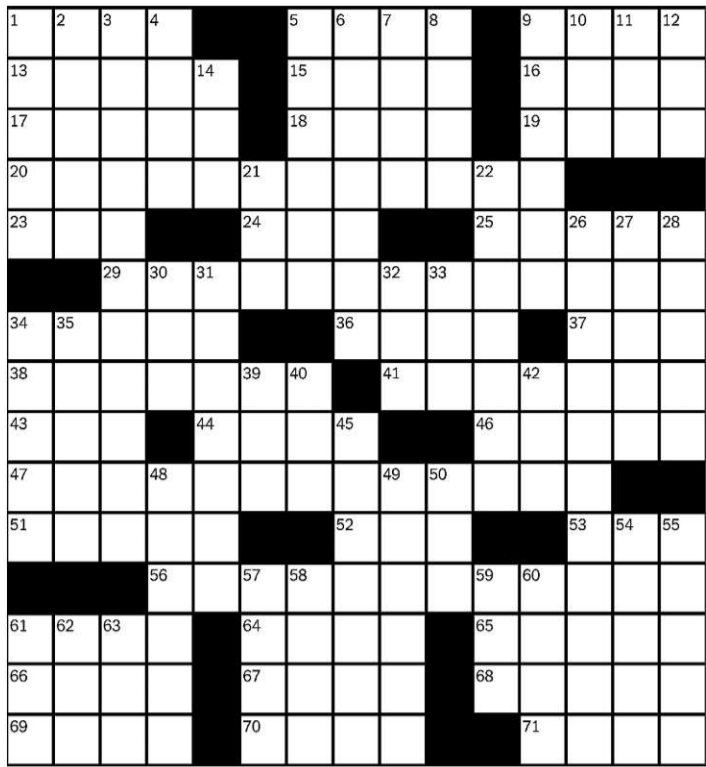


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ACROSS

- 1 Rum-soaked cake
5 [I'm about to speak]
9 Massachusetts peninsula, with "the"
13 Stockpile
15 One of two needed for double Dutch
16 Matey's greeting
17 Finnish tech giant
18 Words on either side of "what..."
19 Like dark green avocados
20 Woven creation of the Ojibwe people
23 The first "B" of 1-Down
24 Sample collected by Ancestry.com
25 Damp
29 Thick liquid poured on a hot griddle
34 Gut bacterium
36 Actor Morales
37 ___ Lanka
38 What some states require to cast a ballot
41 Taking a sabbatical
43 Paleozoic, e.g.
44 No longer valid
46 Came to a close
47 Emma Stone's co-star on Showtime's "The Curse"
51 MIT's ___ School of Management
52 Woodcutter's tool
53 Talk incessantly
56 Pour thing?
61 "Hold up, horses!"
64 Operatic song
65 Because of
66 Pueblo people of the Southwest
67 Main point
68 Shapewear brand
69 Mythical Himalayan beast
70 Hollywood workplaces
71 "Don't go!"



Puzzle by Shannon Rapp and Will Eisenberg 4/29

DOWN

- 1 Quaint lodging, informally
2 Love, in Italian
3 Side dish that might come topped with sour cream and chives
4 Where Mandarin and Malay are spoken
5 Grammy-winning Grande
6 Controversial opinion, informally
7 Grand tale
8 Get along well
9 Bugs Bunny is often holding one
10 Tuna variety
11 Soda, to a Midwesterner
12 Fittingly, a homophone of one letter in "sight"
14 Uncle on an iconic WWI poster
21 U.S. public health org.
22 Sent a digital message
26 Clichéd dismissal of Arizona's summer climate
27 Start a tennis point

- 28 Gave it a go
30 The "A" of IPA
31 Buddhist's goal
32 That, in Mexico
33 Prohibit
34 2, 4, 6, 8, how do these numbers relate?
35 Reef composition
39 Charged particle
40 "What's the ___?" ("Who cares?")
42 Opposite of WSW
45 Person keeping a daily journal
48 Its state fish is the humuhumu-nukunukuapua'a
49 Those living outside their native country
50 Garland seen in 48-Down
54 Insurance company acquired by CVS Health
55 Designated representative
57 Clothing labels
58 The "E" of HOMES
59 NFL six-pointers, for short
60 16 in a gallon
61 "For what reason?"
62 Gardening tool
63 Choose (to)

ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE:



DEAR ANNIE
Laughter is much more important than stuff

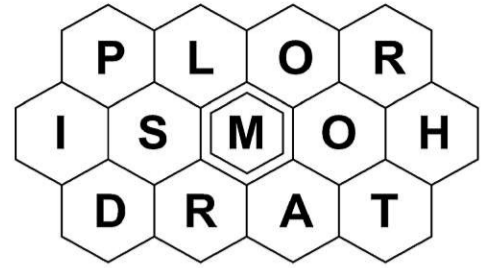


BY ANNIE LANE dearannie@creators.com

Dear Annie: The recent letter about giving children experiences instead of things really struck a chord. When the writer said, "One of the most beautiful sounds in the world is the laughter of a child. You can almost hear their brain enjoying life," it nearly brought me to tears. I've been a "recess teacher" at the local primary school (kindergarten through fourth grade) for nearly 32 years...

LEXIGO 4-29

Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. Each new word starts with the last letter of the previous word.



- 1. Engine M _ _ _
2. Hotel units _ _ _ _
3. Not rough S _ _ _ _
4. Amass _ _ _ _
5. Government negotiator D _ _ _ _

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is the same in all languages. I hope that laughing doesn't end in childhood and that, as adults, we find lots of joy and laughter.

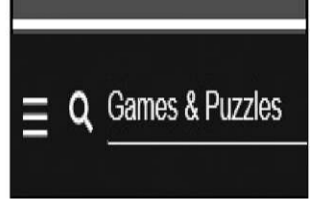
Dear Annie: I was very happy to receive a lovely bridal shower invitation in the mail this week. Last year, I went to a total of four baby/wedding showers. Three of those invitations were sent via text, one by email...

Dear Annoyed: It is acceptable to send out a beautiful paperless post via email. A text message, less so. The invitation sets the tone of the shower.

If it is to be very casual, then a text could suffice, but if it is very over-the-top, then a paper invitation, or a very nice paperless post, is better. What is rude is not saying "thank

you" for your gifts. Showing gratitude to your guests is always in style.

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Renata Simril president and CEO of the LA84 Foundation, speaks about the 40 years of impact since the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

COMMENTARY

Legacy of 1984 Olympic Games includes LA84 Foundation

BY ERIC SONDBHEIMER Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES Driving past a San Fernando Valley middle school during lunchtime, the sports fields were buzzing with activity. Soccer balls were being kicked, basketballs were being dribbled, tetherballs were being socked.

a future doctor, what unfolds could produce something unexpected. Right on cue, amid the many games being played during lunchtime on the middle school campus, there was a kid wearing glasses and long pants receiving a high five from another kid in shorts who looked like the school's soccer star. They were having fun, a lesson that needs to be appreciated everywhere.

driven to your Little League game and debate what to listen on the car radio. Remember that first day of high school when the coach recognized you in the hallway and greeted you with a friendly handshake that immediately injected self-confidence during a morning of nervousness.

Former NBA player Derek Anderson was at the conference telling his story of overcoming poverty and absent parents.

"Listen to learn," he said. "You don't always begin where you end." He explained how sports was so influential in his life.

"Basketball taught me to be a good teammate," he said.

He said that when coaching a youth team, he tries to empower his players by putting them in position to exercise authority, such as making them the coach. Suddenly they're shouting for players to stop making turnovers when they were making the turnovers a few minutes earlier.

"Put kids in position of leadership roles and you'll see a different outcome," he said. It's the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and there was no more important outcome than the creation of the LA84 Foundation from the Games' financial surplus.

So many disadvantaged communities have been given lifelines to develop sports programs. So many alternative sports have gained in popularity for boys and girls, from ska-

teboarding to rowing to rugby, with a little seed money to help attract the curious and the courageous.

As pointed out by one speaker, not every sports experience is positive. Perhaps a coach hasn't been trained properly. Perhaps a facility doesn't have enough security to allow participants to feel safe. Perhaps politics or ignorance prevents a newcomer from getting the chance to shine.

Yet intervention by professionals who recognize problems can transform something negative into a big positive.

There are many people fighting the good fight who only need support.

"It's a continuous investment. It's not one and done," said Santee High principal Violeta Ruiz, a former water polo coach who welcomes sports participation from all her students and seeks partnerships in her community.

Her school's valedictorians are athletes.

"Sports really opens up their eyes," she said. It's magical when a shy, previously unmotivated student discovers something new, makes a friend and uses a sports experi-

ence to change their outlook

Starting in 2024-25, recess is mandated in California for 30 minutes during the school day. So much can be done positively for the mental health of students with the right approach.

Thanks to the LA84 Foundation, Southern Californians have the opportunity to embrace the fight for everyone to enjoy a sports experience if they want one.

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