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From Caltech to the catering business

Local chef launches private dining room



VU

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

It was about 4 a.m. in a research lab when Kim Vu stopped to think: Is this what my life is going to be like?

A biochemistry student at the California Institute of Technology who went on to work as a staff scientist at UCLA, Vu was on track to go to medical school and having trouble coming to terms with her career path.

"I felt really trapped," she said.

Her mood was decidedly different Wednesday night as she bounced around the intimate eating space at Vucacious Catering, which settled into its new location in Santa Monica earlier this year. She was celebrating the opening of her company's private dining room, which she'll use to host corporate events as

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Increased support for rental subsidies

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

As the cost of housing continues to increase, Santa Monica's most at-risk renters got a little help from the Federal Government last week.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agreed to significantly increase the value of housing subsidies under the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, formally known as Section 8, that provides aid to low income renters such as seniors, families and individuals with disabilities.

Under the HCV program, HUD provides a finite budget to local authorities and sets limits on the amount of money that can be issued to clients based on the size of the unit. The recent decision increases the value of a voucher but it does not increase the total funding available. The old standards set spending limits at $1,009, $1,352, $1,843 and $2,411 for studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments. Officials said those amounts were often well below the cost of an apartment, rendering the vouchers of little use in the local housing market.

Prices for market rate housing increased beyond the voucher subsidy years ago but housing advocates said even the city's supply of Rent Controlled units has become less and less affordable over time due to the Costa Hawkins Act. Costa Hawkins allows a rent-con-

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NATIVITY

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On April 25, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Santa Monica Stake - presented Hunter Jameson with their annual Community Service Award for Outstanding Commitment as the chairman of the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes. After 12 years, Hunter is passing the baton to Zachary Scribner, youth pastor of the Lighthouse Church in Santa Monica, who will take over as the new chairman. In a statement the Nativity Committee thanked Jameson for his work on the public display. The ceremony and reception was held at The Lighthouse Church.

Lyon leaving SMMUSD

Superintendent has accepted job with Palm Springs Unified

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Sandra Lyon is leaving the Santa Monica-Malibu school district at the end of the school year.

The superintendent announced Monday that she has accepted an offer to become the top executive for the Palm Springs Unified School District starting July 1.

The administrative shakeup comes as the district faces numerous key issues, including a protracted battle over chemical cleanup in Malibu, the possible creation of a separate Malibu district and attempts to close longstanding academic achievement gaps.

"I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve the Santa Monica and Malibu communities for the past five years," Lyon said in a press release, "and am especially proud to be part of an amazing team of leaders and teachers who have worked very hard to build our school district into the high-performing school district it is today."

The local Board of Education will outline the process for choosing Lyon's successor in the coming weeks. The announcement of her departure comes less than a year after she signed a contract extension with SMMUSD through the 2017-18 school year.

Lyon, 54, will make an annual salary of $259,000 in her new position in Palm Springs, where she is replacing retiring superintendent Christine Anderson, according to a press release from her future employer. That's a roughly 8-percent raise on the $239,200 she's making in SMMUSD.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 3

Ocean Park Film Program: "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955)

Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses the classic James Dean film about a rebellious youth who moves to a new town bringing his troubled past with him. (Film runtime: 111 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Beach Volleyball-Youth

Ages 7-15; all levels; in a semi-private setting. $18/class. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Computer Basics I

Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle

A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:45 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 us as we 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.

Mindfulness Meditation

You're invited to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Make It: Children's Book Week @ Main

Enjoy great stories and make your own books. Ages 4 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Craft: Paper Flowers

Make a paper flower bouquet for Mother's Day. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Ages 4 & up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15/class. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, 9 - 10 a.m., http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx

Thursday, May 5

National Day of Prayer

Prayers will be offered for community and national leaders, the armed forces, the family, personal renewal, and churches and ministry organizations. This year's theme is "Wake Up America." For further information, telephone (310) 365-8219. Tongva Park amphitheater, 1615 Ocean Ave., 8 a.m.

HARK Cinco de Mayo party

HARK (Healing Arts Reaching Kids), an affiliate support group of Children's

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica City Council votes in aggressive renewable energy requirement on new construction

The Santa Monica City Council voted on April 26 to approve an ordinance requiring rooftop solar systems for all new construction in the City of Santa Monica-both residential and commercial. The ordinance goes into effect 30 days after last night's vote and continues the City's history of adopting local requirements that advance the transition to high performance, green buildings for all.

The timing of the ordinance capitalizes on market trends in the solar industry. With the cost of solar installation continuing to decrease, Santa Monica residents and developers will now generate cost-effective renewable energy, improve the value of their property, and contribute to the City's robust long-range goals for energy and climate mitigation, including reaching carbon neutrality by 2050.

"In Santa Monica we are moving away from buildings powered by fossil fuels in favor of clean and cost-effective solar energy," states Dean Kubani, Santa Monica's Sustainability Manager. "This is not only the smart thing to do, it is also imperative if we are to protect our kids and grandkids from the worst effects of climate change."

The update to the Santa Monica Municipal Green Building Ordinance states:

New single family dwellings are required to install a solar electric photovoltaic (PV) system, with a minimum total wattage of 1.5 times the square footage of the dwelling (1.5 watts per square foot). That means a 2,000 square foot home would need a 3 kilowatt system, which is a typical size already seen on many homes.

New multi-family dwellings and non-residential, hotel, motel are required to install a solar electric PV system, with a minimum total wattage 2.0 times the square footage of the building footprint (2.0 watts per square foot of building footprint). That means a 4-story building, with a building footprint of 10,000 square feet, would need a 20 kilowatt system.

With the noted decreasing cost of solar, the cost-benefit ratio is strong. Case studies have shown that these requirements are estimated to increase upfront construction costs by 2.8 percent on average for a single family home, while reducing long term electricity costs by 65 percent on average, resulting in overall savings to home owners and significant reductions in carbon emissions. For multi-family homes, the numbers are 0.5 percent and 24 percent on average, respectively. And on commercial, 0.75 percent and 11 percent on average, respectively.

"I am proud to represent a district that recognizes the global responsibility this nation faces to deploy the best strategies at our disposal to prevent climate change and stimulate the green economy," states Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica). "As California moves forward with the most progressive climate strategy in the country, we welcome leaders like Santa Monica who push the boundaries."

The ordinance is the third solar mandate in the country to take effect. The cities of Lancaster and Sebastopol became the first two cities to require solar in 2013. The City of San Francisco's recently adopted solar mandate will take effect in January 2017.

"Santa Monica is entering summer in the midst of transformational developments to improve our great city. This action has special meaning to me having attended the historic climate summit in Paris late last year," said Mayor Tony Vazquez. "Covering our new buildings with renewable energy helps us address the challenge of climate change while ensuring Santa Monica builds cost-effective, resilient properties that maintain value. Solar for all new construction combined with the Expo Line completion in May signal the City's continued leadership in sustainable planning for the 21st Century."

For questions and information on implementing the new requirement, please contact the City's Office of Sustainability & the Environment (www.sustainablesm.org).

- SUBMITTED BY JULIE DU BROW, DUBROWORKS

Citywide

LUVE initiative could submit signatures this week

Supporters of the LUVE initiative say they have gathered enough signatures to qualify the proposal for the November ballot and plan to submit signatures to the City Clerk in the coming days.

LUVE will require voter approval for all development agreements, any development above the Tier 1 standard (about 32 feet) and any major amendment/update to significant zoning documents.

Residocracy drafted the initiative and the organization's founder, Armen Melkonians, said signatures could be delivered to City Hall this week.

Ballot initiatives have 180 days from the time of their filing to gather signatures and LUVE needs about 6,500 valid signatures to qualify. Once submitted to the Clerk's office, the clerk has up to 30 business days to verify the signatures. If enough signatures are gathered, the initiative must then be put before City Council who can adopt the ordinance, schedule it for the next municipal election or request staff prepare a study on the topic. That study can take up to 30 days and then return to Council a second time to be adopted or placed on the ballot. If council chooses to send the item to voters, the County Board of Supervisors must then approve the ballot measure to be placed on the next County election.

LUVE is one of two initiatives that began the process this February. Supporters of the second, the City Attorney Accountability Initiative, have said they hope to have their signatures ready to submit by May 20.

- MATTHEW HALL, DAILY PRESS EDITOR

Venice

An Art Festival for the Whole Family

On Saturday, May 7 from 12 - 4 p.m., Art in the Afternoon, A Window Between World's popular annual art festival, will be held at the Venice Skills Center, 611 5th Avenue. Hosted by G Hannelius, known for her starring role in "Dog with a Blog" and co-emceed by Beth Littleford, best known as a correspondent on "The Daily Show."

Tickets available at aia2016.eventbrite.com. Kids: $5, Teens: $20, Adults: $45 before April 1st. After April 1st Kids: $10, Teens: $25, Adults: $60.

Attended by over 600 people in 2015, admission includes free food from In-N-Out Burger (12-2 p.m.), Panda Express and Sprinkles Cupcakes. Aquarium of the Pacific on Wheels is also free, along with art-making, face painting, chalk art, Hoop it Up Hula Hooping and a Best Bubbles Party. Color Me Mine and SuperCool Creamery will also be there, along with multiple carnival games (with prizes), a bouncy slide for the kids and live and silent auctions for the adults.

All proceeds benefit A Window Between Worlds, a nonprofit organization based in Venice celebrating its 25th Anniversary. AWBW is dedicated to cultivating and supporting a network of transformative arts programs that empower individuals and communities impacted by violence and trauma. To learn more about the organization visit awbw.org.

- SUBMITTED BY WENDY DEMBO, BENEFIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Hospital Los Angeles, invites you to join them in celebrating their 10th anniversary at their 2nd annual Cinco de Mayo party hosted by Upper West. Upper West will donate 30 percent of the evening sales to HARK. Upper West, 3321 Pico Blvd., 5 - 10 p.m.

Comic Books and Comedy

The first Thursday of every month Hi De Ho Comics bring to Santa Monica a diverse line up of professional comedians in one seriously fun venue. It's a free show, with comedians dropping in to surprise guests. The store gives away prizes at each show, and offer a 20 percent off store wide sale each night there is the comedy show. $5 suggested donation. Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.

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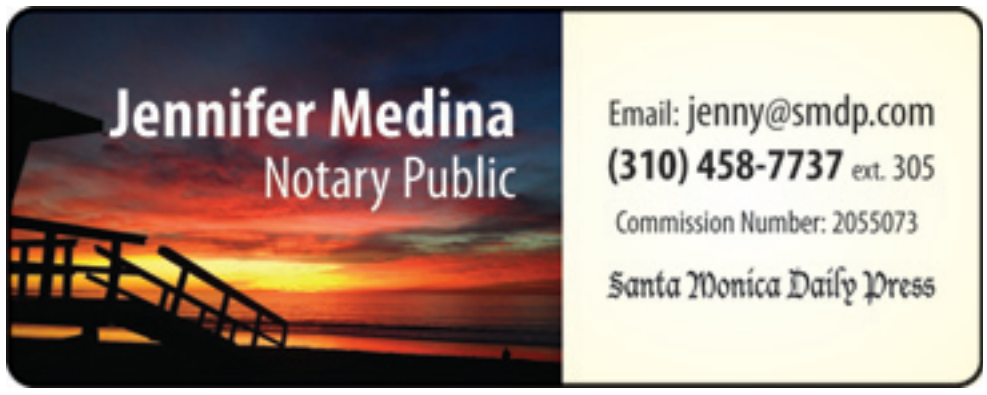
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Mother's Day Card Craft Program

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The LUVE initiative would undermine our democratic planning process

IN THE MID-1980S, SANTA MONICA needed to do something about its downtown. By most measures, it was failing. People weren't coming to shop, businesses were struggling, and it was generally regarded as unsafe, especially after dark.

To save the downtown, a grassroots effort by residents, members of the City Council, local merchants, and other stakeholders came together. With many - and sometimes competing - visions for the downtown's future, the process of creating a plan was a long one, full of compromises, creative thinking, and real, democratic planning.

Spoiler alert: it worked brilliantly. The process of democratic planning pioneered in that moment has remained a fundamental part of Santa Monica's civic culture in the decades that followed. However, our democratic planning culture is facing a major challenge in the form of the so-called Land Use Voter Empowerment (LUVE) initiative, which would require a voters to decide on nearly every project over 32 feet tall - or about two stories - tall.

The LUVE initiative, its supporters claim, will make planning more democratic. But it actually does the opposite. Instead, it would turn our thoughtful, grassroots planning process into an endless parade of well-funded political campaigns. And given the cost of these political campaigns and the high financial risk in running them, it would effectively prohibit smaller, mid-rise housing projects from even being proposed.

The spirit of compromise, thoughtful dialogue, and meaningful planning would be buried under an avalanche of glossy political mailers, superficial slogans, and copious amounts of money.

The reality is that LUVE hurts our community more than it helps by turning almost every potential change in our city into a political competition.

For example, under the LUVE initiative's standards, St. Monica's recent renovation of its parish would not have been able to go forward without first having had to wage a costly political campaign, since it is taller than the strict 32-foot limit set in the initiative. The same is true of a recent addition of a science building to the Crossroads campus.

There are plans to create more than 60 new affordable apartments at 1626 Lincoln Boulevard that will rent to households making between $18,000 a year (for one person) and about $40,000 (for a family of four).

The project, which will be managed by Santa Monica's lead nonprofit affordable housing provider, Community Corporation of Santa Monica, would be impossible under the LUVE initiative's standards. For one, it provides more affordable homes than the LUVE initiative's exemption for affordable projects - 50 units or less - allows. Secondly, it is only financially possible because it is being paid for as part of a new market-rate housing project being built down the street at 500 Broadway. Under the LUVE initiative, this opportunity simply wouldn't be feasible.

In all of the examples, and any other significant project in the city, Santa Monica requires robust community outreach. St. Monica's, Crossroads, and the project at 500 Broadway all have or are currently undergoing lengthy outreach processes during which a wide range of voice are heard: people who live here, work here, and do business in Santa Monica.

Our grassroots planning process lets the community decide and weigh in on how to make projects better before they go before our appointed boards and commissions and elected representatives for final approval. Our elected representatives, appointed officials, and city staff are responsible for understanding the nuances of good short- and long-term planning, ensuring consistency with our Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) - adopted unanimously after nearly a decade of community outreach, discussion, and compromise - process, and responsibilities under state law.

LUVE initiative proponents will say that without it, residents have no say in the approval of new projects, yet they ignore the many residents who speak out in support of those projects.

Further, in the last four years alone, at least five new projects - combined, they would have added about 1,000 new apartment homes to our community - were pulled as a direct result of community opposition. No up-down vote was required.

The days in which we could come together and constructively disagree about how to improve our city, hash out our differences, and build a workable consensus would be over, displaced instead by an permanent campaign season for development.

Santa Monicans are sophisticated and thoughtful people. We are civically engaged and we deserve a process that respects our civic culture. LUVE is a blunt instrument and perpetuates a "with us or against us" political culture unbefitting of our community. We deserve better.

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What's the Point?

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Do something for your future - check your party affiliation and then vote

THIS JUNE, ACROSS THE STATE PEOPLE will be gathering to cast their votes in the Presidential Election. I vote in every election, in Virginia Avenue Park, my polling place, because I believe it is important to participate in the process. A process that is largely played out by now, but needs everyone to participate in order for it to work.

Most of us who are paying even scant attention to the spectacle of this year's Republican presidential primaries know that it is now essentially going to be Trump vs. Clinton, with a slim shot of Trump vs. Sanders; but my money is on Hillary pulling this one out.

The state of our democracy has been the topic of much debate, with many declaring it on the edge of demise thanks to the antics of the Republicans, and I can't say that I agree. Though I certainly fear the difficulties that continued obstructionism on the Right will bring, I also see the machinery of the Republic is still operating for the most part.

It's stressed and strained to be sure. First off the Senate's refusal to hold a confirmation hearing on an indisputably qualified Supreme Court justice is appalling in its partisan pandering. The absence of a tie breaking Justice means that the Supreme Court is hobbled in doing its duty to decide cases that it feels are of great import.

For a country of our size, we have 860 total federal judgeships, from Supreme Court down to the District Courts. There are currently 87 vacancies on the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, District Courts and Specialty Courts. Of these 28 are considered to be Judicial Emergencies, meaning the vacancy is over 18 months old and the average caseload is between 500 and 700 per judge, or any vacancy where the average caseload is over 700.

Think about that, 10 percent of our courts are empty, not being used, not helping to resolve disputes, not participating in the wheels of our democracy. Almost one third, 32 percent of our judiciary is in an emergency state.

What caused this situation? Obstructionism on the part of the Republican Senators. There is certainly no lack of qualified applicants for these positions. The Obama administration has been diligent in vetting and submitting for confirmation applicants whose curricula vitae satisfies by any objective standard the educational and vocational backgrounds that would make for good judges.

The refusal by Senate Judiciary committee Chairman Chuck Grassley to hold hearings and move the process along should be grounds for censure by the Senate leadership, if not impeachment, for his dereliction of duty in my opinion. Our Senator Dianne Feinstein, is also letting California down by not being more vocal in demanding that the Committee act and the Senate vote. She could be much more vocal, as she is in matters of domestic violence, when it suits her needs for publicity.

Our government works when people participate, when we call on our Senators to act, when we demand of them allegiance to their sworn obligations, and when we vote them in or out. The presidential primary is but one step in the march to a working government. Whether you vote for Hillary, Bernie, Donald or even Ted, your participation is needed to voice the thoughts and feelings of the electorate.

If you haven't checked your registration lately you can do so here: www.LaVote.net. There have been many who thought they were registered Independent, but through a misunderstanding actually ended up registered in the American Independent Party which is a far right political party of the United States that was established in 1967. You have until May 23 to register and/or correct your party affiliation.

We need to all participate, if we don't, the forces of doing nothing take over, and we end up with a stagnant and rotting republic.

As the saying goes, all that is required for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing.

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Promoting arguments to keep SMO open

Editor:

On Tuesday, April 26, Angela Eren wrote an excellent appeal for keeping the Santa Monica Airport open. Predictably, Zina Josephs countered a few days later (April 28) with another of her anti-airport rants. Josephs conveniently overlooked Eren's statements regarding families being able to learn about aviation at the airport and her children being able to experience flights, free of charge, through the Young Eagles Program. Eren's appreciation of the airport as "the best asset of Santa Monica because it protects our community from over development," is a valid one, shared by many. She's right in saying that it is the airport that prevents the building of high rises in Santa Monica and the surrounding areas. Without the airport, we would have Century City style development all throughout the Westside.

Building heights around airports in California are regulated by both Federal law via the FAA (Federal Regulation Title 14 Part 77) and State law (CA DOT regulations on building height limits). Federal and State laws set height limits on buildings within a 3.8 mile radius around SMO. Clearly, local land use jurisdictions have final authority to approve or disapprove land uses within their boundaries, but they must adhere to the legal limits set by Federal and State law.

If SMO and its Federal and State limits on building heights were gone, the City of Los Angeles will surely decide to allow high rises on the Westside and there is no guarantee that Santa Monica wouldn't do the same with special zoning and "Opportunity Sites."

Many of us are convinced that our tax dollars are being spent to eradicate the Airport because a number of City Council members have shown themselves to be excessively developer-friendly and will most likely benefit financially if the Airport were to close and development were to take place in and around Airport property.

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Trump's rise is driving immigrants to become citizens

SERGIO BUSTOS
Associated Press

On a recent Saturday morning in South Florida, 50-year-old Edgar Ospina stood in a long line of immigrants to take the first step to become an American.

Ospina has spent almost half his life in the U.S. after emigrating from his native Colombia, becoming eligible for citizenship in 1990. But with Donald Trump becoming a more likely presidential nominee by the day, Ospina decided to wait no more, rushing the paperwork required to become a citizen.

"Trump is dividing us as a country," said Ospina, owner of a small flooring and kitchen remodeling company. "He's so negative about immigrants. We've got to speak up."

Nationwide, immigrants like Ospina are among tens of thousands applying for naturalization in a year when immigration has taken center stage in the presidential campaign, especially in the race for the Republican nomination.

Trump, the GOP front-runner, has pledged to deport the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally. He's also vowed to bar Muslims from entering the country and threatened to cut off remittances that Mexican immigrants in the U.S. send back home. And he's called for building a border wall - among other proposals to deal with unlawful immigration, saying the federal government has failed to protect the border from people and drugs illegally entering the country.

That rhetoric, immigrant advocates and lawmakers say, is driving many foreign-born residents to seek citizenship.

"There is fear of a Trump presidency," said Maria Ponce of iAmerica Action, a Washington-based immigrant rights group that is teaming up with other organizations to help those seeking citizenship - part of a national campaign called "Stand Up To Hate." They've sponsored naturalization workshops from Washington state to Nebraska and Massachusetts.

Nationwide, naturalization applications are up 14 percent in the last six months of 2015 compared with the same period in 2014, according to the government.

And the pool of future U.S. citizens is large. Nearly 9 million legal permanent residents, or green-card holders, are eligible to become Americans. Of those, about 4 million are Hispanic.

Rep. Luis Gutiérrez, D-Ill., was featured in a public service announcement encouraging immigrants to become citizens so they can vote in November. He mocked Trump's slogan, suggesting it was really: "Make America Hate Again."

"We've seen it in the past and we are seeing it again many times over this year," he said. "When immigrant communities feel they are under attack they react with a large number of eligible immigrants becoming citizens and a large number of eligible citizens becoming voters."

Erica Bernal of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials said the tenor of the presidential campaign is galvanizing Latino immigrants. She said today's movement is reminiscent of the 1990s when Latinos in California rose up against Proposition 187, which sought to deny government services to those in the state illegally. The courts overturned it.

Her group and several local ones in Los Angeles recently launched a regional campaign to encourage Latino immigrants to become citizens. About 775,000 legal immigrants in the L.A. area are eligible for citizenship.

To qualify, immigrants must have been in the country five years, complete a 21-page application, get fingerprinted, pass a civics and English exam and pay almost $700 in fees.

Ivan Parra, citizenship coordinator with the Florida Immigrant Coalition said immigrants laugh when he asks why they want to become Americans.

"'You know why,' they say, 'I want to vote against racism and hate,'" said Parra.

He says immigrants this year are "desperate to be part of the political process."

Maria Cristina Giraldo, originally from

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Lyon is going from a district with about 11,000 students in 16 schools to a district that serves some 23,300 students in 27 schools in the Coachella Valley. More than 80 percent of PSUSD students are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged.

"Sandra was chosen from a highly qualified field following a rigorous selection process," Palm Springs Unified board president Shari Stewart said in a press release. "She will bring a wealth of experience and leadership skills with her. Sandra is a curriculum- and instruction-focused leader who builds relationships and values the role of each member of the school district."

As chief executive of SMMUSD, Lyon has been responsible for managing staff, working with stakeholders to develop goals for the district and ensuring that all state laws and other policies were followed. Her forthcoming departure ends a 5-year tenure that was marked by significant accomplishments and ongoing controversies.

Lyon spearheaded SMMUSD as it ushered in a new centralized fundraising system, shouldered more responsibility over state money through the Local Control Funding Formula and began spending voter-approved bond money on upgrades throughout the district.

Malibu parent groups now advocating for separation have criticized Lyon for the district's handling of environmental testing and cleanup at Malibu schools, where the discovery of polychlorinated biphenyls has led to a fierce legal clash on which the district has spent millions of dollars for consultants and legal fees.

Other stakeholders have lamented the district's lack of progress on shrinking long-standing achievement gaps under Lyon's direction.

Incidents like the classroom altercation involving Santa Monica High School teacher Mark Black, the dismissal of Kurt Schwengel as the Vikings' baseball coach, the brawl between Samohi and Beverly Hills High School students following a basketball game and the recent measles outbreak have also tested Lyon's leadership.

Lyon, who earned her master's degree from Cal State Bakersfield, is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at USC.

"I am grateful for my time in the SMMUSD and all of the colleagues and community members I've worked with and learned from over the years," she said.

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CHEF

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well as mixology classes, wine tastings and other private functions.

The soft opening marked the latest chapter in a dramatic professional transition for Vu, 38, who launched her own catering service nearly four years ago.

"This was already a dining room," said Vu, a Santa Monica resident who took over a former restaurant on Lincoln Boulevard between Michigan Avenue and Pico Boulevard. "I thought I would just expand the kitchen, but we didn't need to do that. In Santa Monica, there are a lot of people who would like to throw dinner parties but don't necessarily have the space. ... I'm looking to make this place their private dining room."

Vu is aiming to provide a chef-to-table experience that can be modified depending on the wishes of her clients. The bar and dining tables are mounted on rolling casters so they can be rearranged. The prep tables can be left in the kitchen or brought into the dining space for a more interactive experience.

Vu, who is Vietnamese, specializes in new American cuisine that incorporates a wide variety of cultural influences. She and her cooks can turn out Asian-inspired duck confit with spicy plum sauce on a crispy wonton as easily as they can whip up beef sliders with arugula, caramelized onions, blue cheese and chipotle aioli.

"Nobody just wants roasted chicken," she said. "They want something unusual. But whatever the cuisine, it's always my interpretation."

Although she didn't go to culinary school, Vu managed to gain ample experience in the food industry on her way to launching Vucacious.

She worked in several restaurants as a teenager, including at Caltech's faculty club. After ditching her science career, Vu took a job in sales and found her way back in the restaurant business as she developed her cooking skills. She worked in catering for the film industry, completed several chef apprenticeships and sold banh mi sandwiches on Sundays at Santa Monica's Main Street farmers market.

"Over the years, several friends in the food or wine industry would say, 'We think you're going to end up doing this again,'" she said.

After getting married and taking time away from her career to become a mother, Vu felt it was time to launch her own catering service. These days, she doesn't prepare every dish on her own, but she remains closely involved with the food her company serves.

"I'm just exploring what's possible with this space," she said. "That keeps it really fresh and exciting."

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TRUMP

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Colombia and already a U.S. citizen, said she is so fearful of Trump becoming president that she brought five relatives to a naturalization workshop in South Florida.

"Trump is anti-immigrant," said Giraldo, who works cleaning houses. "I don't know if it's because he's such a brute in his speeches or that he isn't careful in what he's saying, but he's very nasty toward Hispanics."

Her sister, Gladys Ceballos of Hollywood, Florida, agreed. She's trying for the second time to become a citizen after failing to pass the English exam. She says she's not fearful of Trump, but she doesn't trust him.

John Haughton, 66, a Jamaican immigrant, said: "Trump is a man who would say one thing today and may modify his views tomorrow."

"I want my voice heard," said Haughton, a legal permanent resident since 2008.

Seung Baik, 43, who was born in South Korea and brought to the U.S. as a teenager, said he too believes Trump is too divisive.

"It took me a little longer to become a citizen because I didn't want to apply and treat this as a membership to something, like joining a club," said Baik, a church pastor. "The world and this nation are changing, and my vote matters."

Baik said he won't be registering as a Democrat or Republican but remains independent. He's undecided about whom he will vote for in his first presidential election as a U.S. citizen, but "it won't be Donald Trump."

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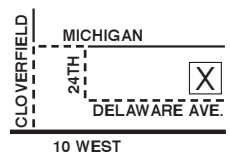


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trolled unit to reset to market rate when a tenant vacates the unit. The price increase effectively takes the unit out of the affordable housing supply.

The new payments will be $1,512, $1,930, $2,640 and $3,366 for studio, one, two and three/four bedroom apartments.

"The recent U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of a voucher payment increase will make enormous improvements to our Section 8 program," said Richard Hilton, chair of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. "Including tenant retention, owner assistance, and expanding affordable housing opportunities to our neediest residents and workforce."

County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said the skyrocketing cost of rent has been responsible for gutting communities and local cities have been unable to preserve their resident mix due in part to the low amounts paid by the subsidy. She said the Board of Supervisors has had numerous meetings with HUD officials to argue for subsidy increases across the Los Angeles region.

"We couldn't even guarantee workforce housing in many areas of the west end because the Section 8 vouchers were insufficient to help people get subsidized apartments," she said. "Landlords were saying, 'even if we wanted to help out, we can't even afford it because it costs us more in maintenance than what we are getting from HUD and the percentage of income you can require from a tenant.' So I advocated the possibility of trying to help increase these vouchers in areas where the rents were very high so that at least we could maintain some balance and not have it just be wealthy enclaves and they apparently took that seriously."

Regardless of the amount the voucher pays, she said there's a shortage of landlords willing to take the payments, causing some folks with subsidies, such as veterans, to remain homeless even when they have a subsidy. She said she is reaching out to landlords throughout her district to encourage them to engage in the process.

"We will not be able to maintain sufficient affordable housing, nor will we be able to solve the problem of homelessness without the participation of lots of landlords," she said.

The HUD decision is specific to the federally funded vouchers however, other forms of housing voucher base their value on the HUD standard which means more money will be available throughout several voucher programs as a result of last week's decision.

In announcing the payment increase, City Hall said the timing is fortuitous because it coincides with the recently approved HOUSE (Housing Opportunities Utilizing Subsidy Enhancements) program to incentivize owners to participate in voucher programs.

According to the City's press release, the main incentive offered involves a $5,000 signing bonus when a vacant, rent-controlled apartment is leased to qualifying tenants with a voucher.

Staff said the HOUSE program can fund 45 bonuses and is expected to rollout in June of this year.

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HUD awards $19.1 million for county homeless programs

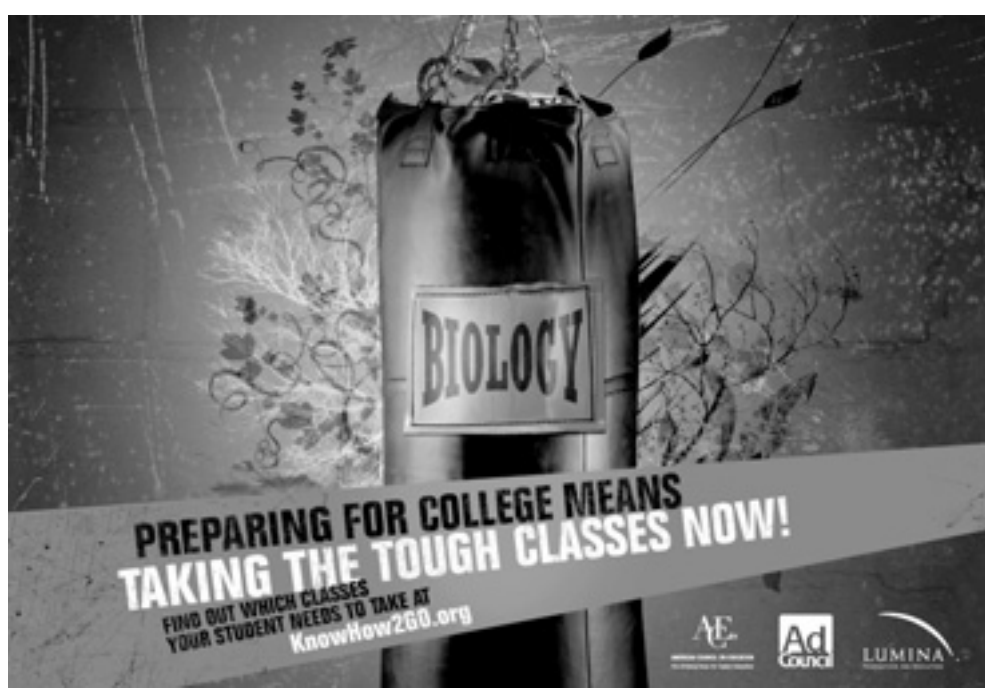
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro has awarded $19.1 million to 32 local homeless housing and service programs across Los Angeles County. These Continuum of Care (CoC) grants support the Obama Administration's efforts to end homelessness and make up 31 percent of the nearly $62 million in funding HUD awarded throughout California.

"We know how to end homelessness and these grants support local programs that are proven to prevent and end homelessness as we've come to know it," said Secretary Castro in a statement. "As we continue to make progress toward ending homelessness in this country, HUD is challenging communities to use more cost effective solutions to help those experiencing homelessness."

Local agencies receiving grant money include OPCC, the Santa Monica Dual Diagnosis Project CoCR, St. Joseph's and Step Up on 5th.

"Homelessness is a national problem with local solutions," said HUD Acting Regional Administrator Wayne Sauseda. "With these targeted awards, HUD strengthens its partnership with outcome-oriented homeless assistance agencies by investing in locally driven, evidence-based programs in Los Angeles County."





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CALIFORNIA INCLINE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:
The California Incline will be closed until Summer 2016 while construction crews demolish the existing structure and build the new bridge and roadway. Motorists are advised to use Ocean Avenue (via Moomat Ahiko Way) and Lincoln Boulevard as alternate routes. For more information on this project, please contact: (888-303-6026 or incline@smgov.net).

WASTEWATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:
The contractor will continue with restoration work of the concrete walkway on Ocean Front Walk at Moss Avenue. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620.

SAN VICENTE PUMP STATION EMERGENCY GENERATOR
The contractor will continue with testing of the new engine driven standby generator. No street improvement work is scheduled. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620.

BUFFER PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:
As part of the construction of the new Buffer Park at 2909 Exposition Blvd, the sidewalk on the eastside of Stewart St. at Exposition Blvd. and along Exposition Blvd to Dorchester Ave. will be closed. Construction will also close part of the northbound bike lane on Stewart Street at the intersection of Stewart St. and Exposition Blvd. Directional signage has been posted alerting pedestrians and bicyclists of the impediments caused by the construction project. This closure will allow for the construction of a new sidewalk on a portion of Stewart St. and Exposition Blvd as well as park pathways and landscaping adjacent to the affected areas. For more information contact Sebastian Felbeck, Construction Manager, at (310) 434-2675.

CROSSWALK RENEWAL PROGRAM:
Contractor crews will begin nighttime crosswalk removal and restriping at the intersections of Wilshire/2nd, 18th and 19th Street. Please be advised that striping removal will generate noise and dust. Temporary traffic control signs will be deployed to guide vehicular traffic in and around work areas. Please contact Kori Jones, Street & Fleet Services, (310) 458-2201 ext. 5002 or kori.jones@smgov.net with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

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ON APRIL 23, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:46 P.PM.

Officers were patrolling in the 600 block of Broadway observed the suspect, Daniel Conway, 43, homeless, vandalizing a street lamp post with a black marker. The suspect was not cooperative with officers and refused to provide his name. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for misdemeanor vandalism and obstructing/delaying an officer's investigation. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 333 calls for service on May 1.

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

Domestic violence, 1500 block of Ocean, 12:11 a.m.
Stolen vehicle, 4th/Pico, 12:13 a.m.
Injured Person, 1500 block of Ocean, 12:25 a.m.
DUI, 1500 block of PCH, 1:05 a.m.
Party complaint, 1100 block of 9th, 1:29 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 500 block of Colorado, 3:22 a.m.
Armed robbery, 1300 block of Arizona, 4:32 a.m.
Battery, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 5:19 a.m.
DUI, 300 block of Olympic, 6:30 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1700 block of Ocean, 8:12 a.m.
Drinking in public, 1100 block of Lincoln, 8:14 a.m.
Identity theft, 1900 block of Montana, 9:00 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2600 block of Barnard, 9:08 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 100 block of Hill, 9:20 a.m.
Family disturbance, Ocean/Arizona, 9:40 a.m.
Burglary, 100 block of Alta, 10:02 a.m.
Threats, 1700 block of Lincoln, 10:18 a.m.
Burglary, 1100 block of Marine, 10:56 a.m.
Suspicious person, 4th/Wilshire, 11:34 a.m.
Public intoxication, 1900 block of Wilshire, 12:39 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, Ocean/Colorado, 1:56 p.m.
Vandalism, 4th/Broadway, 2:47 p.m.
Hit and run, 300 block of Santa Monica, 3:16 p.m.
Family disturbance, 3000 block of Colorado, 3:19 p.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/Arizona, 3:34 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 3:41 p.m.
Hit and run, Ocean/Bay, 4:20 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1400 block of PCH, 4:41 p.m.
Hit and run, 3rd Street Prom/Santa Monica, 5:38 p.m.
Battery, 2000 block of 20th, 6:06 p.m.
Battery, 2200 block of Ocean, 6:29 p.m.
Vandalism, 1300 block of 18th, 7:03 p.m.
Critical missing person, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 7:06 p.m.
Critical missing person, 20th/Pico, 7:10 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 800 block of 6th, 8:12 p.m.
Suspicious person, 1900 block of Arizona, 9:09 p.m.
Death, 2200 block of 4th, 9:36 p.m.
Hit and run, 2400 block of Main, 9:42 p.m.
Burglary, 200 block of Santa Monica, 9:46 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2000 block of Lincoln, 10:00 p.m.
Loud music, 900 block of 16th, 11:01 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1100 block of 4th, 11:10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 36 calls for service on May 1.

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EMS, 1500 block of Ocean, 12:11 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Broadway, 12:12 a.m.
EMS, 400 block of Santa Monica Pier, 1:19 a.m.
Hydrant shear, 11th/Oak, 2:42 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 26th, 3:33 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 3:50 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Arizona, 4:34 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 7th, 5:59 a.m.
EMS, 3rd Street Prom/Santa Monica, 8:14 a.m.
EMS, 26th/Montana, 9:17 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Broadway, 10:02 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 3rd, 11:36 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Ocean, 11:37 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 4th, 12:13 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 3rd, 1:38 p.m.
EMS, 2900 block of Colorado, 2:08 p.m.
Lock in/out, 2400 block of Main, 3:30 p.m.
EMS, 6th/Pico, 3:30 p.m.
EMS, 4th/Arizona, 3:33 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of PCH, 4:00 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block of Lincoln, 4:09 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 21st, 4:17 p.m.
EMS, Main/Bay, 4:21 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of PCH, 4:42 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 4:54 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Palisades Park, 5:12 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 11th, 6:38 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 6th, 7:03 p.m.
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EMS, 300 block of Olympic, 9:47 p.m.
Lock in/out, 2200 block of 4th, 10:38 p.m.
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EMS, 2000 block of Lincoln, 11:06 p.m.
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31 Aphrodite's son
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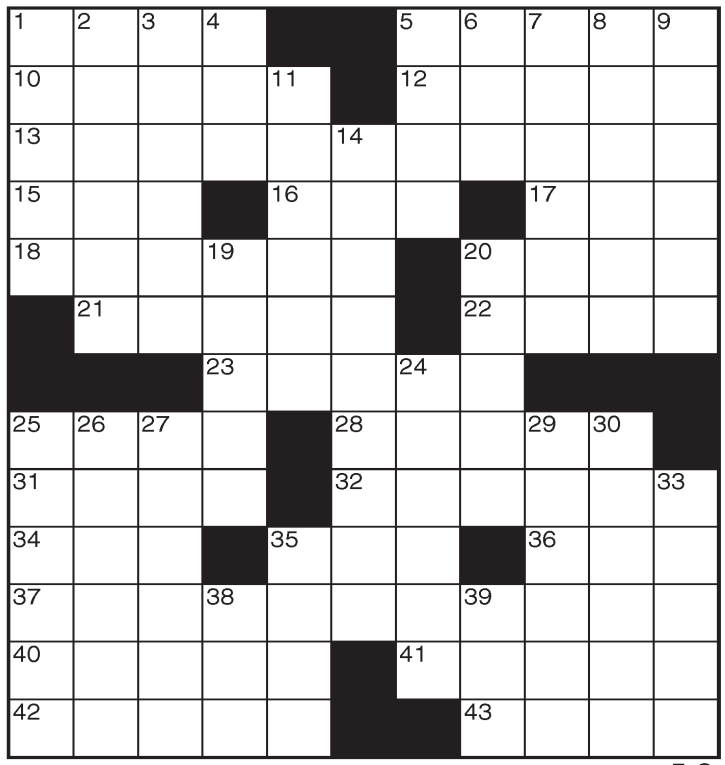
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19 Chores
20 Iron output
24 Inelegant workaround
25 Smiled broadly
26 Jockey Eddie
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29 "Streetcar" cry
30 Valiant
33 Get more out of
35 Diamond clubs
38 Perfect serve
39 North Pole worker

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Difficulty Level ★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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			2			6	9	
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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/30
3 12 16 32 34
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 348M

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Draw Date: 4/29
5 6 37 55 74
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 128M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/30
13 16 24 29 38
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/1
19 23 32 35 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/2
MIDDAY: 7 7 0
Draw Date: 5/1
EVENING: 6 1 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/1
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2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:42.66

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WORD UP!

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1. a prolonged lamentation or mournful complaint.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1978 – The first unsolicited bulk commercial email (which would later become known as "spam") is sent by a Digital Equipment Corporation marketing representative to every ARPANET address on the west coast of the United States.

1979 – After the general election, Margaret Thatcher forms her first government as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

1986 – Twenty-one people are killed and forty-one are injured after a bomb explodes in an airliner (Flight UL512) at Colombo airport in Sri Lanka.

1987 – A crash by Bobby Allison at the Talladega Superspeedway, Alabama fencing at the start-finish line would lead NASCAR to develop the restrictor plate for the following season both at Daytona International Speedway and Talladega.

1999 – The southwestern portion of Oklahoma City is devastated by an F5 tornado, killing forty-five people, injuring 665, and causing $1 billion in damage. The tornado is one of 66 from the 1999 Oklahoma tornado outbreak. This tornado also produces the highest wind speed ever recorded, measured at 301 +/- 20 mph (484 +/- 32 km/h).

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One notably hypersuccessful YouTube channel (700,000 subscribers) features Mr. Lauri Vuohensilta of Finland pulverizing various objects (such as a bowling ball) in a 100-ton hydraulic press. (Said Vuohensilta, "I think it's built into every person – the need to destroy something.") That channel is free of charge, but other entrepreneurs have created 24-hour pay-per-month websites and apps offering similarly specialized programming, e.g., "Zombie Go Boom" (actors taking chain saws to things; $5 a month), "Hungry Monk Yoga" (posing in orange robes while teaching martial arts; $15 a month), and "Lather Fantasies" (clothed people "excessively shampooing each other's hair"; $20 a month). (An April Wall Street Journal report noted that the "lather" channel "sounds kinkier than it actually is.")

■ Smooth Getaway: The December burglary of the Halifax bank in Sale, England, drew attention even though the hour was just after midnight – because Jamie Keegan and Marc Shelton (both age 33) had tried to haul away an ATM, but it fell out the back of their van, producing calamitous noise (and sparks in the road). (Also, the ATM had an "out of order" sign on it, raising still another question about the efficacy of the crime.) In February the Minshull Street Crown Court sentenced the pair to 40 months each in prison.

Go shopping, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your dream life might be a greater source of innovation than you realize. You often come up with great ideas while you're asleep, so start keeping a dream notebook. You will have the energy to move any project off the back burner to completion. Tonight: In your element.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might find that you tend to be best in a group situation in the morning. You could come up with some unusual yet workable ideas. You are likely to become more reflective by the afternoon. Consider weighing the pros and cons of a decision. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be in the center of a lot of action, and might not be able to keep the lid on various projects. Use the afternoon to become more goal-oriented. Focus on what works for you. Stop spinning out in different directions. Tonight: Respond to a friendrequest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Try to keep the big picture in mind. You seem to have difficulty answering to someone you care about, because you still might be in the process of making up your mind about an important matter. You understand your limits. Tonight: Others will follow your lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be negotiating with someone to get him or her to agree to your terms, as you see a situation far differently from how he or she sees it. Be careful about how optimistic you are and/or how much money you toss in. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others who want you to think that they know better than you. By letting them take the lead, you'll give them a vote of confidence. As a result, they will get feedback regarding how good they are at carrying out ideas and working with others. Tonight: A quiet dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be quite busy completing certain details in the morning. Some of you might have appointments that take up your morning. In the afternoon, if you must work, schedule some meetings. You will love all the conversation. Tonight: Play it easy. Let others come to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use your imagination when making a decision. You'll come up with unusual ideas, and it might seem as though you have a muse on your shoulder. By the afternoon, you'll want to get into work mode, as you have a lot to do. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to try something very different, but you could react to this opportunity with a bit of reticence. By the afternoon, you finally will decide that you have nothing to lose, and you'll jump right in. You'll enjoy the sense of letting go. Tonight: Express your spirited side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Schedule an impromptu meeting. Someone might try to persuade you to approach a matter differently. At least be willing to see this matter from a different perspective. You can weigh the pros and cons later in the afternoon. Tonight: Happy to head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be aware of the financial implications involved with continuing as you have been. You might wonder how wise it really is to keep pushing yourself so hard. Remain upbeat and lively with others, especially in the afternoon. Tonight: Welcome a networking opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ It might be difficult to switch gears midday, but you will. Move forward with any important project in the morning. You could be tired of having to respond to others in the afternoon. Give yourself at least a selfish hour or two. You need it. Tonight: Do some shopping.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

This year you often find yourself on center stage. You will meet a lot of people, especially when you are in the mood to network and socialize. Other times, you are highly introspective and love your quiet, solitary time. If you are single, note what mood you are in when you meet someone. You will date a lot this year and create the type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, your sweetie might see you as being unusually moody and could become impatient with you at times. The good news is that this is just a phase. ARIES makes a great healer for you.

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

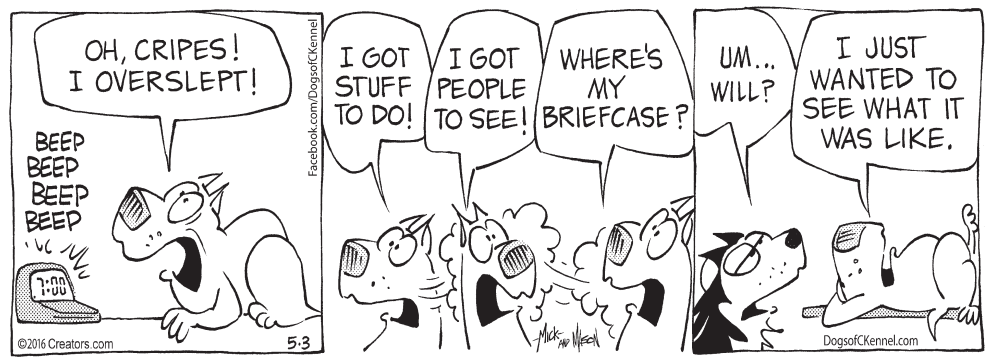
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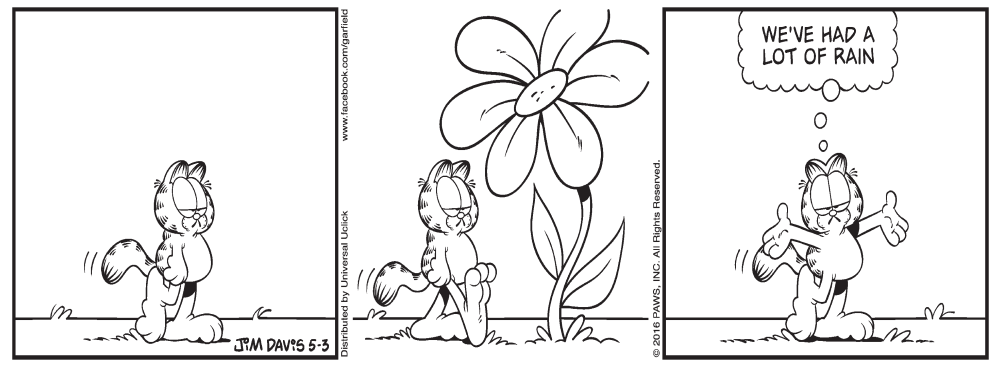
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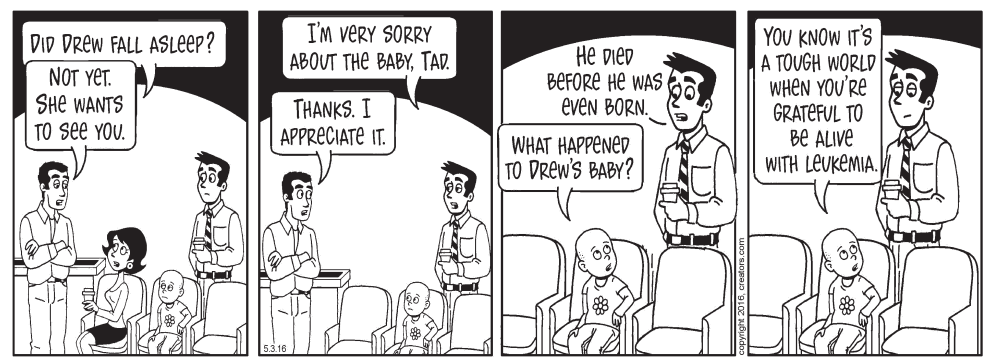
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