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THE NOT MUCH HERE ISSUE



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PICKING UP THE TAB: **Diane Hernandez (center right) and Eric Anderson (center left) have $100 of their $228.72 purchase paid for by Downtown Ambassador Louis Flores (left) at the Third Street Promenade Levi's clothing store during the Bayside District Corporation's 'Black Friday' giveaway on Friday morning. Shoppers flocked to retail outlets looking for deals on the day after Thanksgiving.**

What recession? Shoppers eat up Black Friday deals

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

DOWNTOWN For one day at least, you could almost imagine the recession never happened. Millions of the nation's shoppers braved rain and cold to crowd stores while others grabbed online bargains on what could be the busiest Black Friday ever.

Early signs pointed to bigger crowds at many stores including Best Buy, Sears, Macy's and Toys R Us, some of which had earlier openings than past years or even round-the-clock hours. Minnesota's Mall of America and mall operators Taubman Centers Inc. and Macerich Co. also reported more customers than last year.

But the most encouraging sign for retailing and for the economy was what Americans were throwing in their carts. Shoppers still clutched lists and the buying frenzy was focused on the deals on TVs and toys, but many were treating themselves while they bought gifts for others, adding items like boots, sumptuous sweaters, jewelry and even dresses for special occasions.

Elayne Breton and her daughter Michelle got to Maryland's Mall in Columbia around 7 a.m. A few hours later, Michelle had picked out several presents for herself, including a pair of UGG boots, perfume and an iPod Touch. At Nordstrom, she scored a long-sleeved purple shirt that her mother let her wear out of the store.

"Last year we were careful," said Elayne, whose husband's beer distribution business has started to pick up again. "This year we'll do more."

The strong Black Friday builds on retailers' momentum after a solid start to November. Shoppers who can afford it are buying more nonessentials, like jewelry and luxury goods.

"Last year, consumers were extremely into the basics, the socks, the pillows," said Keith Jelinek, director of the global retail practice at consulting firm AlixPartners. "This year, they're hungry to dress up their wardrobes, their homes. Shoppers were buying items with a little more pizazz, trendier sweaters, sheets in higher thread counts."

He cautioned that they're not looking to replace everything — just looking for a few special items. "They're still very value-conscious," he added.

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SMC defends professor accused of violating ethics for SMRR

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Is it unethical for a college instructor to give class credit to students who help promote one of their instructor's favorite causes?

That's the question that was raised at Santa Monica College this week after Stanley Epstein, an attorney and student in an emeritus class at SMC, objected to a long-standing part of the curriculum in a political science class taught at the college by Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, who is also the co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the city's ruling political party.

For the past 10 years, Tahvildaran-Jesswein has included a "service learning project" on the syllabus of his Political Science 1 class during election seasons, offering students the option to earn credit by volunteering in a local political campaign and documenting their experiences.

While students are given the choice of doing an in-class assignment instead of volunteering, about 80 of the 300 people enrolled in the class this semester opted to fulfill the requirement by taking part in SMRR's campaign, according to Don Girard, SMC's senior director of government relations and institutional communications.

Students who decided to volunteer were required to complete 15 to 20 hours of campaign work and maintain a journal chronicling and analyzing their experiences in terms of course content, according to SMC.

It was unclear at press time whether any student in the class had fulfilled the requirement by volunteering for a political group other than SMRR. But Epstein said Tahvildaran-Jesswein told him that only SMRR materials were made available to the class.

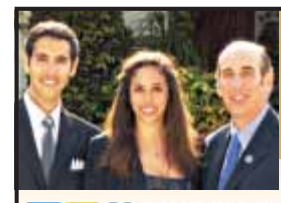
The volunteer work, or the in-class alternative assignment, were worth 20 percent of the overall course grade.

While Girard insisted no college policy had been violated because students were not required to volunteer for SMRR, the college administration has recommended

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Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010

Blue skies
Novel Cafe, 2507 Main St.
Art show exhibit entitled "Car Face" by the internationally acclaimed trompe l'eoil muralist and artist, Blue Sky, will exhibit at the Novel Cafe from Oct. 29 to Dec. 31, 2010. For more information call Lynn Sky at (803) 318-6867.

Back to the street
Santa Monica Playhouse -The Other Space
1211 Fourth St., Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays at 6:30 p.m.
A sell-out hit earlier this year, "Backstreet" is set against the backdrop of the women's movement at the turn of the (last) century, the flight from persecution that sent so many European immigrants knocking on America's doors, striking chords that resound deeply not only in Jewish identity, but in all human hearts. Admission: $25 general; $20 students, teachers, seniors, military; $17.50 groups of eight or more.

Get fresh
Pico Farmers' Market
Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Enjoy one of Santa Monica's Farmers' Markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more.

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010

Fun for y'all
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third Street Promenade
Gramps' Trunks, LLC in association with The Promenade Playhouse present Hensley and Montiel in the original musical comedy "Ain't We Got Fun!" Limited holiday engagement opens Saturday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. and continues every Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 19. For more information call (323) 854-3645. Admission: $10.

The man behind the curtain
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Legendary sound designer Walter Murch directed this pleasantly subtle and delightfully bizarre "Return to Oz," the sequel to "The Wizard of Oz." After a disturbing stint in a mental hospital, a cherubic Dorothy (Fairuza Balk) gets washed away to Oz, only to find it a changed place. Dorothy sets out once again to save Oz from seemingly insurmountable villains. There will be a discussion following the film with director Walter Murch moderated by screenwriter Josh Olson.

Make your voice heard
People's Voice
Palisades Park at Santa Monica Boulevard
10 a.m. — noon
Emulating the centuries-old tradition of Speaker's Corner in London's Hyde Park, the People's Voice puts up a weekly soap box and microphone for anyone to freely speak his or her piece. The sky's the limit! Free. Every Sunday.

Get collecting
Santa Monica Airport
Airport Avenue and Bundy Drive, 6 a.m. — 3 p.m.
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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Samohi girls' tennis season comes to an end

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI The California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section individual tennis championships began last week at Cate High School in Carpenteria, with qualifying rounds starting on Friday, Nov. 19.

There were three girls from Santa Monica High School's varsity tennis team in attendance. Christine Maddox, the regular season Ocean League champion, represented the Vikings in the singles section of the tournament, while Kayla Shapiro and Rebecca Sherouse paired up as the lone doubles group to make the tournament for Samohi. They were also League champions. Kayla also won the regular season doubles title for the Vikings last year, but with a different partner.

Team officials said Maddox was the first league singles champion from Samohi in years, and the Vikings had high hopes for the freshman. But, after winning her first two matches, she was eventually knocked out of the tournament in her third match. She lost with scores of 6-0 and 6-2 to Dos Pueblos High Schools' Lauren Stratman.

In the doubles, Shapiro and Sherouse won their first match but then lost their second in a third set tie -breaker. None of the girls from Santa Monica advanced to the next round.

The tournament will continue with the round of 16 matches to be held on Thursday, Dec. 2. The semifinal and championship matches are set for Dec. 3, beginning at 11 a.m.

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During boring classes, texting is the new doodling

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. When his professors drone, Dan Kautz whips out his phone.

Kautz, a senior at Wilkes University, might send a text message to someone across the room — "I can't wait to get out of here" — or make plans with his roommates. He's become so adept at texting during class that he can tap out a message without even looking at the screen, making it appear as if he's paying attention to the instructor when he's really chatting with his girlfriend.

"Every single person I know texts in class at least occasionally," said Kautz, a communications studies major from Pelham, N.Y.

It's no surprise that high school and college students are obsessive texters. What alarms Wilkes psychology professors Deborah Tindell and Robert Bohlander is how rampant the practice has become during class: Their recent study shows that texting at the school has surpassed doodling, daydreaming and note-passing to become the top classroom distraction.

The anonymous survey of 269 Wilkes students found that nine in 10 admit to sending text messages during class — and nearly half say it's easy to do so undetected. Even more troubling, 10 percent say that they have sent or received texts during exams, and that 3 percent admit to using their phones to cheat.

The phenomenon is part of a broader revolution in the way young adults communicate. Most prefer texting to e-mail and certainly to talking on the phone, Tindell said.

Indeed, most view texting as their right.

Almost all the students surveyed by Tindell and Bohlander said they should be allowed to have their phones in class. And a clear majority — 62 percent — said they should be allowed to text in class as long as they're not disturbing those around them. About one in four said texting creates a distraction.

"Students these days are so used to multitasking ... they believe they are able to process information just as effectively when they are texting as when they are not," Tindell said.

Tom Markley, 21, of Lehighton, Pa., is constantly trading texts with his friends and his girlfriend during class.

"If it's a really boring class, texting is a nice alternative to having to sit there and focus," said Markley, a senior computer science major at Wilkes.

But, he conceded, "there are definitely times when it takes away from your concentration. Suddenly you'll be at the end of the period and say, 'What did we do today?'"

Tindell instituted a no-texting policy as a result of the study, which has been presented at a pair of academic conferences. She tells students that if she even sees a cell phone during a test, its owner gets an automatic zero.

One Syracuse University professor has taken an even harsher stand.

Laurence Thomas, a popular philosophy professor whose courses have waiting lists, walked out on his class of nearly 400 students last week when he caught a couple of students fiddling with their phones instead of paying attention to him.

It wasn't the first time Thomas has cut a class short because a student broke his no-texting rule. To Thomas, texting saps the class of its intellectual energy.

"My job is to engage the class, to give them stuff to think about," he said. "They need to respect that."

While Thomas keeps his eyes peeled for illicit texters, Tindell said most professors are likely as clueless as she used to be about the ubiquity of in-class cell phone use. Many of the surveyed students said their professors would be shocked if they knew about their texting habits.

Kautz said most of his professors either don't notice or don't care if students text during class time. He doesn't believe a blanket prohibition is the right way to go.

"There are people who can text and still be focused on class," he said. "If my roommate is short on quarters for laundry and wants to borrow some, of course I'm going to want to text him back right away and not hold him back for 40 minutes."

But he acknowledged that some students text excessively.

"I know some people will sit there for the entire class just typing away," he said. "I don't even know why they bother coming."

Chelsea Uselding, 20, a Wilkes junior from Chicago, sends an average of 150 texts a day. But she's the rare student who doesn't text during class — viewing that hour or two as a "nice break" from the phone and its unceasing demands on her time and attention.

There's also a practical reason why Uselding, a dual major in psychology and international studies, idles her thumbs.

"I'm paying all this money to listen to the person speak, and I figure it's a waste of my time if I'm not going to be listening," she said.

Some high school and college teachers have sought to adapt text messaging to classroom use, texting assignments; asking questions of the class and having students respond via text, with the results shown on a large screen; and allowing students to text questions or comments during class.

"Our experience has shown that positive results can be achieved by encouraging students to bring their mobile phones out in the open and to use them to contribute to the class, and to their own learning — that is, by joining them instead of trying to beat them," New Zealand scholars wrote in a 2009 paper published in the journal Communications of the ACM.

Tindell and Bohlander advise professors to have clear, written policies on texting, to circulate around the classroom and make frequent eye contact, and to avoid focusing all their attention on their lecture notes or PowerPoint presentations.

Tindell does allow students to text before class starts — and almost all of them do.

"If they are going to go through withdrawal," she quipped, "they might as well get their fix."



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Thanks for nothing

Editor:

What a lovely evening. It's the night before Thanksgiving. I'm doing all the cooking for the family gathering tomorrow. My husband just called, shaken, to say that he'd just been hurt. Someone ran the stop sign at Fifth Street and California and would have run into my husband's car as well if said husband hadn't honked and slammed on his brakes. Doing that violently jolted his neck, which has been in bad shape since he got rear-ended a few years ago.

To whoever you are, thanks for making a stressful season that much more difficult for us. Thanks for the pain you just added to my husband's life, and the work you added to mine. All because you didn't see why common-sense safety laws should apply to you.

Everything happened so quickly that my husband didn't have the chance to get any helpful pertinent information – car description, license plate number, anything. The only thing he could see was your face. "He just looked kind of surprised," he told me.

I'm sure he did. That sudden honking noise probably made him glance up from his texting.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Deborah Markus
Santa Monica

Mayor qualifications

Editor:

Just because Councilman Kevin McKeown feels he should be mayor because he's an incumbent and got a lot of votes does not mean he is actually qualified for the job ("A new mayor for Santa Monica?" page 1, Nov. 24). The rest of the City Council members, who work closely with him and know who he really is, have not picked him. That says volumes about Mr. McKeown.

Arthur Rosenberg
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Richard Carranza — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Getting through the airport security without the hassle

Q: I'M FLYING OUT OF TOWN FOR THE holidays and would like some suggestions on making my time at the airport less of a hassle?

A: The United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has provided a list of all the new flight guidelines that travelers should know. They cover a variety of travel tips and security policies that must be adhered to when you fly. Here are some of those rules.

Bring your I.D. with you, including your passport if you are leaving the country. These are items you will want to have on your person at all times. Lose them, and you will have a difficult time getting home. Be prepared to show them when you check in at the airport. The I.D. must be a valid state or federal issue, and contain your name, birth date, gender and date of expiration. TSA offers a list of valid forms of I.D. online.

The rules for carrying any type of liquid on to a plane have changed in recent years. A new policy is in place known as 3-1-1. It specifies that any liquid must be held in nothing larger than a 3 ounce container. All of your liquid filled containers must be held inside of one clear plastic bag that features a zip lock at the top. Passengers are allowed just one of these baggies within their luggage. Anything above these limits will be taken away and disposed of. There are only a few exceptions, and all for medical purposes.

Nothing that is considered to be a potential danger to others is allowed on an airplane. This includes anything with a sharp blade, sports products, tools, martial arts items and firearms. Many of these products can be brought on board within checked luggage, as long as they are legal for you to carry across state lines.

While packing, keep in mind that your bags are subject to being searched at any time. Place larger items such as jackets or electronic equipment in baggage that will be checked. Organize your belongings in an orderly manner so they can be reviewed quickly by security personnel.

When you travel during the holidays, you may wish to bring some unusual items with you. Don't wrap any gifts you will be bringing on the plane, because security officials will need to search them. That means they will have to tear apart your carefully adorned presents and you will have to do it all over again. You may want to bring specific foods or beverages with you, so visit the TSA website to find out what you can and cannot take on board, www.tsa.gov.

Q: I'm thinking about setting up a Facebook account, but would like to know what precautions I should take?

A: Social networking via Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with old friends and make new ones. That being said, individuals should really be careful with Facebook, as with any other online networking site. You should take advantage of the tutorials offered by Facebook to protect your privacy and personal information. Below are some basic rules to guide you:

• Post only information and photos you are comfortable having made completely public;

• Manage your privacy settings. Don't depend on the defaults set by your social media provider;

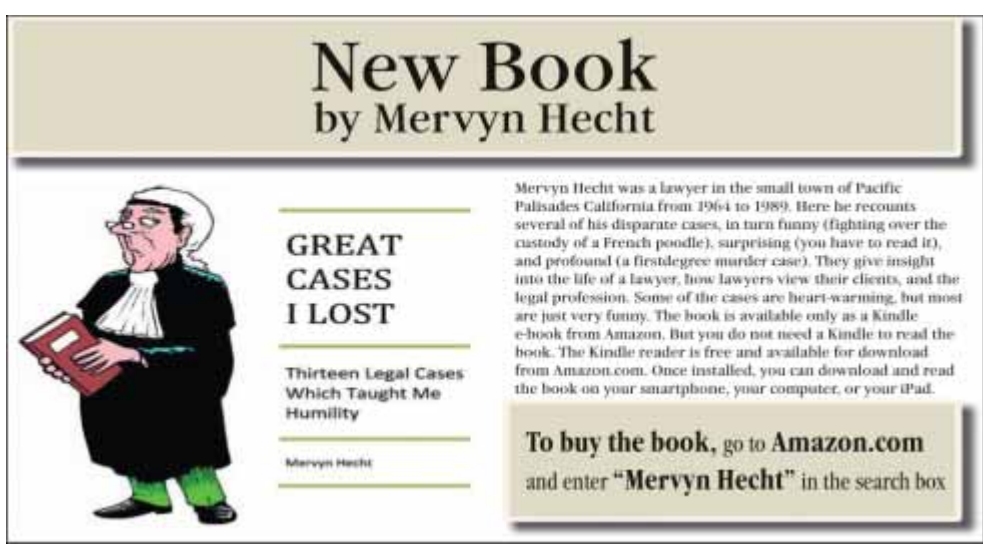
• Don't "friend" individuals you really don't know;

• Restrict your profile so that it's not visible to other search engines;

• Don't automatically respond to a friend in distress. If you receive a post requesting money — usually a Western Union funds wire — do your homework and verify that your friend really does need help. Did they actually travel outside the country? Can you check this information with other family or friends? Friend in distress is a very common scam that happens when a thief takes over someone else's account and then send an e-mail request to each of the contacts in a legitimate address book asking of funds to bail them out of a bad situation. The thief is relying on the recipients sending the money without asking any questions.

Once on Facebook, visit the Santa Monica Police Department's new page. There are many of the bulletins and announcements you would find on our website, but includes many more photos of events we participate in. See photos of Palloween, Citizen's Academy and recent trips with our Harbor Guard. It is a great way to see how involved our department is with our community.

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Giving illegal immigrants in-state tuition hurts teachers and their students

ONE OF THE CRUELEST IRONIES IN California's never-ending budget crisis is how the public school system has been brought to its knees while funding for illegal alien students, provided by citizen taxpayers, becomes ever more generous.

The California Supreme Court decision in Martinez v. Regents of the University of California upheld AB 540, a 2002 law that allows unlawful aliens to pay in-state tuition at public colleges and universities if they had attended a California high school for at least three years and then graduated.

Although the Legislative Analyst's Office calculates that California's deficit will increase to $25.4 billion by June 2012, including a $6 billion shortfall in last month's budget agreement, the Supreme Court approved tuition discounts, provided to approximately 25,000 illegal alien students a year, at a cost to state taxpayers of over $200 million annually.

The Supreme Court preposterously reasoned that, because students must graduate from a California high school after a three-year minimum enrollment period, Americans from other states are not discriminated against. This tortured logic assumes that parents from the other 49 states might be emotionally willing to send their children to a California high school and are financially capable of absorbing the other costs involved for the three-year period like room, board and living expenses.

The court's decision also defied an existing federal law that prevents illegal aliens from getting benefits not available to citizens.

To make the Supreme Court's ruling more incomprehensible, only days later, the University of California regents citing rising costs and insufficient revenues, announced that tuition would increase next fall by 8 percent. Currently at UC, state residents pay $11,300 in tuition a year; nonresidents pay $34,000.

More madness: even with a university diploma, federal law prohibits employers from hiring illegal aliens. E-verify, anyone?

Meanwhile, at the K-12 level, more than three decades of continuing increases in the student alien enrollment has lowered the overall quality of education to such a level that parents look toward private or home schooling to prepare their children for college.

For example, the Lodi Unified School District where I taught for 25 years has in an unprecedented move canceled classes for the first three days of Thanksgiving week. Because of the district's own budget shortfall, its teachers have been ordered to take mandated, unpaid furlough days. No make-up days have been scheduled.

What this means, obviously, is that any child attending a LUSD school will have three fewer days in the classroom, something most cannot academically afford.

Yet, money to educate illegal immigrants (or their children) is abundant.

Using statistics provided by the California Department of Education website, the Lodi Unified School District has a Hispanic enrollment of nearly 44 percent or 11,665. Of that total, 28 percent or 8,400 students are classified as English-learners. Applying the conservative estimate of $7,500 per student per year to educate non-English speakers, the hit to taxpayers is over $60,000,000, more than enough to offset the district's 2010-2011 shortfall, eliminate furlough days, put kids back into the classroom for an entire scholastic year and possibly add back science and art to the curriculum.

AS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, REDUCING LEGAL IMMIGRATION, VIGOROUS INTERNAL ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING IMMIGRATION LAWS AND VIGILANT BORDER SECURITY ARE THE FIRST THREE STEPS TO BRING CALIFORNIA EDUCATION BACK TO ITS ONCE LOFTY STANDARDS.

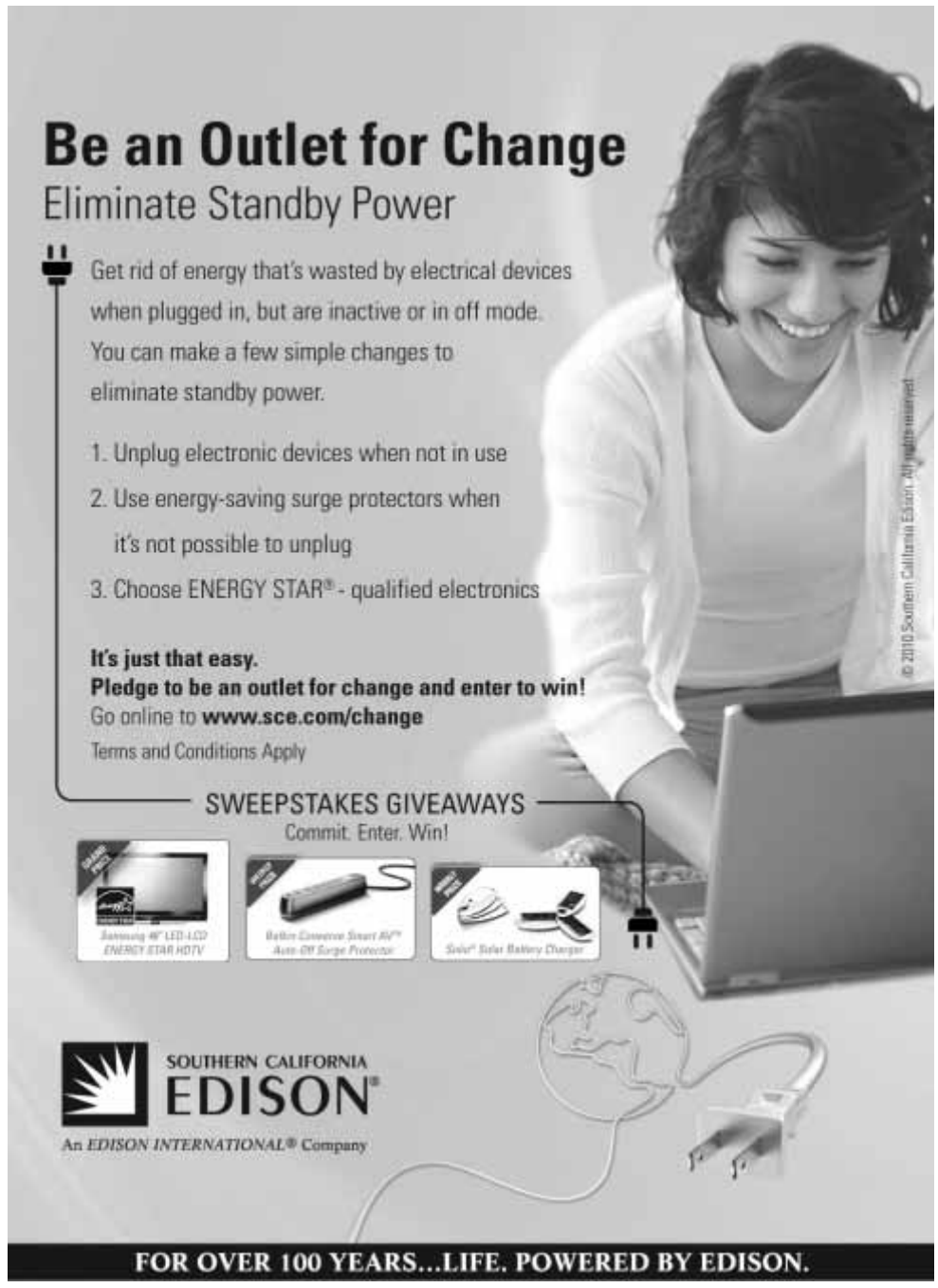
The UC case isn't over. Attorney Kris Kobach, the recently elected Kansas Secretary of State who represented the plaintiffs, called the California Supreme Court ruling a "very weak opinion." Kobach said he will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review it.

As for local school districts, reducing legal immigration, vigorous internal enforcement of existing immigration laws and vigilant border security are the first three steps to bring California education back to its once lofty standards.

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(LLOYD GARVER'S "Modern Times" will return next week.)









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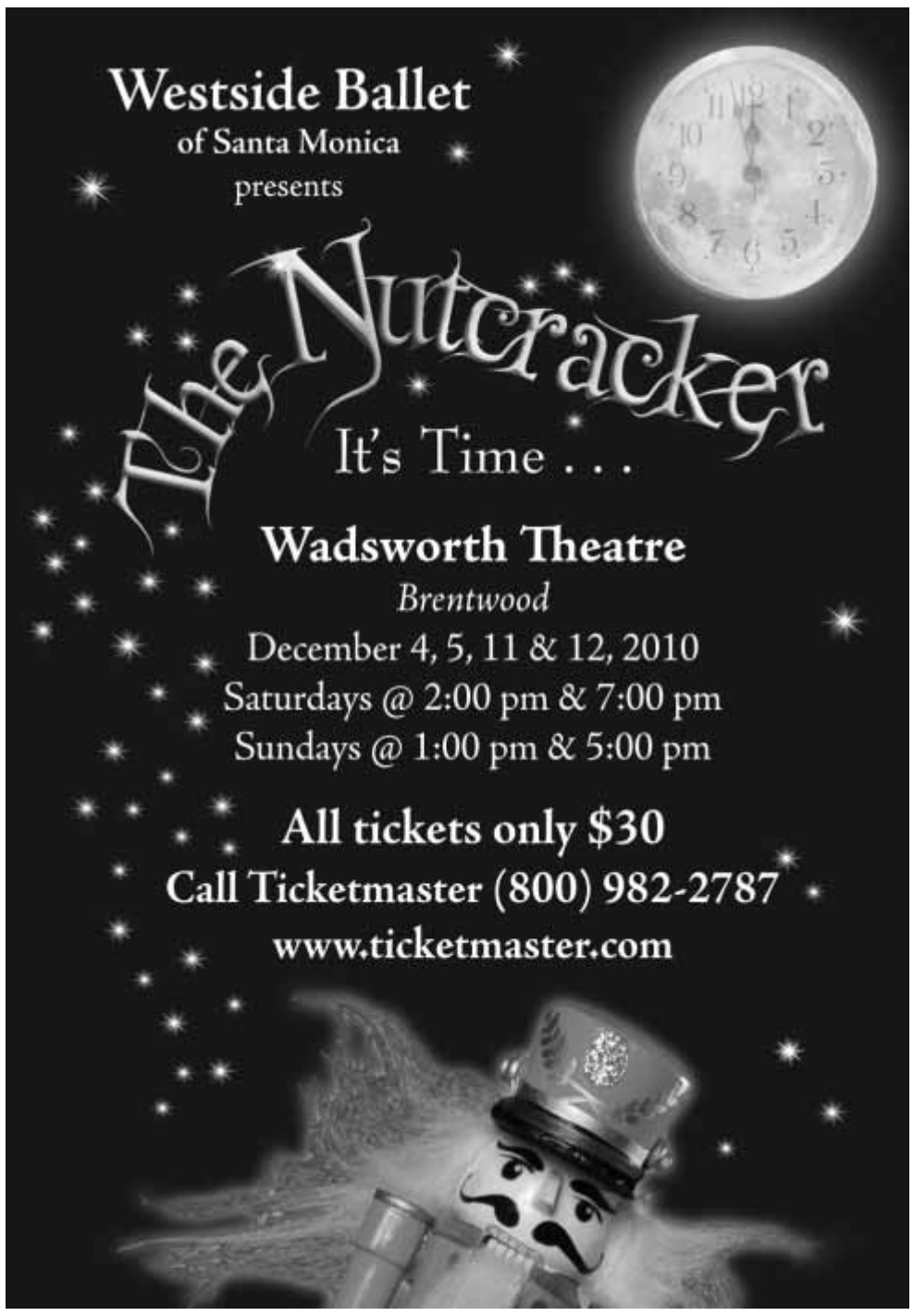
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Kitchen Vixen

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Getting the right amount of protein is key for muscles

I WANT MUSCLES. THAT'S WHAT DIANA Ross sang about in her song "Muscles," written in 1982. But her song was about getting a man with muscles; it wasn't about her wanting muscles of her own. When I say, "I want muscles," I mean I want my own muscles.

Muscles are not just for visual pleasure. I agree they look great, but most importantly, muscles are a sign of health and fitness. I have known this since my teenage years when I began lifting weights trying to develop my own muscles.

I have continued to lift weights, run and cycle over the past 25 years, even competing in powerlifting and bodybuilding in the late '80s and early '90s. Now my goal is to grace the pages of my favorite fitness magazine, Oxygen. Not only because their fitness models serve as my inspiration, but also because I have been writing for Oxygen since February.

Unlike writing for the Daily Press, which allows me complete creative freedom, writing for a magazine is very specific. There are hours and hours and hours of research that go into developing a story and backing it up with scientific data as I did for my November article "Leafy Greens," or in the December issue article "Eat. Train. Heal," which is full of anti-inflammatory research and recipes.

No matter what research I find for the topic of the month, there must always be recipes that are protein rich. To the weight lifting community, protein equals muscles. As someone who follows a predominantly vegetarian diet, eating enough protein can sometimes be a challenge, but not impossible.

How much protein you need truly depends on your activity levels. Long standing research shows that you need only 0.8g/kg of body weight or the equivalent of 37 percent of your body weight in grams of protein to maintain muscle mass. So a 120 pound person (120/2.2 pounds/kg = 54.55kg x 0.8g/kg = 43.6) needs 44g of protein per day: 120 x 0.37 = 44g. While someone who is starting an exercise program may need 1.2 to 1.4g per kilogram of body weight or 65-76g which is 54 to 63 percent of your body weight.

When you get in to heavy weight lifting to gain muscle mass, your protein needs can be as high as 2g/kg or 109g for that 120 pound person which is 91 percent of their total body weight to be consumed as grams of protein. Some weight lifters claim that protein intake should be 1g per pound of body weight but I suspect it's because that math is just so much easier: 120g x 1g/ pound = 120g.

In the end, you need enough calories to get you through your day and through your workouts. You also need the right mix of vitamins and minerals from whole food sources of carbohydrates, proteins and fats, to help your body better convert that food into useful energy. Of course, whatever you eat should also be enjoyable to you, not just tasty but also full of foods that make you feel good after you eat them.

I enjoy chocolate, but if I eat it too often or too much at one time, I feel awful, therefore, I try not to do that. I also love pudding for its creamy texture. It's a comfort food that generally makes me feel good but traditional boxed versions are loaded with sugar and artificial stuff that, frankly, nobody needs.

So in an effort to help me reach my 109 grams of protein, I have developed a high protein pudding. Portion control is still an issue for me so I suggest doing as I do and dole it out into half cup servings immediately. This pudding makes the perfect post workout snack with its fast absorbing carbs and muscle building protein as an addition to your complete post workout meal.

I developed this recipe to use up some vanilla protein powder but you can certainly substitute with chocolate protein powder and chocolate extract if you're a chocolate lover. Again, portion control may be an issue so beware. No matter what, have fun developing your muscles!

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Vanilla protein pudding

4 cups lowfat milk of your choice
6 tablespoons vanilla protein powder
1/4 cup maple syrup
6 tablespoons arrowroot
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Use a blender to blend the protein powder, milk and maple syrup. Add one cup of the mixture to a large mixing bowl and the rest to a large sauce pot. Use a fork or whisk to gradually blend the arrowroot with the milk in the mixing bowl. Heat the rest of the milk mixture on medium heat, stirring constantly. When the milk begins to bubble, add the arrowroot mixture and continue to heat until the mixture thickens. Pour into a bowl to refrigerate and chill, about four hours to completely cool.

Makes about eight (1/2 cup) servings. Per serving: 130 calories, 19g carbs, 12g sugar, 11g protein, 19 percent DV manganese, 15 percent calcium, 12 percent vitamin D.



The Q Line

Tough on taxis

The City Council recently awarded five franchises to taxi companies, dramatically reducing the number of cabs in the city. Starting Jan. 3, 2011, only the five companies with franchises will be able to pick up people in Santa Monica.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you believe franchising is the way to go? Are you worried about not being able to catch a cab?
Here are your responses:

"SANTA MONICA IS KNOWN AS THE "People's Republic of Santa Monica." Actually, it would be more correct to call it "The Fascist Mini-State of Santa Monica." Handing out taxi franchises to a favored few companies is fascism, pure and simple. Forget the 'environmental' reasons. Follow the money."

"I DO WORRY THAT THE SANTA MONICA taxi restrictions may make it more difficult for residents or visitors wanting a ride from LAX. Airport taxis may be less willing to accommodate arriving Santa Monica passengers if they are prohibited from picking up a fare here. Until now, cabs delivering passengers in Santa Monica had a good chance of getting a return fare. We may wind up with a longer wait at the airport for a franchised Santa Monica taxi, rather than taking the next cab in line."

"SINCE MOST OF THE CITY COUNCIL won the recent election by catering to donors in their voting, I do not trust them on their latest deal of limiting taxi franchises. I don't worry about not getting a taxi. I worry about what the council members are getting out of this."

"I THINK THAT HAVING MORE COMPANIES in the mix would help everybody, but at the same time we don't want to have a globalization because then nobody would make money. That said, I do think that the city should have more than five companies to make sure that people are able to get around. That's my humble opinion."

"I'M A SANTA MONICA RESIDENT AND I AM very worried about Santa Monica cutting the amount of cabs. I am a senior and disabled and may need a cab to get to a hospital or to a medical appointment and this is putting people in danger who are vulnerable. That's my opinion."

"I THINK THEY ARE DOING THE RIGHT thing. We have too many cabs in Santa Monica anyway, so hopefully this will help."

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Ethics
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that the Academic Senate, a faculty group, review procedures for situations where possible conflicts of interest could arise, Girard said.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein declined to be interviewed for this story.

But in a statement provided to the press, the college defended his practice of incorporating political volunteering into the curriculum.

"[Hundreds of] students have benefited by being placed in local campaigns. They have worked on initiatives and measures giving them valuable real world insight into the electoral process, democratic theory, and the workings of our democratic government. All of which are in line with the teaching of American government/politics in the discipline of political science. The practice of offering experiential learning in political science is common across the state and the country," the statement read.

To date, there has not been a single complaint about the service learning project from a student in Tahvildaran-Jesswein's class, according to Girard.

Epstein, though, said no proper investigation into his complaint has been conducted and called SMC's defense of Tahvildaran-Jesswein premature.

"It was a white-wash," he said of the college's response. "It was done without any knowledge of the facts."

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> **Stanley Epstein,**
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He said he plans to send a letter to SMC's president calling for a full investigation in which Tahvildaran-Jesswein and students in his class would be called to testify under oath about the service learning project.

Epstein said he continues to believe Tahvildaran-Jesswein violated SMC's ethics code by using the classroom to benefit his own and SMRR's political fortunes. He said he may take his allegations to the chancellor of the state community college system if he's not satisfied with SMC's handling of his complaint.

SMRR has dominated local politics for the last 30 years, holding a majority on nearly all elected bodies during the span.

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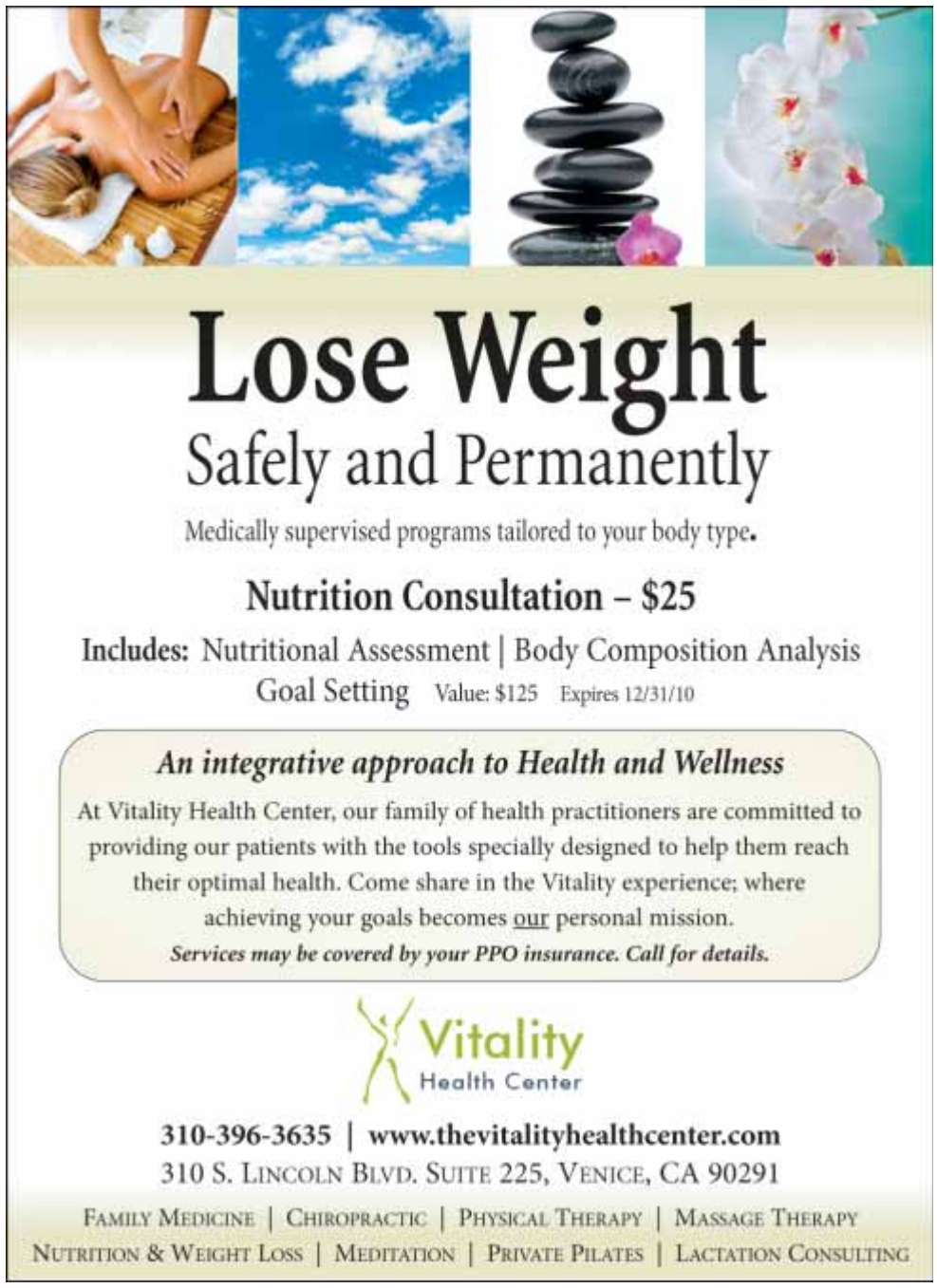
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SHOPPING
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Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren said there were 7,000 people outside its Manhattan flagship store for its 4 a.m. opening, up from 5,000 people a year ago.

"The difference between this year and last year was that last year, people had a budget and a list. They're doing the same thing this year but they're also buying for themselves," he said. Among some of the hot sellers were a luggage set for $49.99 and $39.99 cashmere sweaters.

He noted that two groups that helped fuel customer traffic were young shoppers, ages 15 to 25, and men, both of whom were buying for themselves.

Sharply reduced prices on flat-screen TVs helped fuel many stores' sales, according to Marshal Cohen, market research analyst at NPD Group Inc. Stores were grappling with a glut of TVs heading into the season because they had overestimated consumer demand.

Research firm ShopperTrak is expected to release Black Friday data on Saturday, but a full picture of how retailers fared for the overall weekend won't be known until Thursday when major retailers report their monthly sales results.

For the economy, the question remains: Will shoppers keep it up?

Nearly 15 million people remain unemployed, and concerns about job security cloud consumer confidence. Spending is picking up but has not returned to pre-recession levels. And shoppers haven't let go of many cautious habits learned from the Great Recession.

Many purchased with cash, and layaway remained popular as shoppers try to budget. Sears reported that consumers were setting aside items like Nordic treadmills that were on sale for $399, a savings of $400, to be delivered after the holidays.

Credit cards were staying inside many wallets.

"Now that I'm debt-free. I want to keep it that way," said Desiree Banks, who was at Best Buy in Macedonia, Ohio, with a stack of DVDS for $3.99 each.

Shoppers did their homework, researching deals on websites. Stores made planning easier by touting their bargains last week.

"Every year, we get more refined," said Deb Brown, 42, who was at the Bellevue Square Mall in Bellevue, Wash. She came from White Rock, British Columbia.

Many teens bucked the bargain-hunting trend, shopping full force — and paying full price — at high-end stores like Hollister and American Eagle Outfitters, according to mall officials. That suggests that parents, feeling more financially secure, are giving their children extra spending money, said Jharonne Martis, director of consumer research at Thomson Research.

A big worry is that some of the solid buying earlier in November could steal thunder from the rest of the season and leave a deeper lull between Thanksgiving weekend and the few days before Christmas.

Clearly, stores worked hard to draw shoppers in for Black Friday and earlier, with more deals and expanded hours that allowed people to get shopping soon after their Thanksgiving dinner.

A number of stores including Old Navy, Toys R Us and Sears opened on Thanksgiving Day. Toys R Us was counting on getting an extra boost by opening 24 hours straight, starting at 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Many stores had trotted out the "Black Friday" label on sales as far back as October.

Best Buy Co. started its holiday TV ads 11 days earlier this year than last year. CEO Brian Dunn said customer counts were showing high-single-digit percentage increases Friday morning compared to last year. He said shoppers were throwing in items like Blu-ray players to go with early morning bargains that started at 5 a.m.

"Traffic was fast and furious. ... We started earlier and we have more TV (commercials). I think both of these things helped," Dunn said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Wal-Mart, which had most stores open around the clock, reported the top five selling electronic items included an Emerson 32-inch LCD HDTV for $198. Hot toys included $10 Barbies and $4 Zhu Zhu pets, which were last year's hot hit.

Thanksgiving weekend is huge for retailers. In recent years, Black Friday — called that because the surge of shoppers could take retailers into profitability, or "the black," for the year — has been the busiest shopping day of the year, according to data from ShopperTrak.

Black Friday is generally not as big for online retailers as Monday after Thanksgiving — known as Cyber Monday — but many were already off to a good start. By mid-afternoon Friday, eBags sales soared 69.5 percent compared with a year ago.

The retail blitz doesn't make or break the holiday season. In fact, shoppers seem to be procrastinating more every year, giving retailers some nail-biting moments waiting for sales the last few days before Christmas.

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Thanksgiving cold breaks records across California

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Californians are hoping for a warmer weekend after a Thanksgiving cold snap broke or tied cold-temperature records — some more than a century old — up and down the state.

The National Weather Service reports that San Francisco's low of 42 degrees on Thursday tied a record set back in 1892. Across the bay in Oakland, 36-degree daytime temperatures shattered the old record of 42.

The mercury in Los Angeles dropped to 42, tying a 1946 record.

Stockton saw a record low temperature of 27 degrees Thursday morning, while Sacramento tied a record low of 30.

Bakersfield and Fresno both saw a record-lowest high temperature of 49.

Subfreezing temperatures in the Central Valley threatened to damage the billion-dollar crop. But growers working through the night used warm water and wind machines to keep the cold at bay.

Nighttime temperatures in the state's citrus growing region fell to an average of 28 degrees Thursday — even colder than the night before.

Citrus damage can occur when temperatures drop to 28 degrees for four hours or longer.

Growers managed to keep their groves an extra three to four degrees warmer, Nelsen said.

The uncommonly cold temperatures were the combined result of a dry, north-moving weather system that kept clouds away and a cold Arctic air mass that settled over the Great Basin, said National Weather Service forecaster David Spector.

"We have clear skies and light winds, so temperatures just bottom out," he said.

A storm system moving into the state is expected to bring precipitation and higher temperatures over the weekend.



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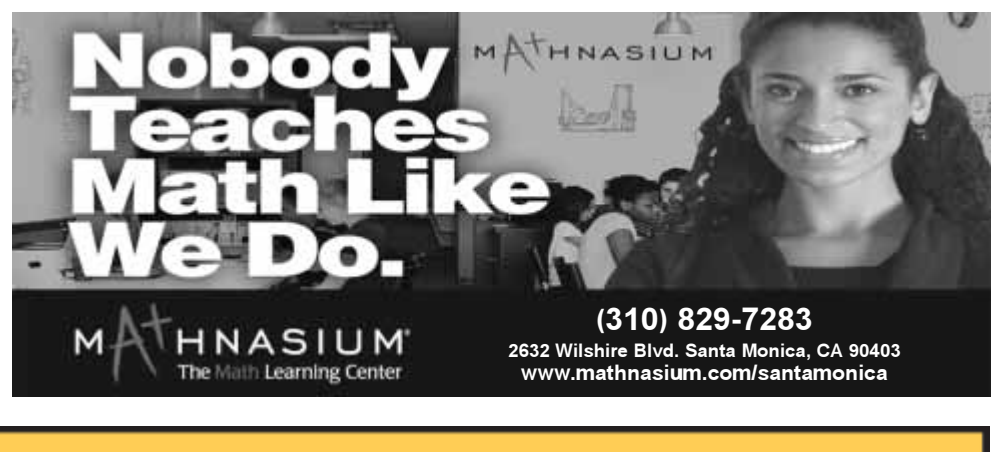
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Colorado mulls difficulties of pot rules

BY KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER What's in that joint, and how can you be sure it's safe?

Colorado is working toward becoming the first state to regulate production of medical marijuana. Regulators say pot consumers deserve to know what they're smoking, and producers should have safety regulations such as pesticide limits for plants destined for human consumption.

Right now, patients have no way to verify pot-shop claims that certain products are organic, or how potent a strain might be.

"You don't go into a Walgreens with a headache and put on a blindfold and pick something off a shelf. But that's what some people are doing when they buy marijuana," said Buckie Minor of Full Spectrum Laboratories in Denver, which currently does voluntary marijuana analysis for about 100 growers and dispensaries.

Minor and others in the pot business say industry standards are needed. But Colorado officials are having a tough time writing regulations for a product that's never been scrutinized or safety-tested before.

New Mexico requires marijuana products to be labeled by strain and potency, and is planning by the end of the year to allow health inspectors to review samples. But currently none of the 14 states that allow medical marijuana regulate how it's grown.

"There's no experience with this," said Dr. Alan Shackelford, a Denver physician heading up Colorado's effort to write labeling and safety regulations for medical marijuana.

Colorado hopes to have in place by early next year some sort of labeling and inspection standard for marijuana sold commercially, under provisions of a new state law. But it's a daunting task. Physicians, pot shop owners and state regulators all say standards are needed but guidelines don't exist. Some of the questions:

• Should marijuana sellers be able to attach medical claims to their products? What if no research exists to back up a claim that a certain strain of pot is best for, say, pain or nausea?

• Should medical pot be labeled by potency? Patients using over-the-counter and prescription drugs can read the medicine's ingredients, but no analogy exists for pot's active ingredient, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.

• What about chemicals, such as pesticides or fertilizers, used on marijuana plants? Should those be limited, as they are for food and tobacco?

• Agencies that routinely inspect farms, restaurants and pharmaceutical factories have no experience regulating pot. Can they be tapped to inspect marijuana grows?

• What happens if someone gets sick from medical marijuana? Should growing operations have guidelines to limit contamination, such as mildew and mold?

"Given the lack of USDA or other oversight of this agricultural industry, we're at square one," Shackelford said when introducing proposed regulations recently.

According to regulators and physicians on the committee to establish regulations under the new law, the recommendations are likely to include basic labeling requirements, including potency. The regulations are also likely to call for pot growers to submit random samples for state testing, and rules for labeling pot products "organic."

Shackelford says he'll borrow from federal tobacco regulations for limits on chemicals that can be used in material to be smoked or ingested.

The regulations will also likely include the nation's first guidelines for the safe production of hashish, which is concentrated marijuana. Hash production can be a fire risk because it's often prepared using butane, and sometimes hash is made using plastics that can leave unsafe carcinogens as residue.

Matt Cook, who leads the Department of Revenue committee considering the new regulations, conceded that state regulators face a challenge overseeing the state pot supply.

"How do I enforce this?" Cook asked Shackelford when the doctor was talking about limiting pesticide use on the plants. "I just don't want to create something that creates a regulatory nightmare for all of us."

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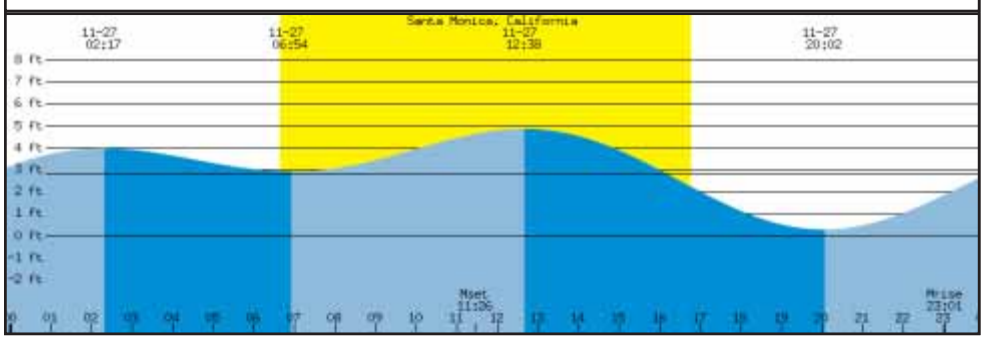
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	C	A+
Broad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

LEGEND

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

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.

Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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MLB

Dodgers and RHP Garland agree to $5M, 1-year deal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Dodgers completed their starting rotation for 2011 by agreeing to a deal with right-hander Jon Garland.

The $5 million, one-year contract includes a club option and could be worth $16 million over two seasons.

Garland joins Clayton Kershaw, Chad Billingsley, Hiroki Kuroda and Ted Lilly to give Los Angeles one of the deepest sets of starters in the major leagues.

The right-hander went 14-12 with a 3.47 ERA in 200 innings for the San Diego Padres in 2010. He is 131-114 with a 4.32 ERA in his 11-season career.

"I can't recall having five that would have the ability to make 30-plus starts and throw as many innings as they do," general manager Ned Colletti said on a conference call Friday night. "I felt we needed to shore up our pitching as best we could and to do it with five starters."

In 2009, Garland played for Arizona and Los Angeles and went 11-12 with a 4.01 ERA. He was acquired by Los Angeles on Aug. 31 for infielder Tony Abreu and went 3-2 with a 2.72 ERA in six starts for the Dodgers.

"I think it's a great ballpark for my style of pitching and I think I have a lot to offer to that team," Garland said on the same conference call.

The 31-year-old can make $3 million in performance bonuses next year. Los Angeles has an $8 million team option for 2012 that could become guaranteed depending on his 2011 performance.

Combined Notice of FONSI/NOI-RROF

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR
Mountain View Mobile Home Park Improvement Project
City of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 16, 2010, the City of Santa will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for release of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, to undertake the replacement of 20 existing mobile homes and/or recreational vehicles with new environmentally sustainable manufactured homes. The project site is located at 1930 Stewart Street, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR), which includes the Environmental Assessment and related project information, on file at the City of Santa Monica Housing Division, 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, CA 90405 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. An electronic copy of the Environmental Assessment may be viewed at http://www01.smgov.net/housing/news-notices/MtnViewEA.html.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Rod Gould, City Manager at the Housing Division address listed above. All comments received by December 14, 2010 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City certifies to HUD that Rod Gould in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the City of Santa Monica to use CDBG and HOME funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD Region IX, 611 W. 6th Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, Nov. 27
It Happened One Night (NR) 1hr 45min
My Man Godfrey (NR) 1hr 34min
7:30pm

Sunday, Nov. 28
The Wizard of Oz (NR) 1hr 41min
4:00pm

Return to Oz (NR) 1hr 53min
7:30pm
Discussion following the film with director Walter Murch, moderated by screenwriter Josh Olson.

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

Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Due Date (R) 1hr 35min
10:45am, 4:05pm, 9:40pm

Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
9:30am, 11:00am, 12:50pm, 2:15pm, 4:15pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:00pm, 10:50pm

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min
10:45am, 1:25pm, 4:05pm, 6:35pm, 9:15pm

Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
10:40am, 1:10pm, 3:45pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

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

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Fair Game (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

127 Hours (R) 1hr 33min
12:50pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:55pm, 10:15pm

Queen of the Lot (R) 1hr 54min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Winston Churchill: Walking With Destiny (NR)
11:00am

Vision: From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen (Vision - Aus dem Leben der Hildegard von Bingen) (NR) 1hr 50min
11:00am

Disco and Atomic War (Disko ja tuumasoda) (NR) 1hr 20min
11:00am

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
10:05am, 1:25pm, 4:45pm, 8:10pm, 11:30pm

Due Date (R) 1hr 35min
10:45am, 1:15pm, 3:45pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

Faster (R) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm, 11:25pm

Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Next Three Days (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:40pm

Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
9:50am, 12:25pm, 3:00pm, 5:35pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

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

Play it easy, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Express your energy and ingenuity when making plans with a child or loved one. Whether going off on an adventure or following through on an important plan makes little difference. Excitement paves your way. Tonight: Enjoy every moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Honor a sense of fatigue, even if a friend or loved one wants to get you motivated. You might not have the whole story regarding a critical situation involving an authority figure. A friend simply doesn't have the facts. Tonight: Close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Rethink what has been a tough relationship. You reach out for those at a distance, but don't forget a commitment to someone close, perhaps an older relative. Have a long-overdue talk over a leisurely meal. Tonight: At a favorite spot, with favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be careful how extreme you get. You could overindulge quite naturally in one area or another. Do try to squeeze in a walk or some other form of exercise. News from a distance could be surprising. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You cannot and will not be held down. Let your imagination combine with another person's inspired vision. You learn that nearly anything is possible. Someone of interest will come toward you without that additional nudge. Trust yourself. Tonight: Know that you are top dog.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Know when to kick back and let others do the work. Often, you do too much, making others feel like you think they are incompetent. Don't push a family member too far. Follow the same advice with key relationships. Tonight: Keep plans mum.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep your objectives in your mind's eye. You'll be less likely to be tossed off course. You know where you are going and what is important. Count on the energy, though a jolt of some sort could toss you off your path -- for a while. Tonight: Act like it is any other night of week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others seek you out, wanting to know what your plans might be. Realize that an element of confusion in your domestic life and with friends could make revealing plans close to impossible, as you don't know them yet! Tonight: A force wherever you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your incredible ideas make it impossible not to enjoy plans you make. Just go with spontaneity. Will others enjoy them? Only time will tell. Remember, there are differences in all of us. Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You'll gain a great deal of insight about a partner just by relaxing and letting this person call the shots. (He or she wants to anyway.) Your sense of humor mixed with understanding could make this day more exciting than anticipated. Tonight: Visit with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You often find a key person in your life nearly magnetic. Once more, this person casts a haze around you, as you enjoy every minute. Don't over-indulge, as there could be ramifications later. That doesn't mean not to enjoy yourself. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Invite others over for a mellow get-together. You hear news that on one level delights you but on the other surprises you. Know that you might not be reading this person correctly. Work with a partner, not against him or her. Tonight: Play it easy.

Happy birthday

This year, your ability to communicate and express yourself becomes a salient feature. You often share a lot in order to get clarification, but still wonder what you just heard! Your family and home life develop a rich, dynamic tone. If you are single, you could meet someone of romantic significance in 2011. This relationship will have flash and energy. If you are attached, you will discover the excitement of a new venture with your significant other. The more different this happening or decision might be, the better the end results. LEO opens up to you.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

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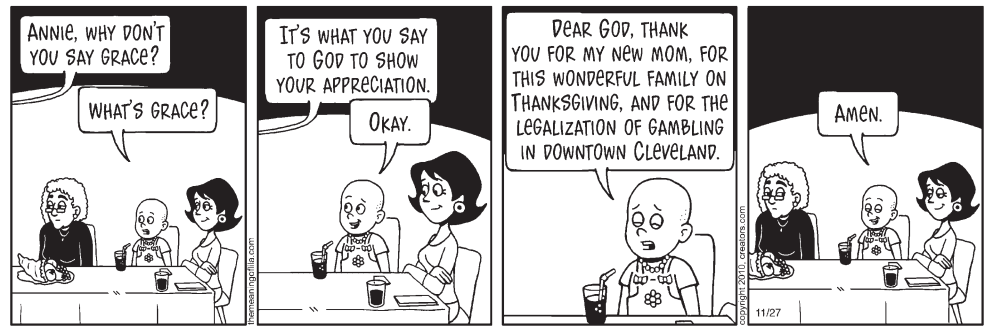
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



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 ★★★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Mouthwash target
6 Early czar
11 Prufrock's creator
12 Clear the board
13 Aunt, in Arles
14 Sample
15 Mensa qualification
17 Mournful
18 Count starter
19 Denver team
22 Coworker of Lou and Mary
23 Shiny trifle
24 Harvest goddess
25 Builds
27 Wise saying
30 Cox-swain's count
31 Sports drink suffix
32 Calf's cry
33 Clock topper
35 Apse sight
38 Muggy
39 Deceive
40 Happened
41 Burdened down
42 Printer need

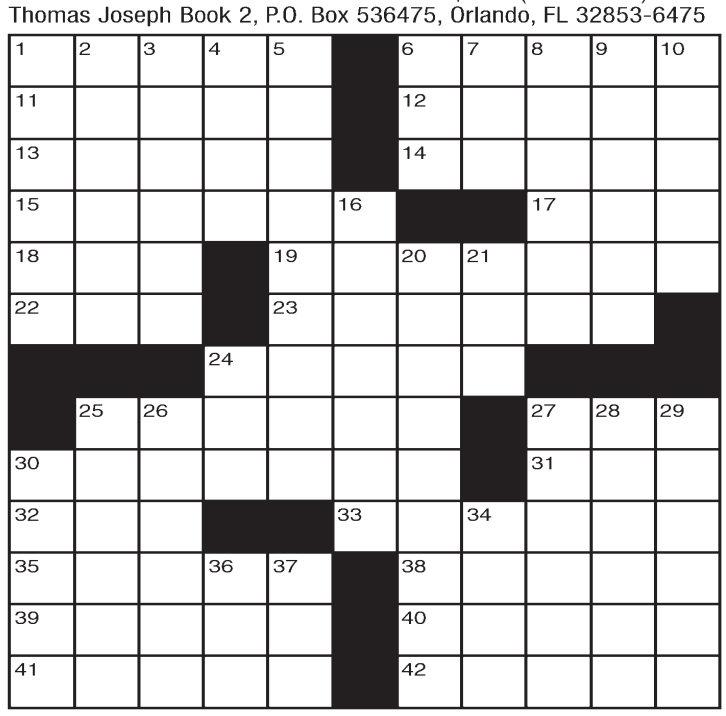
DOWN

1 Fume
2 Galahad's mother
3 Surrounded
4 Flame flutterer
5 Creator of the Joads
6 Favorite
7 Pitcher's stat
8 Mortarboard feature
9 Will subject
10 Marsh plants
16 Chamber group
20 "You're not going to believe this!"
21 Literary monogram
24 Corp. bigwig
25 And others: Latin
26 Not suitable for kids
27 Pink shade
28 Counsel
29 Gardener, at times
30 T-shirt choice
34 Continental currency
36 Had a meal
37 Jockey Turcotte

P	A	S	T	E	■	G	O	W	N	S
E	T	H	E	L	■	A	P	R	I	L
G	A	O	L	S	■	S	P	A	C	E
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C	A	P	S	■	L	I	S	P	■	■
O	L	E	■	R	E	D	E	E	M	S
W	E	D	G	E	■	E	D	D	I	E
S	C	A	R	A	B	S	■	A	N	T
■	■	R	A	M	A	■	A	R	T	S
E	T	O	N	■	H	A	L	O	■	■
L	O	U	I	S	■	C	O	U	R	T
S	A	N	T	A	■	E	N	N	U	I
A	D	D	E	D	■	S	E	D	G	E

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



11-27

ARITHMO™

CrossMath + × − ÷

• 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.

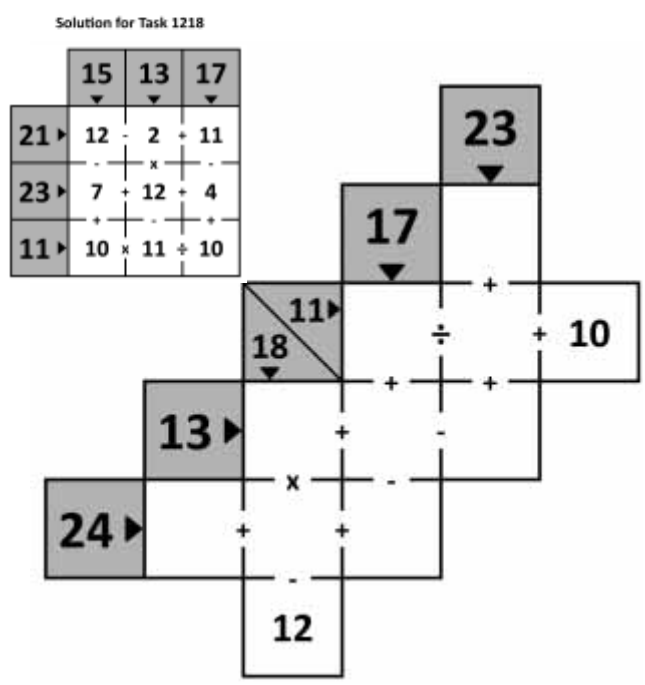
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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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:

2, 3, 4, 9, 9, 10, 10, 12, 12

Solution for Task 1218



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 2 6 12 34 35 Meganumber: 33 Jackpot: $42M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 15 22 41 43 44 Meganumber: 14 Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5: 1 15 22 27 33

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 6 9 EVENING: 4 2 6

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 09 Winning Spirit 2nd: 12 Lucky Charms 3rd: 05 Whirl Win RACE TIME: 1:46.21

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Recurring Themes: (1) John Stolarz, 69, became the latest just-released prisoner to return immediately to his criminal calling, by attempting a holdup of a Chase Bank in New York City instead of reporting to his halfway house on the day after his release. (The robbery failed because the "bank" was actually just a Chase customer-service branch, with no money.) (2) The Phoenix convenience store robber escaped with the money in September, but like many others, inadvertently stuck his face directly in front of the surveillance camera. He had entered the store with a plastic bag pulled tight over his face to distort his features and foil the camera, but halfway through the robbery, he unsurprisingly began laboring for breath and yanked off the bag, revealing his face.

■ Kourosh Bakhtiari, 27, went on trial in July (1989) for masterminding a three-man escape from a New York City correctional center after having hoarded, then meticulously braided, more than 15 rolls of unwaxed dental floss to make a rope strong enough to support a 190-pound man going over a wall. However, he had neglected to plan for gloves. From gripping the floss, Bakhtiari had to be hospitalized with severed tendons and ligaments in both hands.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1901 The U.S. Army War College is established.

1912 Spain declares a protectorate over the north shore of Morocco.

1924 In New York City, the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held.

1934 Bank robber Baby Face Nelson dies in a shoot-out with the FBI.

1940 In Romania, the ruling party Iron Guard arrests and executes over 60 of exiled King Carol II of Romania's aides, including former minister Nicolae Iorga.

1940 World War II: At the Battle of Cape Spartivento, the Royal Navy engages the Regia Marina in the Mediterranean Sea.

WORD UP!

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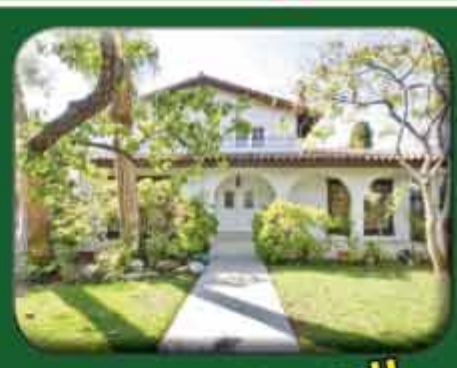
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