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THE SAY CHEESE ISSUE

City Hall seeks new owner for mobile home park

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Hall has made it clear over the past several years that it never intended to be in the mobile home park business.

Now, it's clear that it wants to get out.

City officials are exploring options to divest Santa Monica of its stake in the Mountain View Mobile Home Park, a 4.8-acre park with 105-rent controlled and deed-restricted mobile home pads.

The City Council purchased the park in 2000 from the Ring Trading Corp. for roughly $7 million to settle a lawsuit with the company and the tenants related to an

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2012: A year of turbulence and altered landscapes

BY JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

It was a year of storms, of raging winds and rising waters, but also broader turbulence that strained our moorings. Our atmosphere, our politics, our economy — rarely in memory have they seemed in such constant agitation.

Our emotions, too. In the year's final weeks, amid a torrent of tears in a heartbroken Connecticut town, a rush of grief seemed to wash over all of us from the shooting deaths of 20 children and six adults in an elementary school, and of the shooter's mother in her home. The senselessness and loss plumbed depths of sorrow and outrage we had not felt, together, for many years.

But if 2012 battered us with floods and tempests, and seemed especially dark in its final days, it was also perhaps more distinctively a year of mornings after, when clouds parted and dawn's light fell upon altered landscapes.

Surveying the changes, we were sometimes sanguine, at other times distraught.

There were, of course, the storms themselves, taking not just ferocious but sometimes freakish forms. Americans saw an

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NICE BACKDROP: **The Santa Monica Pier made Instagram's top 10 list of places people took pictures of in 2012 using the smartphone app.**

Santa Monica Pier an Instagram hot spot

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

SM PIER The iconic Santa Monica Pier ranks with the Eiffel Tower, Disneyland and Times Square when it comes to the most popular places in the world in 2012 to take pictures with the Instagram smartphone app.

According to the company's blog, the pier and its world-famous Ferris wheel and inspirational views of the Pacific Ocean ranked 10th on the list.

The Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok, Thailand topped the list with more than 100,000 photos taken, followed by the Siam Paragon shopping mall, also in Bangkok.

Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. came in third, followed by New York City's Times Square, the San Francisco Giants' AT&T Park, Los Angeles International Airport, Dodger Stadium, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Staples Center and the pier.

Log onto Instagram's live photo feed to see the most recent photos of the pier — www.gramfeed.com/instagram/places/3001340

For those who have been living under a rock, Instagram is one of the most popular apps around, with millions of users who love to snap photos with it and alter them with scores of filters that can make even the most boring picture look interesting.

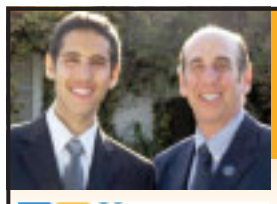
It's so popular that Facebook, the social networking site, paid $1 billion for it.

Instagram did come under fire this month when it announced that it would allow Facebook to let companies pay to place users' photos in advertisements that would run with the app. Some celebrities who make money on endorsement deals were outraged and threatened to ditch the app. Instagram withdrew the change, but not without losing some 4 million daily users, according to information by AppData, a metrics website.

Officials with Instagram said the AppData figures are simply not true. AppData's figures only account for users who log into Instagram using their Facebook account. That doesn't account for users who log in using just their e-mail addresses.

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Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012

Writer in the house
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Author Charles Hood is serving as the beach house's writer in residence and will open his doors to the public to answer their questions and discuss his work. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

Through the smoke
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m.
"Smoke and Mirrors" is a heartfelt comedy-drama with mind-bending magic that has been named "Critics Choice" in the L.A. Times. It is packed with magic tricks, elaborate illusions, audience participation, and spooky Houdini seances. Created by and starring noted actor and magician Albie Selznick, "Smoke and Mirrors" is a semi-autobiographical coming-of-age story about a boy who uses magic to escape reality and face the world after the death of his father. For more information, call (800) 595-4849.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012

Market fresh
Main Street Farmers' Market
2640 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Stock up for the new year at this weekly Farmers' Market. The market features organic produce and lots of prepared foods. For more information, visit smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket.

Pick up a pet
Subaru of Santa Monica
1229 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Subaru of Santa Monica has teamed up with the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center and the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control for a pet adoption day. The event is part of Subaru's "Share The Love" national sales event. To learn more call (310) 451-1588 ext. 294 or visit www.aspca.org/sharethelove. Add a new member to your family.

Shark smart
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 3:30 p.m.
Every Sunday you can watch and listen to an informative presentation about these often misunderstood animals while horn and swell sharks cruise around the tank, noses out of the water, mouths open, anticipating the meal to come. Expect a splash of seawater if you're close enough to the exhibit. For more information, call (800) HEAL-BAY.

Monday, Dec. 31, 2012

New Year's Eve - celebrate safely!

Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier
Sunset
To ring in the new year, Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will light up its Ferris wheel with white patterns and colors through 12:30 a.m. The solar-powered wheel features 160,000 energy-efficient LED lights — about 75-percent more energy savings than most Ferris wheels' traditional incandescent bulbs.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



California's high court upholds supermarket labor pickets

BY CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Union members can picket privately owned walkways in front of stores, but other protesters, handbill distributors and petition-signature collectors may not, the California Supreme Court ruled.

In the case that pitted Ralphs Grocery Co. against United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 8, the justices on Thursday struck down an appellate court opinion that found two state laws that protect labor pickets as unconstitutional.

In its ruling, the majority of the state high court noted that privately owned areas in front of stores do not constitute public forum for any type of free-speech activity, but peaceful labor activities related to that retailer are permitted under both state and federal law.

Laws rightfully single out labor-related content for special protection under free speech laws because labor is part of an economic situation, the court said. Picketing outside the employer's premises is an intrinsic part of a labor relationship and free

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New law eases sperm donor testing rules

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California women who want to get pregnant using sperm from a donor they know should find the process easier and less expensive next year, thanks to a new state law scheduled to take effect on Jan 1.

Crafted with women who are single or in same-sex relationships in mind, the new law creates an exemption from federal rules requiring fertility clinics to use sperm that either has been quarantined and frozen for six months or provided by a man who is available to undergo repeated testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

The California regulations would allow women who already have tried artificial

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File photo

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR: **Bette Shapiro points out a 'no smoking' sign at her apartment complex on Fifth Street earlier this year before the City Council voted to ban smoking in apartments and condos for all those moving in after Nov. 22, 2012. Tenants in their units before that date who declare their apartments or condos 'smoking' by Feb. 20 can still light up though.**

New smoking law rolling out in Santa Monica

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Deadlines for compliance with a new law that restricts smoking in apartments and condos are fast approaching, and current Santa Monica tenants should prepare themselves to answer an age-old question: Smoking or non-smoking?

Landlords and condo homeowners' associations have to get the ball rolling on their official resident surveys by Jan. 21, 2013, according to a release by Adam Radinsky, the head city attorney in the Consumer Protection Unit, the group responsible for the new regulations.

The survey will give residents the opportunity to declare their units "smoking" or "non-smoking," and responses must be in by Feb. 20, 2013.

A month later, owners have to give their tenants a rundown of the results. Tenants then have until April 21 to make any corrections or changes.

By May 21, the final list must be given to everyone in the building, as well as City Hall.

If, for whatever reason, a tenant chooses not to respond, their unit defaults to "smoking." New tenants, however, are out of luck — any person who moved into an apartment or condominium in Santa Monica after Nov. 22 lost the right to smoke in their unit.

That covers cigarette smoke and medical marijuana, unless a doctor specifically requests that a disabled occupant smoke the marijuana indoors and the person can't take the drug any other way.

If the property is already smoke-free, landlords do not have to conduct the survey, according to the City Attorney's Office.

Although the new regulations do not eliminate smoking in apartments, it's a step in the right direction meant to protect the health and safety of apartment dwellers in Santa Monica, said Esther Schiller, director of the Smokefree Apartment House Registry, a nonprofit that helps connect people with non-smoking complexes.

"For the first time in Santa Monica, apartment and condo residents will not have to worry that someone who smokes 24/7 in their unit will move in next door or under or over them," Schiller said.

Santa Monica banned cigarette smoking in common areas in 2010. That term covers all indoor and outdoor locations accessible to occupants of more than one unit and all outdoor locations within 25 feet of a door, window or vent, including most balconies and patios.

Property owners and homeowners' associations must post at least one conspicuous sign in the common area notifying people of the ban.

According to the National Cancer Institute, secondhand smoke contains at least 69 chemicals known to cause cancer in humans. The substance has the ability to seep through walls, electrical sockets and air ducts, and can ultimately impact those who choose not to light up of their own accord.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "there is no risk-free level of expo-

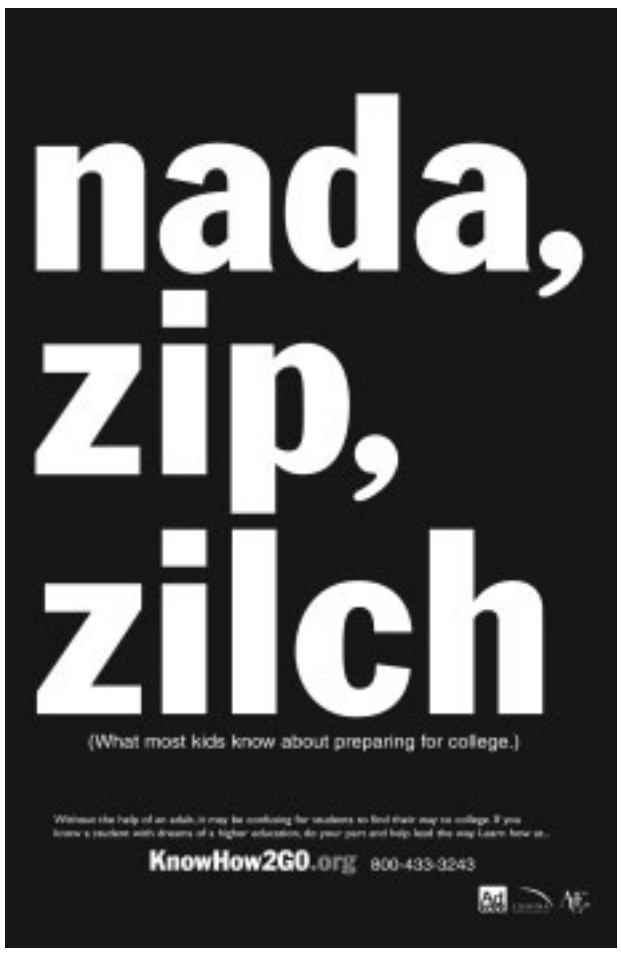
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Saying good-bye to 2012

FOR ME, 2012 WAS THE YEAR OF "The Huh?" — as in "What? You've got to be kidding."

It was the year that many people thought would be the last year of the world. They based this prediction on the fact that one Mayan calendar would come to an end before the new Mayan calendar would start. "Huh?"

Movie icon and philanthropist Elizabeth Taylor passed away in 2011. It took until 2012 for the release of a television movie about her life. Since she was heralded as a fine actress and received countless awards, including two Oscars; raised millions of dollars for AIDS research; and received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, the obvious choice to portray her in the movie was Lindsay Lohan. Huh?

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled that you can be fired from a job for being "too attractive" to your boss. Huh?

Actor/writer/director Ben Affleck announced that he was not running for the Senate. Huh?

President Obama won both the popular and electoral elections. Some Republicans responded by calling the election "a tie." Huh?

Hockey team owners, concerned that the sport has had more trouble attracting television viewers, responded by locking out the players, which ensured that no fans could be excited about watching hockey. Huh?

Some countries have more mobile phones than toilets. Does this mean that they're using their smart phones to find out where the nearest bathroom is? Huh?

Mitt Romney's son Tagg recently said that his father never really had any interest in being president. Huh?

Chin lifts were the hottest form of cosmetic surgery this year. Huh?

There are still people who believe that climate change is just as silly of an idea as evolution. Huh?

Finally, the big one. Former CIA head David Petraeus, the keeper of the country's most important secrets, couldn't keep his illicit affair a secret.

Obviously a great judge of character, President Obama had chosen Petraeus to command the U.S. forces in Afghanistan before picking him to head the CIA.

Petraeus' affair was uncovered because his mistress, Paula Broadwell, sent disturbing e-mails to someone she thought was too interested in Petraeus — Jill Kelley. Broadwell is an Army intelligence officer, but in this case "intelligence" is just a military title. Kelley, the target of the e-mails, as well as her husband, were friends with Petraeus and his wife, Holly. Jill Kelley told another friend of hers, Frederick Humphries II, about the e-mails, and since Humphries was an FBI agent he turned the information over to the FBI and continuously urged them to pursue the case vigorously. He also sent shirtless photos of himself to Jill Kelley, but not to Paula Broadwell. Obviously a very social person, Jill was also friends with four-star Gen. John R. Allen, who received cyberstalking messages from Paula Broadwell, too.

"THE IOWA SUPREME COURT RULED THAT YOU CAN BE FIRED FROM A JOB FOR BEING 'TOO ATTRACTIVE' TO YOUR BOSS. HUH?"

Natalie Khawam, Jill Kelley's twin sister, was friends with both Petraeus and Allen. Earlier, Jill convinced both Petraeus and Allen to try to help her twin in a child custody case in which the judge found that Natalie had "misrepresented everything." Huh? Huh? Huh?

Here's to 2013, a year that I guarantee will have us saying, "Huh?"

Happy new year!

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The Q Line

Wishful thinking

With 2013 seemingly right around the corner, we were wondering what you wanted in the new year.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What is your resolution for the coming year and why?

Here are your responses:

"WELL FIRST AND FOREMOST, IN this coming year I wish that the hateful violence would stop. And as a disabled person in Santa Monica I would love to see straighter sidewalks because in my wheelchair it is really hard for me to get up on the sidewalk, so usually I have to peddle myself along the bike lane. So that's what I wish for this new year, and of course kindness with a capital K."

"I DON'T NEED TO MAKE ANY resolutions for myself. I just make them for other people."

"MY RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW year is the belief in the America we deserve, but are being deceived from getting. Our own City Council is a microcosm of the snake oil politicians who now infest government. New Age leadership no longer talks about hard work, sacrifice and fairness. Its new mantra is about progressive class envy so they can get reelected. This country, and especially our city, is about getting something for nothing. Someone else will pay for your karma of stupid decisions. Political snake oil can only be diluted by a healthy dose of skepticism and common sense. Governmental power, like the weather, will corrode the week stamina of the low-informational voter. Let us resolve to rid us of the weak fortitude of progressive government, wherever it deceives us. Happy new year to all, even if you now believe in snake oil."

"MY RESOLUTION WILL BE TO SHOP at the Westside Pavilion and Fox Hills Mall so I don't get hit by the parking revenue racketeering here. At least in Vegas you have fun when they take your money."

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"SAVE MONEY TO PAY OFF THESE BILLS, hopefully get health insurance and avoid falling into poverty if the nation falls off this fiscal cliff everyone is so concerned about. I'd also like to be more compassionate towards strangers, but with all the crazed bums in Santa Monica, it's difficult to let your guard down."

"I AM GOING TO EXERCISE MORE and take better care of my health in the new year. The pounds don't come off so easily anymore, especially after the holidays."

"KICK THE CROOKS ON THE CITY COUNCIL out of office and stop all of this development that is ruining our once great city."

"I'D LIKE TO FIND ALTERNATIVE WAYS to get around the city. I am tired of sitting in traffic and wasting money on gas. In the new year I am committed to taking the bus more, riding a bike or perhaps carpool. I can't deal with the stress of driving any more."

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insemination with an acquaintance's sperm at home to waive the freezing or testing requirements in a clinic, just as women who are inseminated with sperm from their sexual partners now can.

The theory is that women in both circumstances are exposed to the same risks of infection, but that the current rules discriminate against women without intimate male partners, according to the text of the law.

Mitchell Rosen, director of the Fertility Preservation Center at the University of California, San Francisco, tells the San Francisco Chronicle the new law will put same-sex couples "on the same playing field" as heterosexual couples by giving them equal access to fertility services.

Among the couples who are hoping to find a faster path to pregnancy in the new year are MeiBeck Scott-Chung and Maya Scott-Chung of Oakland. Maya Scott-Chung gave birth to their daughter eight years ago with a syringe and fresh sperm from a friend. The do-it-yourself method was effective, but was technically illegal because the sample was not tested, according to the Chronicle.

After she couldn't get pregnant again using the same method and the same donor, Maya Scott-Chung turned to a fertility clinic that told her about the federal testing requirements, which the couple found to be time-consuming, costly and unnecessary. They also worried that having to use frozen sperm would reduce her chances of getting pregnant.

"The thought of paying four to five thousand additional dollars to freeze and quarantine (his) sperm when he was right there, and especially since we'd had a baby with him ... it just didn't really make sense to us," Maya Scott-Chung told the Chronicle.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

DATE/TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Variance VAR 12-020, 859 Woodacres Road. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow the modification of side and rear yard setback requirements for a proposed single-family dwelling in order to reflect the graded building pad area of a parcel that has a grade differential that exceeds 50-feet. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030 (d)(3), the applicant may request a variance to allow the modification of side and rear yard setback on a parcel with a twelve-and-one-half-foot grade differential or more. In addition, the applicant is seeking approval to allow the proposed single family residence to exceed the maximum building height of the district height by approximately 4-feet 9-inches. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(f)(1) permits the applicant to request a modification to exceed district height limits by no more than five feet if a parcel has a grade differential of twelve and one-half feet or more. [Planner: Dennis Banks] APPLICANT/OWNER: Jason Somers, Crest Real Estate, LLC/859 Woodacres Trust.

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The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

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NOT PLEASED: **Cris McLeod sits in front of a vacant lot at Mountain View Mobile Home Park on Friday afternoon. He is one of a handful of residents who have filed a $121 million claim against City Hall for allegedly failing to maintain the park and treat tenants fairly.**

SELL
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old landfill adjacent to the property.

City Hall then invested another $6 million to fix the failing infrastructure. It also installed 20 environmentally-friendly manufactured homes to replace travel trailers and old mobile homes that had populated the park, and created a financing program to allow low-income residents the option to buy the units and retain their positions as homeowners.

Relations between existing residents and their new landlords, and property manager REC & S, Inc., have soured over the years, with residents alleging poor upkeep and abusive practices that have led some to abandon their homes for greener pastures.

That turned into a $121 million claim filed against Santa Monica for failing to maintain the trailer park, civil rights abuse and emotional distress.

"When the previous owner wanted to shut the park down, the city protected us. When I had problems, the city protected me. I didn't realize in 2004 I would have to protect myself from the city," said Michelle Cole, a resident at Mountain View since 1984.

At the most recent City Council meeting, staff asked for permission to seek out a nonprofit corporation that would be willing to own and operate the property, although a for-profit entity would also be welcomed, said James Kemper, a project manager with the Department of Housing and Economic Development.

"We never really set out with the intent to become a property manager, it's not our bailiwick," Kemper said. "Mountain View was purchased by the city to preserve it as affordable housing. At the time, the only feasible path to do that was to have the city buy it. That's how it started."

Now that the new homes are in place and the infrastructure has been improved, City Hall is looking for another entity that might be better suited to run the park.

So far, the focus seems to be on the nonprofit world, where organizations have a mission to maintain affordable housing and no need to bring in a massive return on investment.

For-profit owners might have difficulty with the space. Not only are the spaces rent controlled, they're also locked in, meaning that the rents cannot be brought up to market rate after a long-term tenant moves out.

The park also has an added layer of protection called deed restriction, which City Hall applied to the property when it purchased it, keeping the spaces open only to those who meet certain income levels.

"With rent control and affordability restrictions, its market value is lower than an identical park right next door," Kemper said, noting that rents run on average between $300 and $320 compared to the $600 to $800 an owner might otherwise get.

Only the spaces at Mountain View, not the homes themselves, are governed by rent control laws, but the space rent and the home rent cannot exceed the affordability requirements put down by City Hall, Kemper said.

Still, officials are willing to put additional curbs on the property to preserve it as affordable housing.

"In my mind, it's iron clad, but we have to look at it," Kemper said. "At the expiration of this, we should look at a way that basically guarantees that the tenants would be safe."

City Hall isn't entirely done with Mountain View.

Nine more of the new manufactured homes will come online in coming months, according to a staff report, and residents of the Village Trailer Park will have the option to move into Mountain View as part of their relocation plan if they qualify under the park's income restrictions.

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Under the new law, Scott-Chung would be able to declare her friend as a "sexually intimate partner" and sign a waiver releasing the clinic from any liability from any health problems that might result from using fresh sperm that has been tested for communicable diseases only once.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which enforces the federal rules, declined comment on the new law, citing a pending lawsuit brought last summer by a California woman who wants to use artificial insemination from a known donor outside of a clinic and is challenging the testing requirement.

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LABOR
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speech, the court said.

"Therefore, it is well settled that statutory law — state and federal — may single out labor-related speech for particular protection or regulation, in the context of a statutory system of economic regulation of labor relations, without violating the federal Constitution," the court said.

In concurring opinions, other justices wrote that retailers had the right to limit picketers so customers are not disturbed, including noise, and the number and size of signs.

The case stemmed from a picket by members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union who were encouraging shoppers to boycott a Sacramento Ralphs supermarket because its employees weren't unionized.

The grocer went to court in 2008 to remove the picketers, who had been in front of the store several times a week since it opened in 2007.

A court denied the retailer's petition for an injunction citing state laws protecting labor pickets on employer property, but an appellate court overturned the decision, saying the laws were unconstitutional because they gave special protection to labor speech. The union appealed to the Supreme Court.

In a statement, the San Francisco law firm for Ralphs Grocery Co. said that although the high court's decision was not a win, it clarified rules about labor union activity.

"No demonstrator has a constitutional right to be on any retailers' property," said Morrison & Foerster. "And all other demonstrators may be denied access to areas that are not designed to encourage shoppers to congregate."

SMOKING
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sure to secondhand smoke," and the smoke can cause asthma, respiratory infections, ear infections and sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS.

Roughly 46,000 nonsmokers die each year from heart disease caused by secondhand smoke, according to the government fact sheet.

The drastic health impacts of secondhand smoke was one of the driving motivations of the City Council, which passed the measure on a 5 to 2 vote, with Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor against.

They objected on the basis of civil liberties, noting that cigarettes are still legal and that demanding that smokers "out" themselves in a survey was tantamount to tacking "a big, yellow 'S'" on smokers' doors, in McKeown's words.

Councilmembers Bob Holbrook and Bobby Shriver, however, pushed for a more restrictive ban that would make all units non-smoking unless the tenant specifically opted out.

They eventually changed their votes after several rounds of motions floated up and failed on Oct. 3, but the support was tepid.

"We will have a new council in a month or so, and perhaps at that time we can do something more objective," Holbrook said at the time.

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YEAR
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unusually warm winter, spring tornadoes, summer drought, and a band of concentrated, hurricane-scale thunderstorms that taught millions the word "derecho."

Autumn brought Hurricane Sandy and a wintry nor'easter that disrupted millions of lives and killed hundreds, many swept from their homes in communities with safe-sounding names like New York's Breezy Point and the Rockaways that unexpectedly entered the lexicon of global disaster zones.

When the waters did recede, they revealed a country perhaps one step readier to confront difficult questions: Is our planet changing, and are we responsible? Even more abruptly, the Connecticut killing spree seemed in one terrible day to bring the long-dormant issue of gun control to the political forefront.

Sandy may also have boosted President Barack Obama in the last days of a close-run re-election campaign that was nothing if not a storm itself — a seemingly endless $6 billion typhoon of negativity that simply exhausted Americans, particularly in a handful of swing states on whose airwaves it made landfall.

But it ended at last, and if the outcome seemed to affirm the status quo, it also laid bare a political topography reshaped by changing demographics.

Just over half the country, disproportionately the young and minority, celebrated Obama's re-election, and three states became the first to approve gay marriage at the ballot box. Among those on the losing side, older and whiter as a group, some were genuinely shocked by the result, and expressed sadness in the conviction that an America that felt familiar to them was slipping away.

After nearly half a decade, rays of sunlight at last shone on the American economy. Unemployment, though still uncomfortably high, fell below 8 percent for the first time in more than three years. Housing began to rebound. Though political gridlock threatened to undermine it, recovery seemed at last at hand.

Yet the flickering revival also illuminated how much may have changed forever. Factories were hiring again, but often couldn't find workers with the needed qualifications. A college degree was the increasingly unforgiving divider between the haves and have-nots, fueling anxiety over its rising price.

One 2012 study reached the remarkable conclusion that even during the depths of the worst recession in the lifetimes of most Americans, the number of jobs available to people with a bachelor's degree never stopped increasing. And even when the economy picked up in 2012, the number of available jobs for those with only a high school diploma continued to decline. In other words, for those with a college degree, the Great Recession never happened. For those without one, it may never end.

Amid great sorrow, there was no shortage of wondrous human achievement in 2012.

Felix Baumgartner, a 42-year-old former car mechanic from Austria, rode a balloon-tugged capsule to the edge of space. Then, as millions watched breathlessly online, he opened the hatch, paused momentarily, and stepped into the void. He tumbled for nine minutes and 24 miles, breaking the sound barrier, before deploying a parachute and landing safely in the New Mexico desert.

No less thrillingly to some, scientists in Switzerland tied the final string of a knot that explains the most elementary workings of the universe: the "standard model" of physics. With the words, "I think we have it," they announced with virtual certainty they had found the so-called Higgs boson "God particle." It was an answer to one of the most basic but bedeviling questions imaginable: Where does mass come from?

At the London Olympics, Jamaican Usain Bolt proved himself the greatest sprinter of all-time, and Baltimore swimmer Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian. But for the Americans, victory in the medal table was driven by women — a reward, on the 40th anniversary of Title IX, for a broad-based culture of sports participation. The defining image: 16-year-old gymnast Gabby Douglas, suspended with seemingly impossible fluidity and grace at the apex of her jump from a balance beam, en route to the all-around gold medal.

There were, as always, those who let us down. Lance Armstrong, the supposedly superhuman cyclist stripped of seven Tour de France titles, humiliated by a meticulous official report that painted him a cheat and a bully. Revered general and CIA director David Petraeus, taken down by an affair with a fawning biographer. Former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky, carted off to prison for 30-to-60 years for child sex abuse.

Internationally, there was no shortage of storms in 2012, though less in the way of resolution. Old enmities and grievances resurfaced in the Middle East, clouding the legacy of the 2011 Arab spring. The number of dead in the Syrian civil war passed 40,000. Israeli and Palestinian civilians suffered through another escalation of the conflict in Gaza.

In Libya, four Americans, including much-loved ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed in an attack on the Benghazi consulate that became yet another point of bitter political dispute in Washington.

The European Union accepted the Nobel Peace Prize, but its grand experiment with a single currency teetered. Greeks rioted against austerity, and anti-immigrant groups harking back to the continent's fascist past drew energy from the despair. Spain, Portugal and Italy struggled to right themselves and offer a way forward to an emerging generation that has never tasted opportunity.

Beneath the biggest headlines there were stories where one might spot distant clouds on the horizon — clouds with the potential, at least, to gather into storms.

In February, Congress set in motion planning to open U.S. civilian airspace to unmanned aircraft by 2015. Will domestic drones make possible heretofore unimaginable conveniences, transform our economy and make us safer? Or, as some fear, will they usher in a "surveillance society" where prying eyes above compromise the privacy of every home and back yard?

In September, China unveiled its first aircraft carrier. Will it herald an arms race and future conflict? Or does it merely highlight the wide military gap between the United States and any rival? And will China's slowing economy prove a manageable correction, or the first rumblings of an economic and political earthquake?

In November, in the magnificent but seemingly cursed Great Lakes region of East Africa, refugees again streamed past bodies of the dead, fleeing into the mountains. The city of Goma, Congo, fell to a few hundred rebels, allegedly supported by next-door Rwanda, as United Nations peacekeepers stood by. Would this prove merely another flare-up in a beautiful but crowded and long-suffering corner of the world? Or was it the re-ignition of a conflict that — unbeknownst to much of the world — was the deadliest on earth since World War II, claiming more than 5 million lives during the late 1990s and early 2000s?

Yes, some clouds did part in 2012. But there remained no dearth of the grieving and the suffering, on whom "the sky, it seems, would pour down stinking pitch" — in the words of Shakespeare's famous take on tempests — and who anxiously awaited what the dawning light of 2013 would reveal.



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Best bubbly for your buck



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POPPING BOTTLES: **Drinking good bubbly doesn't mean you have to break the bank. You just have to know what to look for. Instead of champagne, try prosecco.**

CHAMPAGNE, BEING SYNONYMOUS with celebration, is the clear drink of choice to bring in the new year. Which type of bubbly being poured is often contingent on preference and pocketbook. After all, those bubbles aren't going to pay for themselves.

Serving or drinking a decent bottle of sparkling wine can save a host a new year's worth of ridicule and a wicked hangover as well. The first rule to know is champagne is not champagne unless it's from the region of Champagne, France. Otherwise it is sparkling wine; a minor detail to the layman drinker, but to the French this is scripture.

And credit must be given where credit is due. Krug, Perrier-Jouët, Moët, and so on, bottle the best stuff in the world. It also comes with a price tag of $150 plus per bottle and up. It's difficult to find any bottle of champagne for anything less than $40. It must be noted that when purchasing good champagne you are not just buying a fancy bottle of fermented grapes. You are also buying into the identity, royalty and history — better known as really good marketing.

Cheaper alternatives are abound. Buyer beware — just because you save money on a bottle does not mean that you won't be paying a heavy price the morning after. One reason for bad hangovers is drinking too much. But another culprit is residual sugar. Bottles labeled "brut" tend to have less than 1 percent of the sweet stuff. So leave the Korbel on the shelf because the middle ground has a bevy of options.

There are many varieties of prosecco (Italian sparkling wine) to suit your palate. Unlike champagne, where secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle, prosecco's secondary fermentation occurs in the vat. It's a less tedious and subsequently cheaper process. There are prosecco's such as "spumante" that are made like champagne, giving it that fizzier finish.

Champagne may be the best, but not all of us have the wherewithal nor care about New Year's Eve that much to uncork such special stuff. Locally speaking there are very good options from a grand celebration to the casual pop. Vertuze is sparkling wine bottled in the Arroyo Grande Valley around San Luis Obispo County. They bottle a brut as well as a rosé that is readily available in the area. It's a very good local option and for around $20 a bottle it's reasonable too.

On the cheaper side but still out of the "swill" zone is Gruet brut. New Mexico apparently makes some good sparkling wine. Pull this out at a party and save some cash and show the world that you have cool, unexpected wine knowledge too.

I can go on forever, but alas the year is almost over and there is some bubbly that has to be bought. New Year's Eve is an obstacle course laden with bad decisions and regret. Where or whom you wake up with is none of my business, but please keep the vehicles at bay unless you have a designated driver.

Best of luck and may a good vintage find its way in your glass to ring in the new year.

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Eating healthy when eating out

WE'VE ALL CELEBRATED MORE liberally during the holidays and if you followed any of my tips and suggestions in my last column to help maintain your weight then you're more than likely starting the new year with less regrets. But even if you overindulged you don't have to miss out on your chance to sample, savor and save this January when California Restaurant Month comes to Santa Monica for its inaugural Eat Well Week.

You can still stick to your new year's resolution to eat healthier because 13 of Santa Monica's top eateries will offer discounted prix-fixe menus and new healthy menu options that satisfy both the wallet and waistline.

From Sunday, Jan. 6 through Saturday, Jan. 13, you can treat yourself to try that new hip urban restaurant everyone has been talking about or the beach brasserie serving contemporary California coastal cuisine.

For the list of all Santa Monica restaurants participating you can visit www.santamonica.com/eatwell, but I have chosen three specific eateries to highlight because their philosophies and menus more closely speak to my own personal beliefs and nutrition counseling style. They are Locanda del Lago located on Third Street Promenade, Ocean and Vine at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, and Josie at 25th Street and Pico Boulevard.

It has been awhile since I've dined at Lago for Northern Italian and great people watching on the promenade, but with the review of their website I was reminded about the wide-ranging dedication from the chefs. Not only do they offer fresh, organic, local produce, but they also strive to decrease our carbon footprint. In 2011 Lago's Chef Gianfranco Minuz introduced "Meatless Mondays" with menu options containing no meat or meat-related products, including dairy. This environmentally-friendly menu is a tasty way to include the healthful vegan diet once per week — something I recommend to my clients.

Unlike Lago's open-air feel, sitting in the dining room at Josie is more like being swaddled in warmth while being served fresh, wholesome comfort food. It might be the fact that we shop at the same Farmers' Market and purchase produce from the same sustainable farms that calls me to Josie's menu, but it's probably more likely that it's the type of food I like to cook and eat. I've been counseling my clients to buy local and seasonal foods for years to nourish the body with the freshest fare and Josie uses her craft to do just that.

If you seek an understated but creative meal of locally-caught seafood or naturally-farmed beef (which I even allow once per week to my patients with hypercholesterolemia), then try Ocean and Vine at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. With over 30 years of experience Chef Keith Roberts is described as a true seafood master. Combining the best seafood and personally picked produce from the Wednesday Farmers' Market, Chef Roberts creates signature dishes like his seafood-centric Santa Monica Chili with fava beans.

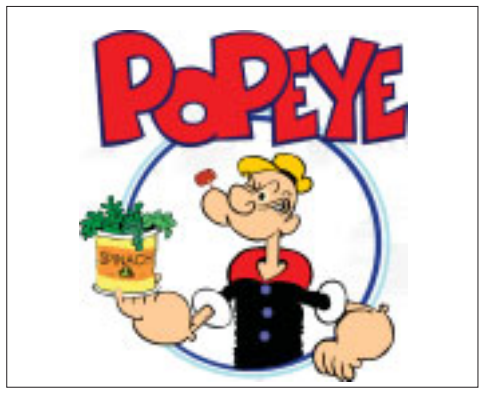


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STRENGTH IN A CAN: **Don't miss Popeye at the Downtown Farmers' Market Jan. 2 for Eat Well Week.**

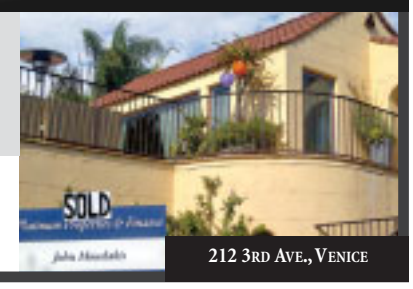
In keeping with this farm to table theme, the Santa Monica Farmers' Markets, along with three of the 13 participating Eat Well Week restaurants, will be distributing healthy recipe cards attached to bags of locally sourced spinach.

To kick off the week, Popeye The Sailor Man, Olive Oyl and Swee'Pea will make an appearance at the Downtown Farmers' Market on Jan. 2 to get people excited about the leafy green. Popeye, the creation of Santa Monica cartoonist E.C. Segar, was a big believer in spinach, chowing down on the stuff to gain energy and strength, usually to bash Bluto, a rival for Olive Oyl's affection.

With Eat Well Week, chefs hope more people become exposed to the healthier side of eating out.

"It's great that health conscious food is getting recognized and acknowledged," said Chef Collin Crannell of The Lobster. Look for his spanakopita recipe made with fresh spinach and homemade phyllo dough.

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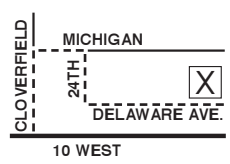
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WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
BIGGEST LATE; Smaller WNW swell leftovers through the morning; New WNW and SSW swells picking up with sets to chest/shoulder high for top exposures before dark

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6 ft
New WNW swell builds further and tops out during the day; Plus sets at standouts; SSW builds further; Light AM winds

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
WNW swell easing through the day; SSW swell holds; Light AM winds

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
WNW and SSW swells fade; plus sets at top combo spots

Tides

Are very manageable to start the week, becoming more of an issue as the tide swings are a bit more extreme towards the end of this week. Deep morning high tides of 5'+ just before sunrise will slow the more tide sensitive breaks down Thursday and into the weekend. Keep it in mind when planning a surf.

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Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 11
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 19 / 10
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	C	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
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.	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	C
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+	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point conc).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	C
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	D
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CSAW jetty).	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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
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NFL

Pryor to get 1st start at QB for Raiders

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. The Oakland Raiders are ready to get a long look at Terrelle Pryor to see if he can be their quarterback of the future.

Pryor got the nod to start Sunday's season finale in San Diego in place of the injured Carson Palmer. After being deemed not ready to be the backup when Palmer got hurt last week in Carolina, Pryor now gets the chance to make his first career start.

"We know what his strengths are, we know what his weaknesses are," coach Dennis Allen said Friday. "But really, to give him an opportunity to go out in a game, against a division opponent, at their place, and give him a chance to play, it gives us a view into the future."

Allen said he told Pryor and Matt Leinart early in the week that he was leaning to Pryor but wanted to see how practice developed. He said he thought Pryor responded well and now wants to see what his athleticism can bring to a team that has failed to score a touchdown the past two weeks.

Pryor said he's confident he is ready to start his first game since the Sugar Bowl for Ohio State against Arkansas on Jan. 4, 2011, but admitted to having some anxiety.

"I'm nervous. Until the first play I'm going to be nervous," he said. "I'm human like you guys. I'm human like everybody. I just happen to play one of the best sports in the world. I'll be nervous until the first snap."

Pryor was taken in the third round of the supplemental draft in August 2011 by late Raiders owner Al Davis. Pryor missed almost all of training camp and then served a five-game suspension before he could be activated. He got on the field just once as a rookie — committing a false start before his only play — as he needed to work on his footwork and mechanics.

Pryor got a few chances to shine in the preseason but was then inactive the first 11 games of this year. He played briefly the past two weeks in specialty packages. He completed one of two passes for 5 yards, ran the ball once for 2 yards and caught a 22-yard pass.

Pryor said he guarantees he will have no problems with the logistics of quarterback, calling the play in the huddle, getting to the line of scrimmage on time and recognizing defenses.

"I'm confident," he said. "I'm sure my teammates have confidence in me as well. Like I said, you can't put everything on my shoulders, can't try to do everything. Just go out and let the players make plays and let myself make plays."

Pryor will be the 15th player to start at quarterback for the Raiders since the start of the 2003 season.

"Of course he brings the running ability, but he's trying to be a leader out there, have command of the huddle and doing the job that a starting quarterback should do," receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey said.

Leinart had hoped to be able to make his third start since 2007 but thought the Raiders might give the nod to Pryor to see what he can do in a real game.

"The competitor in me wants to play, wants to start, but I do understand that they need to evaluate him, and I get that," Leinart said. "Obviously, you're not happy by any means, but at the same time I'm a team player. I've learned a lot this year, and I'm happy to help."



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Jack Reacher (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
7:15pm, 10:30pm

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11:45am, 3:30pm, 7:15pm, 11:00pm

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Jack Reacher (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 8:00pm, 11:15pm

Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm

Parental Guidance (PG) 1hr 44min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:55pm

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11:00am

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Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
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Early night tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Tension builds. Choose to take a much-needed, unscheduled day off. You enjoy spontaneity. You also might have some observations to think about. A day away from the daily grind could be more than a mood-changer. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep plans light and easy. Write a few thank-you notes, work on your New Year's wishes and make or confirm plans to greet 2013. Take care of some errands, but above all else, make sure that you get to relax before the next round. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be juggling your finances or find yourself having to rob Peter to pay Paul. Stop and take a hard look at the situation. Is there any way you could avoid this scenario? Tonight: Fun does not have to cost you anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Enjoy others' attention, but don't forget about someone who could be far more in need of it, and who could use some emotional support as well. You have put in a lot of effort into the recent holiday. Tonight: Wherever you go, people are all smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Step away from the daily grind for a bit. Spend the day alone or with one other person. Everyone needs time to recharge his or her battery, and you'll need this even more as you interact with others. Screen calls, and play it low-key. Tonight: Suddenly, you feel revived.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Get together with friends. The activity is not important, as long as you do not assume the lead. Plans could change quite suddenly if you are single. You could meet that special someone very soon. Tonight: Don't make it late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Deal with an older friend or relative directly. You have been avoiding this situation. You could continue this same avoidance game, or start the new year on the right path. A domestic change might be unavoidable. Tonight: To the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Detach from your immediate surroundings, as you could be overtired and withdrawn. Honor a need to revitalize yourself. Hop in the car, and go for a drive. Stop at a favorite flea market. Tonight: Follow the music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ When was the last time you spent some quiet one-on-one time with a certain loved one? Make plans to get together with this person, even if you need to cancel other plans. Relationships need nurturing. Tonight: Partake in a meal together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Defer to a friend or loved one. You might discover that letting go could be difficult, but worthwhile. You'll find that you won't have to plan out every hour or have to stay mentally ahead of what is happening. Tonight: Do not be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Make a push to get errands done, and don't forget to send out your Christmas thank-you's. Plans to join a friend later could be fun. Brainstorm your New Year's resolutions. Also, catch up on this person's news. You'll gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Express your concern and caring to a loved one. Whatever you are seeing, know that this person might not even be aware of it. Resist harping on the same point, unless you want to create more tension. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

Happy birthday

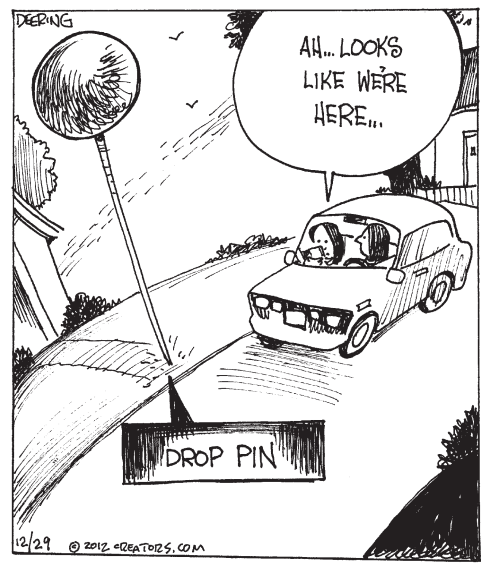
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you will make decisions about many different issues, but when it comes to following through on them, it could be a problem. If you are not 100 percent dedicated to a decision, don't do it. You also might feel the need to redo conversations in both your personal and professional lives. If you are single, go with the flow, especially as the summer months approach. Summertime could produce a very interesting friend, if not something more. If you are attached, avoid petty arguments. Express your caring and your commitment to each other. CANCER has the same issue as you, but expresses it differently.

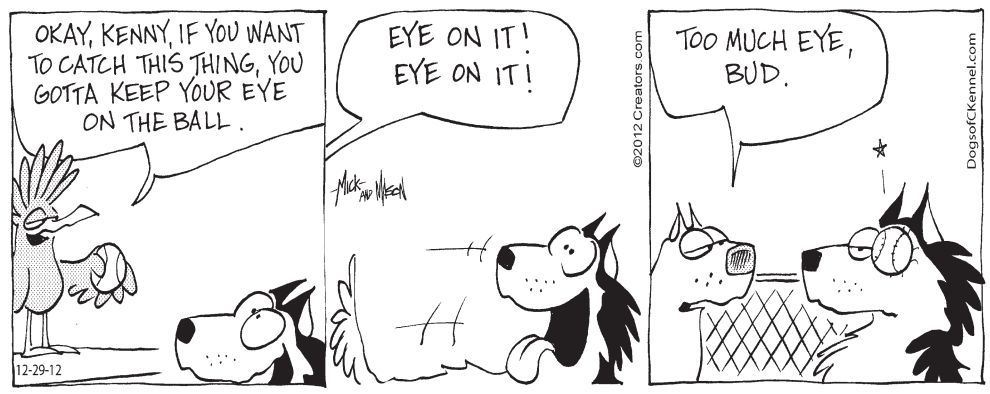
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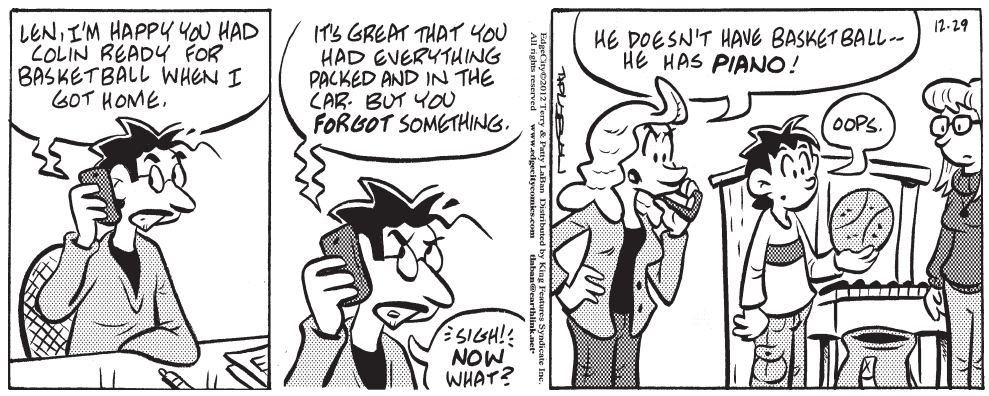
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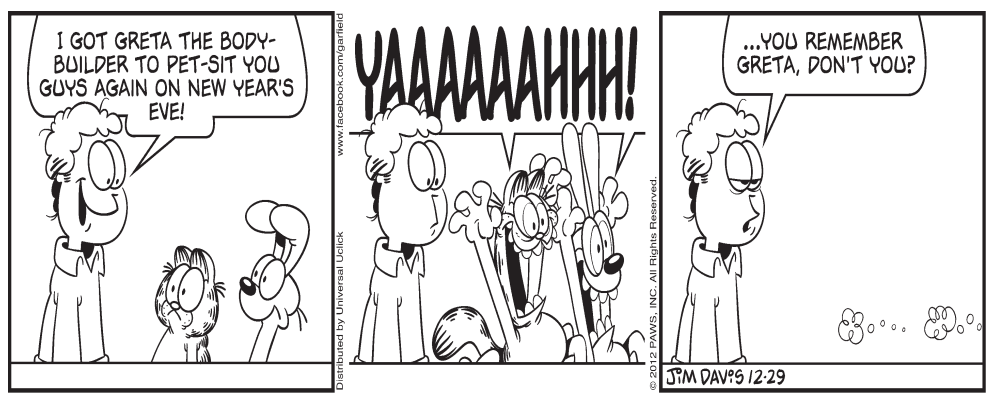
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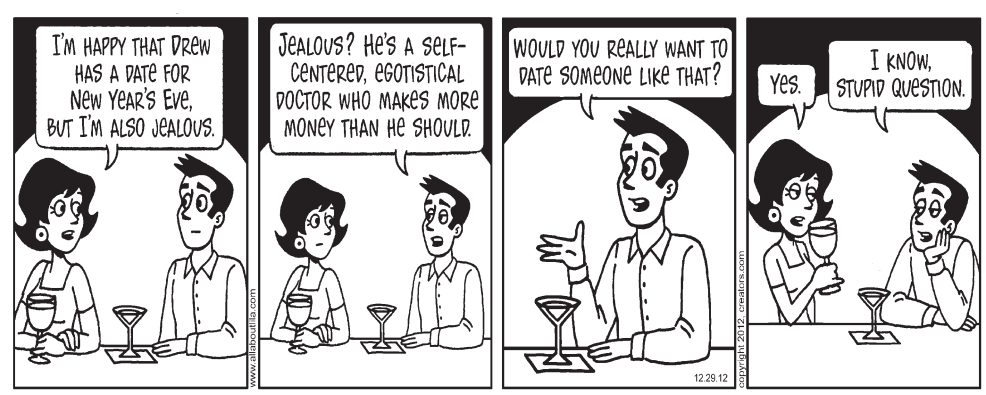
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

2	5	4	9	1	7	3	6	8
7	9	3	2	6	8	1	4	5
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Niger neighbor
5 Rum cakes
10 Bond, for one
12 Wading bird
13 Bringer of bad luck
14 Blush's kin
15 Assn.
16 Long time
18 Once called
19 Betrays
21 Enjoy a novel
22 Twinge
24 Get smart
25 New Year's Eve staple
29 Not naked
30 Sufficient
32 Back muscle, for short
33 Compass trace
34 Historic time
35 Some messages
37 Bert's pal
39 Impel
40 Entered Indy
41 Essays
42 Towel word

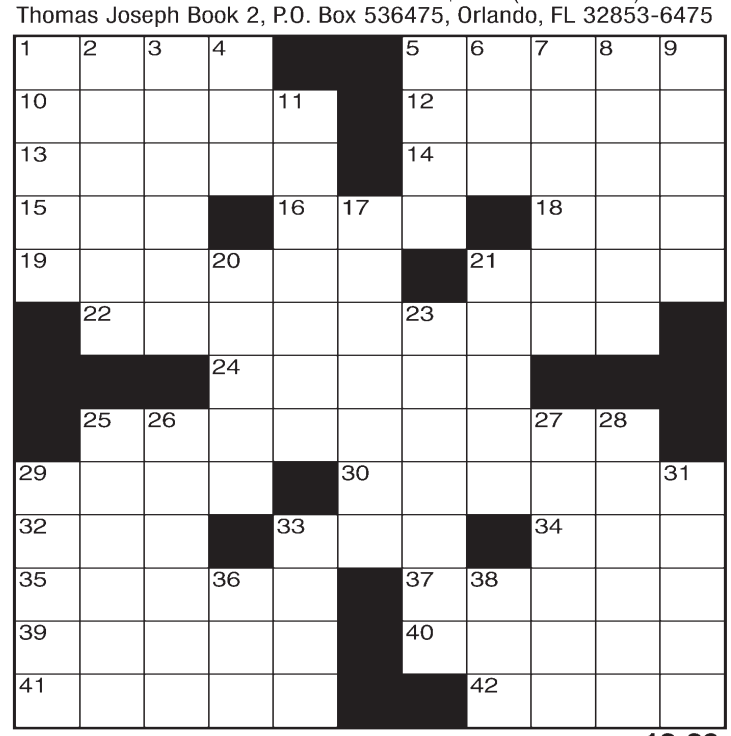
DOWN

1 College study
2 Old markets
3 Pants measure
4 — bind
5 Swiss capital
6 Before now
7 Sultanate on Borneo
8 Sea off Greece
9 Mount
11 Corollary's kin
17 In theory
20 Light lunch
21 Animated chameleon
23 One of Santa's team
25 Hubbub
26 1962 John Wayne film
27 Subtlety
28 Made with more yolks
29 Fissure
31 Pays attention to
33 Pub pints
36 Skating surface
38 Fan cry

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2 9 24 33 37
Meganumber: 1
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/27
1 5 9 15 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/27
MIDDAY: 7 9 0
EVENING: 1 4 4

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 12/27
1st: 07 - EUREKA
2nd: 04 - BIG BEN
3rd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
RACE TIME: 1:40.43

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ High School Inspirations: (1) Trent Bauer became a mid-season replacement as starting quarterback for Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (Lexington, Ky.) after beginning the season merely as the team's bulldog-costumed mascot on the sidelines. In his first game, in October, he threw two touchdown passes in a 22-19 victory. (2) Also in October, South Plantation (Fla.) High School's third-string quarterback, Ms. Erin DiMeglio, was voted the school's homecoming queen. In her first game this season, she had come off the bench in a brief stint and completed two passes.

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1975 - A bomb explodes at LaGuardia Airport in New York, New York, killing 11 people and injuring 74.

1989 - Riots break-out after Hong Kong decides to forcibly repatriate Vietnamese refugees.

1992 - Fernando Collor de Mello, president of Brazil, tries to resign amidst corruption charges, but is then impeached.

1996 - Guatemala and leaders of Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union sign a peace accord ending a 36-year civil war.

1997 - Hong Kong begins to kill all the nation's 1.25 million chickens to stop the spread of a potentially deadly influenza strain.

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Case# 12DR996
Division: 7
District Court, Douglas, Colorado, 4000 Justice Way #2009, Castle Rock, CO 80104
In Re: the Marriage of:
Petitioner: MARIA ESTHER FERGUSON
Respondent: ALLAN NOLAN FERGUSON
Attorney for Petitioner: SARAH ELIZABETH BANDY, Atty. Reg. No. 41711
Address: Flinders, Bandy Attorney's at Law, 6595 S. Dayton St. Suite 1000, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

To the Respondent named above, this Summons serves as a notice to aapear in this case.
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injunction, or modification or revocation under

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§14-10-108, C.R.S.

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