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Council approves values foundation for code of ethics

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City Hall has adopted a new values based ethics system that will guide employee actions as part of a broader ethics debate citywide.

At their Nov. 24 meeting, Council formally approved a values based system of behavior that will be incorporated into multiple city documents. The action is the result of a Council request to bring Santa Monica policies in line with existing best practices and while ethics are already addressed in several places, including state law, the city charter and municipal code, the city had lacked specific articulation of the values they want to represent.

"While the organization has been without a Council-adopted values-based Code of Ethics, ethical challenges and violations have been few and far between. This is likely because the City adheres to the ethical standards established by state law, the City Charter, the Municipal Code and the City's internal Administrative Instructions. Thus, cultural expectations for employee behavior have long included maintaining the highest ethical standards," read the staff report.

Community activists argued against adoption of the code last week saying any action should wait until the city receives a report from its recently hired independent advisor.

"A comprehensive ethics code requires enforcement," Lawrence Eubank said. "The staff product is neither comprehensive, nor did the formulation process include either Santa Monica business owners or resident constituencies. The draft ethics code has no clear enforce-

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A pool, your PJs and deep hotel discounts

SMTT's Extra Bedroom campaign kicks off with Pajama Pool Party

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica Travel & Tourism (SMTT) is celebrating the launch of its annual Extra Bedroom Program with a free Pajama Pool Party at the oceanfront Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Monday, Nov. 30 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

All attendees must show a Santa Monica ID to enter the party, and are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas to the festive community event.

Guests will receive complimentary appetizers with proof of residency, as well as discounted drink specials. The party will also feature food and drink tastings from area hotels and restaurants, live music, a photo booth, crafts, games and a chance to win a Santa Monica "stay-cation."

SMTT, a non-profit organization designed to increase visitor expenditures, tourism revenues and local employment opportunities through the promotion of Santa Monica as a travel destination, announced the started of the annual Santa Monica Extra Bedroom Program on Nov. 25. The program is set to offer exclusive hotel discounts to friends and family of Santa Monica residents now through Jan. 22, 2016.

SMTT president and CEO, Misti Kerns believes the program offers a special chance to bring families together during the holidays.

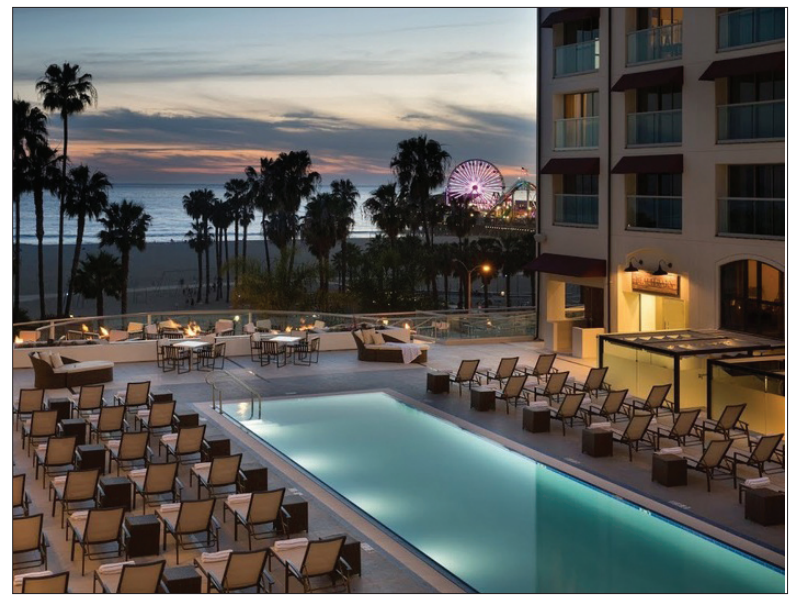
"Each year the Extra Bedroom Program allows for friends and family of Santa Monica residents to experience our beautiful city and incomparable hotel collection with deals for locals only," said Misti Kerns, SMTT president and CEO. "Santa Monica Travel & Tourism is delighted to continue a popular program that gives Santa Monica's hospitality community such a unique way to meet their neighbors."

The campaign allows Santa Monica residents the opportunity to receive special rates and perks at Santa Monica hotels during the holiday season to provide visiting family and friends quality accommodations while saving on space and budget. Guests can also enjoy special amenities, in-room breakfast, complimentary upgrades and discounted room rates starting at $167.

Hotels participating in the Extra Bedroom Program including Best Western Plus Gateway Hotel, Cal Mar Hotel Suites, Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Hotel Carmel, Hotel Casa Del Mar, Huntley Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Le Meridien Delfina Santa Monica, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Oceana Beach Club Hotel, Shore Hotel, Shutters on the Beach and The Georgian Hotel. For a full list of the hotels' Extra Bedroom and regular rack rates, visit www.SantaMonica.com/extrabedroom.

To RSVP to the Pajama Pool Party, go to www.smpjparty.eventbrite.com. The party will be hosted at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave., from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

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Courtesy photo

POOLSIDE VIEW: Guests at the Pajama Pool Party will enjoy complimentary appetizers, discounted drink specials and live music at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Monday Nov. 30 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

City Hall recommends preparation in anticipation of El Nino rains

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica is preparing for a potential El Nino year and while everyone is hoping for enough rain to help the ongoing drought, officials are preparing for the possible problems of a very wet winter.

According to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), preparations include waterproofing buildings, equipping employees with wet-weather gear, cleaning drains, conducting preventative maintenance on important equipment and establishing a system for sand bag distribution.

The El Nino weather system is a pattern of warm and cool temperatures in the Pacific Ocean. The El Nino portion refers to the warming of the water while La Nina is the cooling cycle. Both systems change temperatures and rainfall across the world and experts are predicting the current El Nino cycle will increase storms, and therefore rain, across the state.

During his City Manager's report last week, Manager Rick Cole said the city is hopeful the rain will restock reservoirs, but said if significant rain does reach Santa Monica, the City needs to have a plan in place. Cole said a large amount of rain falling on very dry ground has the potential to cause flooding.

"We want to acquaint Santa Monica residents with what to look for and how to prepare and what the situation might be," he said.

Santa Monica Emergency Services Manager Lieutenant Robert Almada said the analysis suggests this El Nino has a high probability of creating rain. He said the most significant danger is flooding of the low lying areas. According to Almada, Santa Monica can construct sand berms along beaches if necessary and sandbags will be available for residents who want them.

"For folks who may have some

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Monday, Nov. 30

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Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot
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Toddler Time at Pico Branch
Stories, songs, and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10 - 10:20 a.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Landlord/Tenant Forum: Legal Rights and Responsibilities
Rent Control Agency and the Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office will present a free forum on tenants' and landlords' rights and responsibilities. This forum is part of an ongoing effort by the City to increase public awareness in Santa Monica of how local and state laws impact landlords and tenants. Thelma Terry Center, 2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Baby Time Session 1 at Main
Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

GED Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Ocean Park Film Program: "Finding Neverland" (2004)
Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this film about the family who helped inspire the story of "Peter Pan". Starring Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet and Julie Christie. (Film runtime: 106 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Preschool Story Time at Main
Story series for 3 to 5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

ACT Results Seminar with Kaplan
For students who took the November 21 ACT Practice Test with Kaplan at the Main Library, and their parents. Come to get your score report, and get some insider tips for improving your score on the actual test. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

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City of Santa Monica

Summons
(Citation Judicial)
Case number (Numero del Caso): SC 124127

Case Title:
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SCBWI Westside Writer's Schmooze

A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults; includes a special discussion topic each meeting. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:45 p.m.

VA Master Plan Public Forum

The VA in partnership with Veterans Advocacy are hosting a public forum to discuss the Master Plan for the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., 7 - 8 p.m.

Arrest made after fire started at apartment on Euclid St.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Around 1:10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29 police officers responded to a call regarding an explosion and subsequent fire at an apartment building at 1827 Euclid Street.

According to the SMPD, when they arrived they found a man standing outside the unit that was on fire. Because there was reason to believe the man caused the fire, he was arrested.

SMFD Battalion Chief Mike McElvaney said that when firefighters responded to the scene there were signs of a fire showing from the second floor of what he believed to be a six-unit apartment building.

"I think it took [the firefighters] 18 minutes from the dispatch to the fire knockdown," McElvaney said. "There were two units that were pretty uninhabitable, pretty destroyed." After the fire was put out all residents were allowed back in the building.

McElvaney said that one of the firefighters who responded to the incident went to the hospital for dehydration, where he was treated and released.

When the SMFD left investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the fire.

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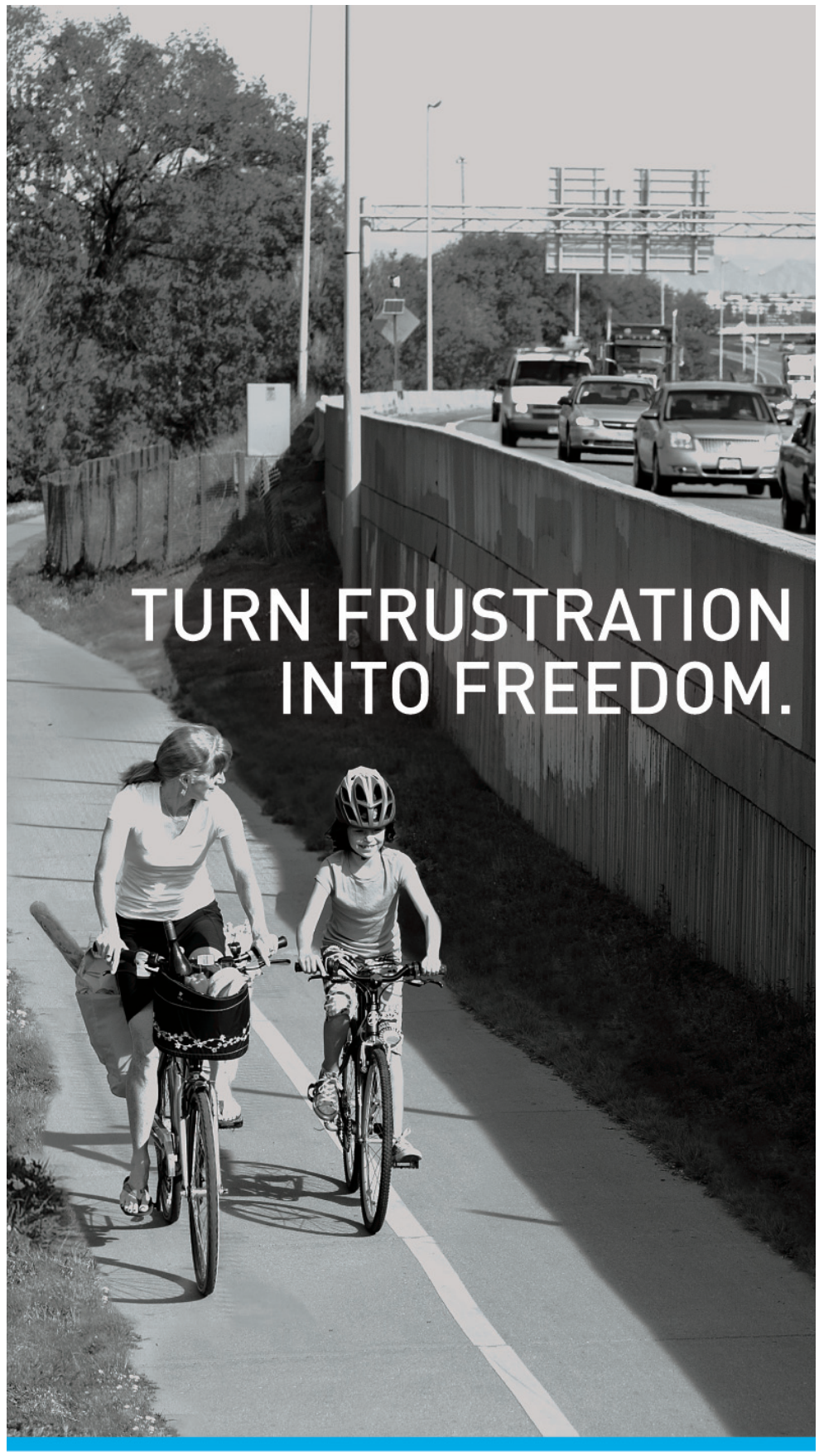


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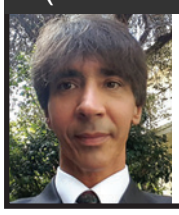
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Parklets or parking?

AS IF PARKING ISN'T A PROBLEM ON Main Street, last Tuesday City Council approved two parklets requested by the Main Street Business Improvement Association. It wanted council to "OK" converting scarce parking spaces on the busy shopping/dining street to mini-parks or parklets.

Parklets are generally public seating platforms that convert curbside parking spots into "vibrant community spaces." Each parklet occupies two parking spots and has a distinctive design that incorporates seating, greenery, and/or bike racks. They are designed to "accommodate unmet demand for public space on neighborhood retail streets or commercial areas," according to city staff. So do parking spaces, but who needs parking, especially on Main Street?

They are typically considered where narrow or congested sidewalks prevent the installation of traditional sidewalk dining or where local property owners want to expand seating capacity or other business-related sidewalk amenities. In other words, it's all about more money.

Staff notes that parklets are generally administered or partnered with adjacent businesses and/or surrounding residents. Basic parklet platform structures are provided by the city. The partners outfit and maintain them including keeping them free of trash. They can also be handled by the city like a traditional park.

Santa Monica's pilot, experimental parklets will be subsidized by three well-known Main Street merchants. The curbside adjacent to 2906 Main will have Holy Guacamole, LLC as the city's partner. The street adjacent to 2807 Main will have One Red, LLC (dba Wild Flour also Ashland Hill) and Finn McCool's Iris Pub will partner with the city curbside at 2702/2704 Main. Partners will agree to operate them for one year with two additional 1-year renewal options.

On Main Street, sidewalk dining is taking it literally to the streets. Scarce parking spots will turn into places to relax, dine and drink. Is Montana Avenue next? Good or bad urban planning? You decide.

My good friend Robin Waner and I go into downtown Los Angeles every few months. We enjoy strolling around the Broadway area (Historic District) and having lunch at the Grand Central Market.

LA city planners have been redoing Broadway from First to Eleventh Streets by calming traffic, widening sidewalks and extending curbs to enhance the pedestrian experience. The number of traffic lanes has been reduced to a total of three car lanes for the ten blocks.

Planters, tables, and chairs have been set along curbs, thus converting parking spots into narrow strip parklets. However, much of the space is empty and inhospitable. The parklet space is separated from parking and traffic lanes by heavy, ugly concrete planters - most of which contain trash, but no greenery.

Although some Broadway seating is shaded by umbrellas, most isn't. The lack of shade and landscaping has resulted in uncomfortable, uninviting and unattractive empty mini-spaces.

Some spots along Broadway are experiencing solid use, like in front of the Grand Central Market. Here, Grand Central's overflow customers eat their take-aways curbside where furniture and umbrellas have been set up. It's usually the only open space where one can sit and eat because counters and tables inside the popular market are constantly in use.

LA traffic planners have installed bike lanes and a parking/pedestrian loading next to the parklets and there's a travel lane for car and bus use. Unfortunately, busy Broadway's traffic carrying capacity is half of what it used to be.

Robin and I go downtown because of the retail-dining mix, for the diversity and the exciting vibe. We're not attracted there by ten mini-dining areas. I think they're a turn-off. The "pretend parklets" in parking spots look and are stupid.

With cool ocean breezes and shade, Main Street's parklets won't be the hot, sunbaked wasteland that Broadway's mini-parks are. However, if you have to fight traffic to get there, and then drive around and around searching for a parking space, chances are you won't return. The thrill of hanging out in a Main Street parking spot isn't that exciting.

The basic rule of thumb: Make the place enticing. Eliminate the negatives. If you're like me, you'll avoid Main Street - including the Farmers' Markets - because the negatives outweigh the positives and the whole experience just isn't worth it.

Planning Commission Wednesday night. More disasters to come.

Speaking of negatives, the Planning Commission meets Wednesday night. On the agenda are a couple of items that every resident should be monitoring.

The first item (6-A) is a continuation of a study session on the Downtown Specific Plan. The commission will continue its review of proposed land use sub-areas, development standards, design guidelines, circulation and parking strategies, infrastructure, cultural resources and public amenities. Public input has already been taken so we can only watch and listen. And moan.

Then item 7-A. The commission will make recommendations to council on the adoption of the draft Pedestrian Action Plan. The PAP is supposed to provide a framework for increased pedestrian safety and comfort in the city.

Finally, Item 8-A. It's an update on the Bike Action Plan covering programs, support facilities (bike parking, wayfinding, bike centers, etc.) and bikeways (lanes, tracks, paths, trails and routes). Commissioners will provide recommendations and/or modifications to update the plan for council's consideration.

Why don't I feel good about these items? Because the net result for most of us will be more crap planning, lots more traffic and nothing for the motoring public.

These "plans" are one way streets to an urban utopia of frolicking leprechauns and dancing unicorns - but destined for failure in the real world like other similar schemes concocted by City Hall.

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Not just what we say, but what we do

As a daily reader of this newspaper, I am constantly reminded of the dualities in our community: cyclists vs. drivers, pedestrians vs. cyclists, pilots vs. close the airport folks, no growth vs. slow growth vs. grow all you want, unless that growth refers to hedges...in which case chop them down shorter. And don't get me started on green vs. brown (lawns, that is). If one only responded to letters and articles and editorials published locally it would be nearly impossible to draw any sort of compelling moral compass. You are either this or that, with no middle ground.

On Wednesday, my 16-year-old daughter was sideswiped by a car while driving home. The other driver clearly had somewhere to go and didn't feel that the road was wide enough for her, so she swerved into the bike lane/parking area to "squeeze" through. When my daughter, the driver of the car that she was pushed into and the driver that caused the accident got out of their cars, they agreed to go around the corner to exchange insurance information. However, upon getting into her car, the instigator of this problem said, "My car isn't too bad" and sped away, sadly before anyone wrote down her license plate number. My daughter's car was left seriously damaged and basically not operational. As a relatively new driver, she was on the verge of hysterics. Thankfully, the driver of the car that she struck was kind and patient, even though he was emotionally shaken up as well. As my daughter called her parents about what to do while standing next to a crashed car, another driver yelled at her as she passed, letting her know that she was "blocking the road!"

Honestly, so often we get bogged down with the minutiae. What side are you on? Do you support this or that? Him or her? But at the end of the day, none of that matters. At the end of the day, the only thing that really means anything is what you chose to do when a moral choice is presented. When you see a crying human being going through a difficult moment, do you stop and see if you can help or do you yell angrily as you pass by? When you make a mistake, do you say "I was wrong" and stay to repair the damage or do you run away?

Who we are as a community in Santa Monica shouldn't come down to whether we voted yes or no on Measure T or if we attended the last SMRR convention. Or whether we ride or walk or drive or fly. When push comes to shove, what matters is what we do when someone needs us to act. As we teach our children, are we "upstanders or bystanders"? Or are we something even worse? Like a person who endangers the safety of multiple people and then runs and hides instead of owning her mistake.

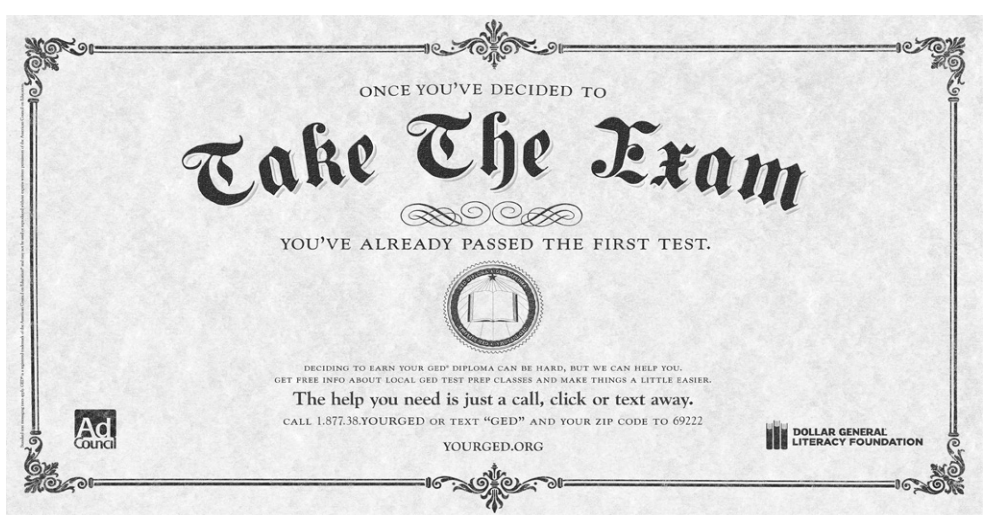
During this holiday season, as we are supposed to seek out what we are grateful for and count our many blessings, not the least of which is living in Santa Monica, we should examine not just what we say but what we do. Can we make a mistake and not hide? Can we disagree but still coexist?

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ETHICS

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ment of stated values, nor does it propose specific prohibitions on actions not covered by state or local law."

He said any ethics discussion should include community input and enforcement policies.

"In effect, city employees have written the rules that govern their actions and further they recommend that the council give them carte blanche for implementation of their own recommendations. This closed circle is the antithesis of democratic excellence."

Deputy City Manager Danielle Noble said the item before council last week was an initial step that was created specifically to begin the process of a larger reform.

"We know this program will evolve over time and we look forward to your feedback," she said. "We would return to the council with additional recommendations, including things that come up out of the independent advisors review of the of council manager best practices."

Mayor Kevin McKeown said it was important to explain the council's action as a first step.

"I think that the clarification that this is intended as a limited, partial and interim action is an important clarification hearing the concerns from the public," he said.

Adoption of the stated values doesn't require a council action. The City Manager has the authority to adopt the values without a public hearing, but staff said they wanted the council to be on the record with approval of the statement.

"We know that this is a statement for the organization, and it's in important statement so we felt it would be inappropriate to move forward with a set of values that the council did not have the opportunity to weigh in on," said Noble.

The values statement will be featured throughout City documents and employees will encounter the ethics discussion starting in their interview process.

Cole said members of organizations conform to the standards that are set when those standards are made a central part of the organization's culture. He said the actions that night were in now way a substitution for the kind of actions that could come out of the independent review, but reiterated the need to begin establishing a foundation that can be used to influence the larger culture.

"If you set high standards the vast majority of people will conform to those standards, if you set low standards, over time, more and more people will treat those as a floor," he said.

While the new language is just a set of values, city attorney Marsha Moutrie said simply refining that language will aid in enforcement of existing rules because it provides supervisors with a measurement for employee behavior.

"I think it has, besides laying the groundwork for the kind of effort the manager has described, it has immediate practical value in terms of holding employees accountable," she said.

Cole said the City's goal with the adopted values is to inspire employees.

"It's not to start on the foot of expecting wrongdoing," he said. "We're expecting people to uphold the highest ideals of public service, that's what we're going to be accentuating and that's what we're going to be enforcing.

The system adopted by council includes four values with corresponding statements:

Fairness:

o I value all stakeholders, and treat all people with dignity.

o I follow City processes and maintain objectivity in my decision-making.

o I provide equal access to all.

o I respect diversity of opinions.

Integrity:

o I am a guardian of the public's trust.

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o I use public resources appropriately, not for private benefit or political purposes.

o I decline and do not seek gifts, favors, and other special treatment.

Transparency:

o I support the public's right to know by making information accessible.

o I facilitate public involvement in decision-making processes.

o I disclose information that may be perceived as a conflict of interest.

Accountability:

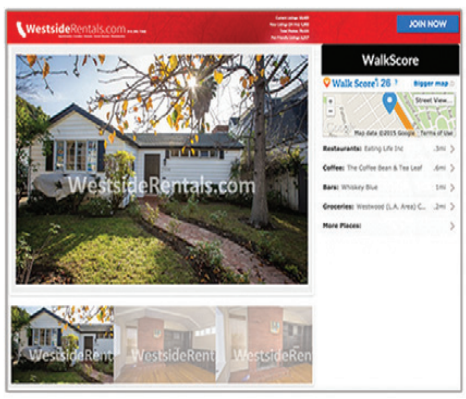
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RAIN

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low lying spots in domiciles or businesses, they can use sandbags to block doorway so water doesn't run into their residence or business," he said. "It's meant more to block portals into the structure versus an entire boundary line shall we say."

Free sandbags are available from any fire station in the city (Station 1 - 1444 7th St., Station 2 - 222 Hollister Ave., Station 3 - 1302 19th St., Station 5 - 2450 Ashland Ave.).

Bags are also available from the Street Maintenance division at 2500 Michigan Avenue, Building #8.

The City is outreaching to residents to discuss preparation. Information is being added to a variety of City websites, including santamonicafire.org and https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OEM/default.aspx, included in the City's Seascape newsletter, broadcast on social media accounts and through door-to-door campaigns where necessary. OEM has also created an El Nino specific preparedness guide. OEM is asking residents to sign up for emergency alerts at smalerts.net to receive additional emergency updates.

Ongoing training is also being provided to staff to facilitate response times if an emergency occurs and to lay the foundation for any cost recovery programs if necessary.

In their El Nino guide, OEM warns residents to stay away from flood channels and flowing water. The guide says moving water can sweep away people, vehicles and even buildings. Floodwater can become contaminated with chemicals or sewage so flooded areas should be thoroughly cleaned immediately.

Residents should be aware of trees, poles, fences or walls that develop a tilt and should stay away from slopes that may become unstable when saturated. Officials said small problems should be reported right away to hopefully prevent them from becoming large problems.

OEM always recommends residents have an emergency plan, including an evacuation route and an emergency kit.

A basic kit should include:

o Food and water to last three days to a week. Don't forget the pets.

o Radio (and extra batteries)

o Medications (over-the-counter and prescription)

o Cash and important documents

o Clothing and sturdy shoes

o Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)

o Sanitation and hygiene supplies

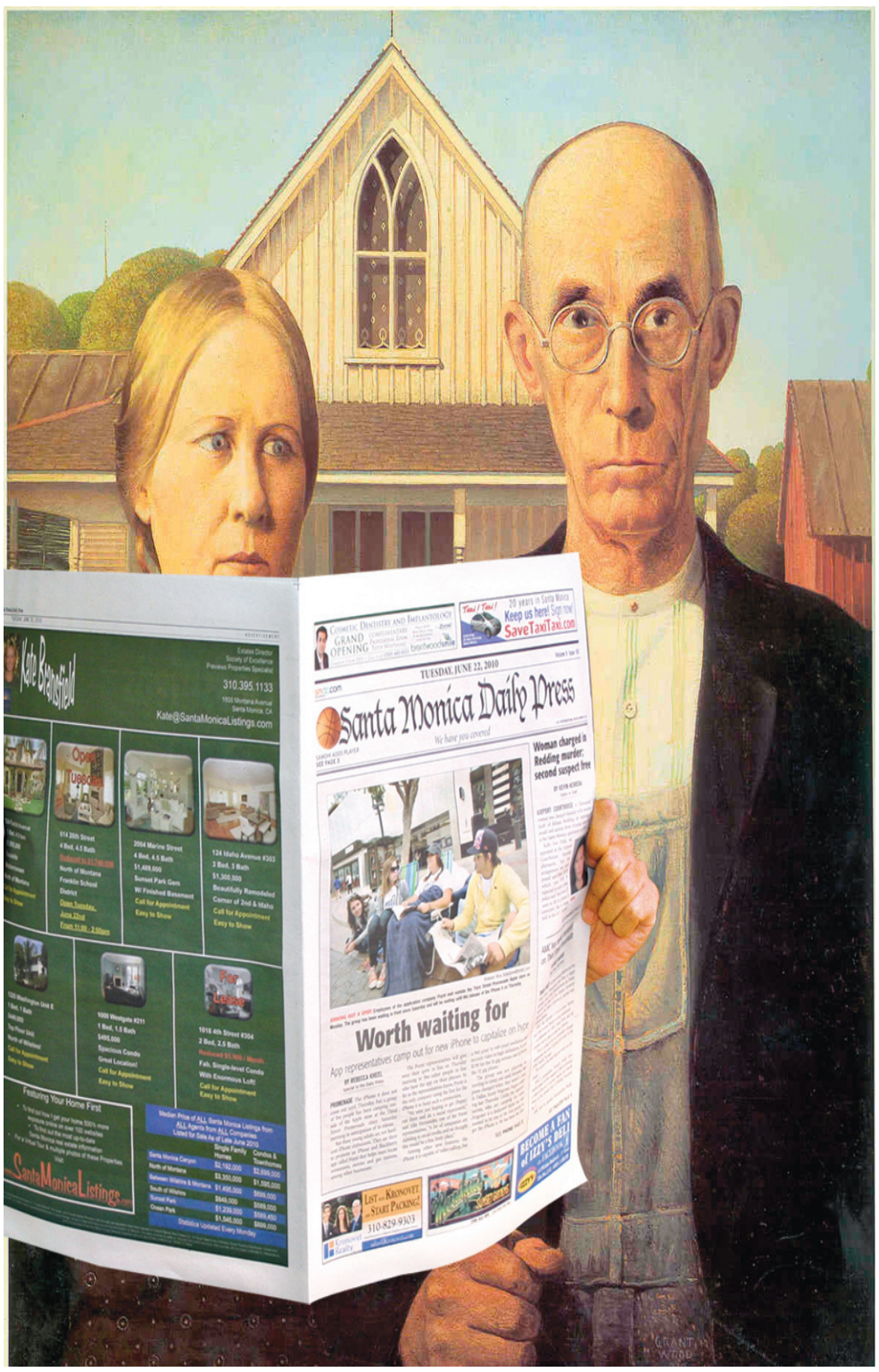
o First aid kit

o Flashlights (and extra batteries)

Mayor Kevin McKeown, apparently a man with no fear of superstition, illustrated his opinion by opening an umbrella inside the council chamber.

"It's reassuring to know that Santa Monica is prepared," he said. "I think we have to be."

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California governor in Paris to push pact to curb emissions

BY JULIET WILLIAMS & ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

Sacramento - California Gov. Jerry Brown is heading to the U.N. Climate Change conference, which opens Monday, where he will promote the state's efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions and urge other states and provinces to sign on to his climate pact.

So far, 57 jurisdictions from 19 countries have added their signatures to a memorandum promising to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

Brown, a Democrat, has toured the world talking about climate change this year, seeking to build a legacy on the issue before he leaves office in 2018.

But at home in California, he has also faced repeated criticism for supporting expanded oil drilling and refusing to ban hydraulic fracturing — positions climate activists say undermine his global warming message.

CALIFORNIA'S ROLE

California already has some of the world's toughest air-quality standards and set a mandate in 2006 to derive a third of its electricity from renewable sources such as solar, wind and geothermal by 2020. That legislation, signed by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, also established the first U.S. program to cap and trade emissions by enabling polluters to buy and sell credits in carbon auctions.

Brown has sought to expand those efforts, signing legislation this fall requiring the state to boost renewable electricity use to 50 percent and double energy efficiency in existing buildings by 2030. Still, Brown and Democratic leaders were forced to drop a mandate to cut California's oil use in half by 2030 amid heavy oil industry lobbying.

BROWN'S TALK

The governor has called politicians who refuse to acknowledge the devastating effects of climate change "troglodytes" and says complacency on this issue "threatens the well-being of humanity itself."

Those signing on to his climate pact include regions of Germany, Brazil, China and Canada. In an address to mayors from around the world at the Vatican this summer, he urged them to stand firm against "hundreds of millions of dollars going into propaganda, into falsifying the scientific record, bamboozling people of every country."

BROWN'S RECORD

Still, Brown made clear early in his current stint as governor that he was going to push oil production in California as well as renewable energy. He has rejected calls to ban hydraulic fracturing for oil, prompting opponents to dub him "Big Oil Brown."

California has maintained its spot as the country's No. 3 oil-producing state. Brown boasted of firing state oil regulators whom oil companies accused of slowing permits out of environmental concerns. Last year, he had regulators research the oil and gas potential of his family ranch, although Brown's aides denied the governor had any intention of drilling there. Federal environmental regulators say his administration failed to fully enforce federal laws meant to contain oil field pollution.

The Sacramento Bee reported that Brown flew on a private plane to Italy last summer to appear at the Vatican's climate change conference. For the U.N. climate conference in Paris, Brown will be flying on a commercial airline, spokesman Evan Westrup said.

OIL INFLUENCE

The oil industry remains a powerful political force in California, and Brown is not always at odds with it. He has accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign and charitable contributions from oil and gas interests, including $55,000 this year to his two Oakland charter schools.

Meeting calendars obtained under the California Public Records Act show he blocked off two hours for an Oakland dinner meeting in June with Chevron CEO John Watson and lobbyist Michael Rubio. A week later, his schedule shows an hourlong lunch with climate activist and major Democratic donor Tom Steyer.

BROWN'S LEGACY

Brown made clear last year that he is aware of the tension between encouraging both oil production and oil conservation. A June 2014 email by his top state oil regulator, obtained under state open-records laws, featured Brown asking "what amount of oil and gas we ought to leave in the ground" to meet climate change standards.

As in other areas, however, Brown is a pragmatist when it comes to advancing the state's environmental goals without threatening its economy. He has earned recognition as a leader by mapping out a transition from fossil fuels to solar, wind and other renewables, establishing the carbon pricing system and setting ambitious conservation targets.

"The governor is living in the real world, and in the real world, we need fuel for the vehicles that are on the road today," said Amy Myers Jaffe, an international energy expert at the University of California, Davis.

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Planned Parenthood: Long a lightning rod in US culture wars

BY DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

New York - As a leading defender of abortion rights and comprehensive sex education, Planned Parenthood deals daily with some of America's most contentious issues, and is well accustomed to receiving verbal threats.

Some of the organization's supporters say Friday's deadly shooting at its clinic in Colorado Springs shows that the vitriolic rhetoric could be inspiring actual violence.

"It is time to stop the demonizing and witch hunts against Planned Parenthood, its staff and patients," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat.

But critics show no signs of backing away from a multi-pronged offensive against Planned Parenthood, keeping protests and a congressional investigation on their agenda for the coming year.

The man arrested in the attack that killed a police officer and two civilians uttered the phrase "no more baby parts," a law enforcement official said.

Authorities have not elaborated on the gunman's possible motives, but Planned Parenthood said witnesses described him as an abortion opponent. The "body parts" phrase echoed rhetoric that surfaced last summer, when anti-abortion activists began releasing undercover videos they said showed Planned Parenthood personnel negotiating the sale of fetal organs.

The anti-abortion group that made the videos, the Center for Medical Progress, condemned the "barbaric killing spree in Colorado Springs by a violent madman."

Planned Parenthood said any payments were legally permitted reimbursements for the costs of donating organs to researchers, and has since stopped accepting even that money. Though the videos have inspired multiple investigations in Congress and in several states, none has confirmed any law breaking by Planned Parenthood.

Since the videos surfaced, threats have become even more frequent, abortion-rights leaders say.

"We've seen an alarming increase in hateful rhetoric and smear campaigns against abortion providers and patients over the last few months," said Vicki Cowart, president of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. "That environment breeds acts of violence."

Security at Planned Parenthood facilities nationwide has been tightened as a result, said the organization's spokesman, Eric Ferrero.

"While we do not disclose specific security measures, some health centers have increased patrols from dedicated security guards, while others have upgraded their monitoring systems," Ferrero said. He credited security training of the staff at the Colorado Springs clinic for helping minimize the casualties there.

There have been eight murders and more than 220 bombings and arson attacks at abortion facilities in the U.S. since 1977, according to the National Abortion Foundation. Two Planned Parenthood receptionists were killed in 1994 at clinics in Brookline, Massachusetts.

Planned Parenthood has remained in the news since the videos were made public, with most Democratic politicians supporting the organization and many Republican leaders assailing it. Republicans have sought to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood, and several GOP-governed states have tried to block Medicaid funding to the organization.

All the Republican presidential candidates say they favor restricting abortion rights. Some were asked about the Colorado Springs shootings on Sunday's talk shows.

Mike Huckabee condemned the attack as a "despicable act of murder" and said "what he did is domestic terrorism," but then equated the killings to the abortions Planned Parenthood provides.

"There's no excuse for killing other people, whether it's happening inside the Planned Parent headquarters, inside their clinics, where many millions of babies die, or whether it's people attacking Planned Parenthood," Huckabee said on CNN's "State of the Union."

On "Fox News Sunday," Carly Fiorina also took the opportunity to criticize Planned Parenthood.

"The vast majority of Americans agree, what Planned Parenthood is doing is wrong," she said. "So what I would say to anyone who tries to link this terrible tragedy to anyone who opposes abortion or opposes the sale of body parts is, this is typical left-wing tactics."

Such comments are "unconscionable," said Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of Planned Parenthood.

"It's not enough to denounce the tragedy without also denouncing the poisonous rhetoric that fueled it," Laguens said. "Instead, some politicians are continuing to stoke it."

Planned Parenthood also gets criticism for its advocacy for teens seeking contraception and candid information about sexuality, but its role as the nation's leading abortion provider is what makes it such a target.

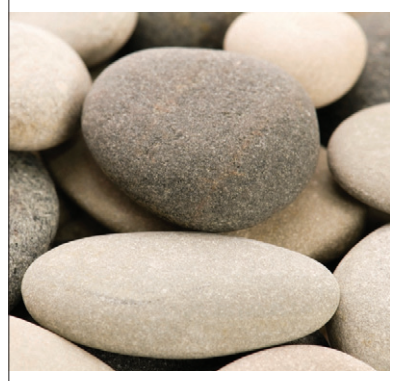
Its president, Cecile Richards, endured hours of hostile questioning from GOP members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in September, and the GOP-controlled House then voted to form a new investigative panel to probe its abortion and fetal-tissue policies.

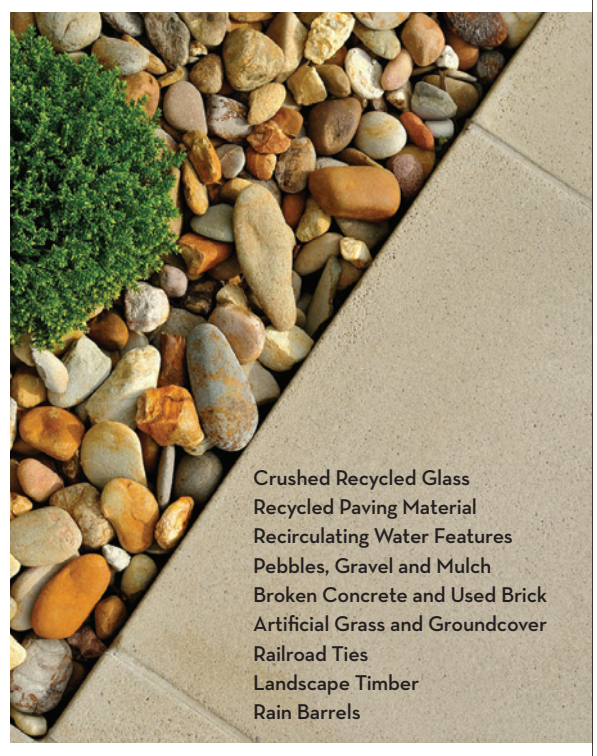
"This is about getting answers to questions about how we treat and protect life in this country," Rep. Marsha Blackburn, the Tennessee Republican chairing the panel, said last month. "The allegations raised in these disturbing and abhorrent videos have led us to ask: What have we come to in this country?"

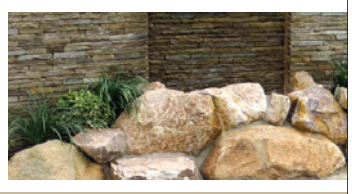
Some Planned Parenthood supporters called on House Speaker Paul Ryan to disband the investigative panel in the aftermath of the Colorado Springs shooting, but there was no indication that would happen.

Nor was there any move to call off protests against Planned Parenthood planned for Jan. 21, two days before the annual anti-abortion March for Life in Washington, D.C. The Rev. Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, said the shootings should not be used to "inflame emotions" and said the protests would proceed as scheduled, to "hold Planned Parenthood accountable for their immoral and illegal actions."

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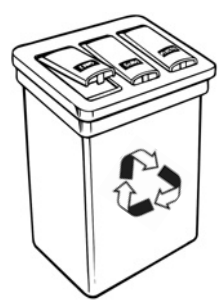


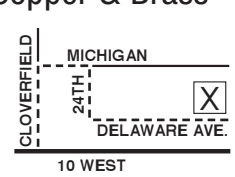

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Pico

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Stewart

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The contractor will begin removal and replacement of the sewer main on Princeton Street between Wilshire Blvd and California Pl South. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620

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The contractor will continue with the installation of the new engine driven standby generator and begin trench excavation on 25th Street for installation the street improvements on the south side of San Vicente Blvd and 25th Street. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620

CROSSWALK RENEWAL PROGRAM:

Contractor crews will begin daytime crosswalk removal and restriping at the intersections of -Oak/25th, Santa Monica/25th, Kansas/27th, Nebraska/Stewart, and Broadway/9th. Please be advised that striping removal will generate noise and dust. Temporary traffic control signs will be deployed to guide vehicular traffic in and around work areas. Please contact Kori Jones, Street & Fleet Services, (310) 458-2201 ext. 50

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Making a 'green' holiday

Dear Earthtalk:

The holidays can be so wasteful. What are some ways we can green our celebrations this year?

Belinda McHugh
.Los Angeles, CA

SIPPING EGGNOG, LISTENING TO CAROLS by the fire and enjoying the beauty of colorfully decorated homes are all warm memories the holiday season conjures. Yet with the rising popularity of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, millions of people are now increasingly absorbed in the season's commercialism. The National Retail Federation estimates that holiday sales this year will add up to $630.5 billion. All of this shopping generates a lot of trash. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Americans throw away approximately one million extra tons of trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

"Simplify the Holidays," an e-booklet from the Center for a New American Dream (CNAD), reports that nine in 10 Americans believe holidays should be more about family and caring for others, not giving and receiving gifts, yet the average U.S. consumer plans to spend more this year-about $805-on holiday shopping than last year. To help provide meaningful ways to have fun with less stuff this season, "Simplify the Holidays" includes ideas for simple gifts, low-waste wrapping, ways to connect with your children during the holidays, and more. Readers are asked to "consider creating holidays that instill more meaning into the season and encourage more sharing, laughter, creativity and personal renewal."

"It's not about depriving yourself of things during the holiday season," Wen Lee, director of online media and engagement with CNAD, emphasizes. "It's about refocusing on things that really matter, and reducing stress."

Additional easy, stress-free ways to respect the environment during the holidays include carrying reusable totes when shopping for gifts, and using LED lights, which last 20-30 years and require 1/50th the electricity of conventional lights for decorating your tree or home. According to CalRecycle, the 2.6 billion holiday cards sold each year could fill a football field 10 stories high-fortunately, the multitude of e-cards available on the web today provide a no-waste alternative.

Further, the 33 million Christmas trees the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates are sold in North America each year don't have to end up in landfills-some areas have recycling programs that turn Christmas trees into wood chips and mulch, and some companies will home-deliver full-size, potted live trees and pick them up after New Year's and re-plant them. And with nearly 60 percent of Americans admitting they receive unwanted gifts during the holidays, asking friends and family what gifts they really need or want is an easy way to save waste and minimize time-consuming returns.

Greening your holiday season certainly helps the environment, but research shows it is also good for personal and family well-being. The 2002 study, "What Makes for a Merry Christmas?" by psychologists Tim Kasser and Kennon Sheldon concluded that "family and religion provided the greatest benefit to holiday well-being." Kasser recently told the American Psychological Association (APA): "[Our study] found that to the extent people focused their holiday season around materialistic aims like spending and receiving, the less they were focused on spiritual aims…we also found people reported 'merrier' Christmases when spirituality was a large part of their holiday, but reported lower Christmas well-being to the extent that the holiday was dominated by materialistic aspects."

CONTACTS: CNAD, www.newdream.org; EPA, www.epa.gov; APA, www.apa.org.

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City of Santa Monica

Summons
(Citation Judicial)
Case number (Numero del Caso): SC 124125

Case Title:
City of Santa Monica, State of California, acting by and through The Department of Parks and Recreation, and State of California, acting by and through The State Lands Commission, Plaintiffs, v. Charles M. Levy, an individual; Lydia A. Levy, an individual; Grant Allan Levy, an individual and as Trustee of the C & L Levy 2012 Irrevocable Trust, dated December 27, 2012; American Securities Company; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. (LASC Case No.: 124125)(Property Address - 637 Palisades Beach Road, Santa Monica, California 90401)

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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Marsha Jones Moutrie, City Attorney
Susan Y. Cola, Deputy City Attorney (SBN 178260)
1685 Main Street, Room 310
Santa Monica, CA 904010
(310) 458-8336

Date: (Fecha) May 8, 2015
Sherri r. Carter, Clerk (Secretario)
N. Valles, Deputy (Adjunto)

SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **73.1°**

MONDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
Holding blend of SW-SSW (primary) and SSE (secondary) South Hemi swells. Modest WSW Jimena swell holds as well. Small SSE Kevin swell may be fading out.

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
Holding blend of SW-SSW (primary) and SSE (secondary) South Hemi swells. Modest WSW Jimena swell holds. Minimal NW windswell.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SIMA Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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

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

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

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 316 calls for service on Nov. 28.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Suspicious vehicle 2700 block of Ocean Park 12:05 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Ashland 12:08 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace 3400 block of Ocean Park 1:03 a.m.
Party complaint 700 block of Palisades Beach Rd 1:18 a.m.
Battery Ocean/Broadway 2:07 a.m.
Family disturbance 100 block of Broadway 2:54 a.m.
Loud music 700 block of Palisades Beach 3:39 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Ocean 5:09 a.m.
Battery 1200 block of 20th 5:25 a.m.
Drinking in public 7th/Arizona 7:22 a.m.
Burglary 2400 block of Santa Monica 8:23 a.m.
Missing person 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 8:49 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1900 block of Lincoln 9:37 a.m.
Hit and run 2000 block of Ocean 10:02 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block of Olympic Dr 11:15 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 700 block of Montana 11:28 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block of Ocean 11:40 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2000 block of Ocean 12:33 p.m.
Hit and run 26th/Montana 12:43 p.m.
Burglary 2500 block of 4th 12:51 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace 1300 block of 4th 1:21 p.m.
Threats 1300 block of 2nd 2:07 p.m.
Burglary 2900 block of 31st 2:11 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 24th 2:20 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block of Ocean 2:50 p.m.
Overdose 2400 block of Ocean Park 3:32 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Colorado 3:35 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Broadway 3:40 p.m.
Traffic accident Centinela/Ocean Park 4:06 p.m.
Report of shots fired 1600 block of The Beach 5:17 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Pico 6:37 p.m.
Family disturbance 1100 block of Ozone 6:54 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances 1200 block of Marine 7:19 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 7:40 p.m.
Burglary 900 block of 4th 7:57 p.m.
Suspicious person 2200 block of Colorado 9:32 p.m.
Loud music 1100 block of 12th 9:43 p.m.
Party complaint 2200 block of Alta 10:36 p.m.
Traffic accident 20th/Santa Monica 10:44 p.m.
Fight 2900 block of Main 11:40 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 28 calls for service on Nov. 28.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS Ocean/Broadway 2:05 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 27th 2:06 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 5:09 a.m.
EMS 20th/Wilshire 5:47 a.m.
Odor investigation 1600 block of Ocean Park 6:22 a.m.
EMS 2800 block of Kansas 8:51 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Princeton 9:40 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 10:08 a.m.
EMS Wellesley/17th 10:49 a.m.
EMS Main/Strand 10:53 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 15th 11:00 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block of Colorado 11:15 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 2nd 11:19 a.m.
EMS 400 block of San Vicente 11:54 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Ocean 12:34 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Pearl 12:46 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of Neilson 2:01 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Lincoln 2:58 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:23 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean Park 3:31 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1800 block of 12th 4:45 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Wilshire 5:32 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean 7:30 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of 11th 7:53 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 8:42 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Ocean 8:54 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of 4th 9:27 p.m.
Illegal burning 20000 block of 5th 10:51 p.m.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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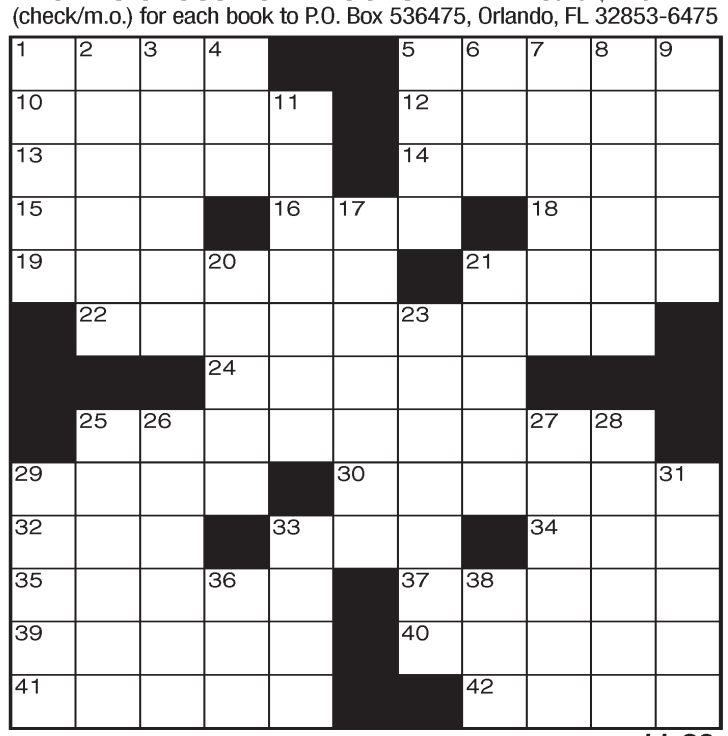
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The owner of the world's largest corn maze (63 acres), at Cool Patch Pumpkins in Dixon, California, told Sacramento's KOVR-TV in October that "several" times this season, visitors have called 911 to come get them out of the maze. Said owner Matt Cooley, "When it's dark, all you see is corn." (Also, two months earlier, an emergency crew in Braintree, England, was forced to use special equipment to find and rescue an elderly woman who had fallen while inside the 10-acre Blake House Craft Centre maze.)

■ Cliches Come to Life: (1) In a $460,000 police-brutality settlement with the city of Birmingham, Alabama, in October, plaintiff Anthony Warren will receive $1,000, with the rest going to his lawyers. (The un-angelic Anthony is serving 20 years for running over an officer during a high-speed car chase in 2008; he took a beating once officers caught him.) (2) Condemned California inmate Steven Homick, 74, finally took his last breath on Nov. 5 -- more than 29 years after committing the two murders that put him on death row. However, Homick died of natural causes (the 65th condemned California man to go that way in the last 35 years).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1963 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson establishes the Warren Commission to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

1963 - Trans-Canada Air Lines Flight 831 crashes shortly after takeoff from Montreal-Dorval International Airport, killing all 118 people on board.

1965 - The Canadian Space Agency launches the satellite Alouette 2.

1967 - Vietnam War: U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara announces his resignation.

1972 - Atari announces the release of Pong, the first commercially successful video game.

1975 - Graham Hill and Tony Brise, along with three other members of the Embassy Hill F1 team, were killed when their plane crashed at Arkley golf course, England, in thick fog.

1987 - Korean Air Flight 858 explodes over the Thai–Burmese border, killing 115.

1990 - Gulf War: The United Nations Security Council passes two resolutions to restore international peace and security if Iraq does not withdraw its forces from Kuwait and free all foreign hostages by January 15, 1991.

2007 - The Armed Forces of the Philippines lay siege to the Peninsula Manila after soldiers led by Senator Antonio Trillanes stage a mutiny.

2007 - A 7.4 magnitude earthquake occurs off the northern coast of Martinique. This affects the Eastern Caribbean as far north as Puerto Rico and as far south as Trinidad.

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'Modern' heartthrob says don't change

by Mikey Tittinger

Imagine being cast as the hot guy in America's favorite TV show and hating the way you look! Despite all the positive things people tell you, one look in the mirror convinces you you're no Brad Pitt. (You need to change!) That was the drama played out every day by Reid Ewing, who starred as Dylan on Modern Family, as his addiction to plastic surgery became one "awful hobby".

In 2008, Ewing had his first surgery while still a teenager. Over the course of four years, the actor had half a dozen more procedures, each to fix what was botched the last time he went under the knife. He could move an unnecessary chin implant he got when he was 19 around his face.

Thankfully, Ewing recognized he had a mental illness that left him obsessed with the way he looked. He decided to speak out about body dysmorphia when he saw a magazine featuring plastic surgery "tips" from his first surgeon – the one who recommended cheek implants to an insecure teenager.

The obsession with our appearances is well-documented in the Instagram age, and coupled with the anxiety of being a teenager, the threat of body dysmorphia hangs over every adolescent in the nation.

We all want to look good, but just Google pictures of celebrities in high school for a realistic portrayal of our growing years. Look in the mirror and accept what you see; it's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself. Search the Causes directory at giive.org to find local nonprofits that help teens elevate their own self-image.

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Others follow your lead, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Slow down and handle a confrontation before handling other concerns. You could be dealing with someone who has a broad vision of life and another person who might be closed off. Tonight: Enjoy some quiet time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You will zero in on what you want. Someone's attempt to use logic is likely to fail in deterring you. A call or token of affection from a loved one at a distance could please you to no end. Tonight: Only where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You usually don't like to take a stand, especially as you often can see the other side of the argument. However, at this point, you could feel as if it is expected of you. A partner might have a different solution. Tonight: If you're taking action, be ready to support yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have unique perspectives, and you are able to detach from the here and now. Kick back with a loved one. Go where there is music, and you'll be able to relax. A loving gesture will go far. Be more open with a close friend. Tonight: Let your imagination call the shots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A new beginning suddenly becomes possible within an important partnership. A child or loved one will demonstrate the full dimension of his or her personality. You naturally support this person's self-expression. Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, and appreciate the extra freedom. Spend time with an authority figure. You don't need to agree with this person, but you should try to indulge him or her. A loved one might move quickly to set plans for the two of you. Tonight: Go along with the program.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You'll be very concerned about getting the job at hand done. Some of you could have some errands to run or perhaps an important person to visit. Tonight: Start your Christmas list.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your imagination needs to be allowed more freedom. If you are involved in a romance, you can infuse more energy into this bond. Be aware of what kind of impact your first impression makes. Tonight: Dance the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your independence might feel as if it is being threatened, but it's not. Try to find a point of agreement. You might need to funnel more of your energy into a family matter. Allow yourself to spend only a set amount and not a penny more. Tonight: Make it simple.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Ask yourself some pertinent questions before finalizing a decision. You'll want to please someone, but you're willing to go only so far, as this person can be rather demanding. You might express your feelings openly in a discussion. Tonight: Hang close to home.

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

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This year you might be more involved with family. Many consider you to be very gracious and caring, while others could see you as a wild card. You are a free spirit, and your behavior reflects that characteristic. Be aware of your finances. If you are single, as adventuresome as you typically are, you enjoy more quiet environments when dating. The person you choose to date this year might not work at a later date. If you are attached, the two of you love your downtime at home. You'll find endless activities to do together. PISCES has a tendency to waffle on his or her ideas.

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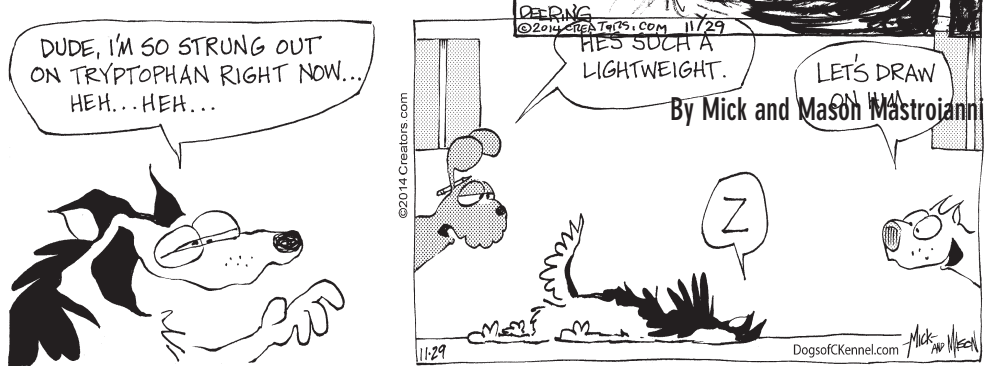
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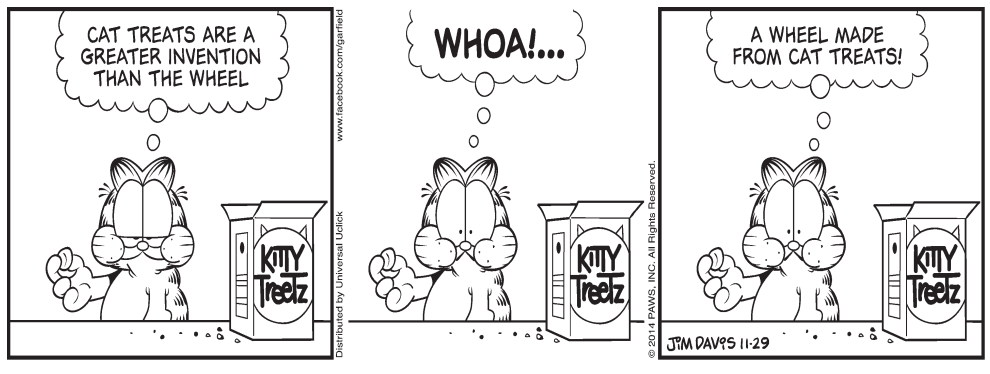
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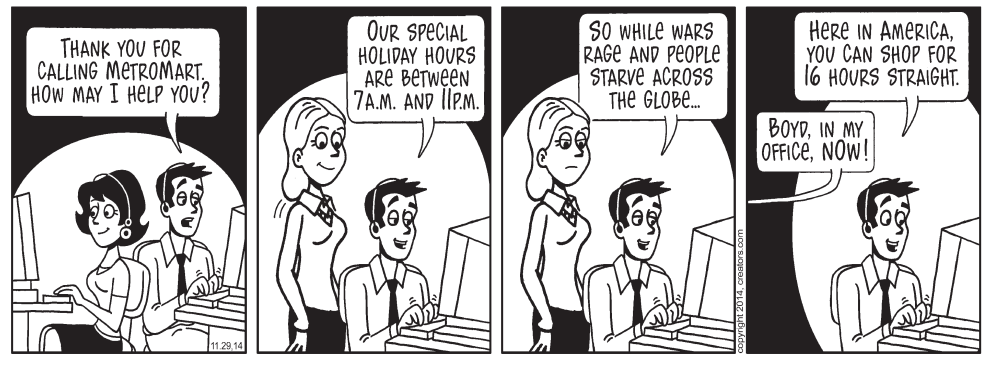
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