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## Pumpkin Races

from front page

Jack designed this year's model and Josh said they hoped not to repeat last year when they "had a major blowout" on the course. "We crashed and burned last year and the axels went everywhere, it was great," Cooperman said.

Although some kids cry if their pumpkin is destroyed, others appear find it to be part of the fun. This is where the "Mallet-O-Justice" comes into play. After referees identify cheating pumpkins, usually watermelons in disguise or pumpkins operated by remote control, referees take a mallet and smash the seedy racer to pieces.

Resident Ben Schlimme and his sons Braden and Ryan brought their "Wallace & Gromit Rocket" pumpkin to race. At least Ben wanted to... Braden and Ryan seemed more excited about the possibility of seeing their pumpkin get smashed with a mallet. "They wanted to make a cheater pumpkin so it could get smashed this year," Ben said "I told them no cheater pumpkins, but we could still smash it if you want."

Ben said his kids enjoy the excitement of the races and that he enjoys spending time with them as they decorate and design their pumpkins. "It's wonderful that the City puts together and organizes an event for the family that brings people out, gets people out of their houses," Schlimme said. "We love Manhattan Beach for that; it's a great community for the kids and for everyone."

Rogers said many people didn't even know what a pumpkin race was a few years ago. Since then, he said the amount of families attending the event has grown since it moved from his neighborhood to the Pier three years ago. Last year, 8,000 people showed up and Rogers estimated 10,000 people would show up by the end of the day. "Our first couple of years we started out, by two o'clock we would begin to see groups of people showing up and getting excited about it," Rogers said. "[This year] it's two o'clock and we've got people lined up around the block--it's great."

As Manhattan Beach City Council member Wayne Powell manned the microphone at one of the two racing tracks, he noted the features which seemed to distinguish the high performing pumpkins from the others. "Some are aerodynamic, some aren't," Powell said. "It seems like the ones that are low to the ground and are heavier have the advantage, I guess gravity."

Powell said that although the Council had to cut funding for the event because of this year's budget shortfall, Sketchers and other businesses stepped in to pay for all of the expenses, including police and fire staffing. "Sketchers stepped up to the plate... we're not incurring any expenses," Powell said. "We hope it will continue...we have a number of corporate sponsors and a number of corporate people that want to come out and help out and let this great race continue."

### Friendship Circle

Thousands of people showed up to race (and smash) pumpkins, but thousands also showed up for the SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk to raise money for the Friendship Circle and South Bay Schools. The Friendship Circle is a non-profit organization providing assistance to families with children of special needs. Organizers said they raised more money than expected at a time when the economic recession has made it harder to raise money for all of the free programs the Friendship Circle offers.

Friendship Circle Event Coordinator Jill Jensen said the organization raised more than \$200,000 with the help of Sketchers, volunteers and 2,000 walkers. "The thing that blows my mind, it makes me realize what a great community the South Bay cities are and how supportive they are," Jensen said. "I think that it showed today." Director of Development Alyse Zwickel, who has a son with special needs, said she was amazed by the turnout for the walk. She said families appreciate the sense of community they get from days like Sunday. "There have been so many years where our kids have sort of been hidden away and not felt part of the community and today just proves that the community really cares about our kids with special needs," Zwickel said.

Sunday marked the third year the Friendship Circle has been invited to participate in the Pumpkin Races an hour before the general public. "It's so important to us to allow families with special needs to be able to come down and enjoy a festival environment that takes into consideration the needs of those families," Rogers said.

Brenda and Terry Krystian brought their two autistic children to participate in the walk and pumpkin race. Brenda said she appreciated organizers setting aside for the first hour of the pumpkin race for special needs children. "They close it for the family so we can have the opportunity to enjoy regular activities like this with our children," Brenda said. "It's very good because sometimes they don't tolerate a big crowd or a lot of sound."

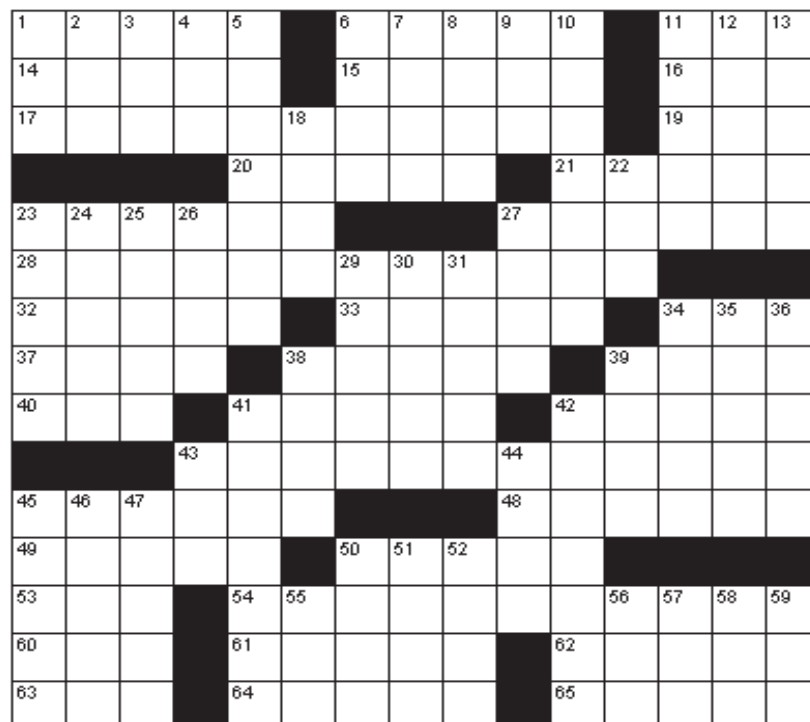
Zwickel said the Friendship Circle managed to get out word to 70,000 students across the South Bay with the help of Sketchers through the dissemination of flyers.

It was because of one of those flyers that the Harmon family, whose children attend school in Torrance, found out about the Friendship Circle.

"A flyer came home, so I called to find out about it because I thought it was a really cool thing," Dawn Harmon said. "My son Michael is disabled and we were excited to get involved with it...I'm really excited for Michael to get involved and go to some of the different events that they're going to have because I want him to build some friendships with other people with special needs too." •

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See answers next week



### ACROSS

- 1. Overact
- 6. Betel palm
- 11. Seated oneself
- 14. TV, radio, etc.
- 15. Nobleman
- 16. Golf ball support
- 17. Assignment
- 19. Donkey
- 20. Measured amounts of medication
- 21. Grain disease
- 23. Sacristy
- 27. Drowsy
- 28. Ardent
- 32. Expression
- 33. Imitate
- 34. Expert
- 37. Doozy
- 38. Detecting by radio waves
- 39. Shut a door forcefully
- 40. Behold
- 41. Keen
- 42. Cognizant
- 43. Detective
- 45. Big step
- 48. At an opportune time
- 49. Hiker's path

### DOWN

- 1. Relative of an ostrich
- 2. Adult males
- 3. Strange
- 4. Neckwear
- 5. Tympanum
- 6. Fabrics made from goat hair
- 7. Gather leaves
- 8. Goddess of discord (Greek mythology)
- 9. Not pro
- 10. Cherubic
- 11. Performance platform
- 12. He told fables
- 13. Cantankerous
- 18. Playthings
- 22. VCR button
- 23. Garments that cover the head and face

- 24. Endow
- 25. Anagram of "Tiles"
- 26. You (archaic)
- 27. Mix
- 29. Picture
- 30. Assistants
- 31. Intelligent
- 34. Winged
- 35. A Christmas song
- 36. Manicurist's board
- 38. Praise enthusiastically
- 39. Propelled oneself through water
- 41. Infinite
- 42. Stir up
- 43. Three in Roman numerals
- 44. Detail
- 45. A rod carried as a symbol
- 46. Banal
- 47. Call to arms
- 50. Highest point
- 51. Plod along
- 52. Rational
- 55. Twelve in Roman numerals
- 56. Faucet
- 57. Nigerian tribesman
- 58. Not young
- 59. Born

### Last Week's Answers

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## SUDOKU - (INTERMEDIATE)

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