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IT'S A WRAP

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The Santa Monica Place Community Room was filled Thursday as volunteers wrapped gifts donated by community members for the annual Police Activities League (PAL) Christmas Breakfast to be held Saturday, Dec. 18.

SMPD: A year without a deadly traffic accident

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE For the first time in a long time, Santa Monica experienced no fatal traffic accidents over the last 12 months, a remarkable statistic given the volume of vehicle trips that take place in this bustling city by the sea, authorities said.

Santa Monica Police Department Investigator Chris Dawson, who handles traffic accidents, said the last fatal traffic accident occurred on Dec. 15 of last year when an 82-year-old pedestrian was struck by a truck while crossing the street at the intersection of 18th Street and California Avenue. The driver, a resident from Torrance, was traveling west on California Avenue when he made a left turn and struck the pedestrian. No charges were filed in the incident.

"This is very rare," Dawson said of the absence of a fatal traffic accident. "The last time we came close was the year of the Farmer's Market crash. If that wouldn't have happened we wouldn't have had any fatalities."

The July 2003 Farmer's Market crash involving an elderly man who killed 10 people and injured more than 70 others was one of the deadliest traffic accidents in state history.

Dawson credits the drop in fatal accidents to educational campaigns about driv-

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State recognizes Olympic High as 'model' campus

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD Olympic High School, which offers programs designed for students who have struggled to stay in school, has been named a 2011 Model Continuation High School by State Superintendent Jack O'Connell, making it one of 27 schools to receive the honor.

"We at Olympic are delighted to have our school and staff recognized for the instruction and support provided to students on our small campus," said Olympic Principal Janie Yuguchi Gates.

The school's Academic Performance Index score has increased from 256 during the 2005-2006 school year to 657 last year, according to Gates.

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State regulators OK incentives to cut greenhouse gases

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Hoping other states will follow suit, California regulators overwhelmingly approved the nation's most extensive system giving owners of power plants, refineries and other major polluters financial incentives to emit fewer greenhouse gases.

The Air Resources Board voted 9-1 Thursday to pass the key piece of California's 2006 climate law — called AB32.

"We're inventing this," said Mary Nichols, chairwoman of the state's air quality board. "There is still going to be quite a bit of action needed before it becomes operational."

Officials said they hope that other states will follow the lead of the world's eighth largest economy. State officials also are dis-

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Check out some of the cities coolest bars and restaurants during this second annual event. Participating pubs include: South, Harvelle's, NY&C Pizza and Ye Old King's Head. For more information, visit santamonicapubcrawl.com.

Nuestra Musica
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Ring in the season with America's premier treble chorus in a vibrant holiday celebration featuring Conrad Susa's Carlos and Lullabies (Christmas in Southwest), scored for harp, guitar, and marimba. For more information, call (800) 595-4849.

Sip cocoa with Santa
Santa Monica Place
Food Court, 5 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Sip on some hot chocolate with jolly Saint Nick as he shares his favorite story with children. It's free and no RSVP necessary.

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

Riding with Santa
Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier, daily
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, riding Pacific Park's coaster at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. The roller coaster ridin' Santa likeness will celebrate the holidays while riding in the last car of the West Coaster roller coaster. Guests have the opportunity to take photos with Santa while the train is in the station or ride-along as the coaster races 55-feet above the Santa Monica Bay.

Open (Upward Bound) House
First United Methodist Church
100811th St., 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The public is invited to a holiday open house and art sale to benefit the Upward Bound House, which provides housing for low-income families. Jewelry, art and other gifts will be on sale.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010

Learn to skate
ICE at Santa Monica
9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Get your kids active on the ice and training with the LA Kings with free Beginner Hockey Clinics held at ICE at Santa Monica. Clinics, geared toward first-time hockey players, will focus on the basics of hockey skating, stick handling, passing and learning to shoot. Equipment will be provided at no cost. Select Sundays. Youth ages 5-14. Pre-registration is required.
Contact: Jillian Tomasulo at (310) 710-8913.

The Dickens
The Broad Stage
Edye Second Space, 130 11th St.
2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.
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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION

A story in the Dec. 17 edition of the Daily Press, ("Residents want City Hall to put brakes on Hines development") mistakenly implied that the developer is responsible for conducting its environmental impact report. In fact, while Hines is required to pay for the study, City Hall is in charge of picking a consultant to carry out the work.

Korean exchange student dies after LA school fight

BY GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A South Korean exchange student who died after a fight with a friend and fellow pupil was remembered Friday by schoolmates and administrators who called the death a "tragic accident between good friends."

Jin Su Lee, 19, collapsed and later died at a hospital after he and a 17-year-old boy traded blows in a fight on a football field that lasted about 10 seconds during gym class Tuesday.

The teen, who wasn't identified because of his age, was arrested Thursday for investigation of assault. Prosecutors deferred filing any charges until an autopsy determines Lee's cause of death, but police spokesman Richard French said the teen suspect could face a murder charge.

It wasn't immediately known when the autopsy would take place.

Bill Stark, First Lutheran High School's executive director, said the teen learned about his friend's death two days after the fight.

"His reaction was devastation when he heard," said Stark, who has been housing the boy since he arrived from Korea a few months ago. "He's still coping, he's been in agony. We are helping a young man rebuild his life."

He called the death a "tragic accident between good friends."

Both boys are from Seoul and their families have traveled to the United States in recent days, Stark said.

Stark said the fight was broken up immediately by a teacher. Lee, who suffered severe brain damage according to police, took a couple of steps before he collapsed, he said.

The boys apparently had an ongoing dispute but Stark would only say it may have

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Lee Harvey Oswald's coffin sells for $87,469

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The simple wooden coffin that was supposed to be Lee Harvey Oswald's final resting place will soon have a new resting place of its own after a mystery bidder bought it at auction for more than $87,000.

The coffin was put on the auction block late last month by a Texas funeral home owner who swapped it with Oswald's family for a new one when the body was briefly exhumed in 1981.

It sold Thursday evening for $87,469, which includes a 20 percent buyers' fee.

"Anything connected to the JFK assassination sells for really high," said Nate D. Sanders of Nate D. Sanders Auctions in Santa Monica.

He declined to provide details on the winning bidder, but said the bidder might speak publicly Friday.

The auction was extended two hours because of a last-minute rush of bidding. Sanders said two bidders battled it out until the end.

Oswald was arrested in President John F. Kennedy's 1963 death but was slain two days later by nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

Funeral home owner Allen Baumgardner had held onto the coffin since Oswald's body was dug up in 1981 in an effort to put to rest conspiracy theories that he really wasn't buried in his grave. After the body was identified through dental records, it was returned to Rose Hill Memorial Burial Park in Fort Worth, Texas.

Because water had gotten into a cracked burial vault and damaged the original coffin, Baumgardner swapped it with Oswald's family for a new one.

The original shows signs of the water damage. Its metal ornamentation is rusted and parts of it, including the roof, have rotted. Its satin lining has long since disintegrated.

Still, the curator of a museum dedicated to Kennedy's Nov. 22, 1963, assassination said when bidding opened on Nov. 30 that he expected it would generate a lot of interest.

"My experience as a curator has been, if people have room and it's a Kennedy item, they will collect it," said Gary Mack of the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas.

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation has declined to comment.

Baumgardner was a 21-year-old funeral home assistant when Oswald was shot to death in a Dallas police station just two days after Kennedy was assassinated while riding through Dallas in a motorcade.

"I've never seen so many security police and FBI and Secret Service and news media just everywhere," he recalled earlier this month.



AIR THEO

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Crossroads' Theo Rosenstein goes for a layup as Keylan Jaundoo-Baker from New Roads looks on at Crossroads High School on Thursday in a non-league matchup involving the two Santa Monica schools. Crossroads won 60-44.



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Christmas memories

Editor:

The one holiday decoration that I have to say that I miss most is the big Christmas tree that sat atop the old GTE building at 20th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Before they built an apartment next door, I could see it from the upstairs window of my neighbor's. And you could see it from Memorial Park, east to 20th Street.

I had cousins who lived on 19th Street and Michigan Avenue, and on 20th, between Michigan and Delaware avenues, so I always saw the tree during the holidays. I miss seeing that big tree. Even today, when walking down the alley on 19th, or down 20th, I can't help but reminisce about that tree.

Kerry Dawson
Santa Monica

Spending priorities

Editor:

I'm glad to see that City Hall is paying close to $450,000 to fix the flight plan problem at SMO. But I tell you what. I have a solution. Save the money and just shoot those planes right over the Pico Neighborhood! That's right, we're tough, we can take it.

Pollution from planes? Are you kidding? We got the I-10 baby, 190,000 cars and trucks a day right outside your kitchen window. That's got to be worse. Scared of an airplane crashing into your living room? Oh yes, that's scary too, because that happens all the time. Not as often as cars flying off the east-end of the freeway and landing in my neighbor's backyards, but I get it. And that airplane noise! Oh my! But, at least with airplanes, you get some peace between flights. That good ol' I-10 sounds like a blender stuck on purée all day and night. I feel your pain.

Do I have an agenda? OK, you got me. I'm secretly hoping the noise from the airplanes will drown out the din from the 200 or so trains that will soon be blasting through here, revving their engines and hitting' their air horns in the new maintenance facility every day!

As a third generation Santa Monica resident, trust me, I know it's real tough living in Sunset Park. And I'm glad City Hall agrees. It's nice to know that they found that money to help you, being that our schools are about to collapse due to a lack of funds. That should make you feel really good.

Maybe they've got some more money stashed away and they can spend it on Pampers for all those who really can't take it.

Better buy them fast though, before the sales tax goes up and they'll have to buy them in LA.

Damon Ramos
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Scott Pace — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Disposing of Christmas trees, noisy visitors at local parks

Q: I LIVE ACROSS THE STREET FROM A park in Santa Monica and for the last several weeks a group of people have been hanging out in the park and making a lot of noise. This usually happens around midnight. Is there anything that can be done about them hanging out?

A: All of our Santa Monica parks have a closure ordinance which prohibits any person from entering, remaining or being present in a public park during the late night hours. The Santa Monica Municipal Code that deals with this is 4.08.091(a) and 4.08.091(b) and is a misdemeanor offense. This section doesn't apply to any public sidewalk immediately adjacent to any public street or highway, or to any street or highway which traverses any park.

The majority of Santa Monica parks are closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Palisades Park closure hours are midnight to 5 a.m.

If you have a problem in your neighborhood park and would like an officer to respond to address the park closure ordinance, you should call police dispatch at (310) 458-8491. If it's an on-going problem and needs special attention on a regular basis, you can contact the Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) for your area. To see which NRO handles your area, go to www.santamonicapd.org and go to the Neighborhood Resource Officer link. The NRO for your area can arrange to have officers do a periodic check during the problem days and hours.

Q: Every time I use my ATM, there's someone there asking me for money. I feel very uncomfortable getting money out of the ATM and having someone asking me for money at the same time. Is there something that can be done about this?

A: With people taking larger amounts out of their ATM's during the holidays to pay for gifts, I can understand your uneasy feeling about people asking you for money. There is a Santa Monica Municipal Code that deals with this issue and prevents persons from soliciting at certain locations. The Municipal Code is 4.08.750(a) and is a misdemeanor offense. According to the code, "solicit" means to ask another by word or gesture for money or for some other thing of value. The locations prohibited are:

1) In a public transportation vehicle;

2) In the outdoor dining area of a restaurant or similar establishment which serves food for immediate consumption;

3) Within 80 feet of an automated teller machine;

4) In a vehicle traveling on a public street;

5) In a public parking structure.

If you notice someone in violation of any of the prohibited areas, please call the Santa Monica Police Dispatch at (310) 458-8491 and report the incident.

PUBLIC SAFETY TIP

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

PICKING THE TREE

• If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.

• Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

•Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1 to 2 inches from the base of the trunk.

• Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

• Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

• Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

• Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

• Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

• Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

• Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

The Christmas trees can be dropped off at several Santa Monica parks to be collected by Solid Waste Management. The parks are: Douglas Park on the Chelsea Street side, Christine Reed Park on the California Street side, Los Amigos Park on the Fifth Street side and the City Transportation Station at City Yards.

These Christmas tree safety tips and more can be obtained from the Santa Monica Fire Department web site. For further fire safety tips, go to www.santamonicafire.org.

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The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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Will California set an example for Washington in 2011?

THE 112TH CONGRESS, IN WHICH TEA Party members will be among the one in four members of Congress who are newly elected, will make for great political theater with sound bytes being broadcast, tweeted and repeated throughout the next two years. In terms of actually accomplishing anything of substance, we should act like Clippers or Lions fans and set our expectations very low so that we are only mildly disappointed.

What we can expect over the next two years are attempts to repeal everything from health care to the law of gravity (which will be either blocked by the Senate or met with an Obama veto); lots of confrontational oversight hearings yelling fire before there is even any smoke; futile assaults on government functions that actually help people followed by budgetary gimmicks so it can be said the deficit was addressed without dishing out any pain.

While CSPAN is playing this soap opera, the real show to watch will be on its California equivalent (The California Channel), where new Gov. Jerry Brown will force the debate we have postponed for 30 years — reconciling how much government we want versus how much government we are willing to pay for. Since Ronald Reagan entered the White House, we have been repeatedly told that we can have our cake and eat it as well since tax cuts pay for themselves. The result has been record deficits (since tax cuts do not pay for themselves) and reliance on budgetary gimmicks to avoid tough decisions.

For California, the day of reckoning has been forced upon it as it already has a 30 percent shortfall for the current fiscal year. Gov.-elect Brown appears to be ready to apply shock therapy to Sacramento, as he likely will push an austerity budget through Sacramento early in the year and then have a referendum later in the year on whether California voters are ready to pay more to restore the services that have suddenly been cut or eliminated.

It is fitting that Brownasaurus Rex is leading this effort. Brown's father, Pat Brown, remains widely respected as an architect of California's prosperous golden age by pushing for major investments in California's education system, freeways and infrastructure with bi-partisan support. In contrast, the governor-elect presided over the "era of limits" as governor, with declining state investments ultimately leading to the Mississippification of the once Golden State.

At the same, with requirements for a two-thirds vote for any tax increase or budget, the advent of term limits, ballot initiatives allocating revenue and redistricting to protect partisans on both sides, the Legislature became increasingly feeble and dysfunctional. Now Brown returns at a time when California is being called a "failed state," with a chance to restore his father's legacy.

This is an opportune time for Brown. His longevity and legacy give him greater stature than even his predecessor. In addition, he will be aided by the fact that the Democrats have nearly two-thirds majorities in both houses and partisans on both sides may be tempered by the prospect of less safe and/or more moderate districts in the next elections with the advent of the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

IF BROWN CAN MAKE THE CASE FOR GREATER INVESTMENT, 2011 COULD END WITH A POWERFUL AFFIRMATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE AGENDA.

Brown's strategy is a big gamble because voters could choose less services instead of more taxes (polls currently are evenly split). Even then, however, the state will at least have had its "come to Jesus" moment and chosen a sound and fiscally prudent path setting an example for Capitol Hill. In defeat, however, Brown would unfortunately become the executioner of what remains of his father's legacy.

If Brown can make the case for greater investment, 2011 could end with a powerful affirmation of the progressive agenda. With either outcome, however, the debate will send a dire warning to the nation of the consequences of the "cutting taxes is the solution to everything" philosophy of the GOP.

Meanwhile, turning back to CSPAN, by this time support likely will begin eroding for Republicans as voters recoil over some of the more extreme Republican antics. It is even possible that the California referendum could occur during a government shutdown in Washington (as some Republicans are eager for such a fight), in which case the California vote would reverberate throughout Capitol Hill just as the Proposition 13 vote did during Brown's first term.

While Brown has promised not to run for president, what he does this year could provide a gust for President Obama's sails as he heads into 2012 and elevate the governor as the party's elder statesman. Either way, the California Channel has a new star who is sure to be entertaining.

(Editor's Note: Lloyd Garver will return next week with another installment of Modern Times.)

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Nuts: A healthier, satisfying party food

BY JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

When you're lining up the shots at your holiday party, don't hesitate to go a little nuts. Really.

Nuts are loaded with heart-healthy nutrients. They also a good source of protein and fiber, both of which are helpful for controlling hunger if you are trying to take off a few pounds.

Almonds, pecans, walnuts and hazelnuts are thought to be particularly healthy. But even snacking on favorites such as cashews and peanuts (which are technically beans) is a good choice. Just don't go crazy, as you're still looking at plenty of calories and (in many cases) tons of salt.

Luckily, nuts are easy to portion control, even at a party. Instead of putting out a big bowl, offer shot glasses and small bowls filled with nuts.

This easy-to-make curried tropical nut mix is a little bit more indulgent because of its olive oil and butter-based seasoning blend, but it's a perfect nibble to put out at a holiday cocktail party and certainly a healthier choice than a fried or puff pastry hors d'oeuvre.

Curried tropical nut mix

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Makes about 7 cups (50 servings)
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
2 cups almonds
2 cups salted cashew halves
2 cups salted peanuts
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
1/2 cup dried mango, coarsely chopped

In a 3-quart microwave-safe bowl, combine the butter, oil, curry powder, cumin and cayenne. Cover loosely with a paper towel to avoid splatter, then microwave on high for 30 seconds, or until the butter is nearly melted. Whisk the spices and butter together.

Add the almonds, cashews, peanuts and coconut to the bowl and toss to coat. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 2 minutes. Stir well, then microwave, stirring every 2 minutes, until the nuts and coconut are lightly browned and fragrant, 4 to 6 minutes longer, depending on the wattage of the microwave. Stir in the mango.

Transfer the mixture to a baking sheet to cool. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutrition information per 3 tablespoon serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 117 calories; 86 calories from fat (74 percent of total calories); 10 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 1 mg cholesterol; 6 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 1 g fiber; 54 mg sodium.



A perfect rack of lamb that is sweet, spicy and crunchy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Jean-Georges Vongerichten created this recipe for rack of lamb, he was aiming for a blend of sweet, spicy and crunchy. He got a kick of heat from chilies and relies on fresh mint and a sweet pea puree to tame it.

"Of course, I couldn't leave the dish without adding some crunch, and to me, there's nothing better than a golden breadcrumb crust on a lamb chop. Every bite is exciting," he says in Lee Schrager's "The Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival Cookbook."

Rack of lamb with green chile, mint, and sweet pea puree

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 8
For the shallot puree:
1 1/3 cups sliced shallots (cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices)
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/3 teaspoons salt
1 cup plus 2 3/4 tablespoons blanched and squeezed fresh peppermint leaves
In a small saucepan over meidum, combine the shallots, oil and salt. Cook, covered, until the shallots are completely soft. Transfer to a blender, add the mint and puree until completely smooth. Set aside.
For the chili crumbs:
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup panko (Japanese-style) breadcrumbs
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon minced green Thai chili
In a small skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the panko and salt, then saute until golden. Mix in the chili and set aside.

For the sweet pea puree:
1 pound frozen baby peas, thawed and well drained
2 teaspoons chopped grilled jalapeno pepper
1 1/3 teaspoons salt
1 1/4 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
In a blender, combine the peas, jalapenos, salt and sugar. Puree until completely smooth. Do not add any water. The longer it purees, the more liquid will be released to facilitate the pureeing. Just before serving, transfer the puree to a small saucepan. Add the butter and heat, stirring with a rubber spatula until heated.

For the rack of lamb:
4 racks of lamb, cut in half
Salt
Unsalted butter
Fresh mint sprigs
2 green Thai chilies, split
Shallot puree (recipe above)
Chili crumbs (recipe above)
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 cup green almonds, shelled and peeled (optional)
2 shallots, minced
2 cups sugar snap peas, blanched and split
Ground black pepper
Fresh peppermint leaves, thinly sliced, for garnish
Sweet pea puree (recipe above)
Heat the oven to 350 F.

Season the racks of lamb well with salt. Cover the bottom of a roasting pan with some butter, mint sprigs and the chilies. Place the lamb, fat side down, in the pan and cook for 12 minutes on each side. Remove the lamb from the oven and let it rest.

Heat a large saute pan to searing hot. Turn off the stove. Place the lamb, fat side down, in the pan for a minute, then turn it over.

Heat the broiler.

Spread the shallot puree liberally over the fat side of the lamb, then coat it liberally in the chili crumbs. Brown quickly under the broiler, then slice the meat in half.

In a small skillet over medium, heat the canola oil. Add the almonds and saute until golden. Add the minced shallots and saute briefly; then toss with the sugar snap peas. Season with salt and pepper, and finish with the sliced mint.

Serve with the lamb and the sweet pea puree.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 751 calories; 541 calories from fat (72 percent of total calories); 60 g fat (21 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 95 mg cholesterol; 28 g carbohydrate; 24 g protein; 3 g fiber; 842 mg sodium.







The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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Finding the best burger in Santa Monica

YEARS AGO "AMERICAN" FAST FOOD MEANT HAMBURGERS, maybe fried chicken. Now it means pizza and tacos, those real "American" foods. But hamburgers are still very popular, and served in a lot of restaurants. So it's not an easy task to ferret out the very best in any area, and only a highly paid, dedicated reporter like myself would try this.

After extensive interviewing and polling among different cultural groups, it was pretty clear that there were two main contenders: Father's Office on Montana Avenue, and the Umami Burger at Fred Segal's.

First, the criteria. Naturally the quality of the meat is most important. It has to have enough fat to be juicy and tender, not too compressed, and have lots of flavor. Second is the bun. Here experts differ. Some like their buns meaty, and some like them soft. Third is the thickness, especially for those who like them rare. And fourth is what comes on it — if anything.

The hamburgers at the two main contestants are very different, but here's my take on them.

The Umami burger has just the right texture of meat, with the right fat content. It's tender and flavorful, and comes apart without you noticing much texture. The bun is soft, slightly sweeter than I'm used to, but it soaks up juices well, and there is a lot of juice from this meat; lean over the plate as you bite into it. It's served medium rare unless otherwise requested. It's a small, thick burger, just the right size for me.

At Umami Burger there are seven toppings to choose from. My personal favorite is the Hatch Burger, with roasted green chilies and American cheese. I only wish they would capitalize "American" on the menu. The burgers are between $9 and $12.

There's an extensive beer list, with six or seven on tap, and a few wine selections.

The Father's Office burger — in fact, the whole experience — is quite different. First of all, this is a bar, not a restaurant or café. You can tell that because they ask for a credit card before they say hello. The selection of beers is unsurpassed in the area. But you have to be 21 years of age to get past the security at the door. I made it. Next is the issue of where to sit: there is no table service, so first you have to elbow your way to the bar, place your order, then hope to find a place to sit.

The Father's Office burger is bigger and more solid. The meat is probably more expensive, with lower fat content. The patty also seems heavier, and I probably should have taken half of it home for breakfast the next day.

The bun is more solid, a bit chewy, and not as fresh as some. The burger comes only one way, and both the menu and the waiters, especially Ed, make it clear that this is the way the chef makes it and therefore this is the way he expects you to eat it. It's served medium rare. I don't know if you can ask for it cooked differently as I was afraid to ask.

In fact, it's not bad. The caramelized onion is terrific, and many would like the slightly bitter arugula served on top. Even if the customer were permitted a slight deviation, this might be the burger of choice for many. Since there's only one burger, there's one price: $12.50. The "office" is open for dinner every night, but lunch only on Saturdays and Sundays.

Both locations have a number of other dishes on the menu, including French fries and sweet potato fries. But for me, these are the destinations of choice for a good, American style burger.

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JUICY: **Umami Burger at Fred Segal's has just the right texture of meat with the right fat content to create a tasty burger — one of the best in Santa Monica.**

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The Q Line

THE RIGHT PICK?

The City Council last week selected Richard Bloom as Santa Monica's next mayor.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Did the council get it right? If not, who should have been selected?
Here are your responses:

"THEY COULD MAKE WHOEVER GETS the most votes be mayor automatically, but that would make sense, and Santa Monica can't do that."

"I COMMEND THE DAILY PRESS FOR ITS editorial on the issue that the City Council should have done the right thing and elected Kevin McKeown. The voters of this city would have elected him mayor if they were able to do so, and many of us consider Kevin McKeown the real mayor of Santa Monica, even if he does not have that official title."

"IF THE MAYOR WAS AN ELECTIVE OFFICE, Kevin would win by a landslide regardless of who opposed him."

"WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF Bloom is mayor ? The effect of a 30-year power grip on the city by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights and its development agenda has made the position nothing more than a respectable joke. Donald Duck could be selected with the same result. Someday, with the wisdom of a majority of voters, if we could elect council members by districts, only then will the post have any real importance."

"THE CITY COUNCIL FAILED THE FAIRNESS test in selecting Bloom as mayor. McKeown, who has received the highest votes in his last two elections, should have been selected. Perhaps a citywide vote for mayor or term limits could level the playing field."

"THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED undemocratically for Bloom and Kevin McKeown should have been picked because he got the most votes in the most recent election. I agree with the Daily Press' editorial that McKeown was a Rodney Dangerfield of the dais. I also agree with Bobby Shriver that the mayor should be elected."

"THEY GOT IT WRONG BUT THEY GET IT wrong every year because all those people have been on the council for 10 years now, or most of them. No one can get on the City Council. They have a stranglehold on Santa Monica. Something has to change. Year after year the same old people get in with their same old crap. We maybe need to have an election for mayor or shorten terms on the City Council because they aren't for the people, they aren't for the residents and I don't even know how they get elected."

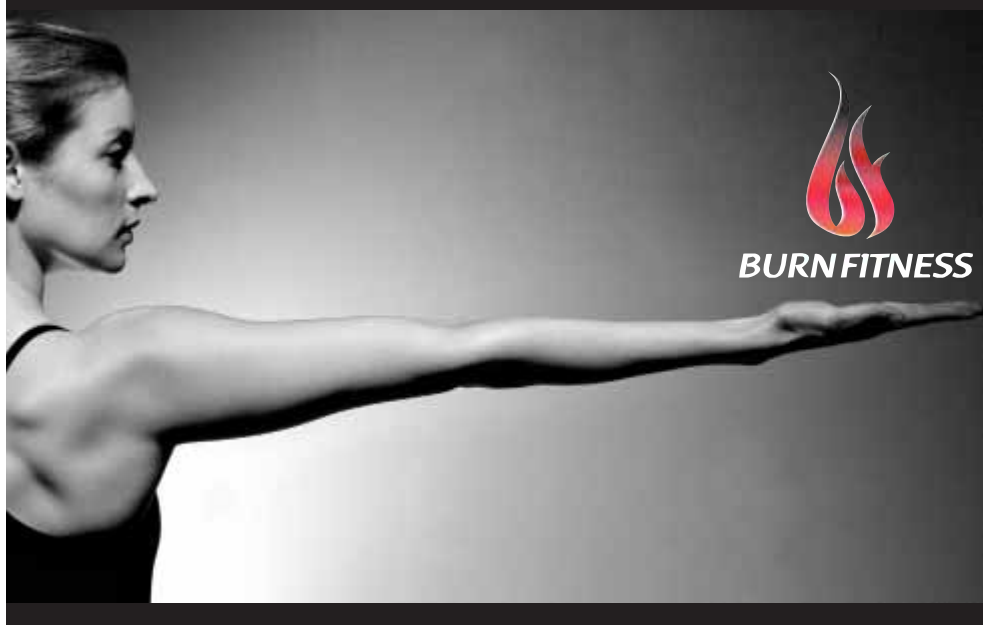
"THE COUNCIL GOT IT RIGHT IF YOU ARE happy with the political hacks on the council. One choice rides around town on his bicycle spouting green power slogans, which is just another Marxist redistribution of your wealth. The other choice looks like he drives a Volvo around town, also spouting redistribution of wealth phrases and, as most progressives like to do, more than happy to spend your hard-earned money. Now he will get a chance to destroy more taxpayers just like the ones in Santa Monica when he campaigns for Czar-ina Julia Brownley's position."

"KEVIN MCKEOWN GOT THE MOST VOTES so he should be declared mayor. It is mainly an honorary title here. The actual function is filled by an un-elected and highly-overpaid city manager."

"I THINK THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE PICKED Kevin McKeown because he has been on the City Council for many, many years. Why didn't they let him have a chance? They always pick Mr. Bloom."

"THE COUNCIL GOT THIS WRONG, AS THEY have been getting everything else wrong. However, the people of Santa Monica are to blame as much as the council. Why do they keep voting these self-serving people in office year after year? I used to think it served the people right that they continue to have unlivable overgrowth in their city, but now I am outraged at the thought that I am getting punished also."

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ACCIDENTS

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ing while talking on cell phones or texting, aggressive traffic enforcement and better engineering of roadways.

"And, overall, people are just driving better," Dawson said.

The main cause of fatal car crashes is speed, Dawson said.

"You don't have to be traveling 90 mph for an accident to occur," he said. "You just have to be driving faster than the conditions allow, not paying attention to what's going on ahead of you and not giving yourself ample time to react."

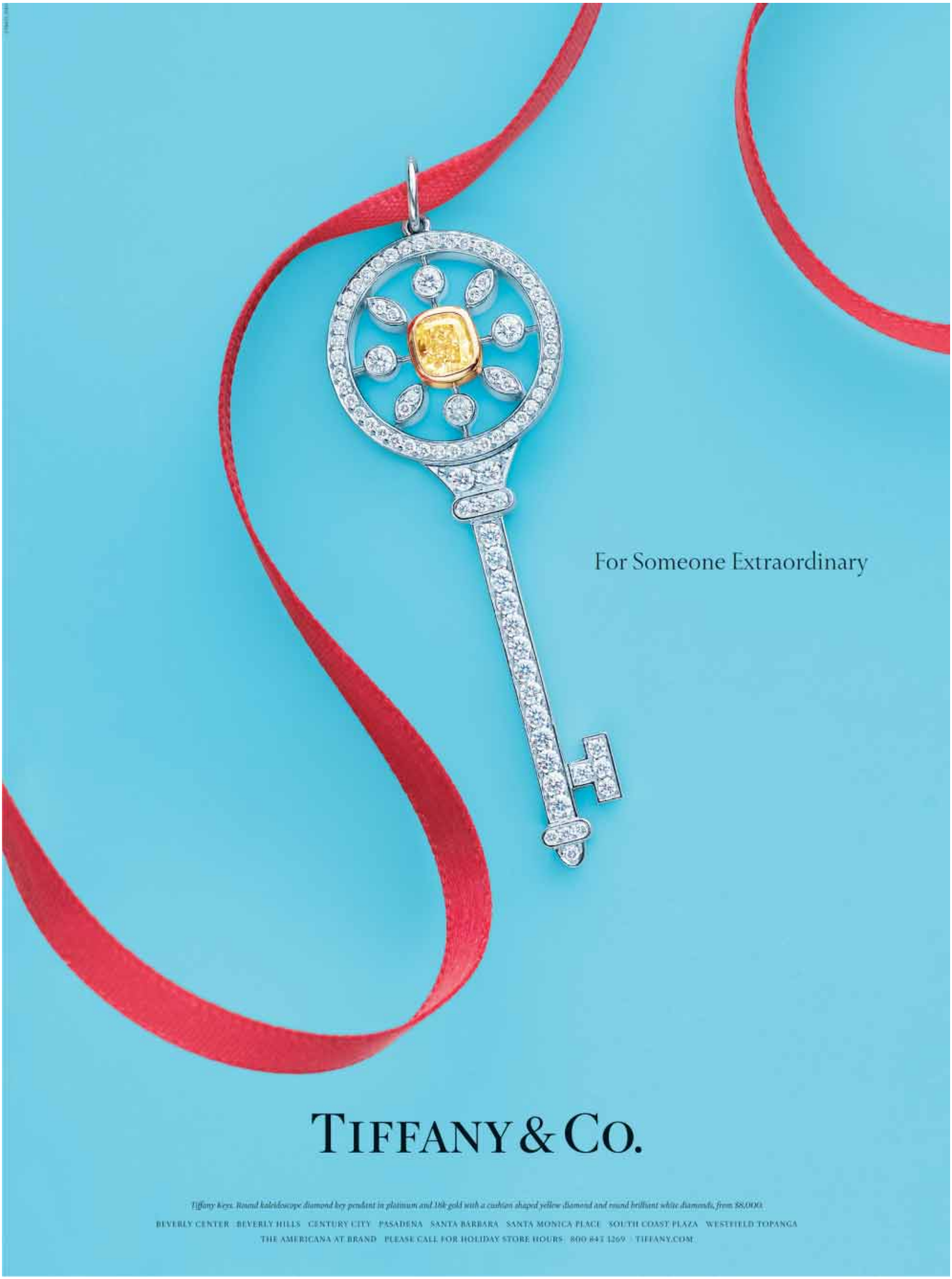
Dawson said all types of traffic accidents have decreased over the last year, including hit-and-runs. Dawson said in the mid-1990s he remembers the number of fatal traffic accidents reaching an all-time high of 15 a year.

'We have big city traffic for a small town," he said. "I can never remember a time, and I've been here 20 years, when we've had a year without a fatality."

With Christmas and New Year's Eve approaching, law enforcement authorities are warning people to be careful while traveling to and from gatherings.

"Pay attention to the task at hand," Dawson said. "When operating a motor vehicle you should be doing nothing else."

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stemmed from cultural differences between the U.S. and Korea.

Lee recently turned 19, and the teen who was arrested was the only Korean boy who attended a birthday party, Stark said. Lee was described as a gifted singer and drummer, while the 17-year-old was a good athlete.

Both teens, who were sophomores, were expected to finish their high school education in the U.S.

On Friday, students at the school in Sylmar, an area of the San Fernando Valley, attended a worship service in memory of Lee — the same day as the school's annual Christmas party, before they begin a two-week holiday break. Several students declined to comment as they left the campus.

Lee's locker was adorned with notes and a necklace bearing a cross. Students also posted messages on Facebook and Twitter, expressing their sorrow over what had happened.

"We are just trying to protect our kids right now," said Stark.

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"The situations our students are in where they need to come to a school like ours isn't always the student's fault," she said. "We really benefit from a community that is supportive of these students and doesn't just condemn them and say that they have made mistakes. It really is a perfect environment for us and for our kids."

From the Santa Monica Police Department, which co-teaches a criminal justice class, to St. John's Hospital, which, along with the city of Santa Monica, provides counseling services, to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, which pays for a music instructor, Gates said the broader community plays a big role in helping provide opportunities for Olympic students.

"We are thrilled that Olympic High School has been recognized as an outstanding continuation high school," said Sally Chou, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's chief academic officer. "Olympic provides opportunities for students who need a smaller environment, more individualized attention and a myriad of electives to keep them engaged and challenged."

Continuation education is aimed at teenagers who are deemed at risk of not completing their education.

In a press release, O'Connell said the selected continuation campuses offer programs that should be emulated at the hundreds of other similar schools around the state.

"They help young people realize that getting a good education and earning a high school diploma is their chance toward leading a better and more prosperous life," he said of the 2011 model campuses.

The Model Continuation High School Recognition Program is a partnership of the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA).

To be eligible for the recognition, applicants must be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges — a designation Olympic achieved in June. They also must demonstrate exemplary program effectiveness in school management, curriculum, instructional strategies, educational climate, and guidance and counseling. As part of the application for recognition, parents, students, and community members were required to submit written statements supporting their respective schools by September. Site validation visits occurred in October and November

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GREEN
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cussing plans to link the new system with similar ones under way or being planned in Canada, Europe and Asia.

California is trying to "fill the vacuum created by the failure of Congress to pass any kind of climate or energy legislation for many years now," said Nichols.

A standing-room only board chambers featured testimony from more than 170 witnesses Thursday. Outside the chambers, a few climate change skeptics held signs reading "Global Warming: Science by Homer Simpson."

Some businesses that would fall under the new rules say the system could dampen California's already flagging economy, complicate lawmakers' efforts to close a $28.1 billion revenue shortfall and lead to an increase in the price of electricity.

The rate increases, however, would still need approval from the state.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told the board he is sensitive to the recession, but argued that many of the new jobs being created under the system are in the clean technology industry.

"The real jobs we're creating right now are green jobs. Since 2006 or so green jobs have been created 10 times faster than in any other sector, so it's also an economic plus," he said.

But he said reducing greenhouse gas pollution is not just about climate change, but about human health and national security.

"I despise the fact that we send $1 billion a year to foreign places for our oil and to places that hate us. We send this money to people that hate us and that are organizing terrorists and trying to blow up our country," he said.

Supporters say the system will help spur economic recovery and innovation, pushing business to invest in clean technologies.

They say the billions of dollars the state collects in the system could help fund clean air programs and help offset any increases in utility rates. Details of the uses of these new funds is still uncertain.

California has already enacted the strictest climate-related regulations in the country involving renewable energy mandates for utilities, tighter fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles and low-carbon fuel standards.

The state's landmark climate law had a Jan. 1, 2011, deadline for devising and enacting the so-called cap-and-trade system.

Here's how it would broadly work:

A company that produces pollution, such as a utility or a refinery, buys a permit from the state that allows it to send a specified amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the air each year.

Those permits could then be bought and sold by the polluters in a marketplace.

If a company in Fresno is 15 percent under its pollution allowance, it can sell the unused portion to a company in Long Beach that has exceeded its quota. The Fresno company gets to keep the money.

Polluters can even make a profit, if the marketplace sets a price above the initial cost of the permit.

The lone dissenting board member, Dr. John Telles, said he had concerns that the new market created by the regulation was too vulnerable to cheating.

"We're potentially vulnerable here to be manipulated," he said. "And I don't see enough safeguards in the design of the market."

The board's staff said it would be working on market issues in the coming year before the launch of the program, but recognized that they were creating something that had not been tried before.

Adding another wrinkle, a company that exceeds its allowance can also buy what are called "offsets." These can be bought by companies with forestry or other projects that reduce greenhouse gases.

Those companies can sell those to polluters in the marketplace, also at a profit.

Under the new California rules, regulators would enforce limits on heat-trapping gas emissions beginning in 2012, eventually including 85 percent of the state's worst polluters.

The amount of allowed emissions would be reduced over time, and the regulations would expand in 2015 to include refineries and fuel distributors, such as oil companies.

The cap would reach its lowest level in 2020, when California wants its greenhouse gas emissions reduced to 1990 levels.

Ninety percent of the allowances would be free in the first years of the program to give industry time to upgrade to cleaner equipment or account for increased future costs as the cap tightens.

Over time, as the cap gets lower and fewer allowances are available, costs would rise.

"The idea is to incentivize clean technology over fossil fuels by putting a price on carbon," said Jon Costantino, a senior adviser at a Sacramento law firm who formerly served as the climate change planning manager at the Air Resources Board.

Business groups raised concerns that the board had not yet given hard details about what each facility's allowances would be.

"It's crucial for companies to know what their compliance requirements are going to be far in advance," said Dorothy Rothrock of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association.

"There are definitely going to be some costs incurred right up front for these companies," she said.

State officials say they had to act, because of years of delays in Washington. "The goal of (the law's) authors in 2006 was to lead by example, and being a leader you have to bring others along with you," Nichols said.

A bill to place a limit on the amount of greenhouse gases nationwide narrowly passed the U.S. House in 2009, died in the Senate because all Republicans and some Democrats from coal- and industry-heavy states balked about how it would raise electricity bills.

Obama, who made the climate bill the centerpiece of his Democratic agenda, pulled support for it after the midterm elections put Republicans in control of the House. The president said he would be looking at other ways to address climate change.

While the Environmental Protection Agency has proposed the first-ever rules to reduce greenhouse gases from large industrial polluters, the GOP, with some support from Democrats, vows in 2011 to block it from moving ahead with the regulations.

California's system, however, could end up being linked to ones being developed in other countries. State officials are talking with the European Union as well as provinces in China and Canada to link systems.

In the U.S., New Mexico narrowly approved its own cap-and-trade program last month and OK'd the state's participation in a regional market. There is another market in the works in the Midwest. Another program exists in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

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California to give industry more time for diesel rules

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Businesses will have more time to comply with California's tough diesel emissions standards for trucks, school buses and construction equipment under more relaxed rules air quality officials are expected to adopt Friday.

The Air Resources Board said the amendments would give businesses struggling during a recession more time to replace or upgrade aging equipment.

"These changes streamline and simplify the rules, and in some cases offer companies and truck owners more time to comply," said Mary Nichols, the board's chairman. "At the same time, we continue our steady progress in cleaning up the air and protecting public health, achieving the same amount of reductions of soot from diesel vehicles we had originally planned for."

The board has acknowledged that its staff overestimated pollution created by construction equipment, buses and trucks. It says there are about 200,000 fewer construction vehicles in California than the board initially thought, mostly due to fewer vehicles in use because of the recession.

The amended rules would still achieve the same amount of diesel emissions reduction over time, at savings of $1.5 billion for those being regulated, Nichols said.

Soot from diesel exhaust is associated with a number of human ailments, including cancer, heart disease and other diseases. The state's regulations seek to reduce emissions 50 percent by 2014, with a 70 percent reduction by 2020.

California's 2007 off-road diesel emissions rules require tractors, bulldozers, pavers and other types of equipment be replaced or retrofitted over the next 15 years.

The improvements were originally scheduled to begin in March 2010 for larger fleets, with smaller fleets starting later. The new rules push the start date back to 2014, giving companies more time to start using cleaner equipment.

"The decision to significantly revise the state's off-road diesel emissions rules gives hope to thousands of construction workers fearful for their job security while safeguarding California's air quality," said Brian Turmail, a spokesman for the Associated General Contractors of America.

"The new measure will give contractors time to modernize their fleets with the more efficient equipment coming on line in the next few years while simultaneously delivering lower diesel emissions levels than the original rule ever contemplated," Turmail said.

For big rigs, trucks and buses, the new rules give owners an extra year, to 2012, to install particulate filters.

Also, the new rules give owners of large school buses another year to install filters, and smaller buses included in the original 2008 regulations are completely exempt. The board said smaller buses being used by California schools are new vehicles, so they comply with the current regulations anyway.

The new rules also exempt 150,000 lighter trucks previously covered under the regulations. Owners would still be required to replace lighter trucks that are 20 years old.

Clean air advocates lambasted the board's decision, saying it will result in poorer air quality, especially in low income neighborhoods.

"The brunt of the pollution burden will be felt by the low-income communities living near major highways, agricultural areas and industrial centers," said Elizabeth Jonasson, the Coalition for Clean Air's campaign and outreach associate in the San Joaquin Valley."

The air board is meeting about the diesel rules one day after approving the nation's most extensive system of financial incentives for power plants, refineries and other major polluters to emit fewer greenhouse gases.

Under the so-called cap-and-trade rules, regulators would enforce limits on heat-trapping gas emissions beginning in 2012, eventually including 85 percent of the state's worst polluters.

Some businesses that would fall under the new rules say the system could dampen California's already flagging economy and lead to an increase in the price of electricity.

Women's group says Hooters should not serve minors

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO The National Organization for Women is asking authorities to bar Hooters restaurants in San Francisco, San Bruno, Sacramento and Orange County from serving children.

The group's California chapter on Thursday filed complaints against the restaurants with prosecutors and police.

Hooters is known for its scantily clad waitresses. But NOW says the restaurants it identified are classified as adult entertainment establishments and are violating state and local laws by serving minors.

Patricia Bellasalma, NOW's California president, told the San Francisco Chronicle that in recent years, Hooters has promoted itself as family friendly. It offers children's menus and T-shirts in children's sizes that say "Future Hooters Girl."

Hooters said in a statement Friday that the charges were "ridiculous" and that the restaurant chain was not in violation of any laws.

"The Hooters brand of sex appeal is wholesome and that of the all-American cheerleader, not a seedy strip club," said Mike McNeil, vice president of marketing for the Atlanta-based chain. "... Hooters is no more in violation of California's adult entertainment codes than the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition is."

Attorney Mona Lisa Wallace, president of NOW's San Francisco chapter, filed a complaint against the chain with San Francisco police.

She told KTVU-TV that Hooters has called itself an adult establishment to defend itself against lawsuits accusing the chain of discrimination because it does not hire men to serve food. hiring practices in equal employment lawsuits.

"Hooters, Inc. claims that they are not a restaurant but that they are rather vicarious sexual entertainment," Wallace said. "So their workers are not food servers or waitresses. Their workers are sexual entertainers."

Adult venues cannot serve to minors under San Francisco law, but restaurants cannot discriminate by gender when they hire workers, she said.



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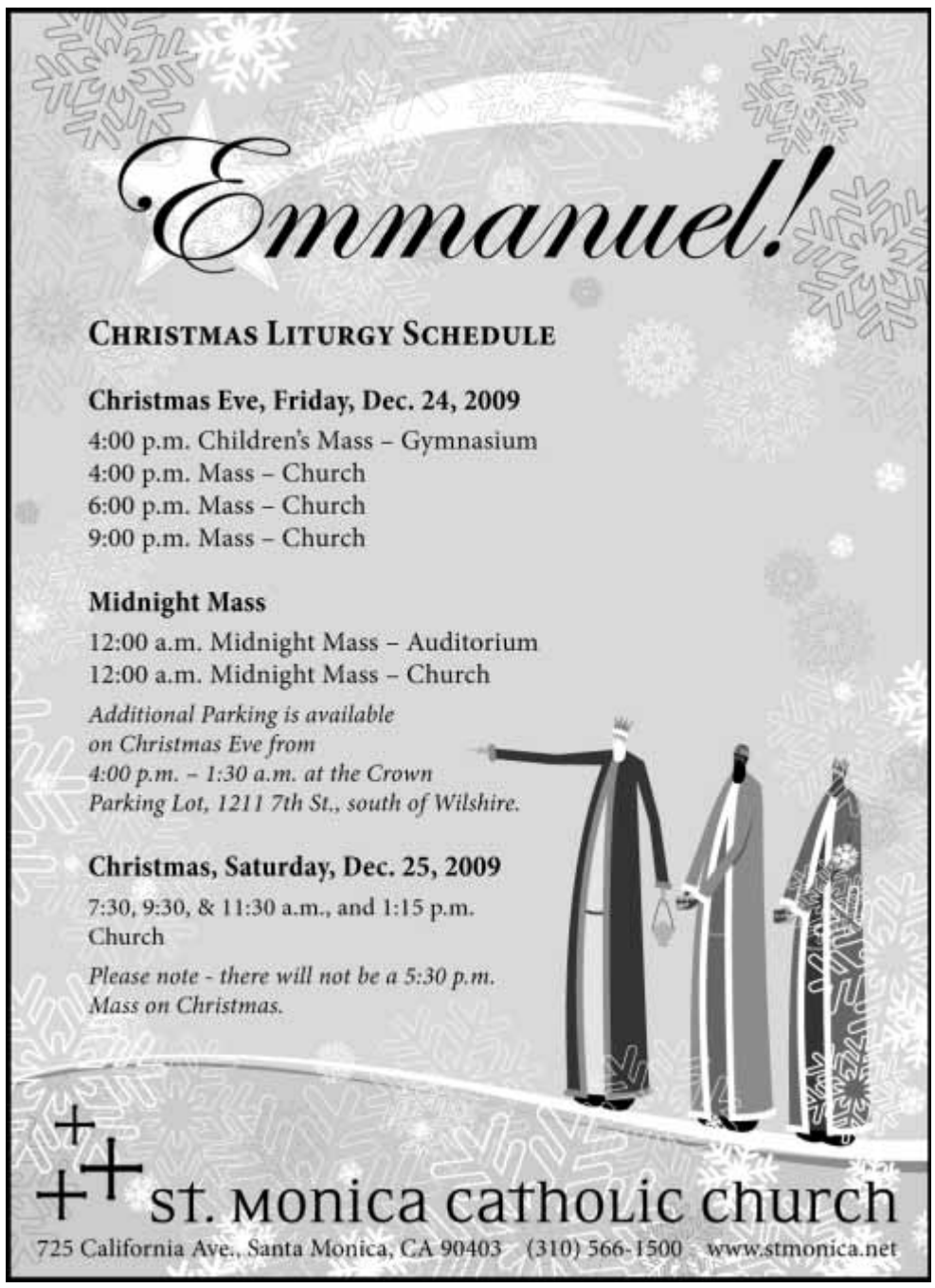
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RSV-Passe? Custom's decline spells hosts' vexation

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK It's become an acronym for a host's frustration: RSVP.

Really, Seriously Very Peeved.

From casual get-togethers to catered affairs, the once-common act of replying to invitations has become an often lost and much lamented cause.

Parenting and bridal blogs seethe with tales of tracking down invitees like festive fugitives. Electronic invitation systems try to streamline head counting but sometimes just turn into a public display of ambivalence (Yes: 2. No: 15. Maybe: 147). Newspaper columns have bewailed the death of the RSVP, and a popular gauge of generational shifts has declared that today's college students don't even know what the phrase means.

As the holiday-party season swings into gear, 'tis the season to be jolly, at least until you have to decide whether to make deviled eggs for four dozen or four.

"It frustrates me to no end that people disregard or dismiss RSVPs as optional, especially when I have been nice enough to invite them to a party," says Dawn Pearce, 35, a technical support specialist in Raleigh, N.C. "I get so aggravated, I don't know why I even bother with invitations at all."

Who can blame her? This summer, she got RSVP replies from only about half the invitees to her 4-year-old son's birthday party at a children's museum. It would probably have been irksome even if Pearce hadn't been so pregnant that she'd tapped relatives to go through with the party if she was in labor. Her daughter ultimately arrived four days later.

A social code that has endured for generations, RSVP is short for "repondez s'il vous plait," or "please reply." Invitees should answer as soon as possible, according to etiquette expert Lizzie Post, a great-great-granddaughter of graciousness guru Emily Post.

If not a matter of manners, RSVPing could be seen as a dictate of social self-interest. After all, most partygoers are at some point partythrowers themselves. But some hosts find "RSVP" is now just the opening salvo in a battery of polite prodding.

"I see you are undecided. Will you come if have a raffle for a 2011 Mercedes?" retired music executive Richard Fiore recently joked to someone he'd invited to a karaoke night. He got a response within hours.

Fiore got creative after years of marveling over the spotty RSVP rate for the karaoke gatherings he co-hosts for friends in New York City. He needs a guaranteed number of guests to reserve a private room at his favorite venue.

"It's not like I'm asking them to write a letter or wrap a package," said Fiore, 73, who e-mails his invitations. "All you've got to do is hit reply."

While there don't appear to be solid statistics on a decline of RSVPing (who'd respond to a survey about not responding?), here's a signpost: Last year's Beloit College Mindset List included RSVP among cultural touchstones turned fossils from a freshman's perspective.

The list, compiled anecdotally by Beloit English professor Tom McBride and retired college spokesman Ron Nief, proclaimed that the class of 2013 has "never understood the meaning of RSVP," though some students say otherwise.

RSVP rates have become enough of a sore point to engender op-ed grousing in newspapers including The New York Times, where novelist Rand Richards Cooper in March described trying to lasso responses for a book reading that entailed food service at a restaurant. He got some sympathy from online commenters, but "the overall sentiment was: 'You're just going to have to adjust your expectations,'" says Cooper, 50, who lives in Hartford, Conn.

Replies can be hard to get even when the event is for business, not pleasure. In Phoenix, Kim Horn regularly deals with lacking and late RSVPs for meetings of her professional group, though its members should know better: They're wedding planners.

For those who can't stomach angling for RSVPs, some companies will take on the task for fees that can run into hundreds of dollars.

And, of course, there's the interactive-invitation route, with its clickable buttons, automatic reminders, chatty message boards — and sometimes maddening "maybes." Plus the opportunity to revisit the high-school feeling that fence-sitting guests are waiting to see who else is coming.

Trying to improve response rates, Punchbowl.com, for instance, nixes "maybe" for "decide later," with the option of a prompt to do so. Founder Matt Douglas says the Boston-based company doesn't release RSVP statistics.

So how did we get to this point of no RSVP return? Does it reflect a collapse of courtesy? A generation gap? The immediacy and informality of the digital age? A society too in-flux and frazzled to know what it's doing a month from now?

"We haven't opened our mail in a week," one mother sighed when Marjorie George called to ride herd on an unanswered invitation to a party some years ago for one of George's two daughters. George, 54, lives in Durham, N.C., where she has a business helping senior citizens with bills and paperwork.

She wonders whether busy lifestyles have begotten a culture of not committing, even to a few hours of socializing.

Others point to technology as a factor. In an era of constant, instant status updates, one person's RSVP may be another's "C U in 5."

"Technology is changing our culture, the way we communicate ... which then means it changes the way we connect and disconnect," said psychologist and communication expert Gerald Goodman, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. The fading of RSVP could, he suggests, signify "a new etiquette of freedom."

If anyone knows what's to become of RSVP, it may be Caitlin O'Connor, a member of Beloit's Class of 2013. And yes, she does understand the phrase.

She complies when invited to intimate gatherings. But when a Facebook invitation goes out across the campus with a pro-forma RSVP, "then I don't feel the need," says O'Connor, 19, an intended health-and-society major from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

True, some of her friends didn't RSVP for her high-school graduation party. But it wasn't that big a problem.

"We went with: Probably a couple more were coming than had RSVP'd" saying yes, she said. "And we were right on."

Lab scans bones that may belong to Amelia Earhart

BY SEAN MURPHY
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. Three bone fragments found on a deserted South Pacific island are being analyzed to determine if they belong to Amelia Earhart — tests that could finally prove she died as a castaway after failing in her 1937 quest to become the first woman to fly around the world.

Scientists at the University of Oklahoma hope to extract DNA from the bones, which were found earlier this year by a Delaware group dedicated to the recovery of historic aircraft.

"There's no guarantee," said Ric Gillespie, director of the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery in Delaware. "You only have to say you have a bone that may be human and may be linked to Earhart and people get excited. But it is true that, if they can get DNA, and if they can match it to Amelia Earhart's DNA, that's pretty good."

Lab officials said results of the tests could take weeks or months.

The remains turned up in May and June at what seemed to be an abandoned campsite near where native work crews found skeletal remains in 1940. The pieces appear to be from a cervical bone, a neck bone and a finger.

But Gillespie offered a word of caution: The fragments could be from a turtle. They were found near a hollowed-out turtle shell that might have been used to collect rain water, but there were no other turtle parts nearby.

"This site tells the story of how someone or some people attempted to live as castaways," Gillespie said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press. Bird and fish carcasses nearby suggested they were prepared and eaten by Westerners.

"These fish weren't eaten like Pacific Islanders" eat fish.

Gillespie, author of "Finding Amelia: The True Story of the Earhart Disappearance," has been traveling to the site since 1989. But he acknowledges there's been little progress toward solving the Earhart mystery.

"It's like science. You take the information you have and formulate a hypothesis, but 9 1/2 times out of 10 you turn out wrong, then you go through the whole thing again — but you're closer," Gillespie said.

Millions have been spent to figure out what happened to Earhart, who was legally declared dead by a California court in early 1939. Theories have ranged from the official version — that her twin-engine Electra ran out of gas and crashed at sea — to the absurd, including abduction by aliens, or Earhart living in New Jersey under an alias.

Gillespie's book, along with "Amelia Earhart's Shoes," a 2001 book written by four other volunteers from the aircraft group, offers a reasoned thesis that Earhart and Noonan crash-landed on a flat reef near Nikumaroro Island, 1,800 miles south of Hawaii, and survived, perhaps for months, on scant food and rainwater.

The island is on the course Earhart planned to follow from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island, which had a landing strip and fuel. Over the last seven decades, searches of the remote atoll have produced tantalizing, if inconclusive, clues, including human bones and a sextant found just three years after Earhart vanished. The remains themselves later were lost.

Gillespie, a pilot, said she would have needed only about 700 feet of unobstructed space to land because her Lockheed Electra would have been traveling only about 55 mph at touchdown.

"It looks like she could have landed successfully on the reef surrounding the island. It's very flat and smooth," Gillespie said. "At low tide, it looks like this place is surrounded by a parking lot."

However, Gillespie said, the plane, even if it landed safely, would have been slowly dragged into the sea by the tides. Water is 1,000 to 2,000 feet deep off the reef. His group needs $3 million to $5 million for a deep-sea dive.

After the latest find, anthropologists who had previously worked with Gillespie's group suggested that he ask the University of Oklahoma's Molecular Anthropology Laboratory to try to extract DNA from the fragments for comparison to genetic material donated by an Earhart family member.

Cecil Lewis, an assistant professor of anthropology at the lab, said the university received a little more than a gram of bone fragments about two weeks ago. He preferred not to speculate about the pieces until more tests were done.

"Think how disheartened people will be if it's just a turtle bone," Lewis said.

Under the best circumstances, the analysis would take two weeks. If scientists have trouble with the sample, that time frame could stretch into months, Lewis said.

"Ancient DNA is incredibly unpredictable," he said.

Gillespie said the group had tried to test possible genetic material recovered during a 2007 expedition, but a Canadian lab was unable to extract DNA from dried excrement.

Other material recovered this year also suggested the presence of Westerners at the remote island site:

• Someone carried shells ashore before cutting them open and slicing out the meat. Islanders cut the meat out at sea.

• Bottoms of bottles found nearby were melted on the bottom, suggesting they had been put into a fire, possibly to boil water. (A Coast Guard unit on the island during World War II would have had no need to boil water.)

• Bits of makeup were found at the scene. The group is checking to see which products Earhart endorsed and whether an inventory lists specific types of makeup carried on her final trip.

• A glass bottle with remnants of lanolin and oil, possibly hand lotion.

In 1940, a British overseer on the island recovered a partial human skeleton, a woman's shoe and an empty sextant box at what appeared to be a former campsite, littered with turtle, clamshell and bird remains.

Thinking of Earhart, the overseer sent the items to Fiji, where a British doctor decided they belonged to a stocky European or mixed-blood male, ruling out any Earhart connection.

The bones later vanished, but in 1998, Gillespie's group located the doctor's notes in London. Two other forensic specialists reviewed the doctor's bone measurements and agreed they were more "consistent with" a female of northern European descent, about Earhart's age and height.

On their own visits to the island, volunteers recovered an aluminum panel that could be from an Electra, another piece of a woman's shoe and a "Cat's Paw" heel dating from the 1930s; another shoe heel, possibly a man's, and an oddly cut piece of clear Plexiglas.













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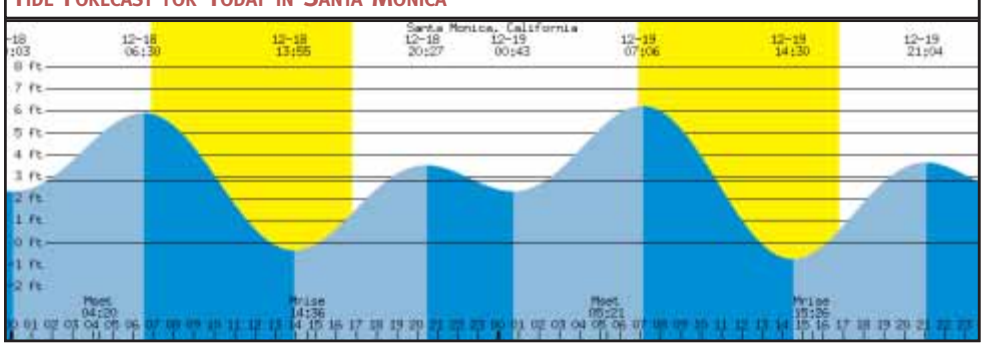
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	B
Broad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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A
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).	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
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North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	A+
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Led by Bill Walton, UCLA won 88 straight games

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The date is burned in Bill Walton's memory. He spits it out with distaste when asked what he recalls most about UCLA's NCAA-record 88-game winning streak.

"When it ended," he said. "January 19, 1974."

As a freshman, Walton wasn't eligible when the streak that extended over four seasons started on Jan. 30, 1971, with a victory over UC Santa Barbara. He joined it 15 games in and helped stretch it to an amazing 88 straight victories, including two consecutive 30-0 seasons and three national championships, before it ended at Notre Dame.

Connecticut's top-ranked women's team can equal UCLA's record Sunday when the Huskies face No. 11 Ohio State at Madison Square Garden.

Walton counts himself a fan of UConn.

"They play with great sense of team, great purpose, phenomenal execution of fundamentals, relentless attack," he told The Associated Press recently. "It is what every team should aspire to, regardless of the sport."

John Wooden's UCLA teams played the same way. And so the streak began a week after an 89-82 loss at, where else, Notre Dame, in the middle of the 1970-71 season with the senior-dominated lineup of Sidney Wicks, Curtis Rowe, Steve Patterson, Henry Bibby and Kenny Booker.

The Fighting Irish's Austin Carr burned the Bruins for 46 points in what would be UCLA's last defeat for three years. UCLA went 29-1 that season and won its fifth consecutive NCAA championship.

The following season, Bibby was the lone senior, joined by starters Larry Farmer, Keith (now Jamaal) Wilkes, sophomore Walton and Greg Lee, who ran UCLA's daunting fastbreak. The Bruins built the streak to 45-0 by winning all 30 games, scoring more than 100 points in each of their first seven.

UCLA won its sixth consecutive NCAA title and outscored opponents by 30.3 points a game, an NCAA record that still stands.

"I didn't know how long it was going to go, but we were really playing ourselves each game," Wilkes said. "We really felt like we weren't going to lose again."

And the Bruins didn't in 1972-73. With Farmer, Wilkes, Walton, Larry Hollyfield and Lee leading the way, they went 30-0 again in an era before the shot clock and 3-point line existed. During that stretch, they beat Loyola of Chicago for their 60th consecutive victory, tying San Francisco's NCAA record. No. 61 was a win against, who else, Notre Dame.

The Bruins had few close calls during the regular season, with only four games won by single digits.

"Thank God for Coach Wooden and him keeping us on message," said Farmer, now an assistant at Western Michigan. "He never mentioned winning, period, much less bringing up the winning streak. We became aware of it only because all of a sudden we had a guy from Sports Illustrated around us all the time. Other than that it was business as usual."

In the national title game, Walton made an incredible 21 of 22 shots — an NCAA record that still stands — and scored 44 points to lead the Bruins to an 86-66 win over then-Memphis State for their seventh straight national title. UCLA became the only school to complete consecutive undefeated seasons, with the streak reaching 75 games.

"Just the anticipation of what was going to happen next was incredible," Wilkes said.

Walton and fellow seniors Wilkes, Lee and Tommy Curtis, along with junior David Meyers, opened the 1973-74 season ranked No. 1 and with 13 wins in a row, putting the streak at 88 heading into the game against second-ranked and undefeated Notre Dame.

Although he never brought it up himself, the streak burdened Wooden.

"He got tired of answering questions about it," Wilkes recalled. "After a while, it just wouldn't go away, it just got so big."

So did the atmosphere at game time.

"It felt like the weight of the world that night," Wilkes said. "It got to a point where just the intensity was so great."

Walton came into the game wearing a back brace, having been injured in a fall the previous week against Washington State. But his pain wasn't apparent as he hit 12 of his first 13 shots. And the Bruins were their usual dominant selves in the early going, leading by 17 points at halftime.

"In those days UCLA with the lead in the second half, the game was over," said Farmer, who had already graduated.

The Bruins were up 70-59 before everything changed in the final 3 1/2 minutes. They were outscored 12-0, missing six straight shots and committing four turnovers. As was his habit, Wooden never called a time-out late in games.

The Irish hit six shots in a row, capped by Dwight Clay's jumper from the right corner with 29 seconds left, giving Notre Dame a 71-70 win. Clay had the worst shooting percentage among the Irish regulars, although he had already earned the nickname "Iceman" for his clutch shooting.

"I don't know how he did that," said Wilkes, who scored 18 points but went scoreless in the last eight minutes.

Walton missed a 12-footer in the final seconds, finishing with 24 points and nine rebounds.

"A complete failure on all levels, particularly as a human being. A disgrace to the game of basketball, a disgrace to sport," he said of his performance.

While Irish fans rushed the court, enveloping young coach Digger Phelps and his team in a raucous celebration, Wooden was his usual low-key self.

"The streak meant more to others than to him," Wooden's daughter, Nan, said through a UCLA spokesman. "He was relieved it was over because of the outside pressure it put on the team members."

A week later, the Bruins beat the Fighting Irish 94-75 at home.

"The game was over when the jump ball was thrown up, but the streak had ended," Farmer said. "It was a bashing, but nobody talks about that one."

UCLA went on to lose three more games and got beat by North Carolina State 80-77 in double overtime in the national semifinals, ending its other streak of seven NCAA titles in a row.

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Saturday, Dec. 18
Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carole (NR) 52min
4:00pm
Discussion following with animators, singers and actors.

Lawrence of Arabia (NR) 3hr 36min
7:30pm

Sunday, Dec. 19
It's A Wonderful Life (NR) 2hr 10min
4:00pm, 7:30pm

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

Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

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Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
10:30am, 12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
9:45am, 12:30pm, 3:20pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
10:15am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

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Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
3:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Ward No. 6 (Palata NÂ°6) (NR) 1hr 23min
1:00pm, 5:30pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 2:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm

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

Quest for Honor (NR)
11:00am

Nutcracker: The Royal Ballet (NR) 2hrs 00min
10:30am

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

Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
10:50am, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
10:30am, 1:30pm

Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
10:45am, 11:30am, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Tron: Legacy (NR) 2hrs 07min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
10:55am, 12:55pm, 1:40pm, 3:40pm, 4:40pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm

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Early night, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A last-minute invitation is simply too alluring to say "no" to. Take off; flip plans anyway you want to. If you plan on a spontaneous trip, expect some last-minute disruption. Intentions count in a situation like this. Tonight: Catching up on a friend's or loved one's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partner or friend has an idea that you don't want to say "no" to. Be spontaneous; enjoy those you come into contact with. Let go of having firm plans that have to evolve in a certain manner. Tonight: Treat yourself as well as you treat others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might have a case of the "bah humbugs." Once more, you feel as if you need to turn down an opportunity that would mean a lot to you. Relax. Play some great Christmas music, and know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Finally, you perk up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Bring others together, especially some friends who don't live as close as you might like. Whether you are chairman of this plot to bring far-flung friends together or just busy socializing, you enjoy the moment. Tonight: Suddenly you get so tired. Wonder why?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Recognize once more the demands you have accepted and made yours. Perhaps a little carefree fun is in order. Whether off playing Santa, one of his elves or going to see a concert, you still attract many people's attention. It is tough being a role model. Tonight: Your time -- let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Hop into the car for a day drive or go off to a favorite Christmas event. Getting away from your routine -- whether it is just calling a friend you never see or speak to -- revives you, giving you yet another perspective. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A partner might be a touch too dominant for your taste. Still, if experience is your teacher, know that this person can pull a project, party or whatever together. Try being a yes man or woman just for a day. Yes, it might not be comfortable, but it's worthwhile. Tonight: A special place for dinner and music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ The smart Scorp will just go along with others. Really, is there any reason to make a big deal of anything if you are with the one you love or would like to love? A child adds confusion to the mix. Tonight: What starts out as a party becomes an intimate conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Get as many of your holiday errands done as possible. You might hit some interference, but a roommate, friend or loved one works right along with you. Together you gain a great sense of accomplishment. Tonight: Start the holiday partying. Go caroling!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Even if you have plans, someone might entice you to kiss them goodbye. In any case, you could experience a strange reaction from others. Let it go. It really makes no difference. Confirm a meeting place and time, as confusion lurks. Tonight: Have a luscious dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might opt to stay close to home, whether you are decorating, baking cookies, addressing cards or doing just plain nothing. A surprise could occur financially, but still take no big risks. Tonight: Nap, then revel in the moment and fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Return all calls, as there could be a surprise on the way. Adjust plans accordingly without making a judgment. Clearly you are lucky right now. Knowing when not to go overboard does make a difference. Tonight: Hanging out, but if you're tired, make it an early night.

Happy birthday

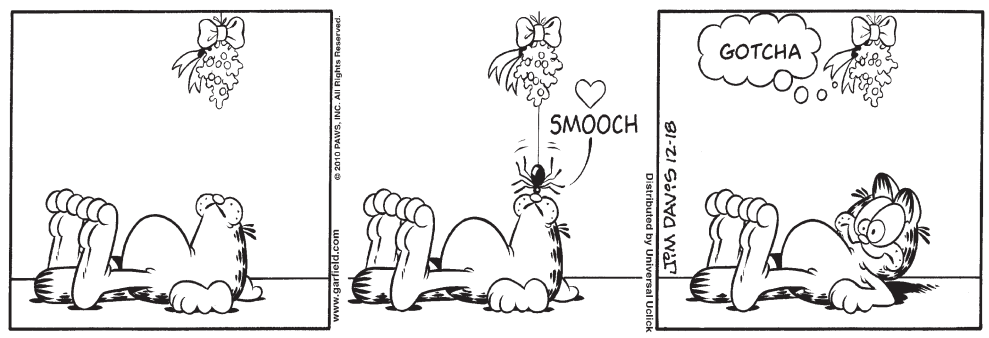
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You swing like a pendulum between being a pragmatist and an adventurer this year. If others act confused at times, be understanding. Focus on the quality of your daily life, and be open to new technology and sometimes seemingly revolutionary ideas. Relationships star for both those single and attached. Spring 2011 holds great potential to meet the right person or to infuse an existing relationship with old-fashioned romance. GEMINI can be challenging. Don't discredit him or her.



Garfield

By Jim Davis



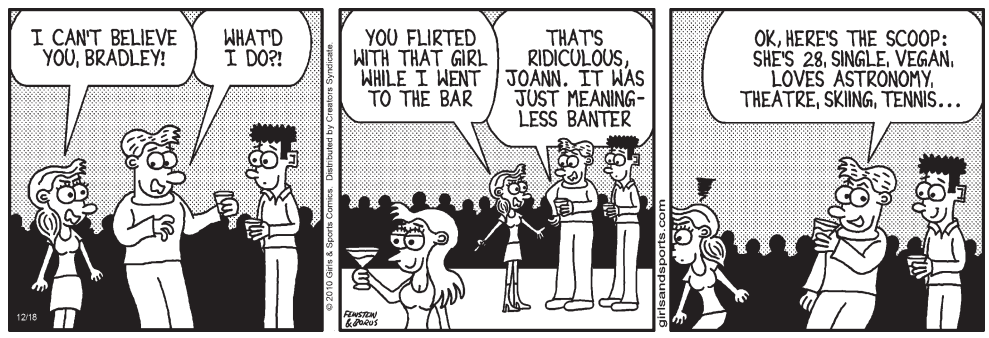
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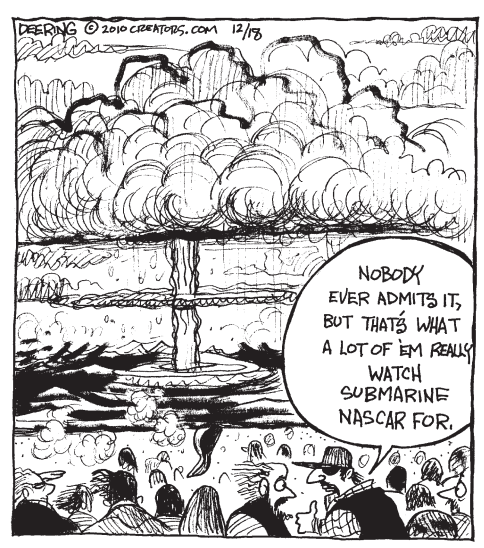
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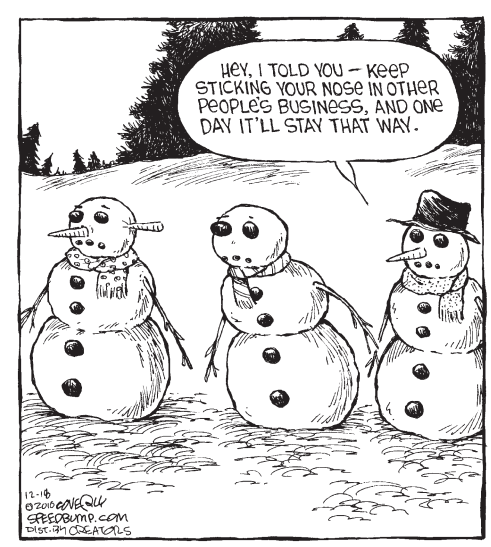
Strange Brew

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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 ★★★★

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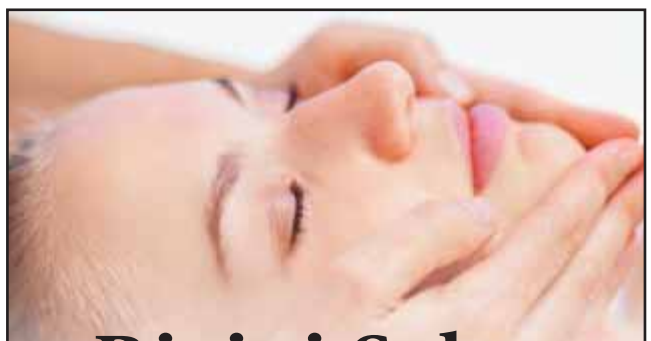
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GETTING STARTED

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

2	1	8	7	5	9	3	6	4
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7 Cooking fat
11 Penitent person
12 Toast topper
13 Tom of "Happy Days"
14 Hammer part
15 Run, as color
16 Hand makeup
17 "Casablanca" role
18 Exec's case
19 Turn suddenly
21 Knight title
22 Penn State's in it
25 Court
26 Play a horn
27 Undermines
29 Chow
33 Called off
34 Museum piece
35 Conceited
36 Stop working
37 Mid-month time
38 Bumpy
39 Finish last
40 Unassuming

DOWN

1 Temple leader
2 Bikini, for one
3 Plane parts
4 At liberty
5 Nourish
6 Make tempura
7 In the area
8 Court order
9 Enters, as data
10 Water finder
16 Hold stuff
18 Brides' accessories
20 Diminished
22 Transport to Oz
23 Hip-hop tops
24 Made modern comments
25 Cotton pest
28 Slow-witted
30 Vibrant
31 Car quartet
32 Bloodhound's clue
34 Gambling mecca
36 Toddy base

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Yesterday's answer

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12-18

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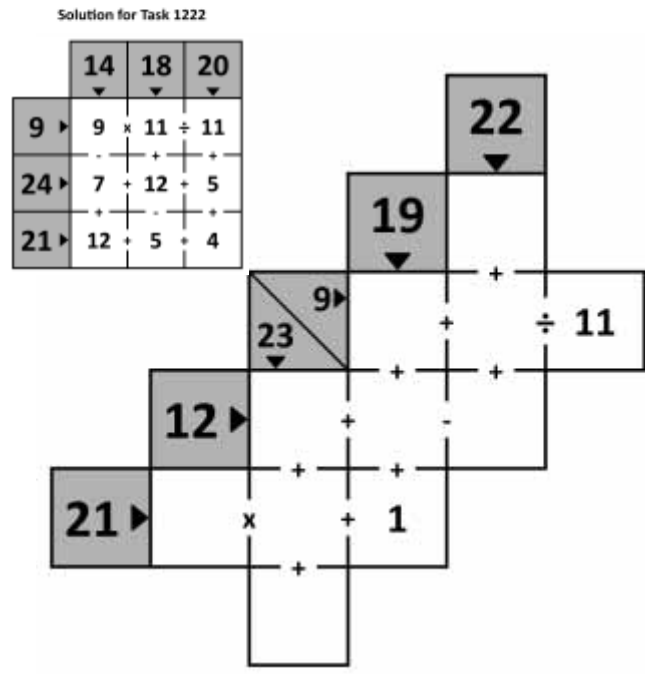
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 3, 5, 8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 11

Solution for Task 1222



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3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Jamie Riley, 27, was arrested in November for endangering her 3-month-old son by holding him "like a football," according to police, who had spotted Riley carrying on raucously while "celebrating" her recent "victory" over the state's Department of Children and Family Services, which had been investigating her for neglect.

■ Wrong Place, Wrong Time: In September, a tractor-trailer crashed on Interstate 70 near Terre Haute, Ind., and precipitated a traffic jam when the cargo caught fire. The truck was hauling a load of fire extinguishers. And in October in Macomb Township, Mich., a 22-year-old man was killed when he accidentally ran into the path of a passing hearse.

■ Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre made News of the Weird in 2004 and 2007 because of continued petty territorial fighting among the six Christian denominations that share management of the church, which is home to some of Christianity's holiest sites, including that of Jesus' resurrection. As Easter approached in 2007, three of the groups that control one 10-stall rest room could not agree how to divide responsibility for repairing it, leading to inaction and a pervasive stench in the building. Furthermore, the path of the outflow sewage pipe (which needed enlarging) passes under property of a fourth denomination, which has resisted helping with the problem unless it is granted exclusive control of one of the 10 stalls.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1912 The Piltdown Man, later discovered to be a hoax, is found in the Piltdown Gravel Pit, by Charles Dawson.

1915 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson marries Edith Bolling Galt Wilson while president of the United States.

1916 World War I: The Battle of Verdun ends when German forces under Chief of Staff Erich Von Falkenhayn are defeated by the French and British, and suffer 337,000 casualties.

1935 The Lanka Sama Samaja Party is founded in Ceylon.

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Layton

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

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

Eric Carlson
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