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SMMUSD food menus tweaked

New nutrition director adds hummus boxes, yogurt parfaits

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Before devouring homemade gingerbread cookies and gnawing on candy canes over winter break, students in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district were likely noticing changes in their campus cafeterias.

New chicken cutlets replaced ground chicken patties on sandwiches. Different chicken tenders were served. There was even a fajita day with plates that featured seasoned chicken, red and green bell peppers, fresh onions and whole-grain flour tortillas.

Meanwhile, a new hummus box was introduced as a vegetarian option and customized yogurt parfaits were available for breakfast.

The menu changes follow the district's hiring earlier this year of a new food and nutrition services director, Liz Powell, who is asked to balance a multitude of state and federal regulations, as well as funding restrictions, while also taking children's tastes and parents' concerns into consideration.

Powell's actions aim to address at least some of the issues raised by parent activists who have convened informally and with district officials with the hope of improving the quality and health of food offerings at schools.

But the district's central focus, spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said, is serving the students who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. Close to 27-percent of students in the district qualify for discounted meals.

"The food program needs to be self-sustaining, so while many parents and staff would like to see us move toward organic, more fresh ingredients, reduce salt and sugar, more whole grains, and less processed foods, we also have to consider the financial implications and what students will actually eat,

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Washing 2015 into the ocean

56th annual New Year's Day swim planned at Venice Beach

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

You can ring in the New Year with champagne, football bowl games and parades on television. Or, you can go for a dip in the Pacific Ocean.

Scores of people from across the region will usher in 2016 by participating in the 56th annual Penguin Club Swim, a New Year's Day tradi-

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Agent: Chargers player fined $10K

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers safety Eric Weddle was fined $10,000 by the team for remaining on the sideline at halftime of a Dec. 20 home game to watch his daughter dance in a program sponsored by the team's cheerleaders, agent David Canter said Monday.

Canter said he and Weddle didn't plan to divulge the fine, but changed their minds after Weddle and three other players were placed

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PET PROJECT

Courtesy photos

Healthy Spot Santa Monica celebrated its grand re-opening this month at 1110 Wilshire Blvd. The new space features expanded daycare and grooming centers as well as an adoption space run by L.A. Love and Leashes, a nonprofit organization.

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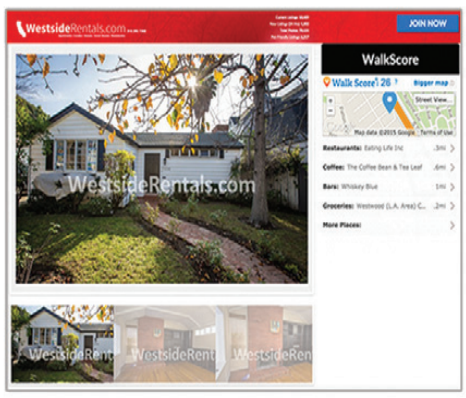
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Family musical story time
Music with your stories! Fun for the whole family. Ages 2 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Movie screening: 'Hold On!'
British pop rockers Herman's Hermits star in this silly musical comedy, which includes an extensive segment filmed at Santa Monica's long-lost Pacific Ocean Park. Screened as part of our 125th anniversary celebration. (85 min.) Seating first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market
One of the largest and most diverse grower-only certified farmers markets in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday market. 3rd Street Promenade, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Luce Puppets presents Aesop's Fables
Spend some time with the family and enjoy this Aesop's Fables puppet show! Ages 3 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Movie screening: 'The Sting'
The Looff Hippodrome and Carousel on the Santa Monica Pier serves as Paul Newman's homebase in this classic comedy caper. Screened as part of our 125th anniversary celebration. (129 min.) Seating first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31

Annenberg Community Beach House - CLOSED
The Beach House will close at 12 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 12 p.m.

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White officer won't face charges in death of black Ohio boy

BY MARK GILLISPIE
Associated Press

CLEVELAND A grand jury on Monday declined to indict a white rookie police officer in the killing of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy who was shot while playing with what turned out to be a pellet gun.

In explaining the decision, Cuyahoga County prosecutor Tim McGinty said it was "indisputable" that the boy was drawing the pistol from his waistband when he was gunned down. McGinty said Tamir was trying to either hand the weapon over to police or show them it wasn't real, but the officer and his partner had no way of knowing that.

"Simply put, given this perfect storm of human error, mistakes and miscommunications by all involved that day, the evidence did not indicate criminal conduct by police," McGinty said.

He said patrolman Timothy Loehmann was justified in opening fire: "He had reason to fear for his life."

Tamir's family condemned the decision but echoed the prosecutor in urging those who are disappointed to express themselves "peacefully and democratically." Barricades were set up outside the county courthouse in Cleveland in case of protests, and about two dozen people gathered in the cold rain at the recreation center where Tamir was shot, some holding signs with photos of the boy and others killed by police in the U.S.

A grainy surveillance camera video of the November 2014 shooting provoked outrage nationally, and together with other killings of black people by police in places such as Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City, it helped fuel the Black Lives Matter movement.

There was no immediate comment from Loehmann after the decision. An attorney for Loehmann's partner, patrolman Frank Garmback, called the shooting a "tragic incident" but said it's clear the officers "acted within the bounds of the law." The grand jury also declined to indict Garmback.

Tamir was shot by Loehmann within two seconds of the officers' police cruiser skidding to a stop near the boy. Loehmann and Garmback were responding to a 911 call about a "guy" pulling a gun out of his pants and pointing it at people. Tamir was carrying a borrowed airsoft gun that looks like an actual firearm but shoots nonlethal plastic pellets. It was missing the orange tip that is supposed to show that it's not a real weapon.

The grand jury had been hearing evidence and testimony since mid-October.

In detailing the decision not to bring charges, McGinty said police radio personnel contributed to the tragedy by failing to pass along the "all-important fact" that the 911 caller said the gunman was probably a juvenile and the gun probably wasn't real.

Assistant prosecutor Matthew Meyer said it was "extremely difficult" to tell the difference between the pellet gun and the firearm its modeled after. And he said Tamir was big for his age — 5-foot-7 and 175 pounds — and appeared much older than 12.

McGinty also noted that the neighborhood has a history of violence and that a short distance away are memorials to two Cleveland police officers fatally shot in the line of duty. McGinty said the city has taken steps to prevent this kind of shooting from happening again.

The Cleveland police department plans to put dashboard cameras in every patrol car. Officers who work the streets have been equipped with bodycams since September. The city also reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice this year to institute numerous reforms, including an overhaul of the police department's use-of-force policies. The settlement was prompted in part by a November 2012 high-speed car chase that ended with the killing of a couple in a 137-shot barrage of police gunfire.

In a statement, Tamir's family said it was "saddened and disappointed by this outcome — but not surprised." It accused the prosecutor of "abusing and manipulating the grand jury process to orchestrate a vote against indictment."

Among other things, the family charged that McGinty improperly hired use-of-force experts to tell the grand jury that Loehmann's actions were reasonable.

The family renewed its request for the Department of Justice to step in and conduct "a real investigation." Federal prosecutors in Cleveland noted Monday that a civil rights investigation into the shooting is already underway.

Also, Mayor Frank Jackson said the city and the police department will conduct an internal review that could result in disciplinary action against the two officers, who were removed from street duty and have been on restricted duty since the shooting.

Tamir's family has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the two officers and the city.

McGinty said it was a "tough conversation" with Tamir's mother when she was told there would be no charges.

"She was broken up, and it was very hard," the prosecutor said.

Loehmann opened fire from a distance estimated at 4 1/2 to 7 feet, getting off two shots, one of which missed.

"With his hands pulling the gun out and his elbow coming up, I knew it was a gun and it was coming out," Loehmann said in a statement he read to the grand jury. "I saw the weapon in his hands coming out of his waistband, and the threat to my partner and myself was real and active."

After the boy's killing, it was learned that Loehmann had washed out from the police force in suburban Independence. Loehmann had a "dismal" handgun performance, broke down in tears at the gun range and was emotionally immature, according to documents. He quit that department before he could be fired.

Steve Loomis, the head of Cleveland's largest police union, said the organization was pleased with the grand jury's finding but added the decision "is no cause for celebration, and there will be none."

McGinty urged those who disagree with the grand jury decision to react peacefully and said: "It is time for the community and all of us to start to heal."

Outside the recreation center, protesters chanted, "No justice, no peace!" Art Blakey, of Cleveland, held a sign that read, "Indict, Convict, Send Killer Cops to Jail!" He said he wasn't surprised by the grand jury decision.

"There never has been any justice in these police murders," he said. "We're supposed to swallow these things whole as if this is business as usual."

FOOD

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while not raising pricing," Pinsker said. "There is always room for improvement."

The recent improvements have been spearheaded by Powell, who studied nutrition at Cal Poly Pomona. She previously served for 11 years in the Santa Maria-Bonita School District, where she implemented a rotating menu system with a focus on healthy fare for more than 15,000 students at 20 elementary and middle schools.

Powell's efforts have been supplemented by the work of several consultants, who were hired by the district to work with students and educate their families about obesity, diet and other lifestyle issues. Their contracts were approved by the school board earlier this year.

"Under Liz's leadership since September, we are enhancing and improving our program and the immediate changes are very exciting," Pinsker said. "We are very excited about these changes and so are many parents who have been encouraging us to look toward some additional healthy food options."

Powell said she has tried to learn about the district's food operations and make small changes without disrupting meal services. She got rid of sugary cereals, swapped out the condiment packets for ones that don't have high-fructose corn syrup and replaced the spork kit with dispensers for forks, spoons and napkins.

From January through May, salad bars will be in use on a daily basis at all elementary schools. Powell is trying to increase the variety of fruits and vegetables available to students beyond the entree items at breakfast and lunch.

New salads and smoothies are in the works for students at the secondary level. The hummus boxes and the new chicken items will also be offered to them.

Powell said she meets monthly with site managers and receives feedback from them on student responses to the cafeteria food.

"Our plan is to keep these new items on the menu to see how the children like them," she said.

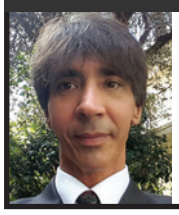
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What's the Point?

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The past is great, but the future is better

AS 2015 WINDS DOWN I AM AWARE that Santa Monica has made great progress in becoming a city of the future, moving from our past of sleepy surf town to super popular shopping destination. We'll soon have a Metro station that delivers the big city to us, and us to the big city - Los Angeles.

The years of traffic snarls as construction trucks drop off materials and equipment are coming to an end, and one hopes that there will be an increase in movability about town and city. The curmudgeon in me, and many of my friends, is skeptical about the future of the city - but that is more from a sense of nostalgia than reality.

I remember when The Boulangerie was still in operation and the development plans were being circulated and there was mass disgust at the loss of a landmark, and the ensuing retail and residential building monstrosity, as it was often called, was being debated. Today the building that occupies Main Street between Bay and Bicknell is home to very popular restaurants, M Street and Stella Barra pizza, a beauty salon, and new residents.

Nostalgia is a powerful emotion; it recolors the past, deleting the parts we don't like or want to remember, and leaving us with only feelings and foggy memories of what once was. When we give in to it, and we all do at times, there is a strange sense of comfort that comes with the memories.

Whether we want to or not, we all recolor our history. We do it to ease the pain of time lost, and to make the present pains sting less. But the truth is, except for a few notable years during wars, the present is generally better than the past.

I am a fan of the past, I love music from the 30s and 40s, I adore art deco design and think that some of the most beautiful buildings in the world were designed and built in that era. Since I'm only 49, I don't have any personal knowledge of what life was like then, but I know some things. Ice was not readily available. Neither were phones or elevators. Indoor plumbing was available but not universal, as in fact it still isn't. Air conditioning was not even a thought.

On the other hand, people dressed more formally. Manners and morals were focused more on the community than the individual as they are today. Politeness was valued. But so was racism, xenophobia, being judgmental, acting and looking superior to others for purely superficial reasons.

Today we have elevators that take us 50, 60 or even 100 floors up in buildings that were inconceivable 80 years ago. Saudi Arabia has announced plans to build a tower that is a kilometer tall; that's 3,280 feet in the air. The technology to do that is astounding.

I am in Mexico at the moment and I have friends in England and Dubai that I have been regularly communicating with by Skype, cell phone and email. This column is being written as I overlook Lake Chapala on a laptop that will wirelessly email it to my editor. When I Skype with my friend in Dubai we use video that allows us to speak and see each other, as if we were in the same room.

Last week I recorded a podcast with Jared Easley, via Skype. He was in Florida, I was in Mexico, and it will be available globally when I release it on iTunes through my website on MensFamilyLaw.com. I am shooting videos this week that will teach men about family law for free on my website.

I communicate with men from across the globe, literally daily. I receive emails from men in Australia, South Africa, and Russia who found me via the internet. My books are sold all over the world from Peoria to Punjab. This could not happen in the 30s or the 40s without great expense, effort and not nearly as great distribution or ease of access by the common man.

The past is glorious, because we RE-create it that way. The future is always better than we can imagine, because our vision is limited by our single-mindedness, but collectively there are many more possibilities seen and built.

As the year winds down, let's enjoy the nostalgia of what was, and be mindful of the greatness of what will be.



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Grateful people in a fortunate city

AS SANTA MONICA'S OFFICIAL CITY motto says, we are fortunate people in a fortunate city. Our beachside city is truly a special place to live, to work, and to thrive.

What makes our city unique, however, is much more than just good weather. As the new year approaches and before we return from the respite of the holiday season to the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, we believe it's important that we take a moment to reflect on some of what we, as members of this community, have to be grateful for.

Bike-share makes getting around easier. Santa Monica is a leader regionally and most recently, it was the first city in Los Angeles County to roll out a public bike-share program. The 500-bike system launched earlier this year, giving us all another option to get around town while avoiding the stress of driving. Additionally, bike-share is another reminder of our city's leadership on planning for a sustainable future.

Expo light rail will soon be here. The 15-mile train line that will connect Downtown Santa Monica to the rest of the region by passenger rail for the first time in over half-a-century, is the culmination of decades of planning. Since the 1980s, Santa Monica's leaders have worked closely with regional partners to help bring back to the Westside reliable regional public transit and this coming spring, we will finally get to take full advantage of our city's - and our region's - newest transit asset, another reminder of how we are planning for a future in which we have freedom from over reliance on fossil fuels for our transportation.

We are committed to education. While most communities would agree that one of the most important things we can invest in is our children's future, Santa Monica is one of the only cities in the country that gives money directly to the school district every year. It's more than a token sum, as well. Over the last decade, the city has given our schools between $6 and $10 million annually thanks to its joint use agreement with the school district. Over the years, voters have also consistently approved funding measures for the district and Santa Monica College. They've also approved parcel taxes, along with a transaction and use tax that yields more than an additional $6 million annually. The generosity of voters and the support of the city has helped Santa Monica schools to ensure our children get one of the best public school educations in California, even when state and county funding sources are less reliable.

We work toward an equitable community. Our city's financial commitment to our schools is just one way that we strive to create an equitable community. Santa Monica is a leader in providing access to affordable childcare and early childhood education. Research shows that education begins at birth, and the better a child's access to quality education from day one, the better that child's odds of getting ahead. It may be cliché to say that it takes a village to raise a child, but that is a maxim by which we live in this city. Through the committed work of activists, civic leaders, and city officials, the Cradle to Career initiative was born in order to coordinate city services and nonprofits to assure that our children can get the best out of what our community has to offer and therefore have the best shot at getting ahead in life. But our commitment to equity through education continues through a commitment to lifelong learning and assuring that seniors aging in place also have access to educational resources.

We have abundant public resources. At a time when most other municipalities were struggling to keep existing libraries open due to the economic downturn, Santa Monica remained fiscally healthy enough that it was able to open a brand new library in the city's historically underserved Pico neighborhood. The city spends between $12 and $12.5 million a year on our library system, a luxury we have thanks to decades of sound fiscal management, a diverse business community, and a healthy amount of growth that adds to our tax base. When that library opened last year, it represented a victory for community activists who had long demanded investment in their neighborhood as well as a victory for the city, which had the resources available to make it happen.

Santa Monica has a proud history of striving for inclusiveness. For decades, our community has actively worked to assure that, as we make our city a better place to live, it remains open to all people, regardless of how much money they make. Santa Monicans even went so far as to enshrine these values in the city charter when voters approved Proposition R, which required 30 percent of new homes built in Santa Monica be affordable. This commitment works to assure that our city's most vulnerable residents - seniors aging in place and on fixed incomes, lower wage workers, families without secure employment, people who cannot work because of disabilities, as well as others facing the unpredictability of market forces - are protected in ways that allow them to remain in this city and benefit from the schools, protections, and services that define what Santa Monica is about.

Through hard work, thoughtful planning, and uncommon foresight, Santa Monica has become more than just a place; it is a community committed to working together to accomplish great things. And as such, we are not only fortunate people in a fortunate city, but we are also grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a community.

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EACH MONTH WE SHARE THE community service projects the Santa Monica Lions Club participates in, the Lions Club International projects we support, our Student Speaker and Peace Poster contests, the amazing benevolent recipients we fund, our partnerships with other Santa Monica service clubs and the social activities we enjoy.

But as 2015 draws to a close, I realized I haven't shared about the most important part of the Santa Monica Lions Club - our members.

While I don't have the space to discuss all these dedicated people that make up our Lions family, there are four people to whom 2015 was a very special year. They are Lions Arnie Levee, Kingsley Fife, Sarah Young and Cathy Gill.

Levee and Fife both celebrated their 50th year as Lions! While Levee was the first of the two to join in September 1965, Fife followed just two months later in November. Both joined as doctors at St. John's hospital and have guided our club as past presidents. As their families grew, they also participated in Lions events, with Levee's wife, Linda, joining our club when she retired as a social worker 10 years ago.

Levee has played his harmonica, leading us in "God Bless America," for longer than anyone can remember. He also regales us with his unlimited knowledge about practically anything, always having something interesting to add to a conversation.

Fife has been our Lions ambassador, reaching out into the community to find interesting programs for our club for as long as I have been a member. Both men have an incredible sense of humor, always ready to share the latest joke. They have helped build the legacy that the Santa Monica Lions Club enjoys today.

Young and Gill are our newest members, joining in 2015. Young joined our club in July and Gill became a member last month. Both women are actively involved in the Santa Monica community. Young is a counselor at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club and Gill works in the hospitality field. They have already jumped into work on Lions fundraising events and community service projects while bringing enthusiasm and great new ideas to the club.

It is our members that can blend tradition and history with fresh perspective and creative thinking that make our Santa Monica Lions Club so special and ready to meet the challenges we are sure to face in 2016 and beyond.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful new year, and we look forward to meeting you at some of our community service projects and events for 2016.

To learn more about the Santa Monica Lions Club, visit www.facebook.com/smlions or call Susan Lee DeRemer at 310-623-4499.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ocean Avenue

Celebrity chef Roberto Martin, eLOVate present 'A Night Of Latin Flair: New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration'

As 2015 comes to a close, eLOVate Vegan Cafe & Bar and Chef Roberto Martin plan to ring in the New Year in eLOVated style. A Night of Latin Flair: New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration will include a special prix-fixe menu developed by Chef Martin, along with a wine pairing, selected hand-crafted cocktail, and a champagne toast. Tickets for the event are $75 per person and are available for purchase through Eventbrite and the eLOVate website.

The event will take place on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Dinner will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the festivities will continue and include a champagne toast at the stroke of midnight. The bar will remain open until 12:30 a.m.

The completely vegan, 100 percent organic menu will include: Chipotle "Tuna" Hand Roll with Citrus-Soy Dipping Sauce; Blackened Tomato Over Escabeche and Fennel Salad Cilantro Aioli; Cinnamon Infused Pulled "Pork" BBQ Taco with Apple Cranberry Coleslaw; Chick'n Mole Tamale Over Smokey Black Beans; and Sticky Date Bouchon with House-Made Kahlua Butter Sauce. The wine pairing will feature a local selection from Cline Cellars, Ancient Vines Mourvédre. Tickets may be purchased online at http://elovatekitchen.eventbrite.com or by calling (424) 272-8700.

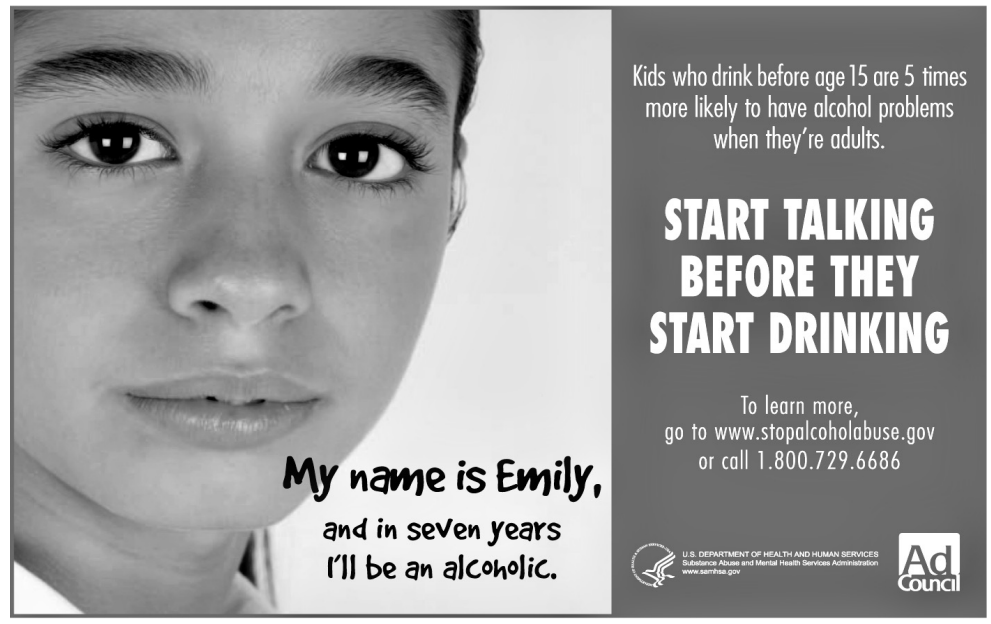
eLOVate Vegan Café & Bar is located at 1705 Ocean Ave., Suite #111 (on Olympic between Ocean and Main) Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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SWIM

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tion organized through Southern California Aquatics.

The free event at Venice Beach is meant to inspire people of all appropriate ages to be active in the coming months while boosting membership for the Masters swimming club, which operates in Santa Monica and throughout the Westside.

"You start the new year off with something that makes you feel good," said Anne Artley, communications director for SCAQ. "It's a clean, fresh start to the new year. The ocean is kind of symbolic for washing away the old year and starting anew."

Artley knows firsthand what it feels like to splash through the ocean in January. The New Mexico native had become accustomed to spending New Year's Day sitting on the couch, eating chips and guacamole, drinking beer and watching college football.

After working a couple swims into her regular weekly routine, Artley decided to enter the 2015 edition of the event. And although she didn't have a wetsuit, she said it was a satisfying (if somewhat chilly) experience.

"Participating in the Penguin Club ocean swim was my reward for all the hard work," she said. "And boy, did it feel great to see each workout pay off in the open water.

"It was cold at first, but after you warm up a little bit you do get into a kind of rhythm."

The event, which includes a 100-yard course for amateur swimmers and a 400-yard challenge course for experienced athletes, attracts people from Santa Monica, Venice and throughout Southern California. Among last year's attendees was "Baywatch" actress Yasmine Bleeth, Artley said.

The annual New Year's Day swim can be traced back to the 1950s, when Michigan native Cecelia Kilger began swimming at Venice Beach. Kilger, who grew up swimming in Lake Michigan, met like-minded folks in Southern California and helped to establish an informal club of ocean swimmers, Artley said. And the Jan. 1 event has been held ever since.

"We really encourage swimmers of all levels to come out and try it," Artley said, adding that 100-yard swimmers don't have to put their heads under water.

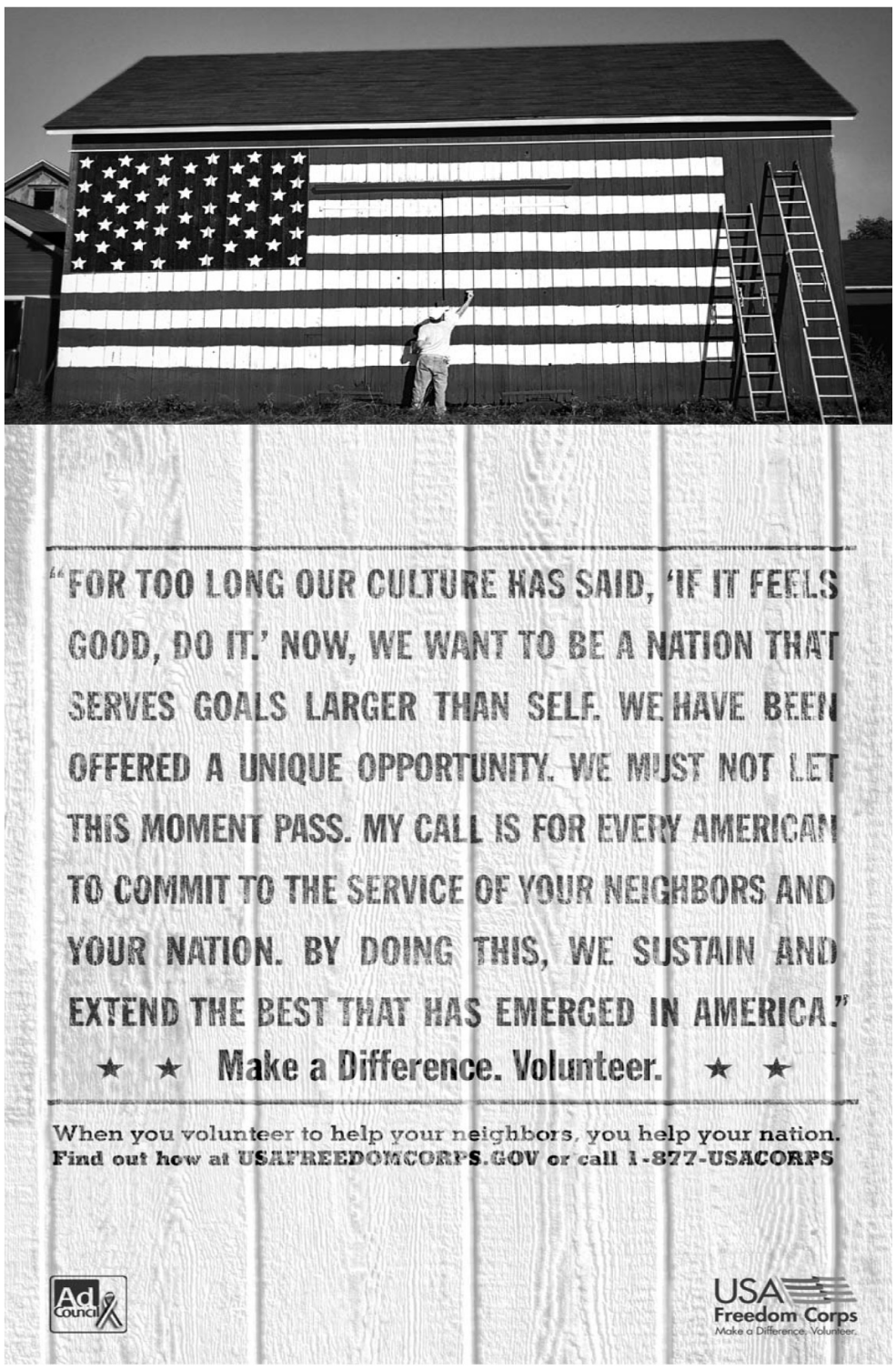
The fastest male and female swimmers in the 400-yard course will be crowned prince and princess of the beach, Artley said.

SCAQ has approximately 800 members and hosts training sessions at Santa Monica Swim Center, which is currently undergoing repairs. The organization also holds ocean swims off Santa Monica beaches in the summer.

Registration for the free New Year's Day swim will be held at 11 a.m. at Venice Beach, near where Venice Boulevard meets the beach. The swim begins at noon. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for $10.

For more information, send an email to SCAQ@swim.net.

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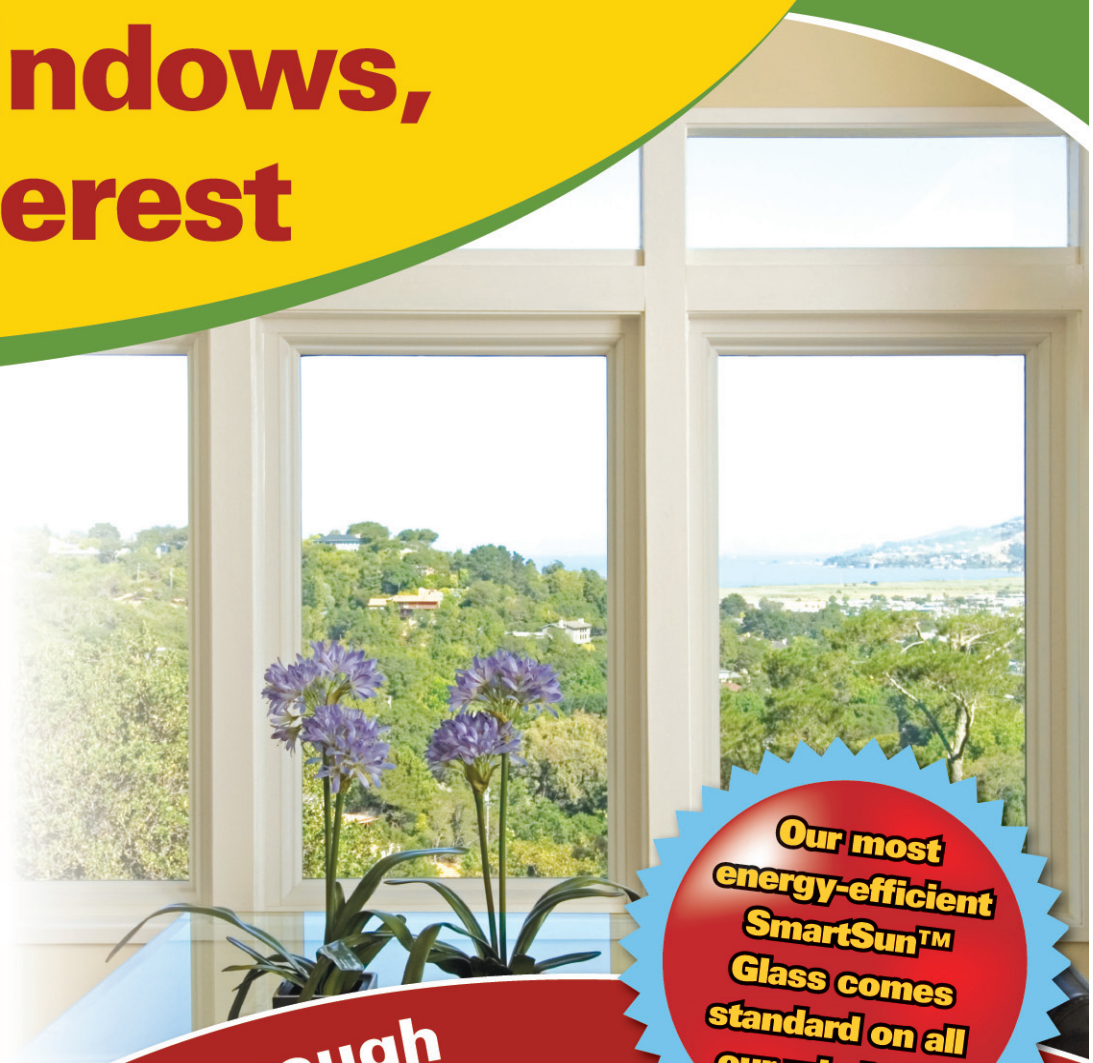


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Gas company finds underground location of leaking LA well

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Southern California Gas Co. officials say they have pinpointed the underground location of a well pipe that for weeks has spewed noxious odors into an upscale Los Angeles neighborhood, prompting thousands of people to leave their homes over the holidays.

The utility company said Sunday it had drilled down about 3,800 feet when it found the breached well's 7-inch pipe with a magnetic ranging tool that allows workers on the surface to locate small underground targets. They are drilling a relief well nearby that they will eventually connect to the leaking well so they can plug it with cement.

"One of the challenges in drilling this relief well is to find a 7-inch pipe from about 1,500 feet away, several thousands of feet below ground - while avoiding others nearby," Southern California Gas Co. said in a statement issued Monday. There are more than 100 such wells in the area.

Workers still aren't sure exactly where the 8,700-foot well was breached but suspect it was relatively close to the surface.

"We think it's probably leaking above the thousand-foot level," Gas Co. spokeswoman Melissa Bailey said Monday.

She added utility workers will continue to drill to the well's bottom, where they'll plug it. That work could take until March.

Since the well began leaking Oct. 23, thousands of people in the Porter Ranch area say they have suffered headaches, nosebleeds, nausea and other symptoms from the escaping gas. The smell comes from an additive called mercaptan that is used to warn people of leaking natural gas, which is ordinarily odorless.

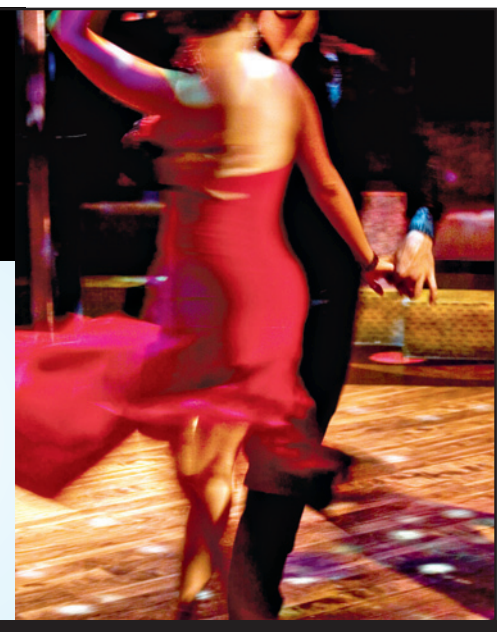
Southern California Gas Co. is paying to relocate those who say they are being sickened.

So far, company spokeswoman Anne Silva said, the utility has placed 2,258 families in temporary housing, while 111 others staying with family or friends are being compensated. More than 3,000 others are in the process of being relocated.

Porter Ranch is a bucolic community of large, stately homes in the foothills of the north San Fernando Valley. It is home to about 30,000 people and includes parks and hiking trails.

The gas is coming from an underground storage area more than 8,000 feet deep that can hold as much as 86 billion cubic feet.

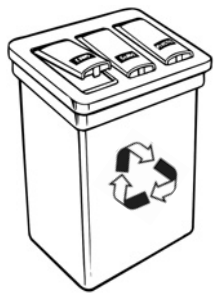
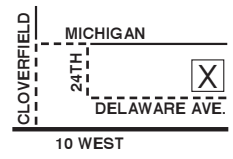

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

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:

Minor Use Permit, 15ENT-0287, 1351 3rd Street Promenade. The applicant requests approval to construct a new WiFi site as part of their City Hot Zone project that will be comprised of two (2) antennas mounted on the exterior of the building and one (1) roof mounted cabinet and utility connections. Each of the proposed antennas are 9 inch by 7 inch and will be mounted off the parapet on the front side of the building to mimic existing light fixtures. The roof top cabinet will be located on the lower roof, screened behind the parapet wall. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060.A. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.32.060.B, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Minor Use Permit application. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT: AT&T WiFi Services. PROPERTY OWNER: 1351 Building Limited Partnership**.

Minor Use Permit, 15ENT-0303, 2221 Lincoln Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Minor Use Permit to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility. The project consists of removing six (6) 4' high panel antennas and replacing them with six (6) new 8' high panel antennas (2 per sector); installation of six (6) new Radio Remote Units (RRU's); Increasing the height of two (2) FRP screen walls from 4'-6" to 9'-0" high; addition of one (1) new FRP screen wall at 9'-0" high; and the removal and replacement of new equipment within the existing equipment lease area, which is to remain unchanged. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060.A. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.32.060.B, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Minor Use Permit application. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT: Verizon Wireless c/o Peter J. Blied, Plancom, Inc. PROPERTY OWNER: Shamriz Legacy Partners, LLC**

Minor Use Permit, 15ENT-0323, 233 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Minor Use Permit to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility. The project consists of removing three 3 panel antennas (1 per sector); installing three (3) new 6' high panel antennas at each sector; installing three (3) new 4' high panel antennas at each sector; adding three (3) new Remote Radio Units (RRU's) below the 6' high antennas; upgrading and installing new equipment within existing equipment area; and painting all antennas and equipment to match. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060.A. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.32.060.B, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Minor Use Permit application. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT: T-Mobile c/o Suzanne Iselt. PROPERTY OWNER: Equity Office Properties DBA Searise Associates.**

HOW TO COMMENT
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 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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DATE/TIME: January 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 15ARB-0375: 1819 Cloverfield Boulevard: Service Station
- 15ARB-0424: 1030 Lincoln Boulevard: Religious Institution
- 15ARB-0428: 2909 Main Street: Retail
- 15ARB-0442: 326 Wilshire Boulevard: Restaurant
- 15ARB-0437: 1450 10th Street: Medical Office

CONCEPT REVIEWS:

- 15ENT-0265: 2341 Michigan Avenue: Parking Structure

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail grace.page@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines, 2, 3, Rapid #3, 7, & 9 serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

PUBLISH ONLY ONCE: The week of December 28th

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

1301 Ocean Avenue, 09LM-006, Zoning: RVC – Residential-Visitor-Commercial. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider supplementing the existing landmark designation of the Shangri-La Hotel in order to include additional historical information concerning the building and its occupants within the criteria for designation.The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding the supplemental designationbased on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that supplemental information should be included in the designation. Applicant: Cody Shearer and Erick Simmel. Owner: Indus Investments. **(Continued from March 9, 2015 meeting)**

525 Georgina Avenue, 15ENT-0030, Zoning: R1 – Single Family Residential. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 15ENT-0030, at 525 Georgina Avenue to determine whether the existing single family residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Scott & Shana Silveri TRS/Silveri Trust. **(Continued from March 9, 2015 meeting)**

15 Gale Place, 15ENT-0083, Zoning: R1 – Single Family Residential. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 15ENT-0083, at 15 Gale Place to determine whether the existing single family residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Bolognone Family Trust.

174 Kinney Street, 15ENT-0084, Zoning: CM2 – Main Street Commercial. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 15ENT-0084, at 174 Kinney Street to determine whether the existing commercial building, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Liberty Fish Partners.

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CHARGERS

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on injured reserve Monday and then told in a team meeting that they will not travel to Sunday's game at Denver.

"If you do bad things to good people, you deserve to have your dirty laundry aired in the limelight," Canter told The Associated Press. "Eric's done nothing but give nine years to the Chargers' organization; his heart, his soul, his body."

Sunday's game not only could be the last one with the Chargers still calling San Diego home, but it's almost certainly going to be Weddle's last with the team. His contract is expiring and the team has made it clear there will be no extension.

Chargers Chairman Dean Spanos wants to move the team to a Los Angeles suburb. Fellow owners could decide at a meeting next month whether the Chargers, Oakland Raiders or St. Louis Rams, or some combination, can move to the Los Angeles area.

Canter said he plans to file a grievance with the NFL Players Association to fight the fine.

The Chargers played what could have been their final game in San Diego on Dec. 20. At halftime, Weddle stayed on the field to watch the halftime show, in which a number of young girls, including his daughter, performed with the team's cheerleaders. He apparently didn't tell the coaches he was going to do so.

Coach Mike McCoy confirmed Weddle was fined but not the amount.

"We have a club policy here and there are certain things we have to do as a football team at halftime and make adjustments and things like that so that's why we did that," said McCoy, who added that it was an "organizational" decision to fine Weddle.

After that game, Weddle spent nearly two hours mingling with fans and signing autographs, both on the field and then in the parking lot. Teammates Philip Rivers, Malcom Floyd — who is retiring — and Antonio Gates also came out to greet fans in an emotional setting.

After the last of the fans left, Weddle went out to midfield to lie on his back on the Chargers helmet logo for a few minutes.

Weddle was notified of the fine last week, Canter said.

Weddle was not in the locker room Monday during the time reporters were allowed in.

Weddle re-injured his groin in a loss at Oakland on Thursday night, which dropped the Chargers to 4-11.

The Chargers announced at midday Monday that Weddle and three other players were placed on injured reserve. Canter said the Chargers announced in a team meeting that the IR players would not make the trip to Denver.

Canter let loose on Twitter.

"Team has multiple players they aren't putting on injured reserve that can not play this weekend but have decided to put @weddlesbeard on IR," he posted.

His following tweets read:

"Team didn't announce injured players couldn't travel to Denver until after putting @weddlesbeard on IR. Said plane is to (sic) small. Hysterical"

"By the way the team fined @weddlesbeard last week for seeing his daughter perform at halftime but we didn't disclose it BC were classy"

Weddle stayed away from offseason workouts after the team didn't offer a contract extension. He did report on time for training camp.

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WATER TEMP: **59.0°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
New WNW-NW swell mix may build in - more size in the PM. Offshore flow in the morning. .

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell to hold in the morning, then ease. Offshore flow in the morning.

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Smaller leftovers from the WNW. Steep, new NW swell potentially builds, but bypasses just about all spots.

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

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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

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON DEC. 15 AT ABOUT 11:40 P.M.

Officers were driving eastbound in the 1200 block of Santa Monica Boulevard when they observed a male subject seated in front of the Ford dealership. When the officers shined their light on him, the subject placed his hands in his pants pockets and appeared to be removing or discarding something. When officers contacted him, they asked if he had any weapons on him. The subject said he had a knife and that he was on probation. When asked if he had any illegal items on him, he said he had a "meth pipe." The officers searched and located a folding knife, glass pipe used for smoking drugs and metal knuckles in his pants pockets. Metal knuckles (brass knuckles) are used as a dangerous weapon and are unlawful to possess. The subject was placed under arrest for the possession of drug paraphernalia and metal knuckles. Later at the jail, officers located a plastic bag containing methamphetamine in the subject's sock.
Edward M. Yumul, 38, of Santa Monica had bail set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 290 calls for service on Dec. 27.

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

Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block of Pico, 12:06 a.m.
Party complaint, 300 block of 19th, 12:11 a.m.
Suspicious person, 1000 block of 4th, 12:55 a.m.
Burglary, 1400 block of Franklin, 12:55 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold, 500 block of Olympic, 1:24 a.m.
Fight, 1400 block of 14th, 2:12 a.m.
Burglary, 300 block of San Vicente, 5:21 a.m.
Person down, 700 block of California, 7:37 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1000 block of Pico, 7:53 a.m.
Traffic accident, 15th/Wilshire, 7:53 a.m.
Battery, 2900 block of Ocean Front Walk, 8:11 a.m.
Vandalism, 2000 block of Pearl, 8:32 a.m.
Burglary, 1700 block of Franklin, 10:11 a.m.
Hit and run, 700 block of 17th, 11:10 a.m.
Grand theft, 1500 block of the Beach, 12:10 p.m.
Drinking in public, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 12:28 p.m.
Vandalism, 1000 block of 5th, 12:32 p.m.
Hit and run, 23rd/Wilshire, 12:36 p.m.
DUI, Yale/Wilshire, 12:38 p.m.
Traffic accident, 400 block of PCH, 12:46 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block of 4th, 1:58 p.m.
Hit and run, 700 block of 17th, 2:01 p.m.
Person with a gun, 4th/Pico, 2:32 p.m.
Threats, 200 block of Ocean, 3:08 p.m.
Threats, 700 block of Hill, 3:24 p.m.
Public intoxication, 2400 block of Main, 3:54 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 500 block of Santa Monica, 4:42 p.m.
Traffic accident, 2000 block of Main, 5:19 p.m.
DUI, 1800 block of Cloverfield, 6:06 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1500 block of 2nd, 6:31 p.m.
Arson, 1500 block of Wilshire, 6:34 p.m.
Petty theft, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 6:37 p.m.
Public intoxication, 4th/Broadway, 7:40 p.m.
Battery Lincoln/Santa Monica 8:31 p.m.
Rape 700 block of Westwood Plaza 8:55 p.m.
Traffic accident 33rd/Pico 9:33 p.m.
Burglary 2000 block of Olympic 9:45 p.m.
Loud music 900 block of 16th 10:44 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2600 block of Virginia 11:13 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 41 calls for service on Dec. 27.

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

Automatic alarm, 1200 block 15th, 2:11 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service (EMS), 200 block 20th, 2:57 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block 15th, 3:41 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block Robson, 6:45 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block 15th, 7:25 a.m.
EMS, 700 block California, 7:52 a.m.
Vehicle into a structure, 1400 block Wilshire, 7:54 a.m.
Smoke investigation, Ocean/Montana, 8:19 a.m.
EMS, 800 block Pico, 8:21 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block 5th, 8:47 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block Palisades Park, 10:15 a.m.
EMS, 500 block Ocean, 10:17 a.m.
EMS, 800 block Ocean, 10:33 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 2200 block Colorado, 11:18 a.m.
EMS, 300 block Santa Monica, 12:15 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block Ocean, 12:31 p.m.
Odor of natural gas, 700 block 17th, 12:45 p.m.
EMS, 5th/Arizona, 12:56 p.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Interstate 10, 2:06 p.m.
EMS, 2100 block OCean, 2:18 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block 6th, 2:49 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 600 block 21st, 3:13 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block 14th, 4:24 p.m.
Odor of natural gas, 900 block Lincoln, 4:34 p.m.
Freeway fire response, Centinela/Interstate 10, 5:26 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 11th, 5:38 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block 4th, 5:56 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire, 1500 block Wilshire, 6:24 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block 4th, 6:29 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block 21st, 6:31 p.m.
EMS, 800 block 2nd, 7:31 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block Lincoln, 7:58 p.m.
Flooded condition, 2400 block Euclid, 8:20 p.m.
EMS, 3300 block Pico, 9:30 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 17th, 9:43 p.m.
EMS, 800 block Lincoln, 9:49 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block Ocean, 10:17 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block Chelsea, 10:31 p.m.
EMS, 300 block 21st, 11:24 p.m.
EMS, 3100 block Lincoln, 11:56 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

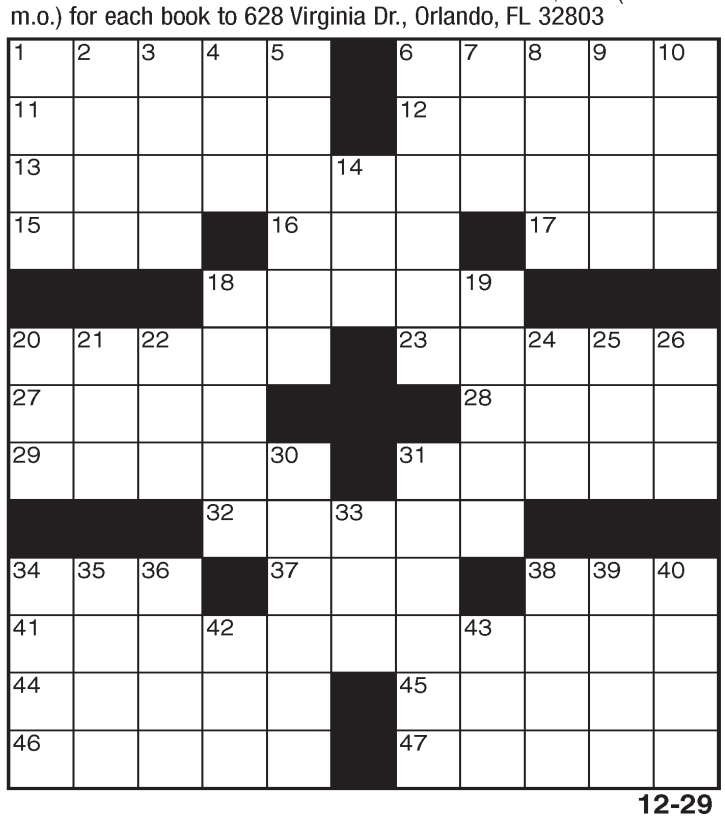
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11 Lower in esteem
12 Muggy
13 Conclude
15 Player's peg
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17 Dissenter's vote
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20 Misbehave
23 Camera feature
27 Derisive calls
28 Notion
29 Chimney cleaner
31 Peruvian peaks
32 Dark fur
34 Massage setting
37 Try the tea
38 Pollen collector
41 Turn critical
44 Kitchen come-on
45 Halt
46 Takes ten
47 Company firers

DOWN
1 Piece of data
2 Clarinet's cousin
3 Toy store buy
4 Try out
5 Take Tabby or Fido
6 Hypothetical question
7 Use the track
8 Troubling sign
9 Singer Turner
10 Water whirl
14 Not at home
18 Tour carriers
19 Kevin of "The Big Chill"
20 Crunch targets
21 Pasture grazer
22 Sock part
24 Calculate a total
25 Glimpse
26 Possesses
30 Lasagna and linguine
31 Llama's cousin
33 Life story, for short
34 Surgery reminder
35 Skin feature
36 Novelist Oz
38 Roof support
39 Move slowly
40 Eve's home
42 CPR pro
43 Spell

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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 ★★

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

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

4	7	8	1	5	2	6	3	9
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1	9	2	5	7	6	3	8	4
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Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 117M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/26
3 4 25 37 47
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/27
2 4 25 37 41

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/28
MIDDAY: 3 0 7
Draw Date: 12/27
EVENING: 8 5 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/27
1st: 02 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 04 - BIG BEN
RACE TIME: 1:42.67

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WORD UP!

WING-DING
1. Slang. a noisy, exciting celebration or party.
2. Slang. a fit, either induced by drugs or feigned.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1930 - Sir Muhammad Iqbal's presidential address in Allahabad introduces the two-nation theory and outlines a vision for the creation of Pakistan.

1934 - Japan renounces the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and the London Naval Treaty of 1930.

1937 - The Irish Free State is replaced by a new state called Ireland with the adoption of a new constitution.

1939 - First flight of the Consolidated B-24 Liberator.

1940 - World War II: In the Second Great Fire of London, the Luftwaffe fire-bombs London, England, UK, killing almost 200 civilians.

1949 - KC2XAK of Bridgeport, Connecticut becomes the first Ultra high frequency (UHF) television station to operate a daily schedule.

1959 - Physicist Richard Feynman gives a speech entitled "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom", which is regarded as the birth of nanotechnology.

1959 - The Lisbon Metro begins operation.

1972 - An Eastern Air Lines Flight 401 (a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar) crashes on approach to Miami International Airport, Florida, killing 101.



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Indulge yourself a little, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take charge and follow through, even when the unexpected tosses you into a dynamic situation. Others often head down the same path as you. You could be on top of a problem, but your leadership might be questioned by those behind the scenes. Tonight: Off to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Reach out to others. You see a matter in a more creative vein and are willing to take action. You might wonder whether a new attitude would help you come to a better understanding with others. A family member wants to share how he or she feels. Tonight: Fun is happening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be far more tired than you have been in a while, as you have been giving 100 percent to make what you want happen. Someone might be taking a stand, so try to understand why. Allow your imagination to lead the way, and move forward. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others and let them express their ideas more often. You have a tendency to monopolize the moment. Let people know that you value them. You might believe you are right, but so do they. Try to be more open-minded and receptive. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Pace yourself; know what you must do. Understand what is occurring around you and prioritize. Even when you decide to isolate yourself, someone comes shining through with an expression of his or her affection. Tonight: Go with the flow. Don't swim against the current.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Complete some personal matters that might be on hold. Observe rather than act. Know your limits, and be kind in conversations. Others will respond with greater understanding and a willingness to pitch in. You will find a resolution to a difficult situation. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be overdoing it by using your connections to carry your perspective into predominance. Consider what is happening, as you suddenly might witness others shutting down. You seem to be pushing them more than you realize. Tonight: Not to be seen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take a stand against someone's pressure to act a certain way. How you express this opinion will make a difference in how far your influence goes. Ask yourself what you want others to get out of your ability to clarify the matter. Tonight: Indulge yourself a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your fiery personality will melt barriers more quickly if you add that touch of vulnerability that exists within you. Understand what is happening within your immediate circle of friends. Listen to news, and get to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in touch with many different people in the afternoon. You have a vision that will change dramatically after you get more feedback. Understand where others are coming from. You will start to understand the validity of all points of view. Tonight: Open doors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seek you out with a lot of ideas and want feedback. On some level, you will feel overwhelmed. Decide where your interests lie. Don't feel so obligated that you feel as if you can't say "no" to someone. Tonight: Talk with an important friend or loved one.

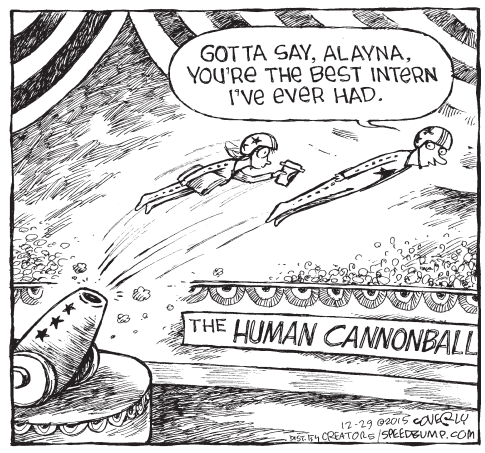
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ One-on-one relating allows you to see a different perspective; however, you don't have the luxury of stopping what you are doing in order to have this type of interaction. Wait until you are free of obligations. Your schedule will lighten up as a result. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

This year you will turn a situation around because of your endurance and willingness to integrate new information. Others admire these abilities and often listen more carefully to you because of them. Acceptance and love seem to flow from you. If you are single, others buzz around you with interest. Do not commit until you are good and ready. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other even more than you have in the past. In fact, you often have a party just for the two of you! VIRGO gets under your skin, even if you like the way he or she thinks.

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

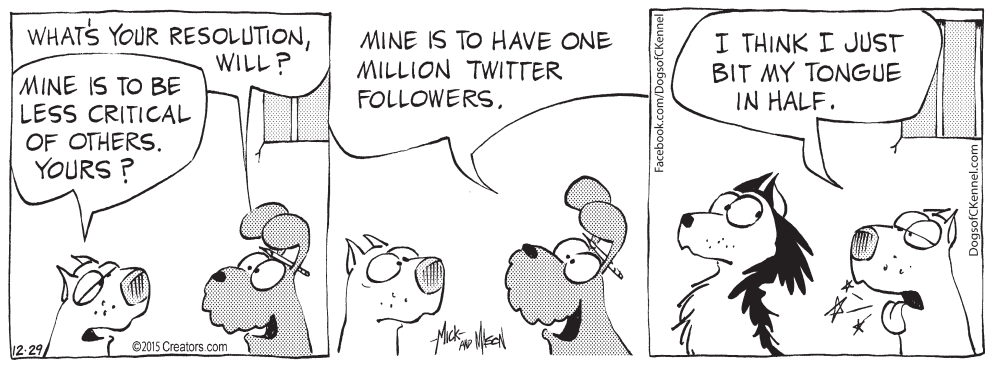
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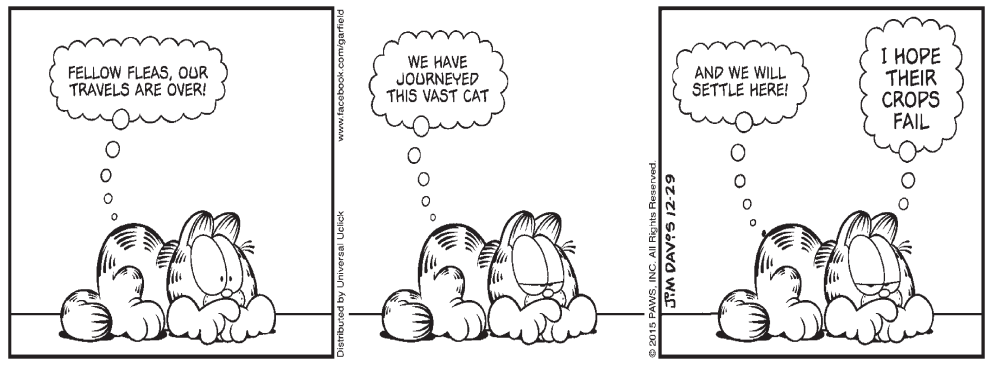
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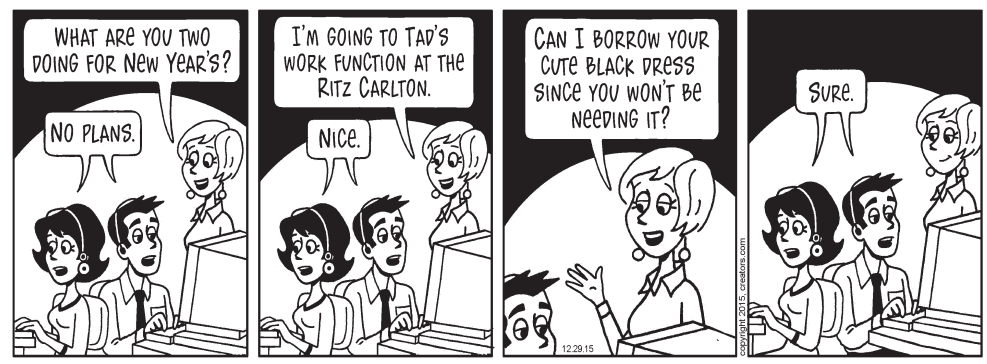
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