years.

In anticipation of this year's Big Game, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced his intention to have two dozen state officials help local law enforcement combat sex trafficking. But even with the support of the FBI and the help of volunteer organizations, it's unlikely Abbott will be able to do much.

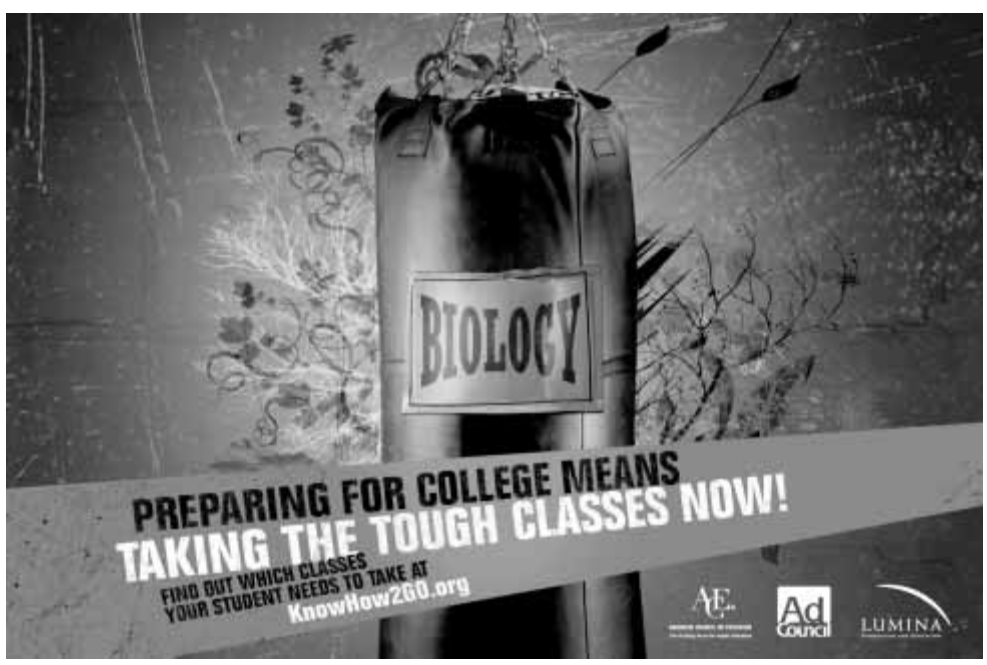
While most Americans don't hear much about domestic sex trafficking from the media or government officials, it is without a doubt America's dirtiest secret, infecting suburbs, cities and towns across the nation. Indeed, with the majority of its clients in the U.S. being married men, sex trafficking — especially the trafficking of young girls — has become a lucrative business, raking in $9.5 billion a year in the U.S. alone, and $32 billion worldwide. It is also a highly mobile enterprise, with trafficked women constantly being moved from city to city, state to state, and country to country in order to avoid detection by police and cater to male buyers' demand for sex with different women.

It is estimated that there are 100,000 to 150,000 under-aged sex workers in the U.S. (the average age of girls who enter into street prostitution is between 12 and 14 years old), with some as young as 9 years old), not including those who entered the "trade" as minors and have since come of age. Rarely do these girls enter into prostitution voluntarily. Many started out as runaways or throwaways, only to be snatched up by pimps or larger sex rings. Others, persuaded to meet up with a stranger after interacting online through one of the many social networking sites, find themselves quickly initiated into their new lives as sex slaves.

So before you lose yourself in Super Bowl mayhem and madness, just remember that for those victims of the sex trade, there can be only one outcome to this year's big game: they will lose and lose badly, while the men who pay for their services will return to their families and jobs and never look back.

Given the moral depravity surrounding the Super Bowl, for any American to lend their support to this event, whether it's from the safety of their living rooms or at a Super Bowl party at a friend's house, bar or worse, at church, makes each viewer complicit in the horrors being perpetrated on these young girls. You can be sure that the Super Bowl will not be playing at my house this year.

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Blue Shield agrees to delay rate hike

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LOS ANGELES Blue Shield of California has joined other health insurers in delaying implementation of new rate hikes for individual policyholders, after initially declining to do so despite a request from the state's new insurance commissioner.

In a statement Tuesday, the San Francisco-based insurer announced it would delay a March 1 rate hike for 60 days. The premium increase is Blue Shield's third rate hike for some policyholders since Oct. 1.

"I am pleased that Blue Shield is now joining Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross and PacifiCare in agreeing to my request for an additional 60 days to review their rate filings," Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said in a statement. The three other insurers agreed to delay their rate hikes last week.

Blue Shield's three increases would boost premiums an average 30 percent for the 200,000 customers who buy individual policies. Some of its customers would pay 59 percent more in premiums, cumulatively, after the three increases.

In a release two weeks ago, Blue Shield rejected Jones' request for a delay, saying it would hire its own actuary to review the hikes and provide refunds if necessary.

In California, a regulator cannot reject premium increases for health insurance. But Jones said he will review the increases for compliance with federal and state laws.

The insurer declined to give a specific response Tuesday to questions about why it decided to acquiesce to the state regulator.

"We are taking this action to remove any doubt that the rates we have submitted are necessary to pay the medical expenses of our individual members and meet the new medical loss ratio standard," Blue Shield chairman and CEO Bruce Bodaken said in a statement.

A medical loss ratio is the proportion of policy premiums that must be spent on medical care, as opposed to overhead, administrative costs and profits. Under federal health care reform, insurers are mandated to spend 80 percent of premiums on medical care. That percentage has been 70 percent in California, but Jones recently gained power under emergency regulation to ask insurers to comply with the tighter federal standard.

Prosecutor: Hospital director lured boys for sex

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

LONG BEACH A former California state mental hospital director lured young boys with pizza and trips to a mountain cabin to sexually abuse them over a span of four decades, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

After a weeklong trial, jurors began deliberations on 35 counts of sex crimes against former Napa State Hospital director Claude Foulk.

Prosecutor Danette Gomez said during her closing argument that the 63-year-old administrator used his degrees and accolades as a shield to fend off allegations involving the horrific abuse.

The boys — now grown men — turned to alcohol and drugs, and struggled to form lasting relationships due to the crimes, she said.

"Look beyond that facade and what you're going to see is nothing but a wolf in sheep's clothing," Gomez said as Foulk watched with a blank expression.

Foulk, who is charged with molesting his adopted son over the course of a decade, has pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include lewd and lascivious acts on a child and sodomy by use of force.

Prosecutors said another 11 men have come forward to claim Foulk molested them as children as far back as 1965, but only the case of Foulk's son could be prosecuted because of the statute of limitations.

Foulk testified in his own defense and denied the allegations. He said his son had a history of lying and suggested the allegations stemmed partly from a family conflict.

After his arrest last year, Foulk was fired from his post at the hospital, which houses adults mostly judged mentally incompetent to stand trial or found not guilty by reason of insanity.

In his closing argument, defense attorney Richard Poland urged jurors to consider the lack of physical evidence presented in the case. He argued that just because people say something happened, doesn't mean it did, pointing to sightings of UFOs and the Loch Ness monster.

He also said Foulk's son, whose testimony is the heart of the case, has a history of lying.

"How, if you didn't do something, do you prove you didn't do it?" Poland asked jurors.

The investigation into Foulk was sparked when someone reported sexual abuse to police after learning Foulk was head of Napa State Hospital, prosecutors said.

Detectives found evidence that boys had been molested in Long Beach, where Foulk had lived, and in Rancho Murieta in Northern California.

During the trial, Foulk's son wept on the stand and characterized the defendant as a monster who abused him from the time he was 9 until he fled home at age 21.

Four other men, including one of Foulk's foster sons, also took the witness stand to recount allegations of abuse.

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Dozens of gang members rounded up in sweep

A street gang accused of terrorizing parts of Los Angeles for almost a century was the target of a federal and local law enforcement investigation that culminated Tuesday with dozens of arrests.

Hundreds of officers swept across the southeast area of the city and arrested 57 people in the operation against the 38th Street gang, which prosecutors said was formed in the 1920s and operates in southeast Los Angeles under the control of the prison-based Mexican Mafia.

A 130-page indictment accuses some members of the gang of murder, drug trafficking and extortion.

In one case, prosecutors allege several gang members dressed up as FBI agents and shot their way into a house where they bound and kidnapped a man before executing him in the back of a minivan during a high-speed chase.

Authorities seized about 80 guns during the course of the investigation, some of which had had their serial numbers filed off. Officials displayed some of the weapons at a news conference Tuesday, including assault weapons and shotguns.

U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte Jr. said the 38th Street gang was also involved in gun trafficking, not only as a means of obtaining guns to facilitate crimes, but also to generate revenue.

"Members of the gang were arming the community," he said.

The Drug Enforcement Agency said it had recovered $250,000 cash, about 15 pounds of cocaine and a pound of methamphetamine.

Those charged with racketeering each face up to life in prison if convicted.

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LOS ANGELES

LAUSD mulls bureaucracy overhaul

The Los Angeles Unified school board is mulling a plan to break down the sprawling district into semi-autonomous "school families" which would give more authority to schools instead of regional districts.

School board member Richard Zimmer is set to introduce the idea aimed at decentralizing bureaucracy in the nation's second-largest school district at Tuesday's board meeting.

The "school family" would comprise a high school and its feeder elementary and middle schools. Each "family" would be given its own budget, hire its own employees and implement its own instructional program. Local district headquarters would become "regional service centers" designed to support school families.

The board is slated to discuss the idea in depth later this month and ask Superintendent Ramon Cortines to issue a feasibility report within 60 days.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Police eliminate rape kit backlog

The Los Angeles Police Department has eliminated its historical backlog of untested evidence kits collected after sexual assaults.

Capt. Kevin McClure told the city's civilian Police Commission Tuesday that the backlog had been whittled from 6,132 in 2008 to zero. Results from the last several hundred kits still need to be reviewed, but he expects that to happen within 60 days.

The LAPD came under intense pressure to clear its backlog of untested kits, many of which contained DNA that could potentially identify the attacker in the case. With the help of federal grants, the Police Department outsourced much of the testing to outside agencies.

McClure says that in 2010, testing of cold case and current rape kits led to the arrests of 245 people.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Official: School cop said shooting was accident

A law enforcement official says the Los Angeles school police officer who sparked a massive manhunt after claiming he'd been shot by an assailant told detectives that he was responsible for the shooting.

The official, who asked not to be named because the investigation is ongoing, said Tuesday that Officer Jeff Stenroos told investigators that he had accidentally fired a weapon.

The official says Stenroos used a gun that was not his service weapon.

Detectives continue to investigate Stenroos and are skeptical about his differing accounts of what happened. The officer's bulletproof vest was apparently struck by a bullet, though it's not clear if he was wearing it at the time.

Stenroos has not responded to requests for comment since the Jan. 19 incident.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Jack LaLanne eulogized as 'true saint'

Jack LaLanne, the late guru of physical fitness for generations of homemakers, was remembered Tuesday by Arnold Schwarzenegger and other bodybuilders who called him a pioneer and an inspiration.

"He was a true saint," Schwarzenegger told several hundred people at a "Celebration of Life" gathering at the Forest Lawn cemetery in the Hollywood Hills.

He compared LaLanne to leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela because he inspired millions of people.

LaLanne, who often said, "I can't die, it would ruin my image," was 96 when he succumbed to pneumonia at his Morro Bay home on Jan. 23.

He was a jumpsuited purveyor of fitness decades before celebrity exercise advocates began to flood the airwaves.

As early as 1936, LaLanne opened a gym that encouraged weight-training for women. His TV show that ran from the 1950s through the 1980s used equipment as simple as a towel or chair to perform exercises. It was especially popular among housewives.

Preaching exercise and a healthy diet, he also wrote books and marketed vitamin supplements and juicers.

LaLanne also was known for feats of strength such as doing more than 1,000 push-ups and, at age 70, swimming a mile in Long Beach harbor while handcuffed and towing 70 rowboats.

When Schwarzenegger was California governor, LaLanne was on his Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport. Schwarzenegger said he first met LaLanne in 1968 on Venice Beach in Los Angeles, where LaLanne suggested they work out together.

AP

Parent-teacher night doesn't have to be a pain to attend

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK It's one of the worst nights of the year if your child is in middle or high school: Parent-teacher night, when you scramble to spend two minutes each with a half-dozen teachers who may not even know your kid's name.

You stumble down hallways, head up the down staircase, looking for the science lab or drama studio. Or you crowd in the cafeteria or gym with hundreds of other confused moms and dads, mispronouncing unfamiliar teachers' names as you wait your turn. Some teachers time the sessions, ending them with a digital beep; in other schools, student monitors keep the clock, interrupting your meeting when time's up.

If your kid's a straight A student, it probably won't be too painful — except for all the waiting. But if "needs improvement" was checked more than once on your child's report card, you could be in for a long, depressing night.

In fact, it can feel a little like speed-dating — except there's zero chance of love at first sight.

And it's so very different from elementary school, where one teacher, who spent as many waking hours with your child as you did, could hold forth for 15 minutes on your child's personality, talents, and needs. Once kids get to sixth grade, a subject teacher may have 200 students in five different classes, and there's no time on parent-teacher night for more than a summary of how yours is faring.

"I find parent-teacher nights very stressful," said Virginia Anagnos, whose son is a sophomore at a New York City public high school.

But she's come up with a good strategy for dealing with the "horse race." Report card in hand, she first identifies the subjects where her son scored the lowest grades, and signs up to see those teachers first.

"If the wait list is long, I identify other classes on the same floor to determine if I can see other teachers in the interim," she said. And she has her questions ready: Where can her son improve? What should he focus on at home? Are there are websites or programs he should look into? How can she, as a parent, guide him?

Most important, "May I follow up with you via e-mail in four weeks to check on his progress?"

Anagnos' approach is in keeping with what experts recommend. Roxanne Farwick Owens, chair of the teacher education department at DePaul University, says parents may need to schedule longer follow-up meetings if kids are having problems. But in many cases, you can make effective use of these brief meetings by getting basic "information about what's going on with the child and how the teacher, parent, and child can work together to improve the child's performance." Ask how the grade was determined — homework, tests, participation?

Things not to say, Owens added: "My kid has always gotten straight As. What are you doing that is making him get an F?" or "He says your class is so boring he can't stand to come to it. How can you expect him to pay attention?"

"Accusing, blaming, and otherwise being confrontational tends to close the door of communication," she said.

A better approach, she suggested: "I'm concerned that his grades have slipped. It doesn't seem to follow his past academic record. I'm wondering if you can help me understand what is going on and how we can turn this situation around."

"Do not go in with an attitude. Be open-minded. The teacher needs to feel that you are part of the solution. You are not fighting with them," said Rebecca Weingarten, a former teacher and teacher trainer who is now an education and parenting coach and co-founder of a company called DLCECC/Atypical Coaching.

Promise to monitor progress from home, Weingarten added, and ask to stay in touch.

"Could the teacher let you know when there's a test scheduled?" Weingarten asked. "Or ask what the slowest day of the week is, when you might shoot the teacher an e-mail to see how the child is doing with behavior, homework, tests."

She added that while you don't want to make excuses for your child, you should let teachers know about problems that could be distracting your child — illness, a death in the family, or financial troubles.

Some schools suggest you skip teacher meetings if your child is getting As. But Weingarten says you should treat yourself — and your kid — to the good news.

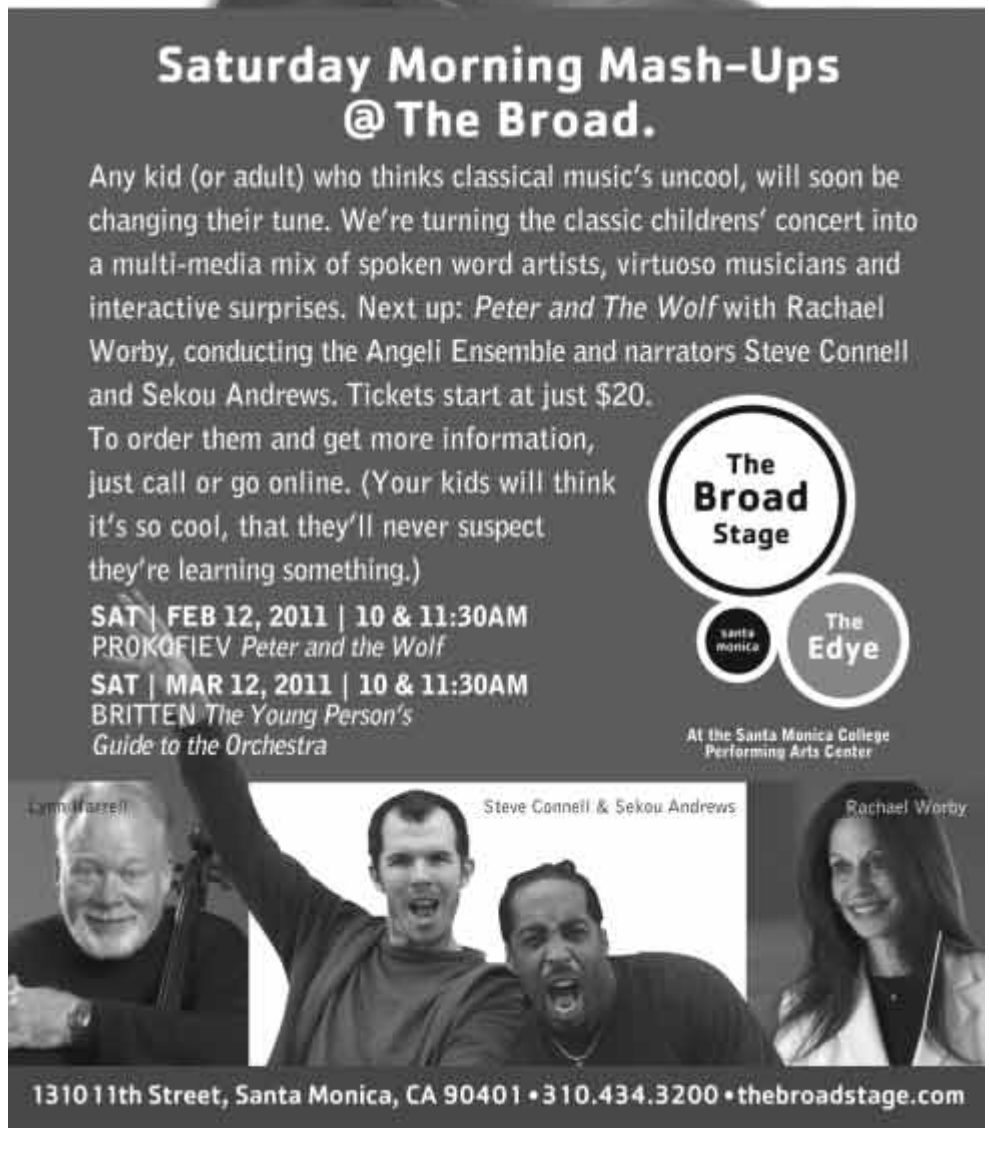
"Go in there and bask in the glow," she said. "How often does it happen that you get to hear only wonderful news? You don't want to go into school only when a kid's doing badly. And then you can go home and say to your child, 'I was so happy to hear those wonderful things.'"

But don't just soak up the praise. "You can also say, 'Look, I want to build on this,'" Weingarten said. "If the subject doesn't come easily to my child, how can I work to keep this going without pressuring my child too much?"

On the other hand, if your child finds the subject so easy that he or she finishes in-class work early, "ask if there's a way to turn that extra time into productive time. Can they tutor other kids, or is there something they can do in the classroom?" Ask the teacher to recommend a website, book, club or program where your child can explore the subject further.







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known as "the second generation."

Assembly offices statewide last week also began seeking interested students to conduct the videotaped interviews. The interviews will be posted on the Internet and shared with libraries, schools, researchers and community groups.

Portions will be included in the documentary being prepared for California Holocaust Remembrance Week, May 1-8, and a ceremony on the Assembly floor May 2.

Block said the idea is modeled after the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation created by director Steven Spielberg in 1994 and now housed at the University of Southern California. Copies of the Assembly documentary will go to the foundation and the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, he said.

Students will use existing equipment to record the interviews, and the documentary will be compiled by Assembly employees at no additional cost, Block said.

"It's important that students and others pass on the word and not allow these things to happen again," Block said.

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Massive storm slams Midwest

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO A winter weather colossus roared into the nation's heartland Tuesday, laying down a paralyzing punch of dangerous ice and whiteout snow that served notice from Texas to Maine that the storm billed as the worst in decades could live up to the hype.

Ice-covered streets were deserted in Super Bowl host city Dallas. Whiteouts shut down Oklahoma City and Tulsa. And more was on the way. Chicago expected 2 feet of snow, Indianapolis an inch of ice, and the Northeast still more ice and snow in what's shaping up to be a record winter for the region.

The system that stretched more than 2,000 miles across a third of the country promised to leave in its aftermath a chilly cloak of teeth-chattering cold, with temperatures in the single digits or lower.

Winds topped 60 mph in Texas. The newspaper in Tulsa, Okla., canceled its print edition for the first time in more than a century. In Chicago, public schools called a snow day for the first time in 12 years, and both major airports gave up on flying until at least Wednesday afternoon.

The storm also led Chicago officials to close the city's busy and iconic Lake Shore Drive while crews tried to plow snow Tuesday night. City officials said the move was temporary but that they could have to close it again if high winds push 25-foot waves from nearby Lake Michigan onto the roadway.

Everyone "should brace for a storm that will be remembered for a long time," said Jose Santiago, executive director of the city's office of emergency management.

Cities across middle America shut down hours ahead of the snow. Scores of schools, colleges and government offices canceled activities or decided not to open at all. Large sections of busy Midwest interstates were closed, and 9,000 flights had been canceled across the nation.

Advice to stay home was followed widely. Thousands of office workers in Chicago's famous downtown Loop district left early to avoid any transit troubles. Pete Donaghue, a 49-year-old commodity trader, missed an early train before catching a 2:35 p.m. ride to suburban Wilmette.

"Big mistake," he said. "I'd be home right now, with my feet up, clicker in hand."

At the city's elegant apartment buildings closest to Lake Michigan, employees weren't fazed by the storm, but they kept an eye on the lakefront nonetheless. The wind was strong enough outside one building's lobby to send the heavy revolving door spinning by itself.

"This is nothing to play with here. This is gale-force wind," doorman Edward Butler said as he peered outside at snow blowing horizontally and in small cyclones.

The management at Butler's building called in extra employees for the storm. They bought the staff dinner and offered to put them up for the night at a nearby hotel, but Butler planned to drive home no matter what.

"If you're a true Chicagoan, you don't back down from this kind of storm." But, he added, "if you don't respect it, you'll pay a price."

In Missouri, more than a foot of snow had fallen by midday, with no end in sight. For the first time in history, the state of Missouri shut down Interstate 70 between St. Louis and Kansas City due to a winter storm.

"The roads are just pure white. There's no traffic. Nothing," said Kristi Strait, who was working at Clinton Discount Building Materials in Clinton, Mo.

Meteorologist Jeff Johnson of the National Weather Service in Des Moines said the storm was sure to "cripple transportation for a couple of days." The snow and the wind were a dangerous combination, even in areas where not that much snow was expected.

"You don't want to get caught out in the rural areas in your vehicle in this storm. It's a good night to stay home," he said.

The storm was so bad in Polk County, 200 miles west of St. Louis, that emergency officials requested help from the National Guard because local officials did not have enough vehicles to get the elderly and shut-ins to shelter if the power went out.

In state capitols across the Midwest and East, lawmakers cut short their workweek because of the storm. Normally bustling downtown streets were quiet, too. And many stores were closed, with signs on the windows blaming the weather.

Others didn't let the weather keep them from work. The bakery Chez Monet in downtown Jefferson City was open, adding hot oatmeal for chilled customers. Owner Joan Fairfax said she road to work without trouble. She wasn't sure about her ride home, but said she could walk if necessary.

"I have never missed a day of work because of weather in 20 years," said Fairfax, 54.

The leading edge of the storm slammed first into Texas and Oklahoma after moving out of the Rockies. The blizzard halted production of the print edition of Wednesday's Tulsa World, marking the first time in the paper's nearly 106-year history that is has not published an edition.

Both of Oklahoma's major airports were closed. Outside Tulsa, at the Hard Rock Casino, the snow caused the partial collapse of a roof, but no injuries were reported.

In Texas, thousands of people lost electricity during the frigid conditions. Utility company Oncor reported nearly 27,000 customers without power statewide, with nearly half of the outages in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

St. Louis-based AmerenUE had 1,100 linemen on standby, some borrowed from companies in other states. Six trailers stocked with wire, replacement lines and other supplies were dispatched to possible trouble spots.

Few immediate outages were reported. But Chip Webb, Ameren's superintendent of reliability support services, expected that to change.

"There is ice on the lines," and it could be there for days, Webb said.

For those who insisted on braving the elements, the risks were many. "If you don't have enough fuel in your vehicle, you can run out, the heat goes out — and people can even freeze to death," said Greg Cohen, executive director of the Roadway Safety Foundation.

The storm was expected to roll into the Northeast on Wednesday, bringing still more snow to a winter-weary region. Towns that have been hit by several blizzards since December feared they wouldn't have anywhere to put more snow.

Ice-coated roads were nearly empty in Dallas, where the few motorists who braved the unfamiliar terrain slowed to a crawl as they passed jack-knifed tractor-trailers on slick highways. The NFL managed to stick to its Super Bowl schedule, holding media activities at Cowboys Stadium in suburban Arlington as planned.

Green Bay Packers fans Dieter Sturm and Mark Madson postponed plans to drive from Wisconsin to the Super Bowl in a Cadillac convertible, but said they planned to leave Wednesday morning if possible.

"We love driving in the snow," said Sturm, who works making snow for movies and commercials. "We love having the snow fall on top of us. We're from Wisconsin. We can handle that without a problem. The icy roads are another story."

The pair said they have personal heating systems, including clothes dryer hoses laced inside their jackets that rest beneath their chins to keep their "faces from freezing solid," Sturm said.

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Dow finally tops 12,000

DAVID K. RANDALL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average has closed above 12,000 for the first time in 2 1/2 years — yet another sign that the economy is extending its recovery from the recession.

Another big stock market index, the Standard & Poor's 500, reached a milestone of its own Tuesday. It closed above 1,300.

Investors found plenty of reasons to send stocks sharply higher. Earnings reports from companies including Pfizer Inc., United Parcel Service Inc. and Archer Daniels Midland Co. were better than expected.

And manufacturing, which has led the economic recovery, had another good month in January. The Institute for Supply Management said manufacturing activity expanded last month at its fastest pace in nearly seven years. Increased spending by businesses and consumers helped push the index higher, ISM said. And employment improved at the nation's factories.

"This is a good indicator that businesses have come out of the gate strongly in 2011," said Burt White, chief investment officer for LPL Financial. "We are seeing businesses spend again and this is exactly what we needed to see for this economy to move forward."

The better economic data helped push stocks broadly higher. All 10 company groups that make up the S&P 500 rose.

The Dow rose 148.23, or 1.3 percent, to 12,040.16. It last closed above 12,000 in June 2008, although it traded above that level several times last week before settling lower.

The S&P 500 gained 21.47, or 1.7 percent, to close at 1,307.59. It last closed above 1,300 in August 2008.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 51.11, or 1.9 percent, to 2,751.19.

Five stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 4.89 billion, up from Monday's 4.38 billion.

Before the market opened, Archer Daniels Midland said that its profit jumped 29 percent last quarter because of growing demand for grains. The agriculture conglomerate easily beat analyst estimates. Its stock jumped 6 percent.

UPS said its 2011 earnings will likely top its pre-recession levels from 2007. UPS gained 4 percent.

Pfizer said its fourth-quarter profit nearly quadrupled. The company narrowly beat analyst estimates and gained 5.5 percent. That was the best performance among the 30 stocks that make up the Dow.

Bond prices fell, sending their yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.43 from 3.38 percent late Monday.

The milestones for the Dow and S&P 500 are part of a remarkable run for stocks that began on March 9, 2009. The Dow stood at 6,547, its lowest point in 12 years. Since then, in the fastest climb since the Great Depression, it has risen 84 percent thanks to surging corporate profits, the unexpected resilience of personal spending and a bond-buying intervention by the Federal Reserve that made stocks more appealing. And some of the early gains came because investors realized that stocks had fallen too far during the financial crisis.

The Dow's total return, which assumes stock dividends were reinvested, is 92 percent. Anyone who bought an S&P 500 index fund that day in March 2009 has doubled his money, assuming dividends were reinvested.

The rebound could bring small investors back to the stock market. They have pulled nearly $245 billion out of U.S. stock mutual funds since June 2008, the last time the Dow was at 12,000, according to the Investment Company Institute. Earlier in the decade, they typically put in $145 billion a year.

And if Americans believe in the stock market again, it could accelerate the economic recovery.

"The lack of confidence has acted as a sedative across the economy," says David Kelly, chief market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. "The Dow at 12,000 could boost the psychology of the American investor and be a more powerful stimulant than anything else in driving the next stage of this bull market." Investors who see their stock portfolios rising will be more likely to spend money and take risks that could boost the economy, he says.

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Planned L.A. stadium dubbed Farmers Field

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES No stranger to staging massive sports and concert spectacles, AEG put itself at center stage Tuesday with an elaborate performance aimed at anyone who doubts that the company could — or even should — build a new pro football stadium in downtown Los Angeles.

Company President and CEO Tim Leiweke was both barker and ringleader for the circus of sports legends, business leaders and city officials who took the stage to deliver one unifying message: an NFL venue would be good for Los Angeles and AEG has the chops to build one without tapping city coffers.

"This is about the community, but it will be paid for completely privately, we promise," he said.

The event was timed to AEG's announcement that it had secured a 30-year naming-rights deal with Farmers Insurance Exchange for the planned $1 billion stadium. Leiweke called the contract "the most significant step forward in the last 15 years in our efforts as a community, as leaders, to return the NFL to Los Angeles."

Terms of the pact were not released but a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that AEG would get $700 million over 30 years if the firm builds the 64,000-seat venue, to be called Farmers Field, and secures an NFL team to play there.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the contract, said AEG would get $1 billion if it places two NFL teams in the stadium that would be constructed near Staples Center and LA Live, two sites already owned and operated by the sports and entertainment firm.

But the event's central message was nearly overwhelmed by the media-thronged presentation that AEG had orchestrated.

"We're getting closer to bringing football back to Los Angeles," said Magic Johnson, one of many sports luminaries to appear at the event. "This is exciting for me and the whole city."

Others sports stars in attendance included Raiders and Rams alumni, among them former Rams greats Rosey Grier and Deacon Jones, who played for the teams before they left Los Angeles in 1995, leaving the nation's second-largest market without an NFL franchise.

Billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad, who has worked to shape another section of downtown in his own higher-brow image, appeared in a video to endorse the project, as did a procession of labor union members who helped build or now work at LA Live, a hotel and entertainment complex.

The proposal was also cheered by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who was eager for football's return, as well as for the work opportunities the project would provide.

"This is more than just about football. This is about jobs," he said.

An animated Leiweke took multiple trips to the dais during the event, usually to repeat his mantra that AEG would pick up the entire tab for the retractable roof stadium that would double as convention center space when it wasn't being used for football games — such as the 50th Super Bowl, which he dangled as a possibility for fans.

Leiweke also vowed that new revenue from the site would service debt on $350 million in bonds AEG needs the city to issue to relocate a huge convention center where the stadium would be built. He swore the company would pay any possible shortfalls.

"This project has to be driven by the public sector, but it will be paid for by the private sector," he said. "Some people don't seem to get this."

The backers of a rival stadium proposal in the city of Industry some 15 miles east of Los Angeles have been among the most publicly skeptical of AEG's financing plan.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

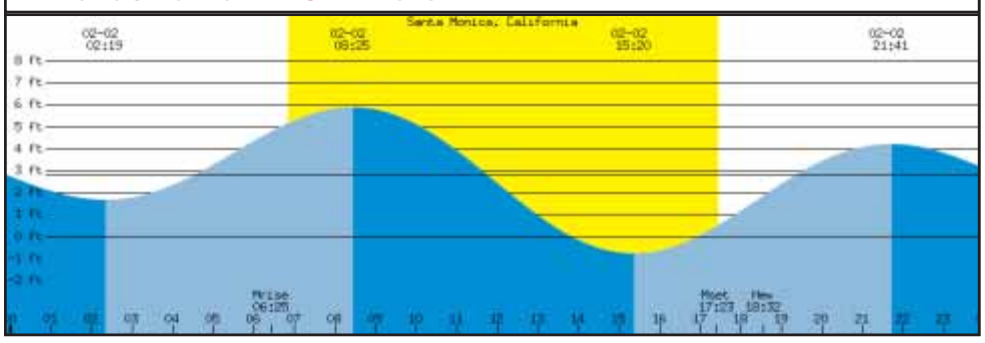
Swell Forecast

About chest max at west facing breaks. Winds are looking problematic in most spots, strongly offshore from the NE most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Swell should arrive around VC/SB before dawn, then mid to late morning farther south. When the swell does arrive, size should run 2-3' overhead at most west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 26, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 9
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 18
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / 24

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	D	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	C
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	B	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
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+	C
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).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	A+
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	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	C	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	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).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	D	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	C	C

LEGEND

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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STADIUM
FROM PAGE 11

Majestic Realty Co. Vice President John Semcken said after Leiweke briefed a City Council committee last week that the bond arrangement would leave the city saddled with debt.

"We firmly believe that our stadium proposal, which is modeled after the most successful stadiums in the league, is best suited for the NFL and the entire Southern California region," Semcken said in a statement after the AEG event Tuesday.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy would only say that the league continues "to monitor all stadium developments in the Los Angeles area."

David Carter, a sports marketing professor at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business, said the naming-rights deal with Farmers — the most generous he has encountered — undoubtedly helps AEG advance its goal.

"It helps them go to City Council and say with a straight face 'We're going to be able to privately finance this,'" he said.

But Carter said AEG has much work to do toward getting building permits and securing a team before its plan becomes reality.

"It's important to keep in mind that it has some real momentum, but is by no means a done deal," he said. "There's still a little bit of caution that's needed before people get carried away."

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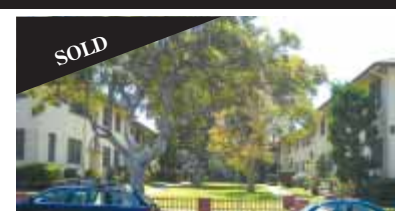
St. Monica Catholic High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
SOCCER				
Feb 2	JV/Var	CSHM	Airport Park	1:30/3pm
Feb 4	JV/Var	Serra	Airport Park	1:30/3pm
Feb 7	JV/Var	Bosco Tech	Bosco Tech	3:00/3pm
BOYS BASKETBALL				
Feb 2	F/JV/V	CSHM	CSHM	4/5:30/7pm
Feb 4	F/JV/V	Bosco Tech	SMCHS	4/5:30/7pm
Feb 7	F/JV/V	St. Paul	SMCHS	4/5:30/7pm
GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Feb 3	JV/Var	Mary Star	Mary Star	5:30/7pm
Feb 8	JV/Var	CSHM	SMCHS	5:30/7pm

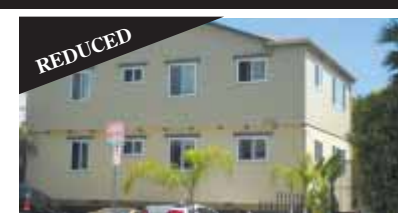
Santa Monica High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Feb 2	F/S/J/V	Culver City	Culver City	3/3/6:00pm
Feb 4	F/S/J/V	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3/3/6:00pm
BOYS BASKETBALL				
Feb 2	F/S/JV/V	Culver City	Culver City	4:30/6/7:30pm
Feb 4	F/S/JV/V	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	4:30/6/7:30pm
GIRLS SOCCER				
Feb 2	JV/V	Culver City	Culver City	5/3:30pm
Feb 4	JV/V	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3/3:30pm
BOYS SOCCER				
Feb 2	F/S/JV/V	Culver City	Culver City	3:30/4:30/6pm
Feb 4	F/S/JV/V	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3:30/4:30/6pm
WRESTLING				
Feb 3	Coed Var	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3:00pm
Feb 5	Coed All	All Levels League Championships-	North Torrance	TBA
GIRLS WATER POLO				
Feb 3	JV/Var	El Segundo		7/6pm
Feb 4/5	Var	So Cal Championships		TBA
Feb 4/5	JV	Mira Costa JV Tournament II		TBA

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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Platoon
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Somewhere (R) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 7:00pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:05pm, 9:55pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:50pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:05pm

Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Way Back (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

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

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min
11:25am, 1:15pm, 2:20pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 7:50pm, 9:40pm, 10:30pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Rite (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:10pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Social Network (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:20pm, 10:15pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Another Year (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

127 Hours (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 1hr 54min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Company Men (R) 1hr 53min
11:05am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Mechanic (R) 1hr 40min
12:15pm, 2:55pm, 5:30pm, 8:05pm, 10:45pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

From Prada to Nada (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Redo your budget, Cap

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity flourishes. Others want to listen and share. Unexpected insights about a key person become apparent. Do your best to integrate this realization without others noticing. A meeting is important. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You probably insist on staying on top of various situations. There is such a thing as too much responsibility. A situation forces you to consider letting go of one of your many obligations. Be open to feedback from a friend. This person might be right! Tonight: On top of your game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Finally, you see an opening. Disruption with a boss or someone you look up to could postpone your taking a step forward. A new beginning is possible if you look past the obvious. Understand how your thinking can restrict you. Tonight: Where you can escape.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Recognize your limitations and accept more input. Two heads work better than one. A stunning realization might be quite exciting. A partner paves the way to greater security and success. Be careful if you are dealing with someone who is triggered easily. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Rest assured that others care, even if they appear to be heading down a path toward trouble. Look at your responses, recognizing that your reactions speak more of you and your personal life. The unexpected occurs within a partnership. Tonight: Let another person approach you first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Stay on the daily level. You have much to do, and you need to clear it out. A partner or dear friend could shake you up with his or her unpredictability. Start thinking in terms of people doing the unexpected. Tonight: Soak in a hot tub, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Creativity often saves the day, and you have just that. Brainstorm with a friend or two about an unanticipated issue. You might be surprised by the suggestions and even your own solutions. A new beginning is possible with your romantic life. Tonight: Pretend it is the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay anchored, knowing what is necessary and which way to go. You could be overwhelmed by everything that goes on in your personal life. Pull back if you need to handle other matters. Know your priorities and honor them. Tonight: Settle in and weigh an important decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stay upbeat and handle a bump in the road, knowing it is nothing more than that. It will pass. Calls and meetings dominate your day. The unexpected occurs in a conversation, and you gain unprecedented insight about a key person. Tonight: Check out a potential purchase.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be more tuned in to the costs of a particular purchase or set of plans. You could be surprised. Take off your rose-colored glasses, and look at the situation once more. You will be much happier in the near future with a realistic view. Tonight: Redo your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Count on your ability to handle a problematic situation. You might not like an unexpected jolt, even if it is for the better. You might need to go back to square one. Learn to flex with a smile. It will become easy. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your sensitivity to a key person in your life might ultimately cause you a problem. Before you act on this realization, think carefully about what you want from a situation. Talk to a key adviser. You'll discover how others see you and also learn more about yourself. Tonight: Make a necessary decision.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you express unusual creativity and charisma. If you opt to manifest an idea, desire or project, the reality happens more easily than you anticipated. You might feel like you can pull a white rabbit out of a hat! Your magnetism speaks, and others cannot help but respond. If you are single, many a potential suitor will attempt to change your status. The choice is yours. If you are attached, stay sensitive to your sweetie, and avoid becoming too me-oriented. AQUARIUS values friendship.

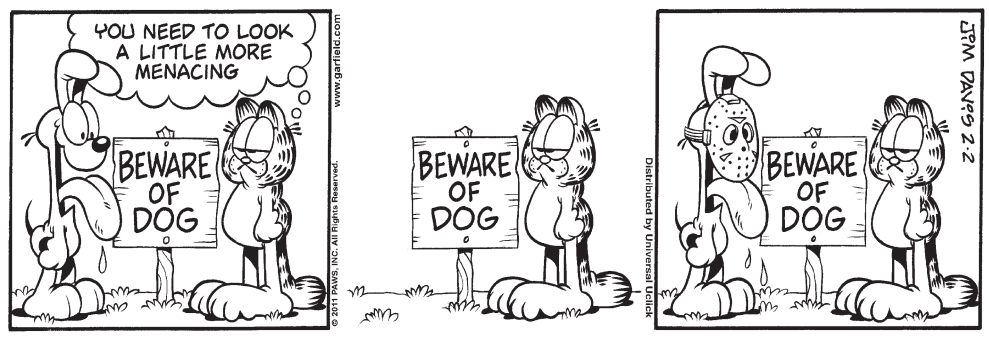


MYSTERY REVEALED!

Reader Jacqueline Lozano correctly identified this photo of the Wildflour pizza parlor on Main Street. She will receive a reusable shopping bag from the Daily Press. Check out tomorrow's paper for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

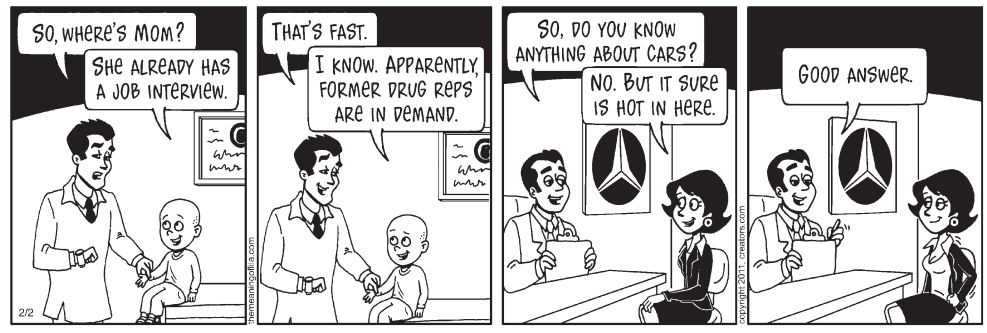
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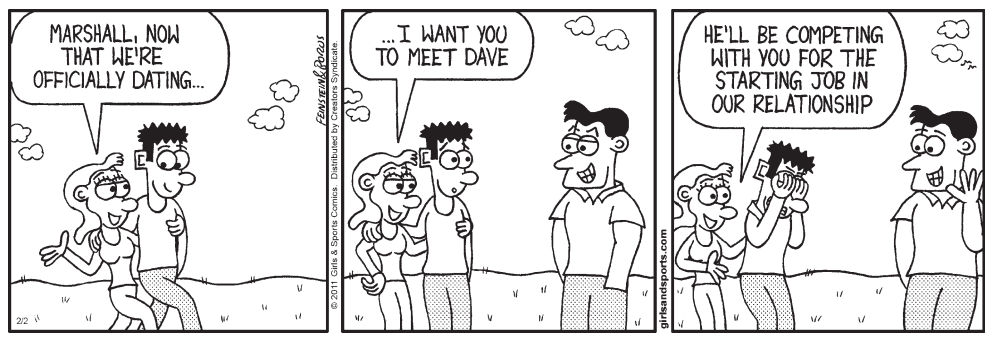
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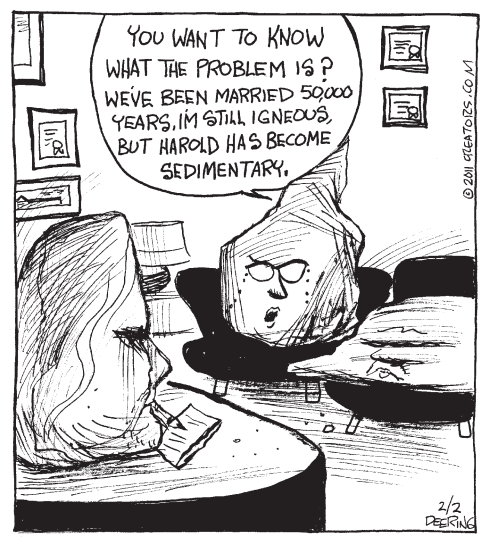
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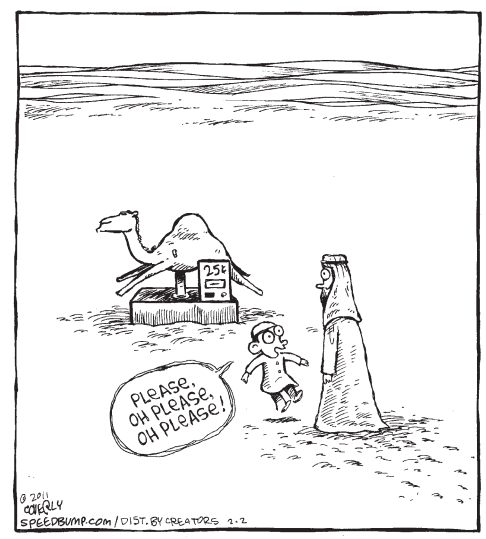
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★

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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Confine to home
7 Trough eaters
11 Aslan's place
12 Road sight
13 Set free
14 Put away
15 Start a round
17 Gin flavor
20 Con-structed
23 Sigma follower
24 Sandal feature
26 Fitting
27 Method
28 Box-office buys, in slang
29 Prepares a tape for return
31 Memo-rable time
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33 Garden of note
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39 Not straight
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44 Ensign's answer
45 Hotel units
46 Enrage

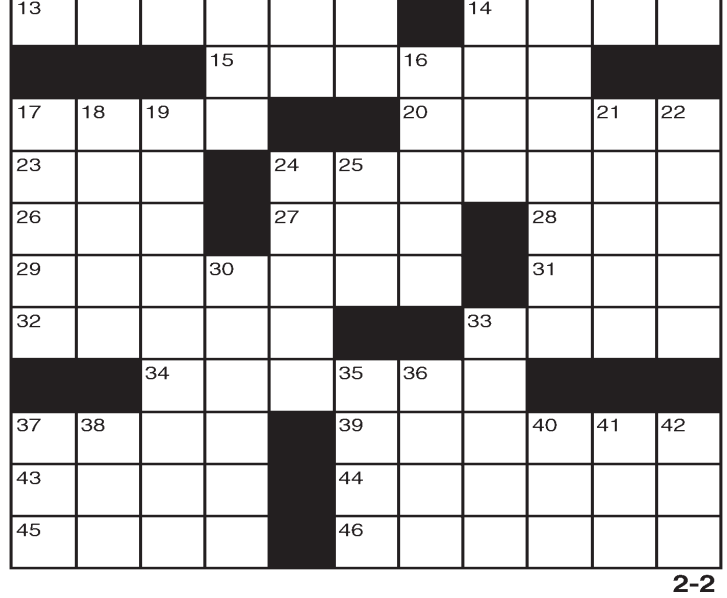
DOWN

1 Safari sight
2 Galloped
3 Planetoid
4 Bring together
5 Muse count
6 Miami- — County
7 Parties, say
8 Equipped
9 Car in a 1964 song
10 Boar's mate
16 Follows orders
17 Rating units
18 Jacket flap
19 Proves shrewder than
21 River of France
22 Houston NFL player
24 Deed holder
25 Spot to jot
30 Worthy aims
33 Moved sideways
35 Polite address
36 "May It Be" singer
37 Wee dollop
38 Tin Man's prop
40 Young buck
41 Needle feature
42 Comfy home

M	A	R	I	S	■	R	A	K	E	S
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Yesterday's answer

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• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.

• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.

• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.

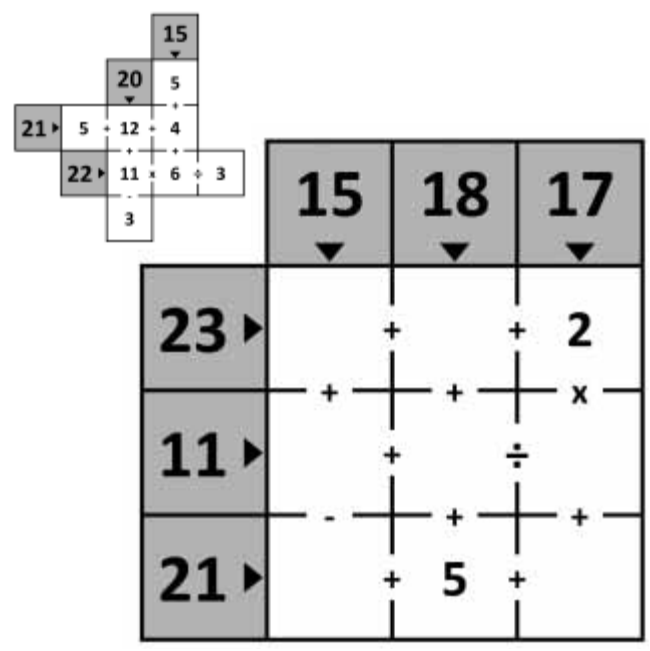
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

4, 4, 7, 9, 9, 10, 12

Solution for Task 529



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 14 33 48 49 50 Meganumber: 18 Jackpot: $91M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 20 25 41 43 45 Meganumber: 3 Jackpot: $11M

Fantasy 5: 5 9 18 30 35

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 1 5 0 EVENING: 8 7 3

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 07 Eureka 2nd: 06 Whirl Win 3rd: 09 Winning Spirit RACE TIME: 1:40.54

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) In a December incident near Orlando, a former Ku Klux Klan "Cyclops," George Hixon, 73, and his son, Troy, 45, and Troy's girlfriend fought, resulting in Troy's allegedly firing gunshots toward the woman's feet and the subsequent arrests of the two men. According to Osceola County deputies, the altercation was precipitated by the girlfriend's unhappiness that she got the "cheap beer" while the men kept the "good beer" (Budweiser) for themselves. (2) The County Commission in Jackson, Ga., delayed a vote in December on new cell-phone towers at the request of one official with questions about the county's contract -- Commissioner Gator Hodges.

■ Good to Know: Perhaps too many late nights at Japan's National Institute for Materials Science led to the recent quixotic "testing" of superconductor metals by submersion in alcoholic beverages. Yoshihiko Takano and his colleagues developed experiments to soak the metals to see if resistance to electricity is decreased (and, thus, conductivity increased). They found success with whiskey, sake, beer and the vodka-like shochu, but red wine worked best, improving conductivity by 62 percent.

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1982 Hama Massacre: Syria attacks the town of Hama.

1987 After the 1986 People Power Revolution the Philippines enacts a new constitution.

1989 Soviet war in Afghanistan: The last Soviet armoured column leaves Kabul.

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