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Brussels attack has local impact

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

International terrorist attacks might seem a world away but events like the Belgium bombing have international connections that spread worldwide, including to Santa Monica.

Jay Johnson and his wife Rachel Sene are known to Santa Monicans as members of the local Democratic Club but their daughter — Clara Seneca — and her husband — Giacomo Valentini — live in Brussels, about 200 yards from one of the targeted metro stations.

Valentini was at the metro station the morning of the attack but escaped unharmed. He sent an email to friends and family shortly after the attack describing the experience (see sidebar for the complete email).

"The Maelbeek station is small," he wrote. "Nobody among the people standing around me on the platform appeared to be harmed. As soon as I got up to street level, I saw that the glass windows and doors of the entrance were completely shattered, no doubt from the force of the explosion. Strangely, I hadn't felt a strong shock wave where I was standing. I must have been standing in a position where the shock wave did not hit with its full force - perhaps the wall behind me stopped it."

In response to the deadly bombings, California authorities ramped up security Tuesday.

The Islamic State organization claimed responsibility for the series of attacks in Brussels that left at least 31 dead and dozens more wounded. The attacks in the Belgian capital underscored the

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Registration required to vote in primary elections

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The drama around this year's presidential election could translate into a rare opportunity for California voters.

For the first time in decades, the results of the California primary could significantly impact the parties' nominations for president; but to participate in the primary, voters must first complete their registration paperwork.

According to the County's records, the City of Santa Monica has 33,790 Democrats, 9,151 Republicans, 1,535 American Independents, 635 Green Party members, 496 Libertarians, 223 Peace and Freedom members, 7,117 declined to state, 10,545 had no party preference and 808 were registered with miscellaneous non-qualified parties.

Voters affiliated with a specific party will have the option to participate in that party's California primary election on Tuesday, June 7.

In California, political parties can allow voters without a party preference to participate in party-specific presidential primaries. However, each party must notify the Secretary of State's office with-

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SAMOHI BASEBALL

Morgan Genser

The Santa Monica High School boys varsity baseball team played Palisades Charter High School on March 19 won 4-2 to improve their record to 5-1 on the season. Pictured are Senior Pitcher Nik Nahass and Senior first baseman Ryan Slinger.

Engaged residents protest creation of parent engagement position

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Earlier this month, Santa Monica-Malibu school district officials appeared ready to move forward with the creation of two new positions, one to support English language literacy and one to improve parent engagement.

Not so fast.

After hearing from numerous parents and other stakeholders about their concerns over the proposed changes, the local Board of

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BASEBALL: Ex-pro becomes Crossroads coach

Ramsey guides Roadrunners in first high school gig

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Getting cut from his high school baseball team as a freshman motivated Keith Ramsey to work harder.

It's how he paved his way into the collegiate ranks. It's how he eventually earned a chance to play professionally.

And it's why he was looking forward to practice this week with the Crossroads boys baseball team, which is entering Wednesday after-

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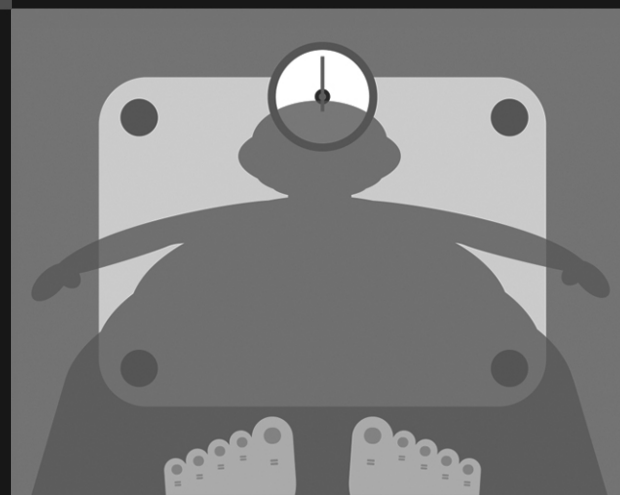
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 23

Preschool Story Time at Main

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

Crafty Kids: Paper flowers

Learn how to make flowers out of tissue paper. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Painting on the Patio for Teens

Learn how to paint your own masterpiece, step-by-step with an instructor from PAINT:LAB. Limited space, call to pre-register beginning March 14th. Grades 6 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3 - 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Animal Shelter Program

The Santa Monica Shelter discusses how they help and rescue animals (did you know they have horses at the shelter? turtles too?) and what you can do to help local animals. There may even be a furry and scaly friend or two in tow. (Ages 8 and Up). Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Movie & Lecture: Snowpiercer (2013)

Graphic novels, an extended form of the comic book, are the source of many apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic tales. Join organizers as they explore the format with a brief talk, then screen the film Snowpiercer, based on a French post-apocalyptic graphic novel. (film runtime: 126 min). Seating is first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

Origami Animals

Learn how to fold paper into fun animals. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Youth Beach Volleyball

Volleyball for ages 7 - 15, all levels in a semi-private setting. Cost $18. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Salsa Thursdays at Wokcano Santa Monica

Salsa lessons and happy hour every Thursday night. The first two hours of the night are for beginner to intermediate lessons, then it is an open dance floor to dance the night away. Cost: $8. Wokcano Santa Monica, 1413 5th St., 8 p.m.

Streetsie Award party

Assemblymember Richard Bloom, Cyclehop, and Hulu will all have a party in their honor at Cyclehop's west coast headquarters. Bloom, Cyclehop, and Hulu were all awarded 2015 Streetsie awards for their standout work in making the streets safer, more sustainable, and accessible to all. Tickets are $20 a person. Drinks and refreshments will be served. Tickers are available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streetsie-celebration-party-for-richard-bloom-cyclehop-and-hulu-tickets-22192922629. Cyclehop, 1631 Colorado Ave., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 25

SMC Drescher Planetarium Lecture: 'Charles Messier and the Faint Fuzzies'

Find out about French 18th-century comet hunter Charles Messier and his list of nuisances, which became a catalog of the brightest objects in the northern sky. The planetarium direc-

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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Know thine enemy, for he is loaded

FOLLOW THE MONEY, HONEY

It's true for politics in DC, and in Santa Monica.

If you run across a puzzle, a conundrum, something doesn't compute, you're stopped by a brick wall, a common sense question that no one seems to have a logical answer for - chances are, something's up. The people who are up to something for their own good, but not the general good, are experts in covering their tracks. You may not be able to find the real trail, but always keep in mind the Watergate rule: follow the money.

Sometimes it's a matter of power and control, not money, but in this age of the unlimited and anonymous mountains of campaign cash of Citizens (ha!) United, and of corporate personhood - money is power, and vice versa. With nonchalant government rule bending and violation of laws without consequence (by corporations-people, not people-people) - people can get shot - and a feckless media, it's Wild West time. Every man for himself, and you'd better have a big posse.

Boy, do I sound cynical. But I'm not. I'm still an optimistic idealist, but also a realist. To solve a problem you must understand it. You get nowhere if you attack shadows.

I also still believe in listening to each other and trying to find common ground, even compromise. Many here complain that their city government does not listen to them, and there's tons of evidence. Go to any City Council meeting where 50 or 100 folks have sacrificed their evening and waited until midnight or later to have their two minute say, only to have the Council discuss and decide at the end - after most commenters have dragged themselves home - as though not one of them had even shown up.

LOST PERSPECTIVE?

I don't think our City Council members have bad intent. I believe they are convinced they are doing what's best for Santa Monica. But I believe they have been influenced by moneyed interests or their own pursuit of power, and have lost perspective.

I also believe many of them see those who show up to offer their viewpoints at City Council meetings as "the usual suspects." The rabble-rousers, the NIMBYs, the disgruntled, the crazies even. I believe they see that crowd of 50, 250, could be 1,000, as still a small vocal minority not representing the majority opinion of 94,000 residents, and therefore they have no obligation to listen to what they're saying.

If so, that means that attacking them with the charge that they are not listening is actually the wrong tack. They believe they are listening to the people, but that those of you who show up to speak do not represent the people.

A way has to be found for Santa Monicans to easily and often convey their opinions on important local issues to their City Council. Of course we all know we can email them, but how many know what issues are coming up and what their implications are? People become alarmed at what is being done long after it's too late to reverse it, because they did not know or understand at the time. There needs to be a method of informing everyone and proactively getting their input. 20,000, 10,000, even 5,000 voices would be hard to ignore.

That may be really difficult. So the other part is changing lawmakers' minds as to what those expressed opinions represent. There must be some way to convince them that 50 people speaking out represents 5,000 others (or whatever the ratio may be) who feel the same way but couldn't show up in person.

Of course, you have to be willing to live with the results. Maybe you don't really represent the majority. Maybe the true majority loves big boxes and high rises everywhere and doesn't mind the traffic or running out of water. That's democracy. But let's at least give it a try, eh?

We all know that a large portion of our citizenry is not at all informed about the issues. Many don't care to be and never will. "Politics" is not their thing. Or they know they're here only for a year or two and couldn't care less. Not their town, just passing through. Out of 94,000 people, don't issues affecting the future of Santa Monica really belong to those who have been here for a while, and especially those who plan to stay?

But we elect our City Council, you say - that should cover it. Well, if you know anything about elections here, you know it ain't so. Developers and other outside interests have a big stake in getting their way here. There are literally billions involved. It turns out they have to spend a laughably small amount to influence elections.

VOTING BY FLYER

A lot of people still march to the polls thinking they're doing their civic duty by voting for the names that show up on those flyers in their mailbox. The teachers endorse these candidates, the police and fire departments, some Democratic Party subgroup, etc. - little understand that executive boards of those organizations make endorsements their rank and file do not necessarily back, and that endorsements on many of those flyers are literally for sale, for so little money it's a sad joke.

Wake up, folks. Big money is eviscerating California's Coastal Commission and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (see the well-researched investigative articles in the LA Times by Steve Lopez and Tony Barboza), and we who live here will all pay the price. Billionaires and corpo-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

UCLA receives multiple awards at Kiwanis Youth Convention

UCLA's chapter of Circle K International (CKI) attended the 62nd Annual Circle K International California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention in Los Angeles, March 18 - 20, where the club was recognized for outstanding achievements, placing in nine competitive categories with a total of 16 award acknowledgements and five scholarship recipients.

With 225 members, the chapter raised nearly $21,000 for various charities and volunteered almost 11,000 service hours this past year.

The UCLA Chapter was awarded Distinguished Club and Second Place in Outstanding Total Achievement in the Gold Division (chapters with more than 90 members). UCLA has been recognized in club achievement at the district and international levels in previous years as well.

In addition to the club's overall achievements, the following committee-related awards were presented: Distinguished Member Development & Education to Jamie Sison, Dorothy Kenny, Lindon Tran, Katherine Pham, and Angela Du, and Distinguished Kiwanis Family Relations to Nicholas Stringfellow and Lindon Tran.

The chapter's elected board was awarded with Distinguished Awards for President (Lisa Chong), Administrative Vice President (Juliana Deer), Treasurer (Jong Choi), and Secretary (Thien Nghiem). Nghiem also received an award for his punctual submissions of Club Monthly Report Forms. A Distinguished Appointed Board Member Award went to Lily Lequang for her work as the Small-Scale Service Chair. In addition, Sonya Apinyavat, Lisa Chong, Josef Madrigal, Thien Nghiem, and Nicholas Stringfellow were awarded the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation Scholarship.

"This past weekend at District Convention was a memorable one for us all," said Lisa Chong, 2015-2016 UCLA CKI president. "We had the privilege to attend various workshops, panels, and career networking sessions and were able to form personal connections with CKI members from all over California, Nevada, and Hawaii. We received a plethora of awards, including second place in the most prestigious category of Outstanding Total Achievement. These recognitions would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the members, and I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve this club this past year."

Circle K International is the largest collegiate service organization in the world, with more than 12,500 members in 17 countries. Chartered in 1974, the UCLA chapter is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica and falls into the California-Nevada-Hawaii district of the organization, where more than 3,100 members serve the community and raise funds for charities.

For more information on UCLA CKI, visit http://uclacki.org.

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE HUANG, UCLA CKI MEDIA RELATIONS CHAIR

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tor will also report on his "Messier Marathon" to view all 110 objects in a single night, possible only in March and April. Double bill with Night Sky Show costs $11. 1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15 a class or sign up for a series, 4 weeks for $50. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

Friday Family Film: 'Inside Out' (2015)

After moving to San Francisco, Riley's emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate her new home. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 3:45 p.m.

Library Egg Hunt

Enjoy spring stories, a craft, and hunt for eggs! Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Ages 4 & up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

1337 7th Street, 15ENT-0334 & 16ENT-0025. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0025) and a Development Review Permit (15ENT-0334) to construct a new 40-foot high, three-story, 26,720 square-foot fire station with 40 parking spaces in one level of subterranean parking at the site of an existing commercial off-street surface parking lot. According to SMMC Section 9.04.06080 of the 1988 Zoning Ordinance, the establishment of City government uses in any zoning district citywide is subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Additionally, according to SMMC Section 9.04.08.18.060(g), a Development Review Permit is required for any development of more than 7,500 square feet of floor area in the C-3 (Downtown Commercial) zoning district. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica. PROPERTY OWNER: 1337 7th Street, LLC.**

1338-1342 5th Street, 16ENT-0009. Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0009) to allow a limited-term surface parking lot with 40 parking spaces that are not accessible to the general public and will serve to temporarily replace existing parking that is subject to a private parking easement at 1337 7th Street. According to Section 9.04.08.20.040 of the 1988 Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit is required to establish an automobile parking lot in the C3-C (Downtown Overlay District) zone. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: City of Santa Monica.**

1318 Lincoln Boulevard, 16ENT-0012. Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0012) to allow a limited-term surface parking lot with 41 parking spaces that are not accessible to the general public and will serve to temporarily replace existing parking that is subject to a private parking easement at 1337 7th Street. According to Section 9.11.020 of the Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit is required to establish a private parking lot in the MUB (Mixed-Use Boulevard) zoning district. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **APPLICANT: NMS Properties. PROPERTY OWNER: NMS1318Lincoln, LLC.**

1430-1444 Lincoln Boulevard, 16ENT-0013. Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0013) to allow a limited-term surface parking lot with 86 parking spaces that are not accessible to the general public and will serve to temporarily replace existing parking that is subject to a private parking easement at 1337 7th Street. According to Section 9.11.020 of the Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit is required to establish a private parking lot in the MUB (Mixed-Use Boulevard) zoning district. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **APPLICANT: NMS Properties. PROPERTY OWNER: NMS1430Lincoln, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The renaming of Buffer Park

Editor:

I hope you consider the issue about naming Buffer Park as newsworthy as I do.

The Recreation and Parks Commission met Thursday, March 18. Agenda Item B: Commission discussion and development of recommendations for transmittal to City Council regarding a permanent name for the park currently known as Buffer Park and the possible renaming of Stewart Park. The City Council had previously reached a compromise to name Buffer Park Ishihara Park and suggested to rename the Stewart Park after WWII veteran Private Gandara. As there needed to be more public input before renaming Stewart Park the issue was referred again to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Thursday night the Commission refrained from renaming Stewart Park as it defined its location and voted to send the recommendation to name Buffer Park "Gandara Park." There was no opposition from the public to rename Stewart Park.

The issue about Buffer Park has been going on for years. It was the residents close to Buffer Park and the Pico Neighborhood Association who fought for that park. In placing the Maintenance Yard with its operation 24/7 and 365 plus days a year in our neighborhood the City assured us of respecting our wishes and considerations regarding Buffer Park. The park is located in an area with the highest concentration of Japanese American residents. As there is no recognition for the Japanese American residents who contributed to the wealth of Santa Monica for over one hundred years anywhere in Santa Monica, I suggested the name of a former resident and neighbor George Ishihara for Buffer Park. In a survey by the city about names for Buffer Park Ishihara got six votes and there were six other votes for Japanese Culture related names. Gandara had not been on the list but was suggested by former Council Member Holbrook and Recreation and Park Commissioner Phil Brooks at a former Commission meeting about naming Buffer Park.

To get more support for Ishihara Park I collected signatures from residents next to the park in favor of naming it after Ishihara. Of the 65 residents many are Japanese American and the daughter of George Ishihara, Monica Saito signed in favor of the name for the Park. I also contacted the Japanese Consulate in L.A. and received a supporting letter for Ishihara Park from Honorable General Consul Harry H. Horinouchi. I received supporting letters from the Japanese American Veterans Association, the Japanese Education Service "Go for Broke" who did an interview with George Ishihara, the Japanese American Community Center in Venice, and the president of the Japanese American Society of Southern California. All these letters were sent both to the City Council and the Recreation and Park Commission.

The Board of the Pico Neighborhood Association voted in favor of Ishihara Park, which was also relayed to City Council as well as to the Recreation and Park Commissioners.

George Ishihara was born on February 22, 1921 and died at his home in Santa Monica on March 17, 2009. Mr. Ishihara was a Japanese-American who grew up in Washington and Northern California, and relocated to Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood in 1958, where he raised two children. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in World War II in the most decorated unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and also was part of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion that liberated the Jewish people from the Dachau Germany Internment Camp and other surrounding camps. During World War II, Mr. Ishihara's family was interned in two relocation camps. Given his enlistment in the US Army, he was able to negotiate his family being reunited in the Minidoka Relocation Camp. It took courage to fight for a country

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rate donors have influenced the Democratic Party leadership to put Bernie Sanders at a huge disadvantage over the much more acceptable Hillary Clinton. (But don't count him out.) If you think Bernie and I are naive or pinko to rail about a class war, I'd ask you to explain the last 35 years. There has already been one, and now we need some balance. Money talks, but votes count. That's where we need those big posses I mentioned earlier.

For now, sad to say, it seems we can't trust our City Council to say no to overdevelopment. So I believe we need to get the LUVE initiative on the ballot, and get it passed in November, to get these decisions back into the hands of the voters, to stem the tsunami of outsized projects about to be approved. Don't be surprised and shocked. Be informed.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "All you need is LUVE." - some English guys I ran into a few years ago

CHARLES ANDREWS has lived in Santa Monica for 30 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

PARK
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and people who looked down upon Japanese Americans even when they were honorable citizens. The United States Government recently apologized to the Japanese citizens who often lost their livelihood, houses and possessions. Mr. Ishihara's daughter currently lives in the neighborhood with her family. The Japanese-American people played a significant role in the history of West Los Angeles and in Santa Monica, first as fishermen, then as farmers and gardeners, business and restaurant owners, and lastly as homeowners in the area. Many were displaced from the neighborhood when Interstate 10 was constructed. Mr. Ishihara worked at Donald Douglas and in his later years he was a gardener around Santa Monica and it is very fitting to name a neighborhood park after him. He was a member of the Santa Monica Gardeners Association. He lived three houses to the East of me on Delaware Avenue about one block away from Buffer Park. He was well liked and highly regarded in our neighborhood and in the Japanese Community where he served as docent for the Japanese American Museum. He bred turtles and would give little turtles to his Japanese neighbors. His oldest turtle, George, still enjoys life in a Japanese family's garden across from Buffer Park.

I hope you agree with me that the Santa Monica readers of your paper should be told about the controversy regarding the naming of Buffer Park. The Recreation and Park Commission totally disregarded the wishes of the concerned community. I do not object of having Stewart Park renamed after Private Gandara. He also deserves to be recognized. His name is included in the Santa Monica Veteran Memorial.

Christel Andersen
Santa Monica

JOBS
FROM PAGE 1

Education temporarily tabled the search for candidates until further review.

The school board will revisit the matter April 14, according to district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker.

Discussions about a new parent engagement position come as the district works to achieve the goals it outlined in its Local Control and Accountability Plan, a document linked to ongoing changes in state funding formulas.

Terry Deloria, SMMUSD assistant superintendent for educational services, said the district has made parent engagement a priority but that it hasn't seen the results it would like. There have not been coherent guidelines established for school governance councils and other site-level planning as well as for parents in advisory and committee roles, she said.

"It's become really clear to us in our department that we need to have someone completely dedicated to parent engagement," Deloria said.

But numerous stakeholders worried about how the creation of two new positions would impact Aida Diaz, the district's longtime coordinator for English language development programs. Many expressed fear that Diaz's position will be eliminated and split into separate positions for language and engagement. Some also said they believe it would be unfair to make Diaz apply for one of the new jobs.

Parents and community members praised Diaz for her reliability and responsiveness, many saying they trust her with complicated issues.

Community liaison Elena Uliantzeff said Diaz took it upon herself to support parents and added that she has been a constant presence as well as an important link to school and district administrators.

"It's shocking to find out that a person that is the embodiment of the newly posted job description is being told that, in order to keep her job, she needs to apply for this position," Uliantzeff said.

Celeste Ramos, a student at Lincoln Middle School, said losing Diaz would be a blow to the district.

"This might seem like a small change, but it's a big change for our Spanish-speaking families," she said. "Our parents trust her and are comfortable asking her questions. She's proven to be a reliable resource for parents. We do not know who we might get and how our parents are going to interact with the new person."

Board member Craig Foster said Diaz has performed "an essential function" for district parents.

"We can't lose the pieces that we have that are successful here," he said.

"What we have is very powerful, and I would hate to lose it."

Board member Ralph Mechur said it was telling that parents were lobbying for increased participation in district hiring decisions.

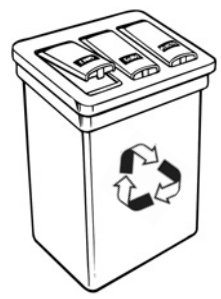
They "shouldn't have to come here and shout at us about things they should be included in," he said.

District officials were expected to amend the proposed job descriptions and brief the board again before launching a candidate search, board president Laurie Lieberman said.

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Email from Giacomo Valentini

This is to assure everybody that Clara and I are OK. This morning just after 9 a.m., a bomb went off at the Metro station "Maelbeek", 200 metres (yards) from our home. I was at that station waiting on the underground platform for the next train just as the explosion happened. I saw a flash of light come out of the tunnel, and a big bang, of the sort that one hears at fireworks. A thick black smoke immediately invaded the whole station. There was a smell like gun powder. I was next to the exit escalator, so I quickly ran up towards the exit. It was an unreal experience, I could hardly believe what was happening.

The Maelbeek station is small. Nobody among the people standing around me on the platform appeared to be harmed. As soon as I got up to street level, I saw that the glass windows and doors of the entrance were completely shattered, no doubt from the force of the explosion. Strangely, I hadn't felt a strong shock wave where I was standing. I must have been standing in a position where the shock wave did not hit with its full force - perhaps the wall behind me stopped it.

As I walked out of the station, there were dozens of other people running and crying, I saw people sitting on the pavement, a man with a bloodied face was walking away while talking on the phone. He was probably cut by the flying debris, maybe he did not realize how bloodied he looked. There was no smoke in the street nor any damage to nearby buildings.

In the minutes that followed, I saw more people crying, and the security guard of a nearby building started directing the traffic away from the metro entrance. I then walked home to reach Clara. Later, I blew my nose and realized I had inhaled much more soot and minute debris than I had first believed.

The metro station has two exists, and it appears that there was more damage and smoke at the other exit. I was lucky. As of writing this, the news is of some 15 dead at the metro station. While the reports talk of the deaths occurring at metro station, I saw the explosion come from inside the tunnel. I was looking right at it, since the indication panel indicated that the train was about to arrive and was anxious to get on. I had at first wondered whether a bomb had exploded at the next station, the much larger and crowded Arts-Loi station. But my speculation is that perhaps a bomb went off on a train transiting between the two metro stations.

By 11 a.m., in the road in front of our house, which is one of the four that lead to the Maelbeek metro, a constant flow of ambulances started to pass, about one every minute or so. The grim sound of sirens is still haunting. The police recommends that we do not leave our homes. It is 12:15 right now, and the situation is "calm but tense", as the saying goes.

I will send updates if necessary. But probably the news reports can take things up from here.

ATTACK

FROM PAGE 1

growing threat posed by the Islamic State group on both sides of the Atlantic. The bombs in Brussels' airport and subway locked down the European Union's capital just a few months after attacks shocked Paris and San Bernardino.

Locally, a heavily armed unit of sheriff's deputies patrolled the Union Station rail hub in downtown Los Angeles while security was more visible at San Francisco International Airport.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti told a news conference there were no credible and specific threats to the nation's second-largest city but there was a show of force at key infrastructure sites.

"Our hearts are broken yet again, terrorists have struck in an open society," the mayor told a press conference that included security officials and representatives of the regions diverse religions and cultures.

David Bowdich, assistant director in charge of the Los Angeles FBI office, said "extraordinary measures" were being taken by the FBI and the region's joint terrorism task force to support foreign partners.

"It's also to ensure that we do not have any U.S.-based connections to this act," he said. "If we do, we will be relentless in our pursuit of those individuals. Currently our focus here in the Los Angeles region is to ensure our transportation sectors are safe."

Bowdich cited the ports, Los Angeles International Airport and the entertainment industry as "critical resources."

Los Angeles police Chief Charlie Beck said specific "targets" had police coverage and he urged the public to keep an eye out for anything suspicious and alert authorities.

Beck also stressed the importance of cross-cultural acceptance.

"That sense of inclusion is what keeps people from being radicalized," he said. "It's what keeps people from going to the dark side. This is very much a battle between good and evil and it's the good in America that keeps us safe."

– THE ASSOCIATED PRESS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY

VOTE

FROM PAGE 1

in 135 days of the election if they plan to allow non-party members to vote.

For the June 7 presidential primary election, the American Independent Party, Democratic Party and Libertarian Party have notified the Secretary of State that they will allow unaffiliated voters to request their party's presidential ballot. Voters that want to participate in the Republican primary will have to register as Republican to participate.

Voters without a party preference will have to specifically request a Democratic, American Independent or Libertarian ballot from the county elections office or the poll worker at their voting location to participate in one of those party's primaries. A voter cannot request more than one party's ballot.

If unaffiliated voters do not make the specific request for a party primary ballot, they will be given a nonpartisan ballot with names of candidates for voter-nominated offices, local nonpartisan offices and measures scheduled for that election.

Citizens can register to vote at anytime, however in order to vote in a specific election, voters must register 15 days before that election. For the 2016 races, May 23 is the last day to register to vote in the state primary election and Oct. 24 is the last day to register to vote for the November election.

To qualify, a potential voter must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old on or before Election Day. Anyone currently serving a court sentence for a felony, currently on parole or whom a court has declared mentally incompetent is prohibited from voting.

Voters can register online or with a paper form.

Traditional registration forms are available locally at the City Clerk's Office, U.S. Post Offices, public libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles offices and other public buildings. The forms can also be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website at http://registertovote.ca.gov.

The site also offers online registration.

To register online you need a California driver's license or California identification card number, the last four digits of your social security number and your date of birth. Residents without a license or ID card can still register online by completing an online interview.

Generally, once registered, residents do not need to reregister unless they move. However, it's possible for voter registration to be canceled if a voter has not voted in several consecutive general elections. To check your registration status visit http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status.

Voters that have moved since registering should update their information to reflect their new permanent address as polling places and eligibility for some elections is based on geography. Voters should also update their registration if they have legally changed their name.

Los Angeles County allows voting by mail. Mail ballots can be returned via the mail or submitted to a polling place on Election Day. To be valid, a mail ballot must be postmarked by Election Day and received at the registrar within three days.

For more information on voting by mail, visit www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail/apply-to-vote-by-mail

Additional information on voter registration may be obtained at the L.A. County Clerk/Recorder's website, http://www.lavote.net, or by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at **1717 4th Street Suite 250**, Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

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COACH

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noon's game against Lancaster-McAuliffe at Clover Park on the heels of three consecutive losses.

"I like how competitive we've been," Ramsey said. "It hasn't always been perfect, but if we handle this past week correctly, I think we're going to grow from it. I think the program has a lot of potential."

It's up to Ramsey, 36, to develop that potential as the new coach of the Roadrunners. He replaces Cooper Bergdahl, whose team went 7-13 overall last year. Bergdahl remains at the Santa Monica private school as a math teacher and middle school baseball coach.

Ramsey's arrival at Crossroads can be traced in part to his relationship with athletic director Ira Smith, which developed as the two coached together in Manhattan Beach Little League. Ramsey said Smith called him about the vacancy.

Aside from a non-staff volunteer position at Manhattan Beach-Mira Costa, Ramsey doesn't have any coaching experience at the high school level. But he brings to the Roadrunners his experience as a coach at Los Angeles Harbor College and Little League, his years of work with youngsters around the region as a private baseball instructor and his knowledge from playing professionally for more than a decade.

"I was never the most talented, so I always had to have some moxie, some extra incentive to be strong mentally and think through the process," he said. "I think that lended itself to coaching. I like being around the diamond and seeing young athletes work through the challenges."

An all-league honoree at Los Angeles-Loyola who was also an accomplished goalkeeper in soccer, Ramsey played baseball for two years at Harbor College before transferring to the University of Florida.

Although the Cincinnati Reds drafted him after his junior year at Florida, he decided to stay in college to develop his skills and complete his English degree. Then, after a senior campaign during which he went 10-3 with a 3.88 earned-run average over 109 innings, the Cleveland Indians drafted him. He played on numerous minor-league times, reaching the Triple-A level in 2004, and also held roster spots in Chinese and Italian leagues.

Ramsey said coaching was a "natural fit" for him after his playing career. He also moonlights as a broadcaster for ESPN and the West Coast Conference network.

For Ramsey, his experience of having to work for playing time in high school has helped him as he gets acclimated to his role with the Roadrunners.

"What it gives you is a little more perspective on the process and journey for young athletes," he said. "Just because you're not the best at 14 doesn't mean that's a precursor for what you're going to look like in a few years. I know they're still on their journey. What they look like at 15 could dramatically change in two years. It reminds me to be patient with these guys."

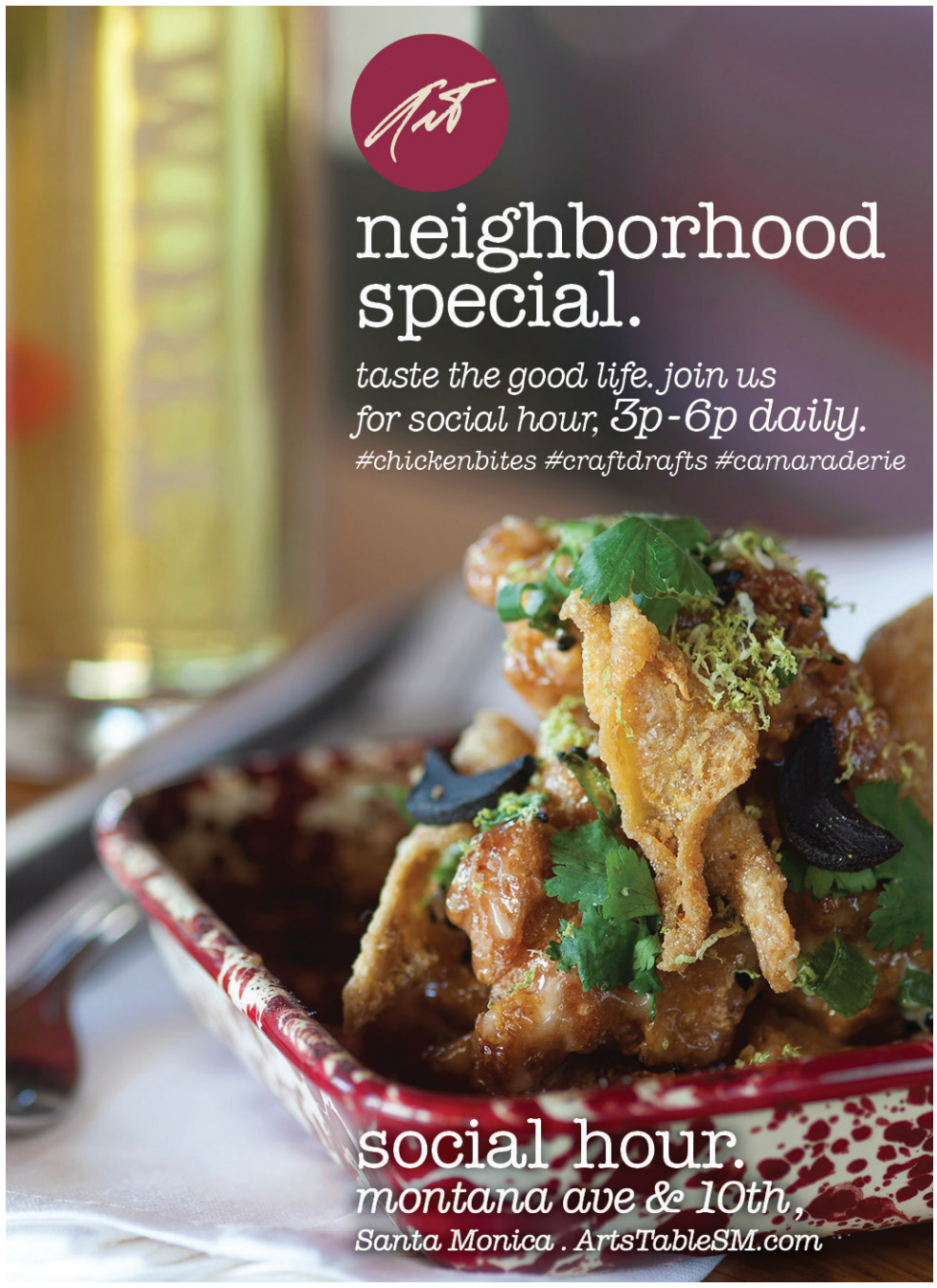
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NEW COACH: **Keith Ramsey is using his experience as a pro player to coach local youth.**

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.3°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
WNW swell mix to ease. Conditions remain a wildcard.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
WNW swell mix continues to taper off. Clean, but getting small.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 312 calls for service on March 21.

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Domestic violence, 2500 block of Kansas, 12:01 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1700 block of 4th, 12:11 a.m.
Family disturbance, 4th/I-10, 12:15 a.m.
Strongarm robbery, 1600 block of Appian, 12:38 a.m.
Loud music, 2000 block of Ocean, 1:31 a.m.
Battery, 1500 block of 4th, 4:24 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 400 block of San Vicente, 7:01 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 2100 block of La Mesa, 7:21 a.m.
Threats, 200 block of Santa Monica, 7:57 a.m.
Traffic collision, Centinela/Airport, 8:17 a.m.
Traffic collision, Centinela/Wilshire, 9:59 a.m.
Threats, 300 block of Olympic Dr., 10:05 a.m.
Hit and run, 300 block of Olympic Dr., 10:25 a.m.
Identity theft, 200 block of California, 11:07 a.m.
Vandalism, 2600 block of Kansas, 11:14 a.m.
Person down, 3rd/Pico, 11:30 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1500 block of Lincoln, 11:48 a.m.
Medical emergency, 400 block of Santa Monica Pier, 12:13 p.m.
Burglary, 900 block of 3rd, 12:41 p.m.
Fraud, 2600 block of 14th, 1:06 p.m.
Suspicious person, 2300 block of Main, 1:29 p.m.
Hit and run, 500 block of 11th, 2:37 p.m.
Person with a gun, 9th/Broadway, 2:45 p.m.
Traffic collision, Cloverfield/Broadway, 3:00 p.m.
Burglary, 1200 block of 20th, 3:29 p.m.
Person down, 14th/Wilshire, 3:46 p.m.
Fraud, 3000 block of Delaware, 4:06 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1600 block of 4th, 4:33 p.m.
Vandalism, 2100 block of 3rd, 5:11 p.m.
Stalking, 2400 block of Ashland, 6:11 p.m.
Battery, 2100 block of Santa Monica, 7:13 p.m.
Person down, 1000 block of 4th, 7:39 p.m.
Burglary, 800 block of 6th, 7:53 p.m.
Battery, 5th/Wilshire, 8:02 p.m.
Fight, Ocean/Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2000 block of Ocean Park, 8:46 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 2600 block of Ocean Park, 9:49 p.m.
Traffic collision, Cloverfield/I-10, 10:58 p.m.
Fight, 700 block of Pier, 11:08 p.m.
Party complaint, 2500 block of Pico, 11:33 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1800 block of 16th, 11:36 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 42 calls for service on March 21.

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EMS, 2nd/Santa Monica, 12:12 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1300 block of Lincoln, 12:34 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Pico, 1:32 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Olympic, 6:50 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Delaware, 6:59 a.m.
EMS, 2600 block of 34th, 6:59 a.m.
EMS, 700 block of Pico, 7:55 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 8:37 a.m.
EMS, 900 block of 3rd, 9:07 a.m.
EMS, Wilshire/Centinela, 9:59 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 26th, 10:15 a.m.
EMS, 900 block of Lincoln, 10:21 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Harvard, 10:51 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Ocean, 11:12 a.m.
Assist LAFD, 700 block of Kingman, 11:33 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 11:45 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Olympic, 12:12 p.m.
EMS, 400 block of Palisades Beach, 12:39 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 1:34 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Main, 1:56 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Colorado, 2:28 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Lincoln, 2:46 p.m.
EMS, 3200 block of Pico, 2:56 p.m.
EMS, Cloverfield/Broadway, 3:00 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 2nd, 3:03 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 11th, 3:43 p.m.
EMS, 14th/Wilshire, 3:46 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 3:52 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 3:57 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of San Vicente, 4:12 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 700 block of Euclid, 5:14 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Santa Monica, 5:27 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 17th, 6:52 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of San Vicente, 7:10 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 4th, 7:45 p.m.
EMS, Nebraska/Centinela, 7:57 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 11th, 8:30 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Wilshire, 8:42 p.m.
EMS, Ocean/Pacific, 9:22 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of Hill, 10:39 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 10:56 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of Ocean, 11:39 p.m.

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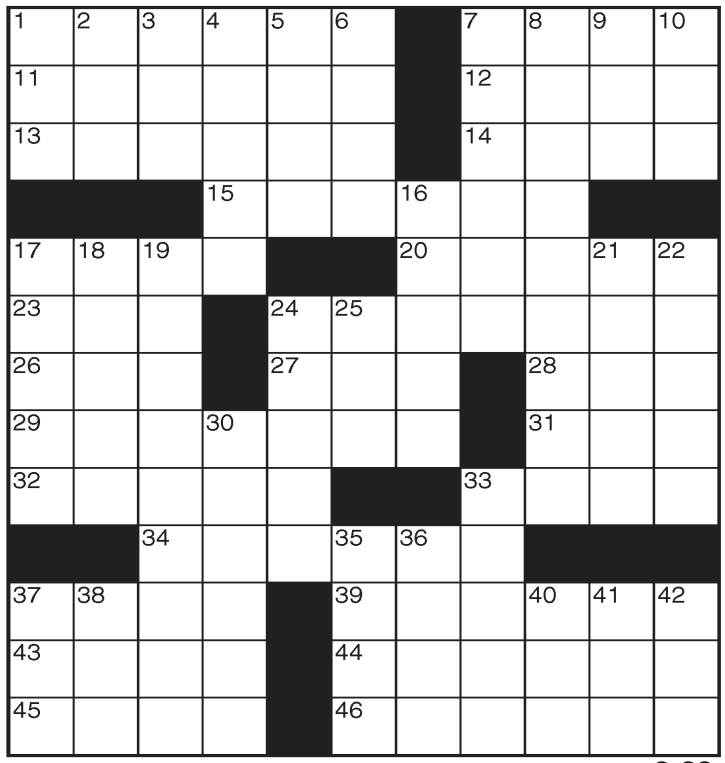
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Jackpot: 90M

MEGA MILLIONS
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Jackpot: 30M

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Draw Date: 3/19
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Jackpot: 8M

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Draw Date: 3/21
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Draw Date: 3/21
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Draw Date: 3/21
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DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/21
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:46.55

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1. related by or concerning marriage.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1965 – NASA launches Gemini 3, the United States' first two-man space flight (crew: Gus Grissom and John Young).

1965 – The first issue of The Vigilant is published from Khartoum.

1977 – The first of The Nixon Interviews (12 will be recorded over four weeks) are videotaped with British journalist David Frost interviewing former United States President Richard Nixon about the Watergate scandal and the Nixon tapes.

1978 – The first UNIFIL troops arrived in Lebanon for peacekeeping mission along the Blue Line.

1980 – Archbishop Óscar Romero of El Salvador gives his famous speech appealing to men of the El Salvadoran armed forces to stop killing the Salvadorans.

1982 – Guatemala's government, headed by Fernando Romeo Lucas García is overthrown in a military coup by right-wing General Efraín Ríos Montt.

1983 – Strategic Defense Initiative: President Ronald Reagan makes his initial proposal to develop technology to intercept enemy missiles.

1994 – At an election rally in Tijuana, Mexican presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio is assassinated by Mario Aburto Martínez.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mexico's latest female accessorizing craze is shellacking tiny dead scorpions onto fingernails, using the second-most venomous species of the arachnid, selling briskly at the Miss Unas parlor in Durango. In fact, while in town (according to a London Daily Mail dispatch from Durango), shoppers may check out the Raices restaurant, which pioneered tacos filled with still-wriggling scorpions (that had been soaked in surgical alcohol to neutralize the venom).

■ Power of Prayer: (1) Businessman Induvalu Suresh cut off, and donated, the little finger of his left hand recently at the Hindu pilgrimage site Tirupati, India, as homage to the gods for the granting of bail to prominent India leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, who are charged with fraudulent business practices in a case heavily politically weighted. (2) In October, a regional court in Nizhegorodsky, Russia, decided that the Russian Orthodox Church could pay off part of a debt for its new boiler spiritually. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, the church can settle the remaining debt, equivalent to $6,585, to the boiler company by paying $2,525 in rubles and the remainder by prayer.

Be calm tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your energy might be rather volatile, as the lunar eclipse seem to be directly affecting you. The pressure of having to be responsive could cause you to act in an unexpected way. You might need to work on your word choice and attitude today. Tonight: Stay levelheaded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel that the less said the better. You have the self-discipline to follow through on any decision you want to make. Perhaps you'll want to take the day off and take a drive in the country or take off to go visit a favorite museum. Tonight: Be less available.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll observe others blow up in smoke or go off with tears in their eyes. Someone might comment on a matter close to your heart. You will try to ignore it, but it will affect you regardless. Take a closer look at the person who made the comment. Tonight: Lighten up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your instinct to lie low is right-on. There is always another day to express your views, as long as you still hold them as being valid. What goes on might shed a new light on your life and on your personal relationships. A friend could be affecting your domestic life. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your phone might be constantly ringing, and emails seem to keep appearing. Clearly, others have a lot on their mind and want to talk. Be open, but don't give any negative feedback during today's lunar eclipse. Others are more emotional than usual. Tonight: Meet up with a pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of your frustrations and suppressed anger. You often say very little, which causes you to be unusually difficult. Today this trait could be emphasized as well as a tendency to forget your woes through shopping. Keep your receipts. Tonight: Try to use some discipline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could feel the majority of the lunar eclipse's vibes. You tend not to be overly emotional or difficult, but at this point you might be over the top. You might not even be aware of what is ailing you, but you recognize something is off. Tonight: Go to the gym first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be sensitive to someone whom you care a lot about. This person might be a source of some strong emotions for you at this point. Refuse to internalize any criticisms or comments that come your way. Observe, and try not to react to others immediately. Tonight: Early to bed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by what happens with a long-term desire. You might hope for certain events to occur, but you can't foresee what is heading down the path. You are likely to be surprised, but know that everything will work out. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might not understand why you feel stressed, but perhaps it has to do with interacting with those affected by the lunar eclipse. You are likely to be impacted when you are out or at work. Events triggered by this eclipse could recur later. Tonight: Paint the town red.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ The lunar eclipse today could trigger a need to travel, or perhaps it will present the opportunity to spend time with out-of-town visitors. You also might want to sign up for a course to increase your expertise in your field or explore a new topic. Tonight: Remain responsive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might sense a change in an important one-on-one relationship. Try not to push the other party unless you would like to see some radical changes. Don't initiate any conversations about these matters today. Just recognize what is going on. Tonight: Be calm with a loved one.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

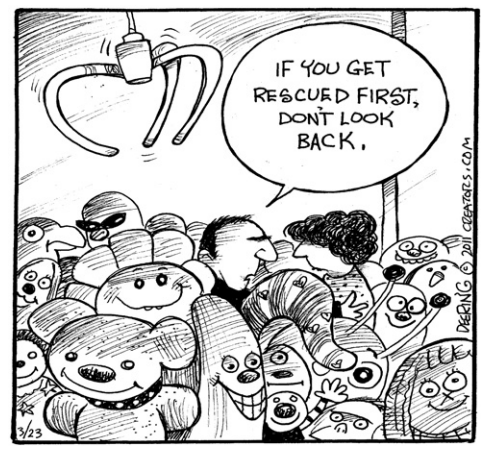
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you often notice that when everything seems to be running smoothly a volatile happening strolls into your life and explodes the status quo. You will give more thought to making a change in your life. If you are single, you could meet someone sometime after August. This person knows how to light up your life. If you are attached, the two of you will want to take off together more often. Defer to your partner more often, and refuse to be willful or demanding in your relationship. LIBRA is charming.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



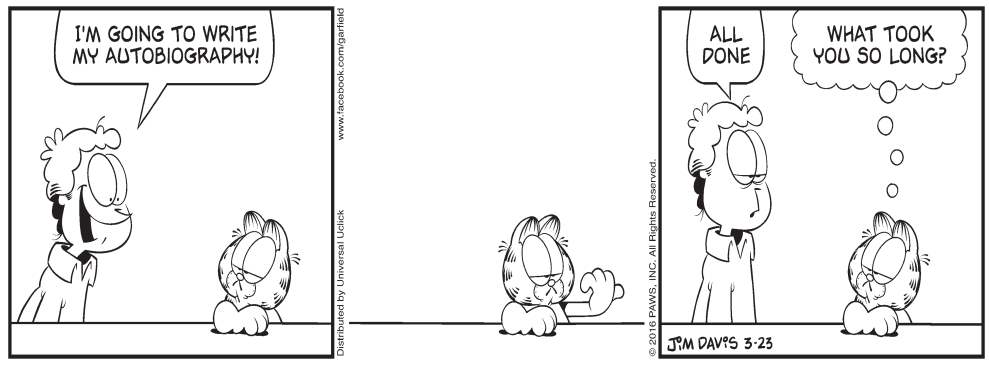
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Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
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State of California, County of Los Angeles The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name: EDWARD AVEDIS COLLECTION AND EDWARD AVEDIS FINE JEWELERS. 331 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/19/2013 in the county of LOS ANGELES. Registered owners: READERS FINE JEWELERS, INC. 331 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/26/2016. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS: 03/02/16, 03/09/16, 03/16/16, 03/23/16.

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(Citacion Judicial)
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DATE: 12/09/2015

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
FARIDEH BAGHERI

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
MARY GOODHUE DEUTSCH DBA DEUTSCH & ASSOCIATES

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask
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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifomia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
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Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recommendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remission a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es possible que compla con los reuisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legals sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de $10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desecher el caso.

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