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Local baker's talent rises on National TV show

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

As the clocked ticked down and the judges pestered and prodded, Stephanie Chen knew she had only herself to blame for her unique set of problems. With one challenge left, the former advertising executive was just hours away from the finale of "The Great American Baking Show." She had made it this far: competing as one of the top two amateur bakers in the United States. Now, if only her macaroons would survive the test of rainy London weather and set correctly, despite the humidity. Not to mention the weak consistency of her butterscotch pot de crème.

"There's so much adrenaline going through my body in every single challenge," Chen said in a recent phone interview, back in the comfort of her Santa Monica kitchen where her passion began. The show recently aired on ABC but taped over three weeks just outside of London a few months ago.

"By the end of it, I finished 24 total challenges which is kind of amazing since I never thought I would even be selected to begin with," Chen said.

Chen's performance was impressive because the show demands amateur bakers demonstrate expert-level skills as judges whittle the field week by week. Your average Betty Crocker enthusiast can't tell a oeufs a la neige from a French cruller, much less cook one up from scratch. On the show, bakers must meet technical challenges with limited recipes for breads, cakes, cookies and chocolates.



ABC/The Great American Baking Show

CONTEST: Stephanie Chen took second place on a TV show.

Like her fellow competitors, Chen is completely self-taught through cookbooks and blog recipes. The hobby began as a relaxing escape from work when her husband bought her a stand mixer one year for Christmas. At the time, Chen was the account director for her advertising agency's iPhone campaign. She began baking birthday cakes and cookies for members of her stressed-out team.

When Chen decided to take a break from her exhausting career and become a consultant, she began spending more time in the kitchen and more time watching baking reality TV like the British version of the ABC show: "The

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$7 million in expenses on Council Consent Calendar

BY MATTHEW HALL
DAILY PRESS EDITOR

When City Council meets on Jan. 24, it will have more than $7 million in contracts and expenditures on its Consent Calendar.

The Consent Calendar includes items considered routine or administrative in nature. Consent agenda items are routinely passed with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past and Councilmembers have the ability to ask for discussion of a specific item on the calendar.

Among the expenses listed for possible discussion is $257,000 (including a 10% contingency) for a bike technology demonstration project. Elecnor Belco Electric Inc. will work with staff on several projects related to the city's Bike Action Plan.

"The project will evaluate three different intersection treatments for bicycles, includes bike boxes, and video and in-pavement bicycle detection devices," said the staff report. "Bicycle detection and bicycle striping improvements at five intersections will help cyclists be detected by traffic signals easily and allow them to be up front for better visibility when stopped at intersections. The grant also includes installation of 100 bike racks in locations identified through the City's existing bike parking request database."

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Flood hits as 2nd in trio of storms reaches California

BY JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

More than 20 people escaped injury Friday when a flood swept cabins and vehicles down a coastal canyon as the second in a trio of storms drenched California with heavy rain and brought more snow to the mountains.

A swollen creek lifted five cabins off their foundations at midmorning and swept 15 vehicles down El Capitan Canyon in Santa Barbara County, fire Capt. Dave Zaniboni said.

Firefighters rescued one person from a vehicle and another person got out of another vehicle on their own, he said. Neither was harmed.

About 20 people stuck in the canyon were extricated uninjured from a private campground above a state beach about 115 miles northwest of Los Angeles, Zaniboni said.

By early afternoon the latest storm system had dumped more than 5 inches of rain in Refugio Pass in the Santa Ynez Mountains just to the northwest of El Capitan Canyon.

Throughout the day, forecasters issued a flurry of flash flood warnings and lower level advisories as the storm moved from north to south down the length of California with high rates of rainfall.

"Storm #2 packing some punch," the Los Angeles-area National Weather Service office wrote.

In Northern California, a section of state highway flooded in Sonoma County and water rose to the wheel

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, January 21

"Nutritional Cooking for Healthy Weight, Boosting Energy and Immunity" with Lilly

Padilla, Holistic Nutrition Chef and Nutrition Health Coach, 2 p.m., at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Food will be provided by Whole Foods Brentwood. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 575-8273.

Shadowbox Gestures with Juan Carlos Zaldivar

Explore the power of gesture as non-verbal communication, while learning more about the technical possibilities of that most ancient storytelling device, the magic lantern. Participants will make small shadow boxes, and, utilizing different sources of light, experiment with the visual qualities of their own and other students' hands as both object and signifier. Juan will screen for inspiration a short film from the 1920s that uses the visual potential of hands by experimental directors Stella Simon and Miklos Bandy. Cost: $5. 1450 Ocean, 2 – 4 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/56799Back or call (310) 458-2239.

Master Gardeners at the Market

Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 am - Noon. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

Books & Bites

A special book club for kids! We'll be discussing the BFG by Roald Dahl. Light refreshments will be provided. For grades 3-5. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Saturday Adventurers' Club with Heal the Bay

Explore the shore with Heal the Bay's hands-on program about sand crabs! Ages 7-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

NOMA annual meeting

NOMA, Santa Monica's North of Montana Association, will hold its 2017 Annual Meeting and Community Event at the Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Avenue, from 2-5 p.m. A lobby reception begins the proceedings, with program to follow at 2:30 p.m. Featured will be a performance by the Franklin School Cheerleading Team, a short neighborhood video, and a main stage discussion on "Santa Monica's Future: Downtown and Beyond" with Mayor Ted Winterer, Councilmember Sue Himmelrich, Residocracy's Armen Melkonians, and Diana Gordon of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City. The annual Board election will conclude the afternoon. Admission is free and all are invited.

Sunday, January 22

SMPL at the Farmers Market

Join organizers for their latest pop-up library. Check out books, participate in crafts for kids, and much more. Main Street Farmers Market, 2604 Main Street, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Beach Walk & Sketch

Sketch the natural wonders of SM Beach with the LA Audubon Society. Binoculars, drawing boards and newsprint will be provided, or bring your own easy to carry sketching tools. Please RSVP at https://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/public-events.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 – 11 a.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Courtesy Photo

VOLUNTEERS: Bank of America helped the Westside Food Bank make renovations recently.

Citywide

Westside Food Bank Receives $10,000 grant from Bank of America





Bank of America recently awarded a $10,000 grant to Westside Food Bank (WSFB) to support its mission to provide as much nutritious food as possible for local individuals and families in need and to reduce food waste on the Westside. WSFB provides food to over 65 social service agencies with food assistance programs in Western Los Angeles County.

"The grant from Bank of America allows us to enhance our provision of nutritious foods for the more than 100,000 people in our community who struggle to keep food on the table. This grant comes at a time when we are expanding our service to focus more closely on providing food for veterans, college students, and families with children. We are deeply grateful for this show of support", says Bruce Rankin, Westside Food Bank's Executive Director.

Bank of America employees also showed their support when a volunteer team assisted with Westside Food Bank's office renovation last summer. "The combined commitment of hands-on volunteering and financial support shows Bank of America's dedication to our work in the community" comments Rankin.

"Food supply and financial stability are interdependent, so that is why we support leading hunger relief nonprofits like the Westside Food Bank," said Raul A, Anaya, Los Angeles president, Bank of America. "We recognize that when together we can help alleviate hunger, then economic independence follows. It's a win-win for the family and community."

This is the second consecutive year that WSFB has received a grant from Bank of America, which also provides funding to several of WSFB's member agencies. The majority of WSFB's food is distributed via food pantries that provide free groceries. The rest is distributed through hot meal programs, transitional housing shelters, domestic violence shelters, preschool and after-school programs, and other programs providing meals. Altogether, Westside Food Bank's food reaches over 105,000 local people, nearly half of whom are children.

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Trump takes charge, assertive but untested 45th US president

BY JULIE PACE
AP White House Correspondent

Pledging emphatically to empower America's "forgotten men and women," Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States Friday, taking command of a riven nation facing an unpredictable era under his assertive but untested leadership.

Under cloudy, threatening skies at the West Front of the U.S. Capitol, Trump painted a bleak picture of the America he now leads, declaring as he had throughout the election campaign that it is beset by crime, poverty and a lack of bold action. The billionaire businessman and reality television star — the first president to have never held political office or high military rank — promised to stir a "new national pride" and protect America from the "ravages" of countries he says have stolen U.S. jobs.

"This American carnage stops right here," Trump declared. In a warning to the world, he said, "From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land. From this moment on, it's going to be America first."

The crowd that spread out before him on the National Mall was notably smaller than at past inaugurals, reflecting both the divisiveness of last year's campaign and the unpopularity of the incoming president compared to modern predecessors.

Demonstrations unfolded at various security checkpoints near the Capitol as police helped ticket-holders get through. After the swearing-in, more protesters registered their rage in the streets of Washington. Police in riot gear deployed pepper spray and made numerous arrests after protesters smashed the windows of downtown businesses, denouncing capitalism and the new president.

At least one vehicle was set afire.

Short and pointed, Trump's 16-minute address in the heart of Washington was a blistering rebuke of many who listened from privileged seats only feet away. Surrounded by men and women who have long filled the government's corridors of power, the new president said that for too long, "a small group in our nation's capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost."

His predecessor, President Barack Obama, sat stoically as Trump pledged to push the country in a dramatically different direction.

Trump's victory gives Republicans control of both the White House and Congress — and all but ensures conservatives can quickly pick up a seat on the closely divided Supreme Court. Despite entering a time of Republican dominance, Trump made little mention of the party's bedrock principles: small government, social conservativism and robust American leadership around the world.

He left no doubt he considers himself the product of a movement — not a party.

Trump declared his moment a fulfillment of his campaign pledge to take a sledgehammer to Washington's traditional ways, and he spoke directly to the alienated and disaffected.

"What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people," he said. "To all Americans in every city near and far, small and large from mountain to mountain, from ocean to ocean, hear these words: You will never be ignored again."

But the speech offered scant outreach to the millions who did not line up behind his candidacy.

Trump's call for restrictive immigration measures, religious screening of immigrants and his caustic campaign rhetoric about women and minorities angered millions. He did not directly address that opposition, instead offering a call to "speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity."

While Trump did not detail policy proposals Friday, he did set a high bar for his presidency. The speech was full of the one-time showman's lofty promises to bring back jobs, "completely" eradicate Islamic terrorism, and build new roads, bridges and airports.

Despite Trump's ominous portrait of America, he is taking the helm of a growing economy. Jobs have increased for a record 75 straight months, and the unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in December, close to a 9-year low.

Yet Trump's victory underscored that for many Americans, the recovery from the Great Recession has come slowly or not at all. His campaign tapped into seething anger in working class communities, particularly in the Midwest, that have watched factories shuttered and the certainty of a middle class life wiped away.

Trump's journey to the inauguration was as unlikely as any in recent U.S. history. He defied his party's establishment and befuddled the news media. He used social media to dominate the national conversation and challenge conventions about political discourse. After years of Democratic control of the White House and deadlock in Washington, his was a blast of fresh air for millions.

At 70, Trump is the oldest person to be sworn in as president, marking a generational step backward after two terms for Obama, one of the youngest presidents to serve as commander in chief.

The 44th president, who will continue to live in Washington, left the city after the swearing-in ceremony for a family vacation in California. At a farewell celebration with staff members at Joint Base Andrews, he thanked them for having "proved the power of hope."

While Trump bucked convention as a candidate, he embraced the pomp and pageantry of the inaugural celebrations. He was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts, reciting the 35-word oath with his hand placed upon two Bibles, one used by his family and another during President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration. During an afternoon parade, he stepped outside the armored presidential limousine with Mrs. Trump and his 10-year-old son, Barron, to walk two brief stretches of Pennsylvania Avenue.

In a show of solidarity, all of the living American presidents attended the inaugural, except for 92-year-old George H.W. Bush, who was hospitalized this week with pneumonia. His wife, Barbara, was also in the hospital after falling ill.

But more than 60 House Democrats refused to attend Trump's swearing-in ceremony in the shadow of the Capitol dome. One Democrat who did sit among the dignitaries was Hillary Clinton, Trump's vanquished campaign rival who was widely expected by both parties to be the one taking the oath of office.

At a post-ceremony luncheon at the Capitol, Trump declared it was an honor to have her attend, and the Republicans and Democrats present rose and applauded.

While most of Trump's first substantive acts as president will wait until Monday, he signed a series of papers formally launching his administration, including official nominations for his Cabinet. Sitting in an ornate room steps from the Senate floor, the president who had just disparaged the Washington establishment joked with lawmakers, including House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, and handed out presidential pens.

As evening fell, the Senate approved retired Gen. James Mattis to be Trump's secretary of defense.

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FILM REVIEW

PATERSON

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It would be wise to clear all the extraneous thoughts streaming through your mind before seeing Paterson. This movie is a detailed window into the life of a bus driver and the people around him, in Paterson NJ. Our hero, played with great sensitivity and calmness by Adam Driver, is not your typical bus driver. The driver happens to be named "Paterson". The irony is not lost on us that Adam Driver plays a "driver" named "Paterson" who lives in Paterson, an ex-Marine who happens to love writing poetry and keeps a notebook with him at all times. He doesn't think his poetry is anything exceptional. He is inspired to write by the beauty he sees in the smallest details around him.

Each character in this movie, no matter how short their screen time, is fascinating. Especially noteworthy is Golshifteh Rarahani, who skillfully portrays Paterson's wife "Laura." Laura is a very unusual working class wife. She's Persian American. Of great significance in this film is the fact that her ethnicity has no weight on the development of her character in this story nor is it ever remarked upon. Her ethnicity is just taken for granted and is part of her presence. She is a housewife whose fertile imagination never tires of finding creative outlets of enrichment. The couple has no children. "Marvin," their dog, is the cornerstone of their existence.

This is not an adventure, a mystery or a lesson piece. Director Jim Jarmusch, a musician, has created a musical poem in this film. In fact, every poem that is recited is backed by music that enhances the words and thoughts. Portals open that in other types of stories would portend danger, evil or tragedy – and then they close, with nothing lost. This is a picture of people and the beauty of the ordinariness of their everyday routines, showing us that the mundane can be exquisite if you look at it with fresh eyes. Various coincidences occur, seem remarkable and then merge into the landscape of observations. This is also a love story about the town of Paterson – or any town - and the people who live there now and have lived there before, whether famous or unknown. The music by Jarmusch, Carter Logan and their band Squrl is exceptional. The cinematography by Frederick Elmes is languid and rich, so important to the style of the movie.

The key to this film is that it flows like life through touching scenes that give us a glimpse into the experiences of the characters. It does not play like a contrived narrative and it does not make judgments. Things happen and they have impact on the people we are watching, and then we move on. The players glide through the city of Paterson and its environs and savor the beauty that they are able to find in their surroundings. The movie is a poem in itself, one without beginning and end, like the river that flows through the town.

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Ezra Woolley Geddes

December 25, 1919 – January 7, 2017

Ezra Woolley Geddes passed away in Fremont, California on January 7, 2017. He was born December 25, 1919 in Cedar City, Utah to Joseph Arch and Grace Woolley Geddes. He lived in Fremont, CA and previously was a 46 year resident in Santa Monica. He has resided in Cedar City and Logan, UT, Ithaca, NY, Duluth, MN, Albuquerque, NM, Park Ridge, NY, and Omaha, NB. Ezra married Cleone Lyle Hansen on December 24, 1943 in Carlsbad, NM.

He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and served active duty until 1945; then was a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves until 1979. Ezra was a member of the LDS Church.

He received his BA and MA in Sociology at Utah State University and his Ph.D in Sociology at Cornell University.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, RV'ing, gold prospecting, writing and had an interest in religion.



Ezra is survived by his wife of 73 years, Cleone; sons, Alan Karl Geddes of Mill Valley, CA, David Hansen Geddes of Fremont, CA and Brian Lynn Geddes of Astoria, OR; 1 grandchild; 2 great-grandchildren and his sister Grace Marsden of CO. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Joseph and sisters Gayle and Marjorie.

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Elecnor are being recommended for the contract following a solicitation for bids issued in November of 2016.

A smaller amount could have a bigger impact on the city at large. Council will be asked to spend $55,000 with Seltzer Fontaine and Beckwith, a California-based legal search firm, to help search for a new City Attorney.

Former City Attorney Marsha Moutrie retired at the end of 2016 and staff have been directed to implement a nationwide search for candidates.

"The City Attorney serves as the chief legal advisor and head of the legal branch of the City government," said the staff report. "It is a high-profile position that is appointed by the City Council. As such, staff recommended engaging an executive recruitment firm to conduct a nationwide search to identify candidates to fill the vacancy that occurred when the incumbent City Attorney retired in December."

Several contracts are up for discussion but more than half of the total expenditures on the consent calendar are a result of a $3,920,400 (including 10% contingency) with West Valley Investment Group for work on Parking Structure No. 5.

Plans call for a new Transit and Parking Services Center including public counter services for the Big Blue Bus along with parking and transit related business.

"Currently, transit passes, parking permits and parking passes are sold out of two different locations, and the facility that sells transit and parking passes is designed for only one business transaction," said the staff report. "Colocation of these services would provide a one stop shop with individual counters for each type of transaction. This would result in more convenient service to the public. Additionally, the project would provide enhanced public restroom amenities and improve the pedestrian experience."

Work would begin in March of 2017 and end in early 2018.

While the calendar contains significant expenses, one item includes an update on revenues.

The report includes updates on the city's development impact fees.

The California Mitigation Fee Act requires local authorities to submit reports on five kinds of fees charged to developers to address impacts of growth: Childcare Linkage Fee, Transportation Impact Fee, Parks and Recreation Impact Fee, Affordable Housing Commercial Linkage Fee, and Water Demand Mitigation Fee.

The Childcare Linkage Fee has a balance on hand of about $2.5 million.

"Council has approved usage of Childcare Linkage Fee funds and General Fund dollars towards the construction of the Early Childhood Lab School (ECLS), formerly the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC)," said the report.

The Transportation Impact Fee has a balance on hand of $3.5 million with more than a million dollars earmarked for potential public improvements.

The Parks and Recreation Impact Fee has $300,000 on hand and money could be used for potential construction of the Airport Park Expansion project.

The Affordable Housing Commercial Linkage Fee has a balance of about $600,000.

"Currently, insufficient funds have been collected to complete potential public improvements," said the report. "Staff will continue to closely monitor proposed development projects and available resources."

The Water Demand Mitigation Fee has $3.7 million on hand.

"Staff has identified several projects that will utilize the available fund balance, including the retrofitting of restroom facilities at both public buildings and multi-family properties, exploratory boring and well construction, public landscape projects, such as improvements to irrigation systems, the purchase of smart controllers and water efficient equipment, and turf removal projects, and the planning and design of water efficient landscaping and an irrigation system for the San Vicente Blvd medians," said the report.

City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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BAKER

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Great British Bake Off." Chen says she had no idea if she was qualified when she applied to be on the show, but she liked the idea of the challenge.

"It's really about showcasing the baking and not the nastiness of reality TV," Chen said of the show. She says the competitors became very close friends during the taping.

Bakers must survive both the judge's challenges and their own during showcase bake-offs. That's what lead Chen to end up with an ambitious (but delicious) agenda for the very last episode: a winter celebration dessert display including butterscotch pot de crème with rose marshmallows, a dozen mini-maple eclairs and black sesame macaroons with honey champagne buttercream filling.

The macaroons were a risky decision but close to Chen's heart because they incorporate a traditional Asian flavor, black sesame, in a French pastry. The melding of texture and flavor reflects Chen's Chinese heritage and was a nod to her parents who immigrated to Southern California from Taiwan before she was born. While macaroons have recently come into style, they are notoriously difficult to make.

"I've really only nailed it a handful of times that I've baked and there's been plenty of disasters," Chen said.

The macaroons set and the judges loved the flavors. Although they had some minute critiques for both Chen and her final competitor, Amanda Faber, a stay-at-home mother from Atlanta, Georgia, the judges praised both bakers so much the end felt like a draw. Chen's eyes were sparkling when the judges crowned Faber the winner.

"It really was about your personal best and how far you can push yourself so for me, at the end of the day I was so emotional…I literally couldn't stop crying because I felt like I gave every single fiber of my being into what I was doing those last two days.'

Now that she has moved on from the adrenaline rush of the show, Chen is deciding just how far she wants to go with her baking hobby. She says she is in the process of turning her passion into a business, but is reluctant to bring on the sort of stress that caused her to leave the advertising world.

For now, she's working on her blog and her recipes, baking for her friends and family and encouraging others who have an obsession with confections to apply for the show. If you're interested, Chen recommends watching at least one season and having recipes ready for each of the disciplines.

"At the end of the day, believing in yourself is the biggest thing."

You can reach Chen and check out her recipes through her blog, www.sugarbearbakes.com.

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FLOOD

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hubs of cars along low-lying streets in and around Santa Cruz.

Runoff and rockslides in the Santa Monica Mountains west of Los Angeles forced the California Highway Patrol to close all canyon roads in the Malibu area.

Forecasters warned of potential debris flows from wildfire burn scars in Southern California.

Storm warnings were also posted up and down the Sierra Nevada after the second storm dropped nearly 2 feet of snow at higher elevations.

The mountains of Southern California have also been accumulating snow on peaks that were barren in years of drought.

Along the coast, big surf was rolling ashore, and forecasters said waves could build to 30 feet on the Central Coast.

The third storm was forecast to be the strongest of the trio.

The National Weather Service says winds could gust up to 140 mph over the Sierra ridgetops Saturday night and Sunday.

Storms since the fall have caused drought to retreat from nearly half the state.

As of Thursday night, downtown Los Angeles had received 9.82 inches of rain since the start of the water year on Oct. 1, nearly 4 inches above normal to date and well above the 3.76 inches that had fallen in the same period a year earlier.

AP writer Scott Sonner in Reno, Nevada, contributed to this story.







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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **58.3°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **5-8 ft** head high to 3 ft overhead occ. 10ft
Strong WNW swell mix to peak - most size out west. Continued WNW flow in the morning, wind may ease in the PM. South facing points smaller, but offering some clean fun.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **4-7 ft** shoulder high to 2 ft overhead
WNW swell mix drops - most size out west. Possible early AM offshores for parts of the region, but winds may get bad quick. Stay tuned.



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 JANUARY 12, AT ABOUT 7:32 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at Victoria's Secret -1211 3rd Street Promenade regarding a grand theft. Officer met with store's employees and learned the suspect entered the store carrying a large shopping bag. The suspect exited the store causing the anti-theft security alarm to activate. Employees reviewed surveillance video and saw the suspect place several items of merchandise in his bag. The suspect fled the location. Later that evening at 8:07 p.m., the suspect returned to the store. As officers were responding, the suspect left the store and walked into Parking Structure #4 – 1321 2nd Street. The suspect was located and detained for an investigation. Officers discovered a vehicle belonging to the suspect. Stolen merchandise from Victoria's Secret and other retail outlets was discovered. Rodrigo Gomez, 35, from Tarzana, was arrested for possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 340 calls for service on Jan. 19.

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

Strongarm robbery 700 block of Broadway 12:19 a.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Wilshire 2:05 a.m.
Lewd activity 1500 block of Lincoln 3:52 a.m.
Encampment1500 block of 2nd 6:07 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Bay 7:05 a.m.
Encampment800 block of Colorado 7:40 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 26th 7:57 a.m.
Traffic collision PCH/Magu 8:25 a.m.
Elder abuse 1500 block of 12th 8:33 a.m.
Death investigation 1300 block of Georgina 8:34 a.m.
Encampment1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 9 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of 20th 9:16 a.m.
Identity theft 1300 block of 11th 9:31 a.m.
Burglary investigation/walk through 200 block of 14th 9:32 a.m.
Indecent exposure 6th/Santa Monica 9:34 a.m.
Encampment1700 block of Ocean Front Walk 9:37 a.m.
Hit and run 2800 block of 3rd 10:02 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of Ocean Park 10:07 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 4th/Pier 10:18 a.m.
Encampment100 block of Broadway 10:46 a.m.
Indecent exposure 300 block of Wilshire 11:02 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of Ocean Park 11:05 a.m.
Vandalism 900 block of 11th 11:09 a.m.
Petty theft 500 block of Olympic 11:15 a.m.
Domestic violence 1400 block of Broadway 11:48 a.m.
Encampment3100 block of Frederick 11:53 a.m.
Burglary 500 block of 11th 12 p.m.
Burglary 100 block of California 12:02 p.m.
Child endangerment 1400 block of 16th 12:05 p.m.
Panhandling 300 block of Pico 12:11 p.m.
Found property 1500 block of 2nd 12:20 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:26 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of san Vicente 12:28 p.m.
Fraud 2500 block of Broadway 12:35 p.m.
Grand theft 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 1:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block of 6th 1:17 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 400 block of San Vicente 2:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 2nd 2:14 p.m.
Fight 26th/Olympic 2:22 p.m.
Traffic collision 200 block of Idaho 3:02 p.m.
Speeding 1100 block of Santa Monica 3:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block of 4th 3:26 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 4th 3:27 p.m.
Battery 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 3:44 p.m.
Arson 1400 block of 2nd 4:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1600 block of Michigan 4:11 p.m.
Found property 1500 block of the beach 4:23 p.m.
Domestic violence 20th/Broadway 4:37 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 39 calls for service on Jan. 19.

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

Emergency 1300 block of 15th 1:09 a.m.
Public assist 1100 block of 7th 1:51 a.m.
Emergency 2000 block of 21st 2:05 a.m.
Emergency 1400 block of Wilshire 3:03 a.m.
Emergency 1500 block of 9th 3:31 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 6:11 a.m.
Emergency Lincoln/Bay 7:06 a.m.
Wires down 700 block of 25th 7:23 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block of Georgina 8:13 a.m.
Emergency 600 block of 21st Pl 9:27 a.m.
Emergency 2600 block of 33rd 11:19 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Civic Center 11:20 a.m.
Emergency 1900 block of Colorado 11:48 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Civic Center 11:53 a.m.
Electrical fire 2900 block of 3rd 12:15 p.m.
Emergency 6th/Santa Monica 12:16 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 15th 1:23 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of 15th 2:26 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block of Santa Monica 2:44 p.m.
Emergency 1800 block of Wilshire 2:50 p.m.
Assist LAFD 700 block of south Bristol Lae 3:37 p.m.
Emergency 2600 block of Lincoln 4:02 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1400 block of 2nd 4:06 p.m. 4:28 p.m.
Emergency 1300 block of 15th 4:26 p.m.
Emergency 2500 block of Pico 5:26 p.m.
Lock in/out 2200 block of Virginia 5:42 p.m.
Emergency 2700 block of Ocean Park 5:52 p.m.
Emergency 1600 block of Santa Monica 5:54 p.m.
Emergency 1200 block of 16th 6:25 p.m.
Emergency of Euclid/Wilshire 6:30 p.m.
Emergency 1800 block of Ocean 6:48 p.m.
Emergency 600 block of Santa Monica 8:42 p.m.
Emergency 1000 block of 7th 9:34 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of 6th 9:36 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 1/18
9 40 41 53 58
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 153M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 1/17
20 31 54 56 59
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 162M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 1/18
17 25 29 31 37
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 71M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/19
13 17 22 23 26

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/19
MIDDAY: 4 6 4
Draw Date: 1/19
EVENING: 2 7 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/19
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:42.30

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WORD UP!

asseverate

1. to declare earnestly or solemnly; affirm positively; aver.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Best Medicine

■ Two psychologists met at their 20th college reunion. One of them looked like he just graduated, while the other psychologist appeared old, withered and worried, a shadow of his former self.'

■ The older-looking psychologist stared at the younger-looking one, and said: "Listening to other people's problems every day, all day long, for years on end, has made an old man of me. What's your secret?"

■ To which, the younger-looking psychologist replied, "Who listens?"

Medical History

■ This week in 1971, UC Berkeley chemists announced the first synthetic production of growth hormones.

MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



Anna Maria Gigliotti correctly identified this image of Love Coffee Bar at 1732 Ocean Park Blvd. She wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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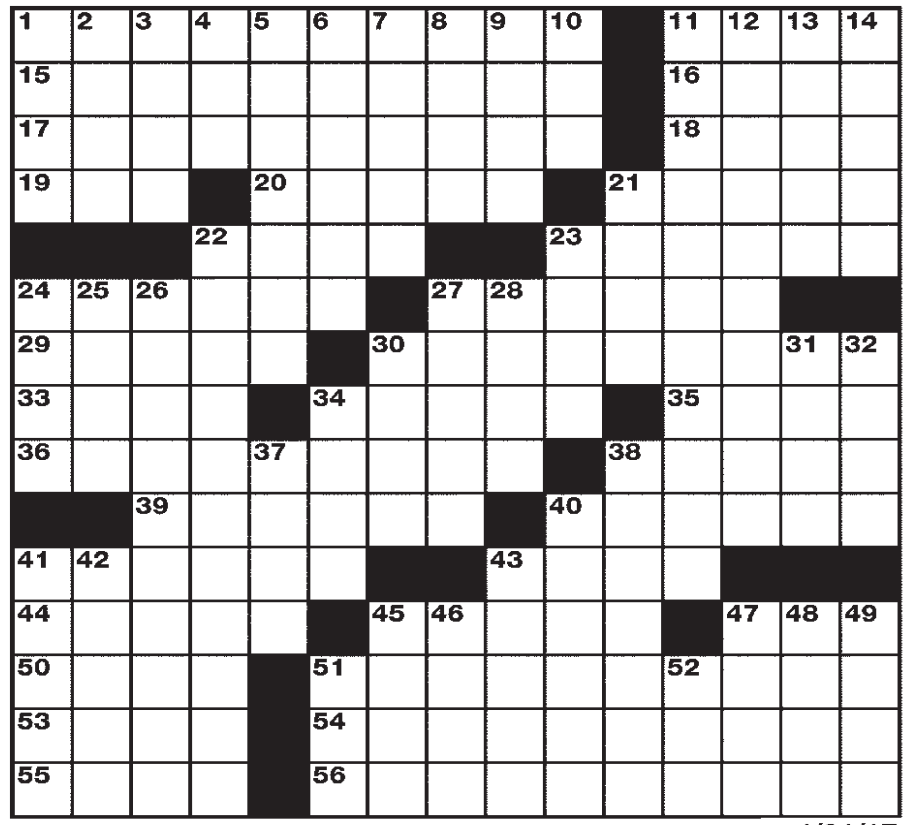
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Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Offers minimal help
11 Down-to-earth sound
15 Sotomayor, in the '80s
16 Symbol in a Tolkien alphabet
17 Temp's field
18 Basketball was invented in one
19 Beast associated with Palm Sunday
20 Trackless trains
21 Even once
22 Seat sharer with Berlin
23 Many florists' orchids
24 American Legion __ (vet cyclists' group)
27 Hail Mary source
29 Hogwarts Divination class topic
30 Opposite of "Shoot away"
33 Softest known mineral
34 Oddjob's weapon
35 What surrounds Canada's southernmost land
36 Kid's bedtime complaint
38 Josiah Wedgwood contemporary
39 "Doggone it!"
40 Saw what there was to see
41 Render ineffectual
43 __ Lit (English class)
44 So, to Malraux
45 Preceder of rate and time
47 Model project for science class
50 __ paper
51 Certain sales course
53 Behold, of old
54 Adjective in optical navigation
55 Web extension
56 Standard units for ship-hull depth

DOWN

1 Org. cofounded by Babe Zaharias
2 Camera's diaphragm
3 Metaphors for uncertainties
4 Poet with a 1909 Harvard BA
5 Sociology subdivisions
6 Thanksgiving cookie shapes
7 Cuisine favoring chilies
8 Depiction on an Emmy
9 *Désignations*
10 Monotonous
11 Strive for currency acquisition
12 Target for driverless cars
13 Word from the Latin for "little grandfather"
14 Compacts
21 Class Notes subject
22 Rarely used backup
23 Ocarina material
24 Curry-house stack
25 Interfaith forum speaker, perhaps
26 Army rescue team
27 Database operations
28 PETA's 2014 "Best Vegan-Friendly Chain"
30 Animal cam view, often
31 Scheduler, e.g.
32 "Planted" player
34 Smart __ (targeted-therapy component)
37 Many motels, ostensibly
38 "The same old __ that I knew" (Billy Joel lyric)
40 Data provider for the Uber driver app
41 They're on many concert T-shirt backs
42 Determine in favor of
43 Cloud-atlas entries
45 Set forth
46 Section of goarmy.com
47 Royal Albert Hall topper
48 Much of pulp fiction
49 Part of 47 Down blueprints
51 __ rock (Springsteen, Santana, etc.)
52 Pac-Man maze marker



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 21)

You give the others a sense that you're in it together, and that's some of the reason they really want to be in it with you. The shrewd, timely and lucrative actions you take in the next 10 weeks don't hurt either! What marches into your life in March will open your heart. Then June takes it to a contractual level. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 3, 22, 28 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A project seems to be taking over your life in many ways, including financial ones. Don't emphasize how expensive it is; rather, focus on the joy, education and relationships it brings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you aren't busy working on your own goals today, you're working on someone else's. Whose? And how did this person get so lucky as to entice you to this line? It's an excellent time to review and rework the plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Stick to the one aim, the one person, the one ideal you want to hold up. Multitasking pretty much ensures malcontent. Try and do two things; none get done.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You'll give yourself the good advice like you usually do, but no guarantees that you're going to follow it. And who is the "you" who's giving it anyway? Is this person taking into consideration all (the humor, fun, bonding) you need?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Some call it moral courage, some call it optimism, and you don't call it anything, because this is how you are. You're the one moving forward, seeing the possibilities, giving that big smile and feeling groovy today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
When you love something there are two modes you often take. You either make it sacred, and stash it on high in an untouchable place, or you play with it every which way until it's worn-in like only you could do it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your happiness is not dependent on approval, excitement or reward. You're curious. You find it easy to like people. These qualities are what drive you to the interesting places.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Every time you think of a memory, you corrupt it. It's not just you; these are the wonderful adaptations of the human brain. This is why history is more of an art than a science -- something to keep in mind now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
To change yourself is to change the world. Most people don't think of it, though. It's not the most popular quest. Everyone is trying to make a mark outwardly. The inward changers -- they're onto something.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Storms on Jupiter make earthly hurricanes look infantile. But that's just how it is around here. Nothing on earth can rage indefinitely. When passion dies down, as is its natural course, acceptance is grace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Since you're going to travel the same roads time and again, why not sprinkle some wildflower seeds as you go, so you'll have pretty changes to watch along the way?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You wish time would change things for you, but it's becoming clear that you're going to have to do it yourself. A little more grit, a little more muscle, some negotiations, a sprinkle of charm -- you're almost there.

Early Degrees of the Aquarius Sun

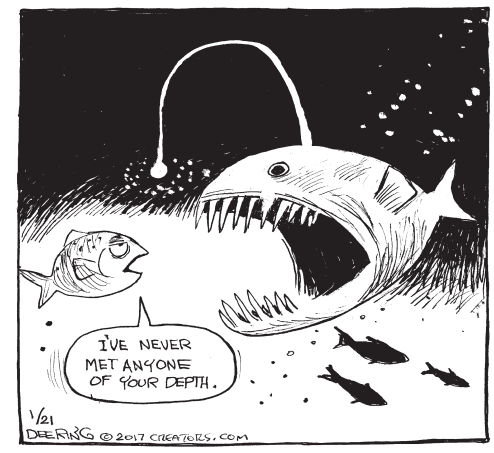
Though they say your life is created in your mind, such a thing is hard to prove during working hours. Also, isn't it a little irrelevant where life exits? Unless you can use the information to give yourself more options, it's hard to see why it matters whether life is contained in your head or in a snow globe on the moon. This is the pondering of the early Aquarius sun.

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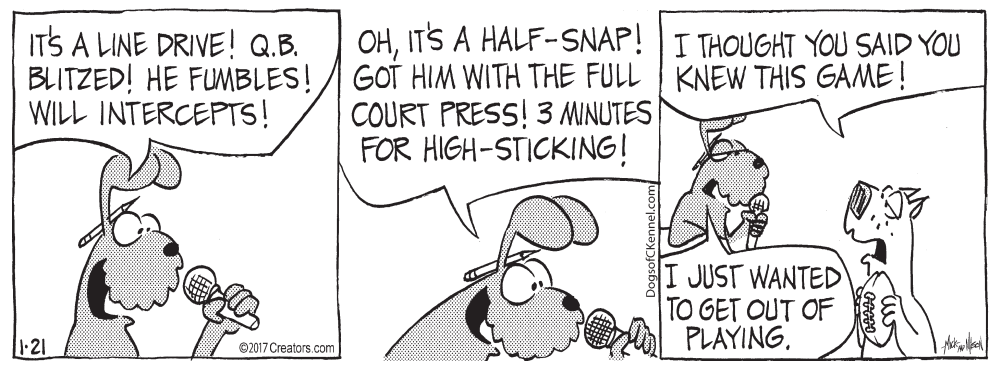
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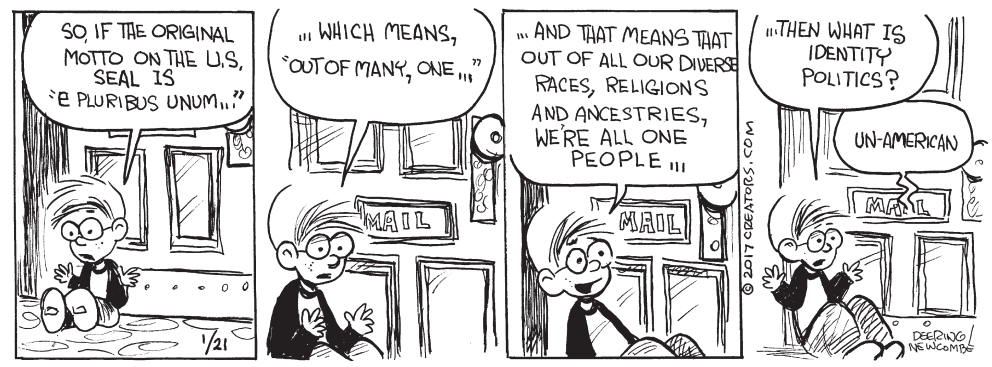
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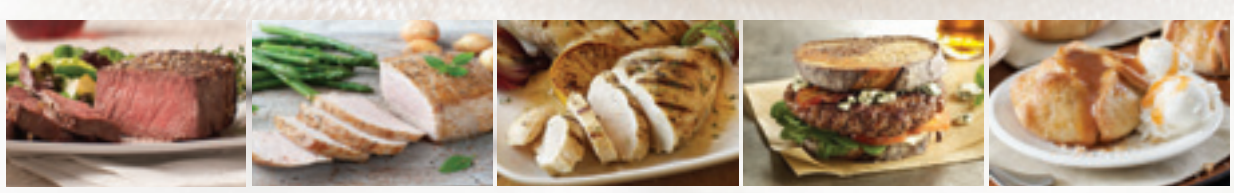
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