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**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE**, some wearing costumes, run into the chilly Pacific Ocean on Sunday for the annual Surf City Splash event, which returned after a two-year hiatus. The event raised funds for the Surfrider Foundation, which has a new chapter in north Orange County.

## Wind and cold don't put a chill on Surf City Splash

**H**undreds of people took the Surf City Splash in Huntington Beach on New Year's Day.

Event organizers said nearly 300 people made the dip into the ocean at noon, many dressed in creative costumes. Gale force winds and chilly conditions could not stop them.

The Surf City Splash returned after a two-year hiatus. This year, it also served as a fundraiser for Surfrider Foundation, which launched its new North Orange County chapter on Sunday.

Participants enjoyed breakfast burritos and a ceremony before making the plunge.

— Matt Szabo



**JACK CAREY**, 89, of Huntington Beach, the oldest "splasher," and Lee Love Ghione, one of the founders of Surf City Splash, dip their feet into the chilly Pacific Ocean during the annual event.

### THE "JELLYFISH"

ladies and others wearing costumes have fun as they dip their feet into the chilly Pacific Ocean Sunday as part of Surf City Splash.



## Caltech looks to tap solar power in space

Philanthropist and Irvine Co. chair Donald Bren backs project to test transmitting solar to Earth as electricity.

BY SARA CARDINE

Hitching a ride on a SpaceX Falcon 9, a small prototype created by Caltech scientists and engineers embarked from Florida's Cape Canaveral Tuesday morning on an ambitious mission to demonstrate the feasibility of harvesting solar power in space.

Weighing in at just 50 kilograms — about 110 pounds — the Space Solar Power Demonstrator is set to launch a series of experiments that could one day lead to the deployment of spacecraft that collect solar energy and beam it back to Earth in the form of electricity.

Tuesday's launch date was a long time coming for the roughly 35-member Caltech crew of principal investigators, graduate and postdoctoral students and researchers who have worked tirelessly in the past two years creating and testing the SSPD's component parts.

But it was also a memorable moment for Orange County phi-

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## Rainfall, high surf expected for coastal regions

BY LILLY NGUYEN

It looks like gray skies and rain will continue for a few more days in coastal Orange County, but the sun is expected to shine again starting Friday.

The county will see scattered showers Wednesday, though rainfall isn't expected to reach more than a quarter of an inch. Thursday will be the day to look out for, as meteorologists at the National Weather Service station in San Diego are forecasting a "real drencher" with widespread rain expected to last throughout the day.

Over New Year's weekend, beginning Friday and ending Sunday, the total average rainfall in the drier parts of the region was about 1 inch, officials reported, while the wetter areas received an average of 2 inches. Similar

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## Couple's daughter is the first 2023 birth at F.V. medical center

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach residents Joy An and Peter Hsieh thought their first daughter was going to be a New Year's baby.

Acacia had a due date of New Year's Day, but was born nearly two weeks early in December 2020. The Hsieh family made the most of their second chance, so to speak, on New Year's Day 2023.

Abigail Manna Hsieh arrived at 12:36 a.m. on Sunday at MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center in Fountain Valley, the first baby of 2023 in that hospital and the first in three MemorialCare

Medical Group hospitals systemwide.

Joy reported that both she and Abigail were doing fine on Tuesday. Abigail weighed 6 pounds, 0 ounces at birth.

"It's so funny," she said. "For my first one, for Acacia, it was like, 'Oh my gosh, she's a Jan. 1 baby.' I was so excited. I prayed to God, 'Please let her come out on Jan. 1,' but she came out two weeks early."

Like her sister, Abigail arrived early; the due date was Jan. 13. Joy said her delivery was smooth and

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**ABIGAIL MANNA HSEIH** is held by her mother, Joy An, and father, Peter Hsieh, Huntington Beach residents.

Courtesy of MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center



# Pedestrian killed Friday in Huntington Beach ID'd

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Huntington Beach police on Saturday released the name of the 49-year-old pedestrian killed Friday night when he was struck by a pickup truck.

John Diaz was a Huntington Beach resident, Sgt. Anthony Pham told City News Service.

The crash was reported about 6:50 p.m. Friday on Slater Avenue west of Keelson Lane, Pham said.

The preliminary investigation revealed Diaz was walking outside a crosswalk

when he was struck by the eastbound Chevrolet Silverado, Pham said. Diaz was pronounced dead at the scene.

The 22-year-old man driving the truck remained at the scene and cooperated with officers, he said. Impairment did not appear to be a factor for the driver.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it was encouraged to call (714) 536-5666.

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## BIRTH

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she knows she won't forget her younger daughter's birthday.

"You know, Jan. 1, you cannot forget about it," she said with a laugh.

Peter Hseih noted that the family would have received a larger child tax credit if Abigail was born the day before.

"We were contemplating, but we were like, you know what?" he said. "We'll see what God decides and see what Abigail wants. If she wanted to come out in 2022, that's good, but if she comes out in 2023 then that's fine too."

In recognition of their first baby of 2023, Abigail's parents received a "first baby basket" — stuffed with onesies, booties, newborn clothing, receiving blankets, diapers and gifts for mom and dad — from the care team at Orange



**ABIGAIL MANNA HSEIH** weighed 6 pounds, 0 ounces when she was born early on New Year's Day.

Courtesy of MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center

Coast Medical Center.

Sherril Hatch, the clinical supervisor for postpartum, was the attending nurse. She said MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center delivers an average of 1,600 babies per year.

Hatch has been a postpartum nurse with MemorialCare for 19 years but said this is the first time she's been a part of the first childbirth of the new year.

"The unit was so excited to deliver the first baby of 2023, especially to be the first delivery out of the MemorialCare system's three facilities," Hatch said. "It was an excited energy on the unit. We are so honored to be trusted by the Hsieh family to deliver their newborn and be a part of this special time in their lives."

Hatch said Orange Coast is the first facility in the MemorialCare system to offer an Obstetrical Emergency Department and midwives, and they were involved in the delivery.

Across town, officials at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital reported they had a baby born just 50 seconds after midnight on New Year's Day.

Fountain Valley Regional spokeswoman Jennifer Bayer said Tuesday that the new arrival was a healthy baby girl, but no other details were immediately available.

Daily Pilot reporter Sara Cardine contributed to this story.

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COMMENTARY | JOSEPH KLUNDER

# Long-term community efforts needed to return life to normal

California has been in an official state of emergency until around February 2023. Here in Beijing, there have been total lockdowns, confining residents to their apartments. Suddenly, up to half of China has been infected with a mild form of airborne coronavirus, which the entire world may receive soon.

We all realize COVID-19 is here to stay. Society must adhere to strict precautions until scientists create more effective vaccines, treatments and maybe even a cure. As a manufacturing country, China recognizes this and plans to keep producing masks, protective equipment, hand sanitizer, essential living goods like toilet paper and anything else necessary.

Beyond acknowledging this long-term reality, what can we do to ensure that our community continues to develop and be a wonderful place to live?

I praise local community colleges as a hub for immediate relief and long-term development trajectory.

There are referral services for local housing at shelters for those without housing. A food pantry provides groceries and essential living supplies,

such as hygiene and toiletries. For transportation, there are bus vouchers. For books and computers, there are loaning programs without requiring any deposit. There are essential resources and trained personnel, both online and in-person, to give physical health and psychological care. Recently, there has even been cash relief of up to \$1,500 for those who demonstrate financial hardship.

Longer-term, we need to look for ways to relentlessly develop our skill sets, using education as the foundational tool. Yes, healthcare services can help get any human back to standard functionality. But what then? Even if someone fully recovers, do they want to return to scrounging for minimum-wage work with little chance of being promoted?

The first step toward success is learning the local language, in this case: English. Orange Coast College, Coastline Community College and Golden West College have some of the country's best-trained English as a second language teachers. Federal and state funding gives these teachers essential quality control and training in ways that foundational

English programs at the University of California and even expensive private universities cannot. Methods such as Siegfried Engelmann's Direct Instruction model are used because they are proven repeatedly with government research rather than a whim to customer demand.

Learning basic skills, such as basic writing, math and computer applications, is also required. Local community colleges train those skills. After that, getting a high school equivalent such as the GED, TASC or HiSet allows services to demonstrate sufficient mastery of language arts, math, science and social studies to move on to college courses.

Our local community colleges have over one hundred typical concentrations (academic majors). Someone can decide if they want a certification to show a primary measure of knowledge and skills or have an associate of arts degree for transfer. ASSIST.org and Transferology.com show how this transfer system allows a seamless transition into a bachelor's program in nearly every public or private school.

It is possible to get relief



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

**COASTLINE COLLEGE** employees give tours of the new Student Services Center building during the grand opening on Nov. 10 in Fountain Valley.

from immediate programs, enroll in academic learning and use the Career Advantage Program. Being an educational researcher and counselor with global experience, I assure any reader that these programs are well-funded, have excellent staff and genuinely care about helping others. Even those with intellectual disabilities, past academic trouble, social

problems or former incarcerations have been surprised at how understanding, supportive and helpful many of the community college staff are.

Having worked in the U.S. and six countries abroad, I see true happiness comes from finding a good fit for a job. Then, someone becomes relevant, needed and can help others. Soon enough, that

employed person pays taxes and helps fund the next generation of social programs, paying it forward to others.

**JOSEPH KLUNDER** is a native of Newport Beach and has been an international school teacher and counselor worldwide. He currently resides in Beijing and welcomes anyone to contact him for mentorship.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Irvine defense stifles Estancia in Coast Classic final

BY ANDREW TURNER

Since opening its Orange Coast League schedule with back-to-back losses, the Estancia High boys' basketball team had taken off.

The high-flying offense of the Eagles had sent them on a six-game winning streak and into the finals of their host tournament on Friday night.

A lockdown defensive effort from Irvine spoiled the party, as the Vaqueros topped the Eagles 54-38 in the championship game of the Coast Classic at Estancia High.

Center Cooper Stearns, a sophomore, is already making his mark for Irvine (12-8). Stearns amassed 18 points, nine rebounds, five assists, three steals and two blocked shots in the final, after which he was named tournament MVP.

With a playmaker in Stearns working in the paint, the Vaqueros found space for their shooters,



James Carbone

**ESTANCIA'S** Jaedon Hose-Shea (31), seen against Costa Mesa on Dec. 16, earned all-tournament team honors in the Coast Classic at Estancia High on Friday.

and their shots dropped. Daniel Shin scored 16 points, including four made three-pointers, and Todd Bryan also netted six of his eight points from the three-point line.

"As long as our energy is good on defense and we're keeping the game score low, then offensively, when

we do start to shoot the ball like you saw today, then we're really putting it together," Irvine coach Harry Meussner said. "Then we're really scary, and we can carry all four quarters."

The Eagles delivered the first punch. Reef Johnson cleaned up an offensive rebound for the opening bas-

ket. A drop-step in the key and a three-pointer off an inbounds pass, both by Peter Sanchez, had Estancia up 7-0 less than two minutes into the game.

Irvine, though, was equal parts stingy on defense and clutch on offense. The Vaqueros went on a 15-2 run to end the first quarter. When Estancia fought back to make it a one-possession game on Johnson's three with 30 seconds left in the first half, Shin answered from the right corner to give Irvine a 28-22 halftime lead.

"We got punched in the mouth early," Stearns said. "In my head and other guys' heads, we felt like we were confident we could come back from this, and [we] felt like our defense is better than that, our rebounding. Once we got up 13-9 and we went on that run on the defensive end, I think we felt like, 'Okay, we got that spark that we knew we had from the begin-

ning."

Just two weeks prior, Estancia (14-5) had opened league play with losses to Calvary Chapel and Costa Mesa, averaging 40.5 points across those two games. During its six-game winning streak, Estancia increased its offensive output to 76.7 points per game, including 85 points in consecutive games against Orange and Saddleback to even out its league record at 2-2 entering the new year.

The Eagles also notched wins over Moreno Valley Vista del Lago, Los Amigos and Santiago to reach the Coast Classic final. Estancia coach Xavier Castellano said his team had last won its own tournament in 2019.

Johnson tied Stearns for the game-high total with 18 points, converting four three-pointers for the Eagles. Sanchez added 11 points and six rebounds. Jaedon Hose-Shea, who was named to the all-tournament team, finished with

eight points, eight rebounds, four steals, three assists and a block.

Castellano said his team has had some looks at Irvine, a team they could potentially see again in the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA playoffs.

"We saw them in the spring, we saw them in the fall. We know how good they are," Castellano said. "We tried to key in on Cooper, but you got to give his teammates credit."

Castellano also commented on his team's overall performance in the tournament.

"We're very happy," he said. "Disappointed at the same time because we had a chance to hopefully win our own tournament, but the kids played hard. I can't ask any more. It was a great effort. It's a great group of kids that just work their tails off for us."

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## SOLAR

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lanthropist Donald Bren, chairman of the Irvine Co. and lifetime member of Caltech's Board of Trustees who, intrigued by the potential applications of space-based solar energy, contributed more than \$100 million to the project over a decade.

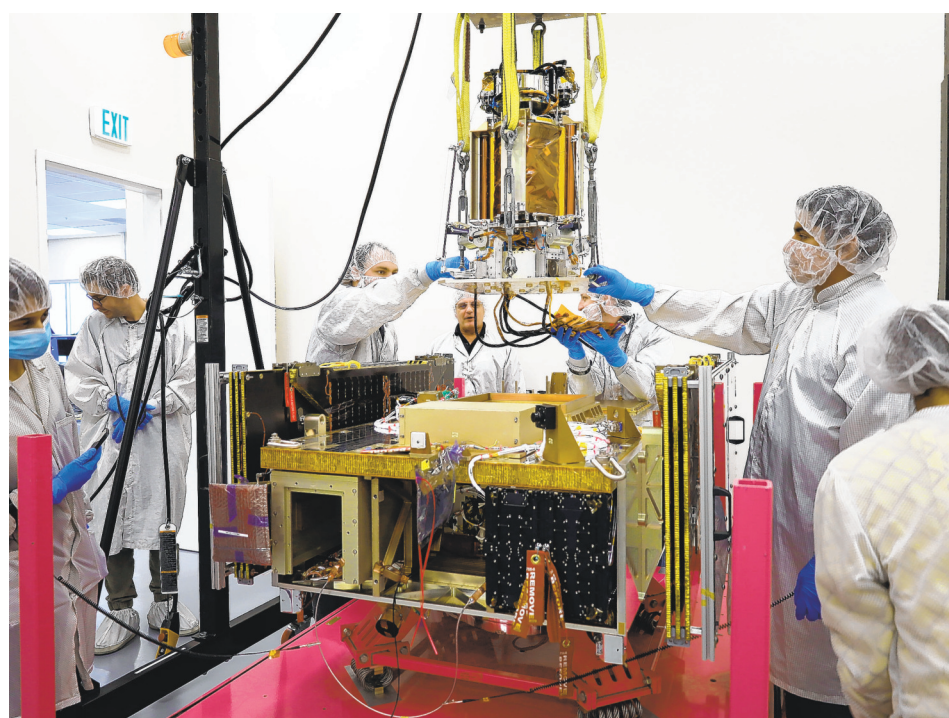
A 2011 article in Popular Science magazine indicated a solar panel placed in space could harvest five times the energy of earth-bound counterparts subject to weather patterns and sunless nights.

It cited a 2007 National Space Society study indicating a half-mile band of photovoltaic cells orbiting the planet could generate as much energy as all the oil remaining on Earth in the span of a single year.

Bren spoke with leaders at Caltech and in 2013, agreed with wife and fellow Caltech trustee Brigitte Bren to fund the Caltech Space Solar Power Project.

"For many years, I've dreamed about how space-based solar power could solve some of humanity's most urgent challenges," Donald Bren said in a statement following Tuesday's launch. "Today, I'm thrilled to be supporting Caltech's brilliant scientists as they race to make that dream a reality."

Able to circle the planet from a Vigoride spacecraft



Courtesy of Caltech / Momentus

**ENGINEERS CAREFULLY** lower the Deployable on-Orbit ultraLight Composite Experiment portion of the Space Solar Power Demonstrator onto the Vigoride spacecraft.

created by California-based Momentus to carry payloads in orbit, the instrument is anticipated to begin returning data to Earth in the next couple weeks.

Caltech senior researcher Michael Kelzenberg said the goal of the demonstration is not to directly transmit electricity from space but to determine the best methods, instruments and materials for creating effective, cost efficient technologies for future use.

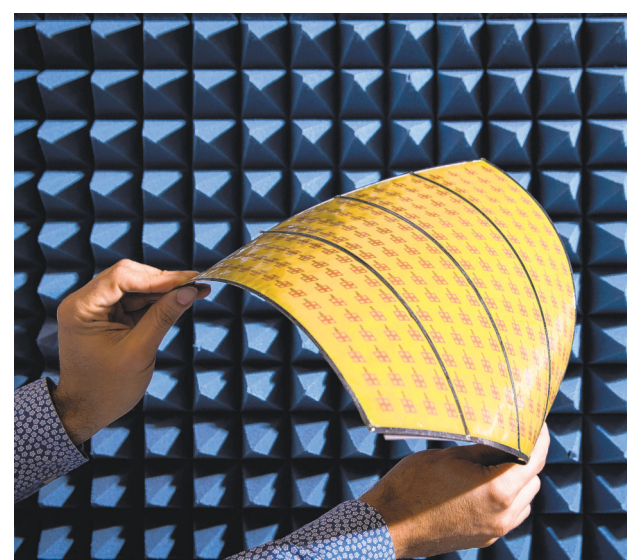
"[Space-based solar power] is truly a renewable energy source that could meet all of Earth's energy needs," he said. "Our goal is to make it so it becomes a good decision, or a worthwhile decision in the future, for the type of entities that could build something at this scale."

The Caltech team will be conducting three main experiments. The Deployable on-Orbit ultraLight Composite Experiment (DOLCE) will test the deployment of lightweight, fold-

able solar energy-capturing structures that open to receive sunlight.

ALBA (Italian for "dawn") will test the performance of as many as 32 different types of photovoltaic cells to determine which are most efficient and resilient.

The Microwave Array for Power-transfer Low-orbit Experiment (MAPLE) will test the function of lightweight, flexible microwave transmitters capable of directing wireless power to two different receivers and test performance over time



Lance Hayashida / Caltech

**THE PROTOTYPE** antenna sheet for the power transmitter array that demonstrates the unit's flexibility. Each orange square on the yellow tile is an antenna to be driven by a single transmitter.

under certain conditions.

Kelzenberg, who watched Tuesday's launch via livestream in Pasadena, described being in a period of calm, as the host spacecraft performs initial operations, before a stream of data comes pouring in.

"In the next few days, we expect our payloads to be powered up then, over the next few weeks, we'll start getting data and giving commands," he said. "For today, we're celebrating the successful launch and all of the work it took to get us there."

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**GUESTS TAKE** cover at a recent water polo match at Newport Harbor High School during a rain downpour. Rain is expected in the area on Wednesday and Thursday.

**RAINFALL**

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amounts of rain are expected Thursday.

Flooding is not expected in coastal Orange County.

Coto de Caza saw about 3.62 inches of rainfall over the weekend, and voluntary evacuations were in place for Silverado and Williams Canyon on New Year's Eve through New Year's Day in case of possible debris flow in the burn scar of the 2020 Bond fire.

Meteorologist Brandt Maxwell said it's possible the Orange County coast will see its largest surf in more than a decade.

He noted waves off Huntington Beach reached 14 feet in January 2012.

Local waves Thursday are expected to average around 8 to 12 feet, though they could exceed that, Maxwell said, and will likely be higher in neighboring San Diego County.

No precipitation is forecast for Friday, and a drier weekend is expected, at least for

Southern California.

Stormy weather isn't uncommon for this time of year, according to Maxwell, who noted the state's wet season spans from late November through mid-April.

"If we're going to have rain, this is the time to get it," he said.

The recent spate of storms is attributed to atmospheric rivers coming from the Pacific Ocean, mixed with a low pressure trough over the region.

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meteorologists are forecasting a "real drencher" on Thursday, with widespread rain expected to last throughout the day.

**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

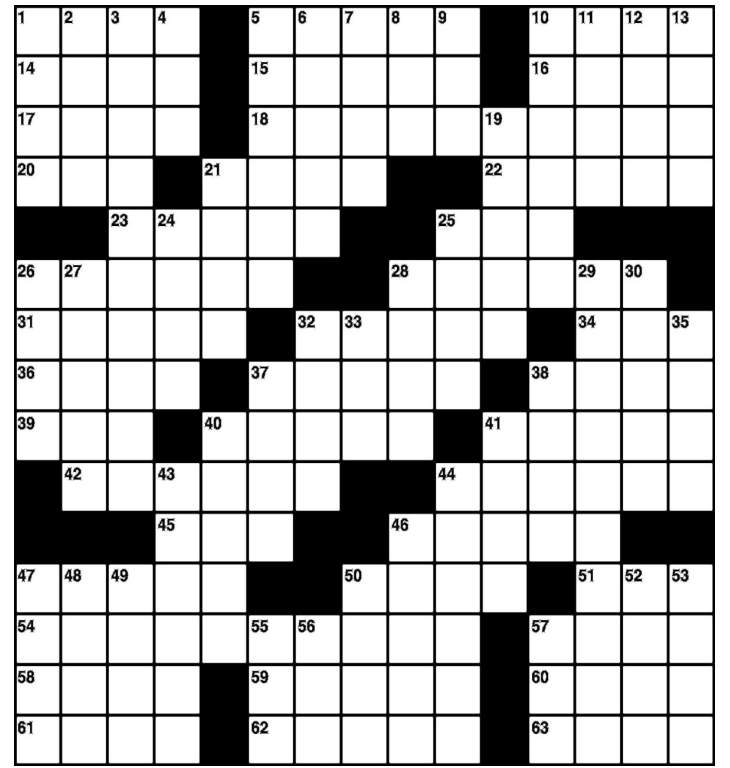
**ACROSS**

- 1 Whitney & Wallach
- 5 Sticker
- 10 Say no more
- 14 Icy oval
- 15 Wear away
- 16 Cleveland's place
- 17 Doubtful
- 18 Irises & anemones
- 20 Suffix for racket or auction
- 21 Use a scythe
- 22 Galway folks
- 23 On the ball
- 25 Large club
- 26 Chaperone
- 28 Globe
- 31 Church table
- 32 Cone-shaped home
- 34 Go off the deep

- 36 Equestrian's control
- 37 Long stories
- 38 Stick around
- 39 Zodiac sign
- 40 Croons
- 41 Cinnamon or nutmeg
- 42 Actor Don
- 44 Newspaper section
- 45 Quilting party
- 46 Make joyous
- 47 " \_ John B"; Beach Boys hit
- 50 Sassy child
- 51 " \_ Doubtfire"
- 54 Penalty
- 57 TV's " \_ Team"
- 58 Matures
- 59 Spooky
- 60 In the past
- 61 Hornet's home
- 62 Money earned
- 63 Fret

**DOWN**

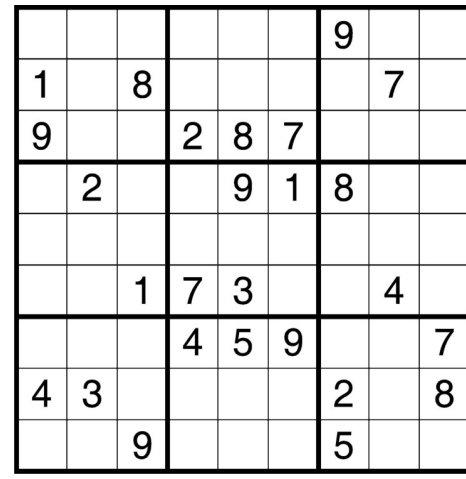
- 1 One of the Great Lakes
- 2 Classic board game



**SUDOKU**

By The Mephams Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk).



**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A2.**

- 3 Rule violation
- 4 Heaven above
- 5 Leave
- 6 Standing straight
- 7 Largest county in Ireland
- 8 Ending for lemon or lime
- 9 Dance judge Goodman
- 10 Evening party
- 11 Asian language additives
- 13 Luxurious

- 19 Wall recess
- 21 Munich man
- 24 Money advanced
- 25 Jungle beasts
- 26 Carter's middle name
- 27 Smooth and glossy
- 28 Swirling pools
- 29 Time for a gold watch
- 30 Sign into law
- 32 Brown shades
- 33 Cake ingredient
- 35 Recolors
- 37 Locale
- 38 Dick & Jane's dog
- 40 Staircase parts
- 41 Argument
- 43 Woodwind player
- 44 Blackboards
- 46 Els, for one
- 47 Bridge
- 48 Sled race
- 49 Dollar bills
- 50 Arctic hazard
- 52 Indy 500, e.g.
- 53 Murdered
- 55 Chop down
- 56 "Give \_ break!"
- 57 Distress signal

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