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THE NEW YEAR'S EVE ISSUE

Top news of 2014 left public grasping for answers

ADAM GELLER
AP National Writer

Twenty-thousand feet down the answers may be waiting, hidden in some underwater canyon far off Australia's coast. But more than nine months after searchers began scouring the seas for a Malaysia Airlines jetliner that vanished with 239 people aboard, the catastrophe defies resolution.

In that way, the long, fruitless hunt for clues to Flight 370's fate set the tone for many of the headlines that defined 2014. It was a year upended by calamity and conflict, disease and division that often left the public and its leaders grasping for answers.

From Ukraine to the Middle East, from the Ebola threat to the tensions exposed by police killings in Ferguson, Missouri, and elsewhere, many of the top news stories fed into a growing sense of frustration.

Confronting the questions raised by the headlines brought little peace of mind. Instead, one event after another exploded, demanding attention but often rewarding it with weariness and lingering unease. Unlike 2013, when much of the news centered on Washington's political dysfunction, many of this year's biggest stories were rooted in far-flung locales, but their impact kept rippling.

That was certainly the case with the conflict over Ukraine, stretching back to President Victor Yanukovych's ouster in February. When Russia filled the vacuum by grabbing the Crimean peninsula and working with militants bent on taking more territory from the western-leaning government, it set off a standoff reminiscent of the Cold War.

Militants are blamed for downing a second Malaysian jet as it flew over Ukrainian airspace in July, killing all 298 aboard, the largest number of them Dutch. U.S.-led sanctions have begun tightening a vise on the Russian economy. Months later, both sides are locked in a stare-down that can hardly be called a peace.

In less harried times, even many of the

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Callahan's closes today

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. After decades, Callahan's will serve its last French toast today.

The building was purchased by new owners earlier this year and the diner's lease expires on Jan. 1. The restaurant owners will close out 2014 with a breakfast and lunch shift today.

Ingo's Tasty Diner, a farm-to-table restaurant, will replace Callahan's next year.

The restaurant group behind Ingo's, LGO Hospitality, also owns The Misfit on Santa Monica Boulevard at Second Street and three establishments in Pasadena.

The same restaurant group owns an Ingo's Tasty Food in Phoenix, Ariz. that has 132 reviews and 4.5 out of five stars on the crowd-sourced review site Yelp.

Vienna Pastry, which rents the other half of the building, has an eight-year lease and

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Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

LINED UP: Students painted pictures of the horizon for a project currently on display at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.

Student horizons fill Museum's Wall

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

BERGAMOT STATION More than 500 students from the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District are part of the current "Wall Works" exhibit at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.

For the show — titled "Horizon" — artists Silvina Babich and Alejandro Meitin of the Argentinian collective Ala Plastica asked students to look out on their horizon and draw what they saw. Youth-equipped with Tule reed "pens" locally harvested from the Ballona Wetlands, cardboard viewfinders, and Sumi ink - produced hundreds of observational drawings that form a collective horizon of diverse perspectives on our environment. The drawings are on view through Jan. 10 in the hallway of Bergamot Station's G Building (2525 Michigan Ave.). Students from Edison Language Academy, Franklin Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, Will Rogers Learning Community, and more participated.

Lincoln Middle School art teacher Kate Tomatti had 105 students participate in this year's Wall Works show. She said it is a powerful experience for youth.

"It connects the students to other con-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

New Year's

December 31

Wokano
1413 5th Street
8 p.m. -2 a.m.
$40 GA, $50 VIP (early admission)
Confetti & Cocktails New Years Eve Ball will bring in 2015 with hors d'oeuvers, cocktails dancing and, of course, confetti. Guests are encouraged to fill this multi-level nightclub and giant outdoor patio in sparkly cocktail dresses and crisp suits. $40 early admission includes noisemakers, photobooth, a champagne toast, and complimentary appetizers from 8-10 p.m., and $50 VIP ticket offers front of line access.

Del Frisco's Grille Santa Monica
1551 Ocean Ave, Santa Monica
All day
$79
Del Frisco's Grille Santa Monica is kicking the New Year off right, offering a 16oz. bone-in filet and crab cake for $79 on New Year's Eve. Indulge on one of the best steaks in town while overlooking the Santa Monica Pier before your evening NYE celebrations.

The Craftsman
119 Broadway, Santa Monica
8 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Cost: Pre-sale $50
Pre-Sale ticket includes open bar and complimentary snacks from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Live music until 10 p.m. and Dj for dancing after. Includes party favor and champagne toast. Please visit their Upcoming Events section on our website www.thecraftsmanbar.com for more info and to purchase.

Hotel Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way
9 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Cost: General admission tickets to the NYE party at Hotel Casa del Mar and Terrazza Lounge are available for $50 per person. Or guests can purchase a three-course, prix-fixe dinner at Catch for $185/per person.

Celebrate the New Year in style at Hotel Casa del Mar with a variety of options. Guests can book one of the new indoor cabanas with seating for up to eight people for the evening or purchase a general admission ticket to the party featuring a live performance by the Robin Simone Band. Other holiday happenings for the occasion include a three-course, prix-fixe dinner at Catch ($185 per person). Reservations score guests a champagne toast, party admission, and the table for the evening. Guests may purchase tickets at EventBrite, reserve a table at Catch via OpenTable or call (310) 581-7714.

Locanda del Lago
231 Arizona Avenue
4 - 8 p.m. limited a la carte menu
After 9 p.m. Bursting with Bubbles Gala
$89 seasonal market menu; $115 with all you can drink bubbly. Bursting with Bubbles Gala begins at 9 p.m. Featuring a 5 course menu by Michelin starred Chef Gianfranco Minuz, there will also be a live DJ, party merriment and dancing to ring in the New Year.

The Misfit Restaurant + Bar
225 Santa Monica Blvd, 10 p.m.
Cost $95 + tax/gratuity. Please join us to celebrate 2015. Ticket price includes: VIP table from 10 pm to close, Dinner + two cocktails, Complimentary champagne toast and DJ RY Toast. Have somewhere else to be for the ball drop? Join organizers for dinner earlier in the evening. At 9:30 p.m. the dining room will close for the event. However, the bar will remain open. No reservations taken for the bar. Reservations please call (310) 656-9800

Hotel Shangri-la at The Ocean Dining Room
1301 Ocean Avenue,
3 to 11 p.m.
Cost - The prix fixe price for dinner is $90 per person and children 12 and under are $50.
A specially prepared four-course gala dinner before starting the countdown

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

Ringing in the New Year

Most people ring in the New Year with champagne and a late night. But a group of dedicated "Penguins" choose to commemorate it with a cold dip in the ocean.

Cecelia Kilger, a Los Angeles transplant, began the tradition in 1952. As a child, she swam in the frigid waters of Lake Michigan. After getting caught in the surf off Playa del Rey, she got a tip to try the Venice Beach backwater area.

There, she found other swimmers, and they met up throughout the year. One lifeguard suggested they start an informal club, and in 1960, the group became official. Since then, the "Penguin Club" has kicked off the year with an ocean swim. It is dedicated to Cecelia, who died at the age of 94 in 2002.

Southern California Aquatics (SCAQ), a Masters swim club, now runs the event. Participants can choose between courses: one for people who swim for fun, and another for those who want to compete. Everyone will receive a certificate, but the fastest male and female swimmer in the competition course are crowned prince and princess.

Longtime event organizer Mary McGurk selects the king and queen from the amateur course. The swim is dedicated to her as well.

This event has no entry charge, and snacks and hot drinks are provided courtesy of the Sidewalk Café. Commemorative T-shirts are available for $10. Sign up at Venice Beach at 11 a.m. The Penguin Swim begins at noon.

SCAQ invites residents to tune up for this event at a free Swim 101 workout, where a professional coach will look at your stroke and teach you how to train in your pool. For advanced swimmers there are intermediate and advanced options. Find a practice on their website: www.swim.net/scaq.cfm. RSVP at SCAQ@SWIM.net.

- SUBMITTED BY ANNE ARTLEY

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to 2015 at the Masquerade Party in Suite 700. The New Year's Eve gala dinner begins with an appetizer of Fresh Oysters or Carpaccio; Arugula or Poached Pear salad; and main course selections that include Lobster & Filet Mignon, Rib Eye and & Chilean Sea Bass, or Butternut Squash Ravioli. To satisfy a sweet tooth, choose between Poached Pear or Napoleon pastry.

Hotel Shangri-La Suite 700
1301 Ocean Avenue,
9 p.m. until late
Cost - $150 per person (excludes tax and gratuity) and includes a tray passed menu, three cocktail tickets and midnight champagne toast. Get ready to ring in the new year at Hotel Shangri-La's Suite 700 for an exciting Masquerade Party with food, cocktails and champagne toast included. Come dressed to the nines, enter the mask contest for a chance to win a night at the Hotel Shangri-La and enjoy the iconic sounds of DJ Paper's performance throughout the evening to celebrate the arrival of 2015. Diners who book both the New Year's Eve gala dinner and the Masquerade Party will receive a complimentary bottle of champagne or wine with dinner.

Mélisse
1104 Wilshire Blvd,
1st seating 5:30-6:30 p.m., 2nd seating 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Menu: 1st seating - 4-course prix-fixe menu with amuse, $150 per person
2nd seating - 6-course prix-fixe menu with amuse, $275 per person plus live music and dancing. Dishes include Maine Lobster with heart of palm, sweet potato and truffle tortellini, lobster chestnut consommé, Dover Sole with "persillade", sunchoke, wild spinach, sweet onion-meyer lemon jus, and a variety of desserts.
Corkage is $50 per bottle with a two bottle maximum. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (310) 395-0881.

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
1700 Ocean Avenue
Two seatings: 5:30 and 9 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - Three-Course Dinner - $75 Per Person
9 p.m. - Five-Course Dinner - $125 Per Person includes a champagne toast
Dinner will be served in their intimate and festive Fireside Lounge, one of their most premier spaces, which perfectly frames their stunning views, while offering a cozy environment.

Blue Plate Oysterette Santa Monica
1355 Ocean Avenue
5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on New Years Eve, come try gourmet options like Lobster Tagiatelle, with hand cut pasta, arugula & cherry tomato lobster sauce for $26, with white alba truffles available for an additional $20. Or mix land and sea with a 12 oz. blackened NY steak complimented with butter poached lobster tail & parsnip puree for $68. And if you're feeling adventurous, dive into a whole Dungeness crab weighing almost 4 pounds for $74.

New Year's Eve Bash at 41 Ocean
1541 Ocean Avenue
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Cost: $100 for non-members, $50 for members. General admission includes entry, live music, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets may be purchased here: https://nye2015at41ocean.eventbrite.com

Tower 8 at Oceana Beach Club Hotel
849 Ocean Avenue
5 - 12 p.m.
Cost: $58 Chef Josiah Citrin has prepared seasonal prefix menus to celebrate New Year's Eve. Highlights include Oysters with Yuzu & White Soy, Crispy Pork Belly with Parsnip, Cippolini, Pommegranate Vinaigrette and Poached Maine Lobster with Cauliflower Puree, Hazelnuts, Raisin Caper Vinaigrette.

FIG Restaurant Santa Monica
101 Wilshire Blvd
Time: 6:30 for first seating; 9:30 p.m. for second seating
Organizers invite you to join them for this festive affair that will feature a 5 or 7 course seasonal menus from FIG Restaurant. The second seating will enjoy a free flowing champagne service throughout the evening and a snack bar after the ball drops to keep the party going. First seating, five courses: $85. Second seating, seven courses: $124

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
101 Wilshire Blvd. 7 p.m.
Welcome the New Year with an evening of live entertainment, a champagne & caviar bar, and an exclusive a la carte menu from Chef Yousef Ghalaini of FIG Restaurant. Festive New Years Eve attire. For more information please dial: (310) 576-7777. No cost, a la carte.

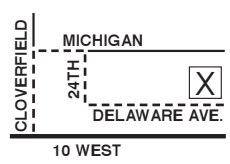
Viceroy Santa Monica
1819 Ocean Ave, Santa Monica
New Year's Even Twenty Fifteen
9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
Ring in the new year with Viceroy Santa Monica, featuring a hosted bar and decadent hors d'oeuvers from Cast's executive chef Tony DiSalvo. Dance into 2015 with Los Angeles' top DJs spinning poolside. Purchase your tickets early - the event sells out every year. Event includes: live entertainment, all you can eat bites from CAST, all you can drink. Tickets are $180 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuities. Black and gold attire recommended.

January 1

Locanda del Lago
231 Arizona Avenue
11:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
$89 seasonal New Year's menu; also limited a la carte menu available
Our special New Year's menu features the flavors of Bellagio, Italy while using the freshest ingredients from the Santa Monica Farmers' Market in conjunction with sustainable proteins. A limited a la carte menu will also be available

M Street Kitchen
2000 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405
New Year's Day
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Regular menu available, $5 Bloody Marys, Mimosas and Bailey's & Coffee. All guests dining in their pajamas will receive a gift certificate equal to the price of their New Year's Day meal (minus tax and gratuity) that can be used on a future visit. Reservations are recommended. (310) 396-9250. Also offered at Stella Barra.

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Safe riding vests

Editor:

In response to the letter Safe Riding on December 24, 2014 there is a much better way for bicyclists to be visible than a tiny red light in the daytime. Wearing bright colored vests designed for bicyclists, somewhat like highway workers, is far more visible at a distance. Lights work better at night and are required. However, the reflective vests add a great deal to the chance of being seen by car traffic at night as well.

Grant Ramey, biker since 1960
Santa Monica

How to drive your car around cyclists

Editor:

Thanks for the Safe Cycling title page on 23 December. The handout produced by the local police is a must-read for every cyclist in Santa Monica. It will enable those who get around by bike to avoid dangerous situations in traffic, providing relevant information in a compact and clear form. Such outreach work by the police is necessary and much appreciated. Educated cyclists are safer cyclists. But the city as a whole will only become a safer city if our drivers receive similar education about how to drive a car in Santa Monica Bicycle City. May we look forward to a similar handout for drivers in 2015?

Dr. Michael Cahn
Santa Monica

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The New Year is something to celebrate

IT'S ALMOST NEW YEAR'S - ARE YOU EXCITED?

Biggest party night of the year! Let's go to Vegas! Maybe Paris! New Year's! Crushed together with thousands, oh yeah! Surrounded by ecstatic celebrants, in the same joyous, noisy mood you're in, probably pretty intoxicated, reaching a delirious crescendo as the seconds tick off to momentous midnight.

I know not everyone celebrates the new year this way, but many do, every year. I don't get it, and I never did. I'm not some grumpy curmudgeon who tells everyone to KEEP IT DOWN. I love a good party and have even thrown a few, and I do understand the fun of looking forward to one. So, seriously, have a good time tonight, y'all.

But there has always seemed to me a dark and kind of sad side to New Year's Eve. What's with the manic reveling for losing the old year and celebrating the unknown new one coming? Goodbye 2014 and good riddance! Welcome 2015, it'll be a great one! But wait. You said that exactly one year ago about 2013/2014. And 2012, and on back, perhaps to the year the calendar was invented. I wonder if Julius Caesar celebrated his new invention, the Year One, only to have a pretty lousy Year Two, sharp daggers and all.

But we still do it. I say, be honest. If you want to get manure-faced drunk and have a really great, laughing, screaming time (that you probably won't remember in the morning), do it, just because it's fun, without pretending there's a good reason.

Will next year be great? Aren't the social agenda ultra conservative crazy Republicans running the country come '15, shouldn't women and the poor and middle class and people of color be running for the bomb shelters?

And was 2014 that bad, really? Oh, lots of bad news, maybe more than in recent memory. The country divided and marched in the streets. But maybe that made maligned 2014 a watershed year in our history, and we'll look back on it with respect, even some fondness.

Locally, same thing. I'm not happy that Pam O'Connor and her partners in paving over Santa Monica, O'Day and Davis, are still on the City Council, but she's not the mayor anymore, a symbolic shift. Kevin McKeown is, and he's now got Sue Himmelrich to swing votes. Santa Monica real estate continues to skyrocket, making reasonable heights and density even more endangered, but a lot of people woke up in 2014 and organized to keep Santa Monica as much Santa Monica as possible, in the wake of inevitable change and powerful outside forces.

My son is here for the holidays from New Mexico, a gorgeous place. You couldn't pay him to live in L.A. but he still appreciates the Santa Monica he has known for nearly 30 years. He went for an early morning run on the beach and came back all smiles. My daughter finished two years at our invaluable resource SMC and transferred to UCLA and is doing well, has her first apartment nearby with five housemates and none of them seem to be psychotic. She still regards our place as home, and still declares Santa Monica her home for life. My wife still gets voice over work, and I'm back to playing basketball, after heart surgery and a freak bowling injury.

Callahan's is disappearing but Vidiots is still there, for now so is the bowling alley, and people organized to save historic outdoor art they treasured, like Chain Reaction and the Muir Woods mural. Alex is still there at the end of Main Street to fix my boots and shoes. Personally, I'm giving 2014 a pass and a thank you. Could've been worse, and I believe in the healing power of being grateful.

MY JOE COCKER STORY. We didn't lose just another rocker last week when Joe Cocker died at 70. He was something special to a lot of people. As unlikely a star as you could imagine, this bad haired homely as an English bulldog air guitar, keyboards and drums playing singer of other people's songs made a unique and powerful impact on popular music. Take very well known Beatles, Dylan, Ray Charles songs and make them completely your own? He made a career of that kind of nerve. In 1969 at Woodstock, America discovered this amazing performer and crowned him immediately. I saw him a year before that, in London.

Stationed finally in Stuttgart, a very reluctant draftee who tried to bend every Army rule I could, on the plane ride over I disobeyed direct orders and opened my sealed file. Seemed easy enough to alter the number of leave days I had already taken (all of them), to give myself a few more. It worked and I was off for London, 1968. Carnaby Street. The Apple Store (when that meant Beatles not Jobs). Dancing in literally an underground disco with a cute blonde girl from Iceland. And the famed Marquee Club.

No big names playing the Marquee during my short visit so I bought a ticket for the one I knew slightly, Marmalade. Good band. I remember two things distinctly. I loved and was used to rock and roll at the highest volume, but as soon as I opened the door to the club, still a couple of turns away from the stage, I was nearly knocked to the floor by the overwhelming sonic blast. I'll never forget the demure English kids sitting in folding metal chairs in the front rows, only a few feet from the screaming amps, comfortably at home with it. Or already half deaf.

The other thing I'll never forget is Cocker. He let his incredible Grease Band run through quite a few numbers without him, and I thought, this is a great band, I'm lucky I caught them. Then they announced, "For the first time in London, from Sheffield - Joe Cocker." It took me about 10 minutes to process how weird this guy looked and acted, with how incredible he sounded. Then I spent the rest of the set picking my jaw up off the floor. What an experience.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." - Albert Einstein

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LOS ANGELES BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Extremely cold storm approaches Southern California

Health officials have issued a winter weather warning for Southern California mountains and valleys as an extremely cold winter storm approaches.

The Los Angeles County Public Health department is urging extra precaution for children, the elderly and people who are vulnerable during a cold snap.

The National Weather Service says a cold storm dipping into the region from Canada will bring showers and snow Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday. Snow levels could drop to around the 2,000-foot level.

Forecasters say as much as six inches of snow could fall across interior mountain slopes.

Those who plan to camp out in Pasadena for the Rose Parade are advised to wear layers of clothing; overnight temperatures are expected to drop to 35 degrees.

- AP

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE

Hikers found after night in Angeles forest

Four hikers missing overnight in the Angeles National Forest north of Los Angeles have been found and they're being hoisted out by helicopter.

KNBC-TV reports that the four were found safe and uninjured at about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and showed they were being airlifted out one at a time by an LA County sheriff's helicopter.

KNX-AM reports that the search began a few hours earlier after an especially frigid night in the area when the hikers ranging in ages from 18 to 61 failed to return home from a Monday hike.

KNBC says the group consists of three men and one woman who were dressed for the cold.

The group was reported missing around midnight and its vehicle was found at off the Angeles Crest Highway near La Canada Flintridge.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Downtown LA down for bigger New Year's party

The official New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Los Angeles will have a lot more room and a lot less booze.

Organizers of the Grand Park New Year's Eve celebration say Wednesday's free event will have three times the space of last year's inaugural party. They expect to fill it with 30,000 people but are hoping for up to 50,000.

The Los Angeles Times reports it will also have a brighter digital countdown projected on City Hall with beefed-up food booths, music and security.

But the crowds won't be able to buy or bring in alcohol as the city tries to make the party more family-friendly.

Last year saw 25,000 people show up, about triple what was expected, and fences were trampled as crowds tried to get in.

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1927-2014: Callahan's Diner will officially close at midnight tonight, Dec. 31, 2014.

CALLAHAN
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will be staying put.

Abraham Vazquez, who has owned Callahan's since 1988, told the Daily Press earlier this year that he was not able to afford the rent proposed by the new owners.

Vazquez, who is the brother City Council member and future Mayor Tony Vazquez, worked at Rae's restaurant for decades before buying Callahan's from its original owners. Despite his Mexican roots, Vazquez opted to stick with Callahan's name. Saint Patrick's Day remained a busy holiday for the restaurant but Cinco de Mayo had become just as popular, Vazquez told the Daily Press earlier this year.

Vazquez's daughter, Leticia "Letty" Vazquez, died earlier this year at the age of 45. Her funeral at St. Monica's church was attended by more than a thousand people, according to Daily Press archives, and Vazquez credits her for the restaurant's popularity.

"She helped me with everything and everybody knew her," Abraham Vazquez said earlier this year. "She's been working in here since she was very young and it's much harder without her."

Some fans of Callahan's have taken to Yelp to eulogize the diner.

"I've been coming here for about 25 years and had to make one more pilgrimage," said one user. "Eggs over easy, biscuits and gravy. I'll miss this island of comfort food in the heart of Santa Monica."

"Yes, it's an old funky diner," said another. "The food is good, inexpensive, and the staff is friendly. A real breath of fresh air if you are tired of the pretentious yummy scum infested eateries in Santa Monica."

Building owner and restaurateur Bob Lynn told the Architectural Review Board last month that he will restore the building, which was built in 1946.

He plans to add the building to the historic register and restore the classic blade sign, which reads "RESTAURANT."

Lynn got approval to add a neon sign, which will state the new restaurant's name. They also got approval earlier this year to serve alcohol at the building, located on Wilshire Boulevard at 12th Court.

Callahan's is the most recent in a line of diners that have closed up shop in the past year and half. The Omelet Parlor closed last December after 37 years on Main Street. Norms closed last July. Denny's closure is pending as landowners negotiate with City Hall over the shape of a new development on the property.

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NEWS
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biggest news events capture the public's attention for just a few days, or perhaps weeks, before slipping from view. But in 2014, Ukraine kept a lasting place in the headlines and was hardly an exception.

Consider that the Ebola crisis began with a case in Guinea last December. By March, the World Health Organization was tracking the outbreak and working to marshal a response. But a year after the outbreak began, there is no end to fears of a disease that has killed more than 7,500 people.

Nearly all of those deaths came in three west African countries. But when a Liberian man with the disease died at a Dallas hospital this fall, followed by a handful of other U.S. cases, it set off a panic and doubts about whether the health system was ready. As the year neared an end, the WHO questioned reports of progress in containing the disease in Africa based on data it says is filled with inconsistencies.

The Malaysia Airlines disaster, too, captivated the world long after the plane disappeared shortly after takeoff in the early hours of March 8. Eventually, aircraft, ships and searchers from 26 countries were assembled to look for the wreckage. In October, a contractor dispatched ships with high-tech sonar to scan 23,000 square miles of Indian Ocean floor. But the job could take until at least next May, officials say, and no wreckage has ever been found.

"The sense of helplessness, the feeling of powerlessness, and the pain have not eased but only worsened as times goes by," said Liu Weijie, whose wife was aboard the flight. He was speaking after 100 days passed without any sign of the jet.

Meanwhile, violence in the Middle East once again took command of the headlines, sometimes in ways that shocked even a public numbed by the region's tense history.

The worst violence broke out in Libya since dictator Moammar Gadhafi was overthrown, after the Islamists in control of the national congress ignored a general's February order to dissolve the chamber. With militias in control of Tripoli, the year ended with the country split by two governments, two parliaments, and hundreds of thousands of people displaced.

In Gaza, the June kidnapping of three Israeli teens by Hamas operatives brought a crackdown by Israeli forces, retaliatory rocket attacks and a 50-day war that killed more than 2,100 Palestinians and 72 Israelis. But it ended with no hint of a route toward resolution.

After nearly four years of civil war in Syria, the U.S. and other countries appeared stuck in a circular debate about whether and how to intercede. But the radical Islamic State group's rapid expansion, capped by militants' videotaped beheadings of Western hostages, jarred an expanding coalition to launch a campaign of more 1,000 bombing attacks on IS strongholds in Iraq and Syria. As the year ends, though, leaders cautioned that their vows to destroy the insurgency could take years to fulfill.

"We recognize that hard work remains to be done," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said.

Even as the war on the Islamic State group began, Americans turned their attention to suburban St. Louis, where in August a white police officer fatally shot black 18-year-old Michael Brown, after stopping him and a friend for walking in the middle of the street. Exactly what happened was clouded by conflicting witness accounts. Brown's death, and a grand jury's decision not to charge the officer, prompted a furor over law enforcement's treatment of young, black men. Other police killings in New York, Cleveland and elsewhere just fed the public's frustration.

The year's string of unsettling news stories continued through its final weeks, when a gunman's siege of a Sydney cafe ended with two hostages dead, and the U.S. accused North Korea of responsibility for a hacking attack on Sony that roiled the studio and the film industry.

If any news event offered the chance for resolution, it was the November elections that presented fed-up voters with a means for shaking up the status quo.

That's just what they did, handing Republicans control of the Senate they sought to battle President Barack Obama and boosting the party's strength in a number of statehouses.

But there's been little sign that will break gridlock in Washington, where Obama's recent decisions - particularly an executive order curbing deportations - have stirred intense GOP enmity. With the election over, public disenchantment has remained in place, with polls showing that two of every three Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, despite continued improvement in the economy.

Clearly, not all of the news stories of the past year lacked resolution. Obama's December announcement that the U.S. would restore diplomatic relations with Cuba after more than half century prompted both celebration and disdain.

There were winners and losers at the Winter Olympics and the World Cup - which spotlighted athletic excellence, along with Russia's outsized spending and Brazil's political discontent. The number of states allowing same-sex marriage doubled this year, reflecting shifting attitudes and politics.

In South Korea, parents grieving over the April ferry sinking that killed 300, most of them high school students, saw the captain sentenced to 36 years in prison, fixing some measure of responsibility, but without closure.

But those headlines could not distract from the larger narrative of a country and world faced by daunting challenges and few answers within reach. That was clear in late October, when Peter Foley, an Australian coordinating the hunt for the vanished Malaysia Airlines jet, faced questions about its direction.

"We are in for the long haul," Foley said.

He was referring only to the searchers and their role in trying to bring resolution to a singular conundrum. But he could just as well have been speaking about the challenges raised by any one of numerous news events in 2014, a year when making sense of the headlines required patience, but did little to reward it.









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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.4°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Very small mix of short to mid period West-NW swells; Conditions looking to improve by the morning with offshore flow (possibly breezy Santa Anas all day)

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal West-NW swell leftovers; Favorable AM wind but deep high tide early

FRIDAY – **FLAT** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal WNW swell; Favorable AM wind but deep high tide early

SATURDAY – **FLAT** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal WNW swell; Favorable AM wind but deep high tide early

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 **December 22, 2014**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 30

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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+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa 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+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	C	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	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+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
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).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A+	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	D	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
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.	A+	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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temporary artists, and my students were learning about what other artists are doing, and artists they may not have known about otherwise," she said.

Asuka Hisa, Director of Education and Public Programs at the museum said the Wall Works project is a unique opportunity for students to interact with high-caliber artists.

"These are artists that are exhibiting actively around the world, that the students get to connect with through our program," she said. "These are young people, but later on they may come across that name and say 'my goodness I did a project with them.'"

Hisa said many of the participating artists come to the project through their work with another exhibit at the museum. In this case, Babich and Meitin were part of the SMMoA's Fall exhibition, Citizen Culture: Artists and Architects Shape Policy.

Ala Plastica took up residence at the Museum for a month to work with local students and Friends of the Ballona Wetlands, a non-profit dedicated to the protection and restoration of the coastal wetlands in Playa del Rey. In their home country of Argentina, Ala Plastica oversaw the cleanup of the 1999 oil spill in the Rio de la Plata estuary — the largest freshwater oil spill in history. Their installation in Citizen Culture included Tule reed sculptures and served as documentation of the 1999 cleanup. Babich and Meitin refer to the rhizome, an underground network of reeds, to symbolize their art practice, which connects art to social, political, and environmental activism.

Wall Works is an annual event for the museum and the education program is offered for free to local schools. Organizers said Wall Works is best described in one word-synergy. The program connects students from kindergarten through 12th grade in collaborative art-making projects with important artists.

Hisa said the program works because the museum has developed a system of distributing the artists throughout local schools via video taped presentations. Each participating class received a tape of the artists explaining their project. Classes also receive all the materials and supplies to participate.

"Our technique of filming them and making it available to as many classrooms as we can accommodate, allows this to happen," she said.

Tomatti said the museum deserves credit for creating a program that is so well organized.

"The way they do this, they send out a box and its like opening this great gift," she said. "I always do it with the students. We get a box of supplies with the DVD that introduces the idea and the museum. It's hard to believe but I do have students that don't know anything about the museum, so it's a great introduction to that and great connection to the museum."

She said exhibit has great value, both artistic and cultural.

"After making the project, (students) get to go see the work in this context of the museum setting, they feel like it's this incredible honor to be part of this group show," she said. "I also love the connection — a local museum connecting with schools in the district and creating opportunities for students to see their work there. It's always very rich for my students. They really love it."

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10:45AM, 1:25PM, 4:05PM, 6:50PM, 9:30PM

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13)
9:45AM, 3:15PM, 6:10PM, 9:05PM

Night At The Museum 3 (PG)
9:50AM, 1:30PM, 4:10PM, 6:40PM, 9:15PM

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Top Five (R)
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Into The Woods
9:55AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:25PM

Unbroken
10:00AM, 1:10PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM

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SOMEONE WANTS TO KISS YOU, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Rather than eye a situation with remorse, take a deep breath and make your resolutions. You'll feel empowered right now, and resolutions stand a chance at becoming a reality. Tonight: Stay present in the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Everyone will be unusually aware of your choices, yet they might question where you are going. Know that you make a difference, and that others tend to be observant of you. Be nice. Tonight: Cheer in the new year!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might not be in the mood to be around others this New Year's Eve. Instead, you might opt to invite a dear friend over. One-on-one relating is likely to take this relationship in a new direction. Tonight: Use the pre-midnight hours to let go of any hassles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You could be in a new situation and not realize what is happening. Stay on top of a personal matter, and don't lose sight of your priorities. You will feel a lot happier that way. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Do not hesitate -- just dive right in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might be in the middle of a very lively situation. You could make changes swiftly because of what you perceive as a problem. A partner seems to be looking back on the past year in order to determine what he or she wants now. Tonight: A major force in ringing in 2015.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a leap of faith and christen 2015 in a new way that reflects you and who you are. Others will be unusually responsive to your ideas. Be aware of your limits and your choices. You could be far busier than you might have anticipated. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Honor changing times, despite a loved one's resistance. You might feel as if you can't do much more, but you'll keep trying anyway. Try not to bicker about plans or major life decisions. Tonight: Someone wants to kiss and make up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to a friend, as he or she will be up for calling the shots. You know that no one else can claim your power, so you don't need to get into petty fights about the details. This person will be able to carry out the responsibility with grace. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll want to move forward with a project, no matter how irrelevant it may seem. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with an angry person. Understand that he or she could be dealing with hurt feelings. Don't react -- just listen. Tonight: You could go way overboard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are all personality right now. You also have the ability to make a big difference to a loved one who wants to celebrate the new year with you. Indulge this person, and he or she will remember you for this effort. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be stopped by a situation that might not be as dramatic as you think it is. Your sense of direction will point you to a new path. Curb a tendency to be irritable. You might have reason to feel this way, but giving yourself a little space would be best. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Return calls, and understand that everyone around you is feeling festive. A moment of sadness might come over you as you review part of the passing year. Don't stay stuck on that feeling. Move on, and greet 2015 with a big smile. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

This year you open up to many new ideas. You also become quite adventurous. In the next few months, risk-taking and breaking past restrictions that no longer make sense will open you up even more. As you become more accepting, your relationships will transform. If you are single, you will have the opportunity to change your status. If you are attached, you and your partner create an even more intimate bond, as you seem to be less defensive. TAURUS knows how to push your buttons.

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

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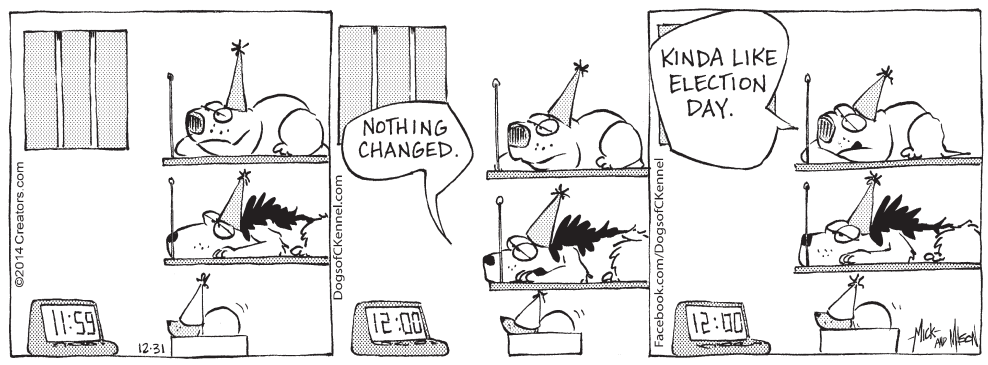
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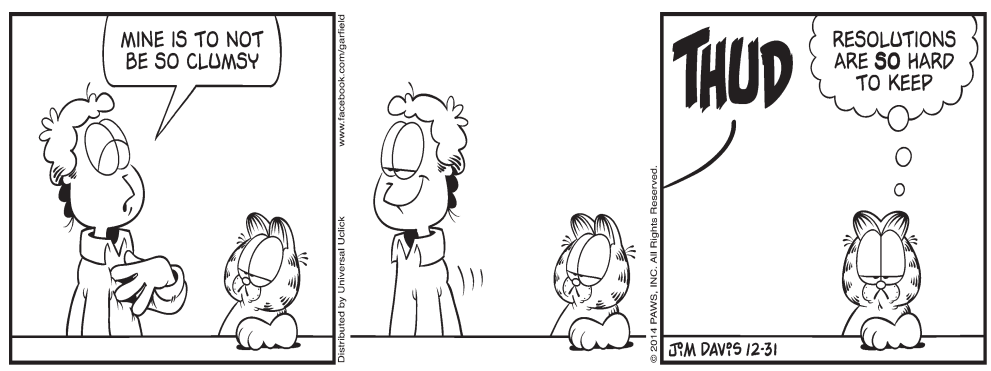
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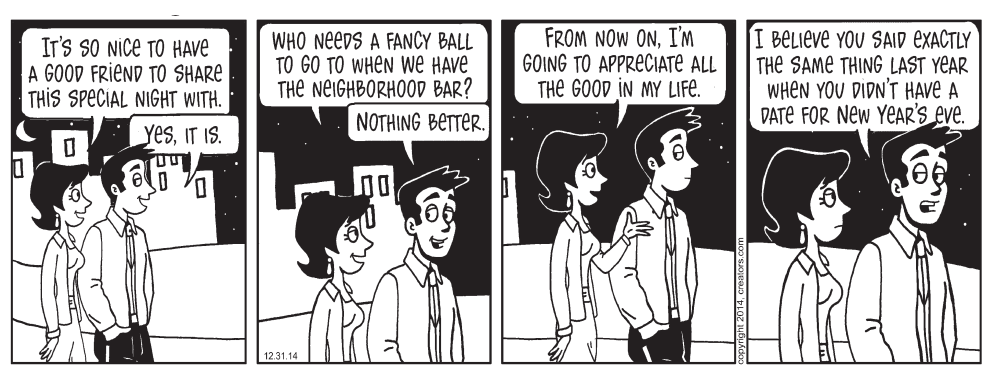
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 297 calls for service on Dec. 29.

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

Trespassing on the 1400 block of Ocean Ave. at 2:06 a.m.
Construction noise on the 2800 block of Arizona Ave. at 2:20 a.m.
Elder abuse on the 2600 block of 28th St. at 6:54 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1800 block of Olympic Blvd. at 6:58 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2800 block of 3rd St. at 8:16 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 1000 block of California Ave. at 9:59 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1400 block of 4th St. at 10:04 a.m.
Grand theft on the 600 block of PCH at 10:23 a.m.
Petty theft on the 2500 block of Pico Blvd. at 10:24 a.m.
Traffic accident at 18th and Wilshire at 10:29 a.m.
Hit and run on the 800 block of 2nd St. at 10:42 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1300 block of 2nd St. at 10:48 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1300 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 11:01 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 600 block of Ocean Ave. at 11:35 a.m.
Illegal weapon at Lincoln and Marine at 12:44 p.m.
Fraud on the 2000 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 12:50 p.m.
Vandalism on the 1300 block of 2nd St. at 1 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 1:13 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 100 block of Pacific St. at 1:52 p.m.
Bike theft on the 1500 block of 2nd St. at 2:06 p.m.
Battery on the 200 block of Santa Monica Pier at 2:11 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 1500 block of PCH at 2:49 p.m.
Identity theft on the 1000 block of Hill St. at 2:54 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of 20th St. at 3:09 p.m.
Identity theft on the 200 block of San Vicente Blvd. at 3:09 p.m.
Traffic accident at 15th and Montana at 3:14 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2900 block of Main St. at 3:23 p.m.
Burglary on the 1400 block of 6th St. at 3:49 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2200 block of Oak St. at 4:07 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1900 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 5:07 p.m.
Traffic accident at 6th and Arizona at 5:37 p.m.
Battery at 14th and Wilshire at 6:33 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 7:03 p.m.
Fight on the 1500 block of PCH at 8:30 p.m.
Battery on the 2600 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 11:57 p.m.



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3 7 19 29 32
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Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 12/29
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Foes
7 Plot unit
11 With a low pH
12 Eschew
13 Biology categories
14 Beach stuff
15 French fragrance
17 It's true
20 Drive
23 Cabinet wood
24 Bitter brew
26 Mex. neighbor
27 Holiday lead-in
28 Collins base
29 Tennis star Pete
31 Silent approval
32 Sorts
33 Catches
34 Margin for error
37 Enjoy the tub
39 Brass and bronze
43 Pennsylvania port
44 Gems
45 Watch over
46 Upright

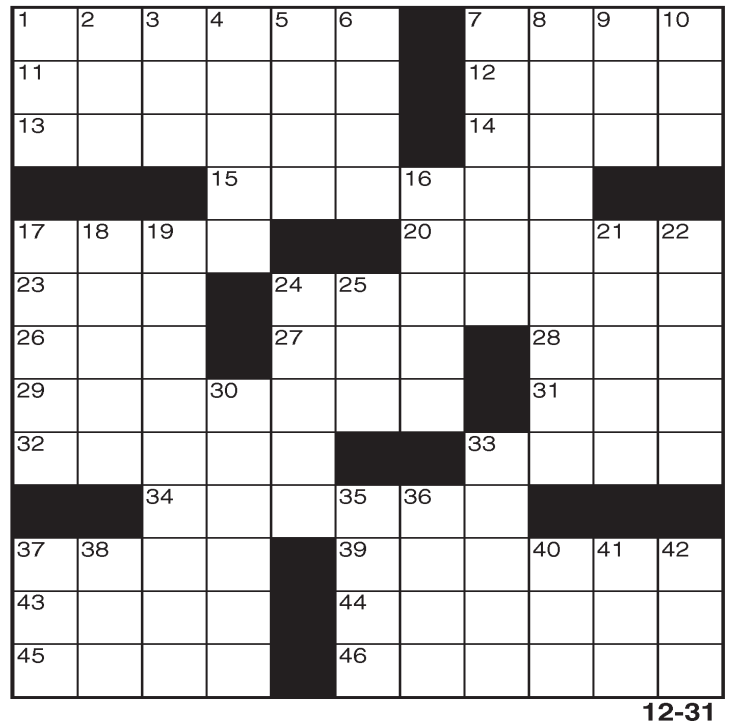
DOWN

1 Cloth scrap
2 Rink surface
3 Coq au —
4 Skilled
5 Old Italian coin
6 Surgery memento
7 Take for granted
8 December 31 drink
9 Baseball score
10 Purpose
16 Does clerical work
17 He made a deal with the devil
18 Test for purity
19 New England lake
21 Poet T.S.
22 Gives for a time
24 In itself
25 Gardner of movies
30 Cheated at hide-and-seek
33 Backpack material
35 Launder
36 Choir voice
37 Clique
38 Vein contents
40 Small bill
41 "You betcha!"
42 Retired plane

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Not too long ago, "generous" job perquisites were, perhaps, health insurance and little more, but Silicon Valley startups now race to outdo each other in dreaming up luxuries to pamper workers. A November Wall Street Journal report noted that the photo-sharing service Pinterest offers employee classes in the martial art "muay thai" and in August brought in an "artisanal jam maker" to create after-work cocktails -- a far cry from most workplaces, which offer, perhaps, a vending machine downstairs. (Several companies have hired hotel-concierge professionals to come manage their creative add-ons.) Not every perk is granted, though: Pinterest turned down an employee's request to install a zip line directly to a neighborhood bar.

■ (1) Jose Manuel Marino-Najera filed a lawsuit in Tucson, Arizona, in December against the U.S. Border Patrol because a K-9 dog had bitten his arm repeatedly during an arrest. Marino-Najera, illegally in the U.S., had been found sleeping under a tree near the Mexican border, holding 49 pounds of marijuana. (2) Ms. Emerald White, owner of four pit bulls declared "dangerous" by Texas City, Texas, after they mauled a neighbor's beagle to death, filed a lawsuit in November against the grieving neighbor. White said she had been injured trying to restrain her dogs in the skirmish, which had been facilitated by the neighbor's failure to fix their common fence.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 – A coup d'état in Ghana removes President Hilla Limann's PNP government and replaces it with the Provisional National Defence Council led by Flight lieutenant Jerry Rawlings.

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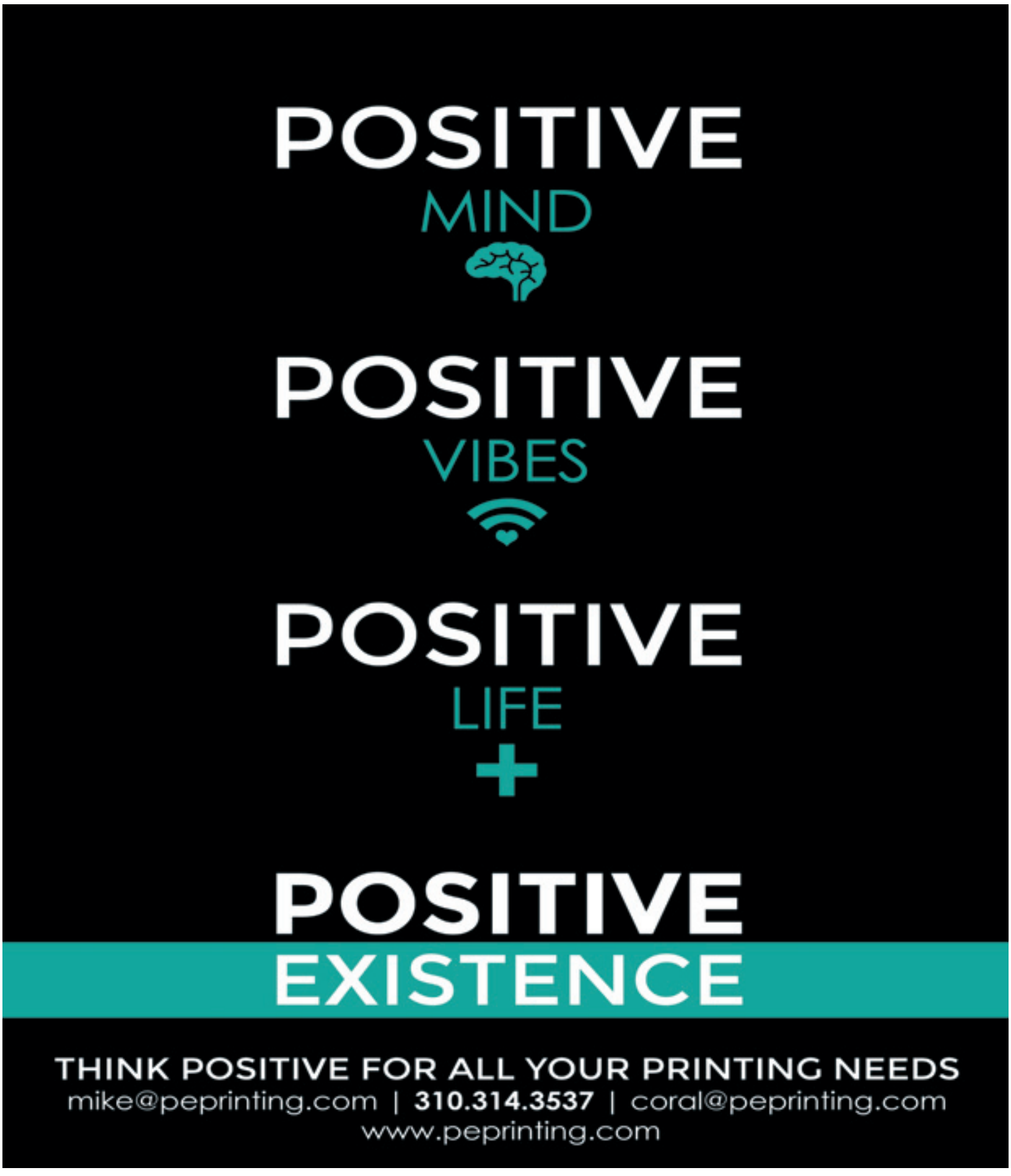
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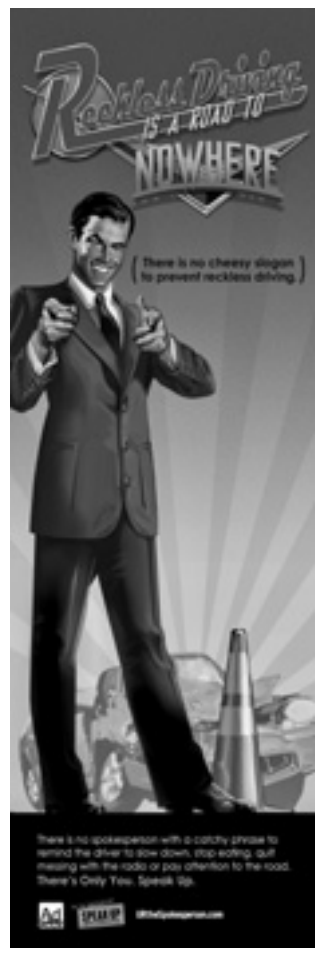
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