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Santa Monicans preparing for Trump visit

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump will be in Santa Monica today for a private fundraiser.

The Los Angeles Times obtained an invitation to a private fundraiser at the home of Tom Barrack scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 25. Barrack's Santa Monica based private equity firm, Colony Capital has been criticized for profiting from the foreclosure crisis and the company is listed as one of the largest of its kind in the world. The invitation lists a minimum ticket price of $25,000, with more expensive donation options running up to $100,000.

The address of the fundraiser is provided only to invited guests.

The Trump campaign responded to a request for information about the fundraiser by pointing the Daily Press to Trump's official schedule posted on his website. The calendar lists an event at the Anaheim Convention Center at noon on Wednesday followed by an event in Billings, Montana at 4 p.m. on May 26. There is no mention of a Los Angeles or Santa Monica fundraiser.

The City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Police Department and the Fire Department all declined to comment on the visit. Federal authorities and the Secret Service often request local agencies maintain confidentiality surrounding visits by candidates and precise travel routes are not made public.

Local residents contacted the Daily Press to discuss a potential event in the North of Montana neighborhood and several said protests were under discussion. Individuals who asked not to be identified said road closures are scheduled for San Vicente Boulevard between 14th and 19th at the same time as the Barrack fundraiser.

Trump's visit follows a public rally by Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders at Santa Monica High School earlier this week. Sanders made a series of campaign events throughout California this week ahead of the June 7 primary.

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Hits and misses for SMMUSD in AP classes

School district seeks to improve diversity, pass rates

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

As far as the Santa Monica-Malibu school district is concerned, not enough students are being challenged with rigorous coursework or graduating from high school with Advanced Placement credit.

That's according to data on several metrics the district is using to gauge its performance on preparing students for college and beyond.

The figures, presented to the local Board of Education during its May 19 meeting, show that the district has made strides but still needs improvement, particularly in getting minority and low-income students enrolled and engaged in AP classes.

Benchmarks were set as part of the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan, a cornerstone of a recently implemented system that gives the district more responsibility in handling state funds.

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Sanders stumps in Santa Monica

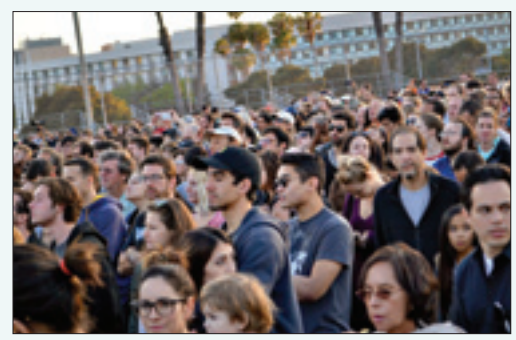
Presidential candidate challenges status quo in rally speech



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RALLY: Thousands of supporters gathered at Santa Monica High School this week to hear Bernie Sanders

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer



A woman clamoring for a glimpse of Bernie Sanders stood behind temporary bleachers on the football field at Santa Monica High School, wondering how to get closer to the candidate as he spoke to thousands of supporters Monday night.

"We have to push through," she told her companion. "That's the only way."

It was a sentiment that would have resonated with the U.S. senator, who was stumping in Santa Monica about two weeks before the state's primary election June 7.

The 74-year-old Democratic candidate has vowed to continue his campaign despite rival Hillary Clinton's presumed delegate lead heading into the party's convention.

"If you promise not to tell her," Sanders told the crowd jokingly, "we're gonna win here in California."

Sanders' stop in Santa Monica was part of a swing through the Golden State that also includes events in Vista, Irvine and East Los Angeles as well as Anaheim, Riverside and San Bernardino.

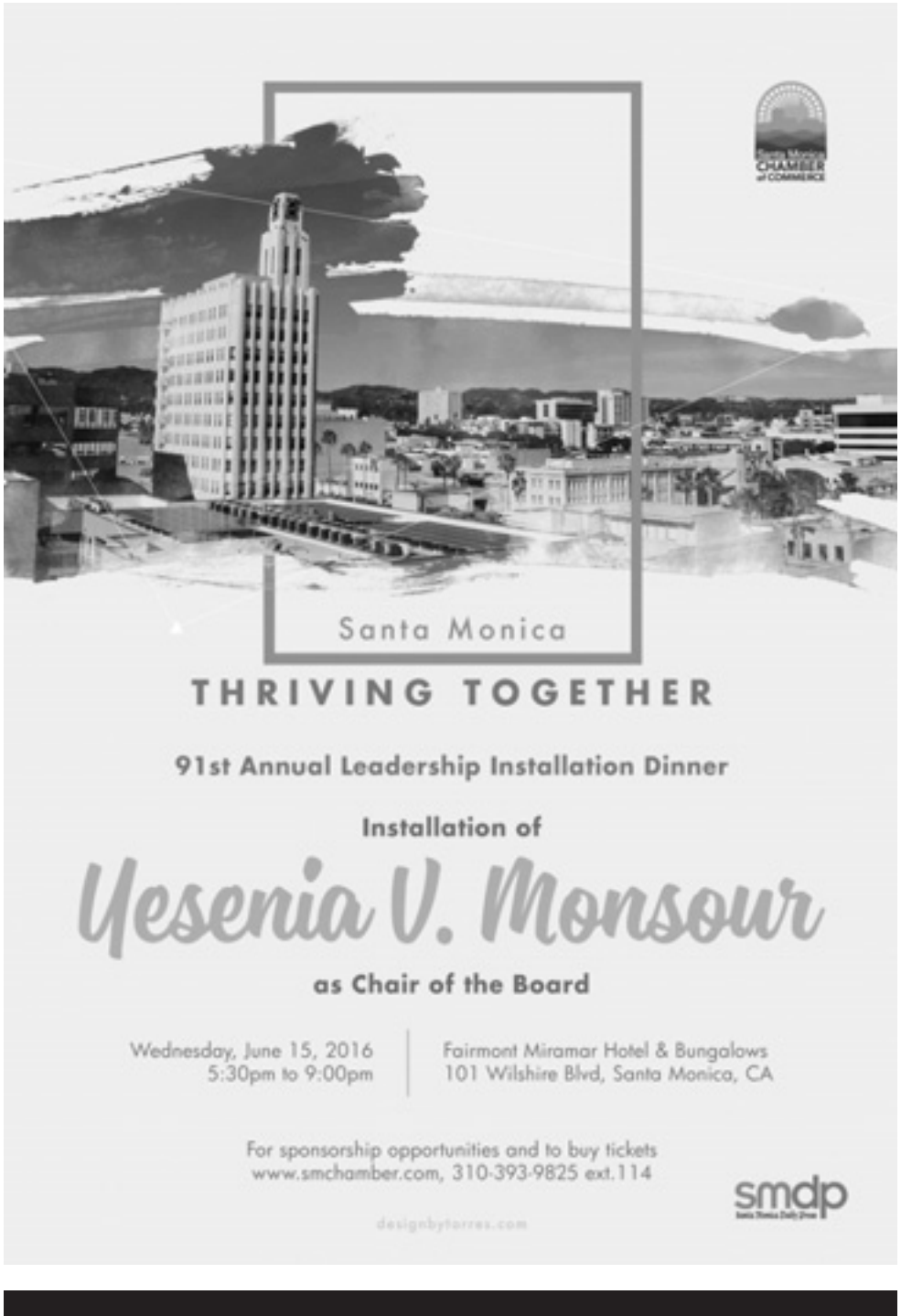
During an impassioned speech at Samohi that lasted about 70 minutes, Sanders challenged the status quo on a wide variety of issues, including campaign finance, climate

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Solar for Condos and Apartments
Want to help your condo association go solar? Come learn how virtual net metering can increase property value and reduce costs for you and your neighbors. Local solar contractor meet-and-greet. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 26

Ocean Park Baby Time
Story Series for ages 0 to 23 months. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 10:45 - 11:05 a.m.

GED Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., from 6 - 8 p.m.

Oscar Nominated Film Program: "Steve Jobs"
This Oscar nominated film explores the trials and tribulations of a modern day genius, late Apple CEO Steve Jobs. Film runtime: 122 min. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Pacific Park 20th Birthday Event
Free to the public. 6 - 10 p.m.

Friday, May 27

Something Cool After School
A 3-day readers' theater workshop, taught by local teens. Select a script, get a part, rehearse and then perform! Space is limited. Presented by the Library's Teen Advisory Council. Grades 3-5. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House Gallery
On View: "Space, Scape and Scope." 415 PCH, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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CORRECTION
Craig Miller is the co-founder of AIDS Walk LA. The walk is a fundraiser for AIDS Project Los Angeles but Miller is not part of the AIDS Project organization.

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Jet searched as precaution at LAX over 'non-credible' threat

CHRISTOPHER WEBER & AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

A SWAT team with guns drawn searched a jet packed with passengers at Los Angeles International Airport on Tuesday after authorities received a threat about the flight from Houston, officials said.

The search, which was aired live on local television stations, was one of two incidents Tuesday involving flights originating in Houston. Threats related to both incidents were deemed not credible, and no one was detained.

In Los Angeles, 76 passengers and four crew members were escorted from an American Airlines twin-engine regional jet more than an hour after it landed without incident. Seven SWAT officers and a police dog drove up in an armored vehicle and went through the plane, which was kept on a remote stretch of runway during the search.

The Transportation Security Administration received the threat against American Eagle Flight 5931, operated by Compass Airlines, LAX police Officer Rob Pedregon said.

Officials did not release details about it, and the TSA referred inquiries to local law enforcement.

The FBI would try to determine "the person or group responsible for making the threat," agency spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

"I was scared," passenger Mickey Montavo told reporters after she was allowed off the plane. "I texted my kids, 'I love you. I don't know what's going to happen.' "

She said passengers didn't know what was going on at first, but they later were told there had been a bomb threat.

Passengers were told not to move or touch their phones, and they had to put their hands on the seats in front of them for about 20 minutes, she said.

Another passenger posted a video to Snapchat showing the SWAT team on the plane as someone announced: "Don't worry, we're going to pull you guys all off in a minute. Nice and orderly, nice and slow."

"This is nuts. This is so crazy," the passenger films herself saying as a SWAT member stood in the background.

In Houston, a phoned-in threat to Delta Flight 227, which was departing for Atlanta, was deemed not credible after passengers and baggage were rescreened, said Houston Airport System spokesman Bill Begley. He knew of no link to the LAX incident.

The response in Los Angeles was normal for LAX, but it would have been unusual for most other U.S. airports, said Jeff Price, an aviation safety expert who has written a textbook on the subject and trains airport workers nationwide.

That's because LAX is historically one of the most targeted airports in the country and has a SWAT team based there, he said.

"A lot of other airports wouldn't have responded at that level unless they had additional information about the credibility of the threat," Price said. "In this case, you've got them, you might as well use them. If it turns out to be nothing, great. If something bad happens, the question is going to be: 'Why didn't you do it?' "

Jerry Bridges, a construction worker building hangars at LAX, said he has noticed more drills at the airport since EgyptAir Flight 804 crashed overseas last week. Investigators are trying to determine what brought down the jet during a trip from Paris to Cairo.

Airport officials said in a statement last week that they had heightened security and anti-terrorism measures in the wake of the crash.

Bridges said he thought the large law enforcement response was part of a drill at first. He took pictures and video of the SWAT team boarding the plane after he heard there might be a bomb threat.

"If that thing did have a bomb, we're not even an eighth of a mile away," he said. "It's pretty scary."

The plane took off from Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport. When it landed in Los Angeles airport police, city police and fire crews responded. The SWAT team searched the outside of the plane before walking up a staircase and into the aircraft to screen it, their rifles pointing downward.

Eventually, passengers and crew exited down a portable staircase and got on buses to be taken to a terminal.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier

Jake Davis Band earns first finals spot in Rusty's competition

Excellent vocals, solid songwriting and a tight "radio ready" performance from the entire group paved the way to a win for the Jake Davis Band in the first of two semi-final battles in Rusty's 15th annual Emerging Artist Competition at the popular Pier nightspot on Thursday, May 19.

The band's well-paced set featured great dynamics and a solid all-around performance that the packed house embraced from the opening number. Judges specifically noted the band's easy, natural performance that quickly engaged and entertained the large crowd, the group's high energy, and the easy command of the audience displayed by front man Davis.

The set done performed by the band The Proof was marked by a good overall performance that got going strong in the middle of the set and built to a rousing close with songs such as "Mr. Bossman," "New Orleans" and "Bang Bang," which had a "Black Magic Woman" vibe. Despite a very good performance from the band KULA, The Proof remains in contention for the top runner-up slot in the June 23 finals, to be determined in the last Semi-final round battle Thursday, May 26.

Continuing a tradition that began in 2011, when the Rusty's EAC winner opened for the band Dawes, the winner of the competition will open one of this year's 10 Twilight Concert Series summer dates. The EAC first runner-up will win a $500 showcase gig on Rusty's stage.

– SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW ZENTENO, RESTAURANT & ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER, RUSTY'S SURF RANCH

SMC

SMC art mentor show "AMP 2016" reception June 11

The Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery is pleased to present "AMP 2016," an exhibition of works by gifted students in the highly selective Santa Monica College Art Mentor Program (AMP). "AMP 2016" will combine two-dimensional works on canvas and paper with mixed media installational sculptures, video and audio works, and performance.

The show will be open to the public from Tuesday, June 7, to Saturday, June 18, with a gallery reception on Saturday, June 11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at the SMC Performing Arts Center on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street.

The Art Mentor Program is a unique yearlong program for gifted visual art students, selected by SMC Art Department faculty. AMP was created to provide an innovative, experimental, and interdisciplinary environment for students to explore a variety of art forms, professional practices, and critical theory. Led by department chair Ronn Davis and faculty member Carlson Hatton, students experience rigorous critiques, interactive demonstrations, and exposure to a range of contemporary artists, curators, and other arts professionals through a curated speaker series and onsite studio visits.

The spring 2016 group boasts a strong selection of emerging artists who will transfer this fall as third-year students to a wide range of art programs at colleges and universities that include UCLA and UC Berkeley, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Pacific Northwest College of Art, Harvard University, CSU Long Beach and CSU Northridge, and Otis College of Art and Design.

The student artists this year are Kiara Barrett, Michael Bardales, Zara Bixby, Garrett Brown, Joshua Castro, Frida Davidsson, Nicolas Filoseta, Cristopher Gonzalez, Anja Honisett, Viktoria Hwang, Kostyantyn Khrystyuk, Jacqueline Kim, Sofia Krook, Yulia Lastochkina, Paulo Narvades, Sanghyun Oh, Ricky Olguin, Isabella Pulido, Hamid Razmkhah, Yecenia Torres, Ninah Turner, Ago Visconti, Yvonne White, and Vanessa Yu.

Hours for SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. All exhibits, gallery talks, and opening receptions are free.

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Love, LUVE and Love - it's all around

THIS IS NOT ABOUT LUVE

No, not my love of LUVE, which abides.

And not, until the bottom part of this column, about my love of LOVE. Very important music performance announcement. If you miss it this time, you're a schmuck.

This is about how love came to town this week in the form of a Bernie Sanders rally at our own Samohi, right there on the football field. The turf may have been artificial but the feeling was genuine, and that's part of the problem.

Sanders' campaign is popping out new rallies in California like the endless stream of yellow balls at an old folks bingo game. Six in four days, through yesterday. While Hillary has already dropped a crown on her own head and is coming to California for high ticket fundraisers, Sanders is speaking at free rallies to yuuuuge crowds, carrying through on his promise - for 40 years in office he has espoused the same causes - to take his fight all the way to the convention. California, with its largest trove of delegates, is a state he wants to carry in a big way in order to bring his case to the convention floor in Philadelphia at the end of July. New voter registrations in California are off the charts, and that should help him.

But he's still behind in the polls here - a position he's very familiar with. It's been that way since he announced his candidacy in April of last year, trailing Clinton early on by nearly 60 points. Think about that. Sixty points. And now it's a virtual tie (composite polling, adjusting for polling error).

WILD EYED, WILD HAIRED

Bernie started out an unknown quantity except for negatives - that wild-eyed, wild-haired old socialist from Vermont. Then, as he slogged around the country to deliver his message, his numbers went up by leaps and bounds. When voters got to hear what he stands for, legions embraced it.

Clinton supporters keep calling for him to drop out. Hillary will get the nomination, they say, you can't win, Sanders, and you're just hurting our chances to beat the demon Republican. (I think she learned that line when she was on the other end of it, as the presumptive nominee falling behind to that unelectable new guy, Obama.) And yet he has won. State after state.

Think what you will about polls, but they're showing Clinton now neck and neck with Trump, while all along they have shown Sanders beating him. Trump versus Sanders, to many, would be a delicious, clear-cut contest of left versus right, progressive versus reactionary, democrat versus demagogue - good versus evil, in some books - instead of the usual lesser of two evils choice. When it gets to the convention, the bottom line is what all Democrats need to look at, hard and realistically. Who has the best chance of beating Trump?

Sanders is very straightforward. He doesn't pull punches or sugar-coat. He delivered essentially the same speech at Samohi as he has everywhere else for more than a year, yet thousands show up to hear that speech. (Those are people who will vote. For him. And conceivably change the Senate and House.) Parts of it, his passion for including everyone in the American dream and his value of diversity, perhaps particularly ring true here in Santa Monica, in the face of steeply rising land values that result in gentrification. It's the third area rally of his I've attended. I was looking hard for some things unique to this one, but really, nothing that different. (Except Oscar.) The diversity and the enthusiasm were the same as I saw in Hollywood and at the Sports Arena - very much, on both counts.

OSCAR, DAWSON AND VAN DYKE

Our own Oscar de la Torre made inspiring opening remarks. ("Yale, not jail ... people over profits.") Actress/singer/activist Rosario Dawson gave a long but well-received introduction, but the crowd went nuts when the beloved Dick Van Dyke bounded up onto the stage, introducing himself as: "At 90, I'm what's left of Dick Van Dyke." He went through security right next to me, grinning all the while, and even did a little dance as he was asked to spread his arms for the wanding and turn front to back. Amazing fellow, always willing to entertain.

But on stage he took a serious turn. He said in his 90 years he has been "watching the slow disintegration of our democratic republic, and to hear Bernie step up and say the emperor has no clothes, I so feel that way." He spoke of how so many groups worked together in the '60s "and did something the government wouldn't do, and that's civil rights," and now we must do that again, he urged, "we must work together."

The '60s reference, and the bearded, shirtless, long-haired, brightly clothed dancing young celebrants I saw on the football field is what I meant at the outset by "part of the problem." This is a quibble. But I think too many, especially Democrats, dismiss Sanders' movement by pointing to that minority of enthusiasts, including the now gray-haired original counter culturists, and dismiss what he's doing as a fad, not politically serious. He's just an aging hippie leader, they say.

Equal pay for women? Righting the decimation of the middle class? Good jobs at good pay in America? Reproductive rights? Health care, education, family leave? A democracy of votes, not big money? Climate change, immigration, affordable housing, caring for veterans? Protecting Social Security and protecting the nation from Wall Street excess? Billions for peace, not war? Equality, on all counts? These are mainstream issues affecting every American, that most agree need addressing and reform. Bernie is for real.

REAL LOVE

Almost exactly a year ago a great thing happened at the Moose Lodge on Ocean Park: the seminal L.A. band Love played their landmark album "Forever Changes" start to finish, with strings and horns. With only one surviving original member, Johnny Echols, they played an astonishing version, almost note for note. Someone I turned on to the little-publicized event called it the greatest night of her life (and she's led a terrific life).

Now, in preparation of summer shows in the UK, Love will be playing one night (June 5) at the Del Monte Speakeasy on Windward Avenue in Venice. Music from Love's first three albums. Do. Not. Miss. This one. Tickets at love.nightout.com.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Kiss me properly and pull me apart." —The Last Shadow Puppets ("The Age of Understatement")

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Temporary Civic Center Sports Field

Editor:

Recognizing that field space for our community is imperative, as City Manager, I'm recommending immediate funding to design a 'temporary' multi-use sports field in the Civic Center with synthetic turf, fencing, lighting and portable restrooms. It is premature to program construction funding for three reasons: (1) the design process will give us a much more accurate estimate of the project's actual construction cost (currently reflected as $3.25m in FY18-19); (2) we will be working with our partners at the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District on opportunities for joint use and perhaps some form of joint funding; and (3) we will need to work with the Coastal Commission and the County Courts on strategies for addressing the loss of parking in the Civic Center and coastal area.

I have heard from a number of community members that the time line to start construction of the field is too far out. Constructing a field is many facets. We have put together the following rough and very accelerated planning and construction schedule, recognizing the potential for unanticipated delays:

- Council approval of Capital Improvement Budget - June 2016
- RFP for design, evaluate proposals, Council approval, and contract execution - October 2016
- Design development, community outreach, and Coastal Commission approval (contingent upon parking relocation) - May 2017
- Construction documentation - July 2017
- Plan check - January 2018
- Issue bids for construction, evaluation, Council award, contract execution - June 2018
- Construction start - July 2018

We will work as quickly as possible to effectuate Council's direction to ensure implementation of this element of the Civic Center Master Plan and the community's desire for a temporary sports field.

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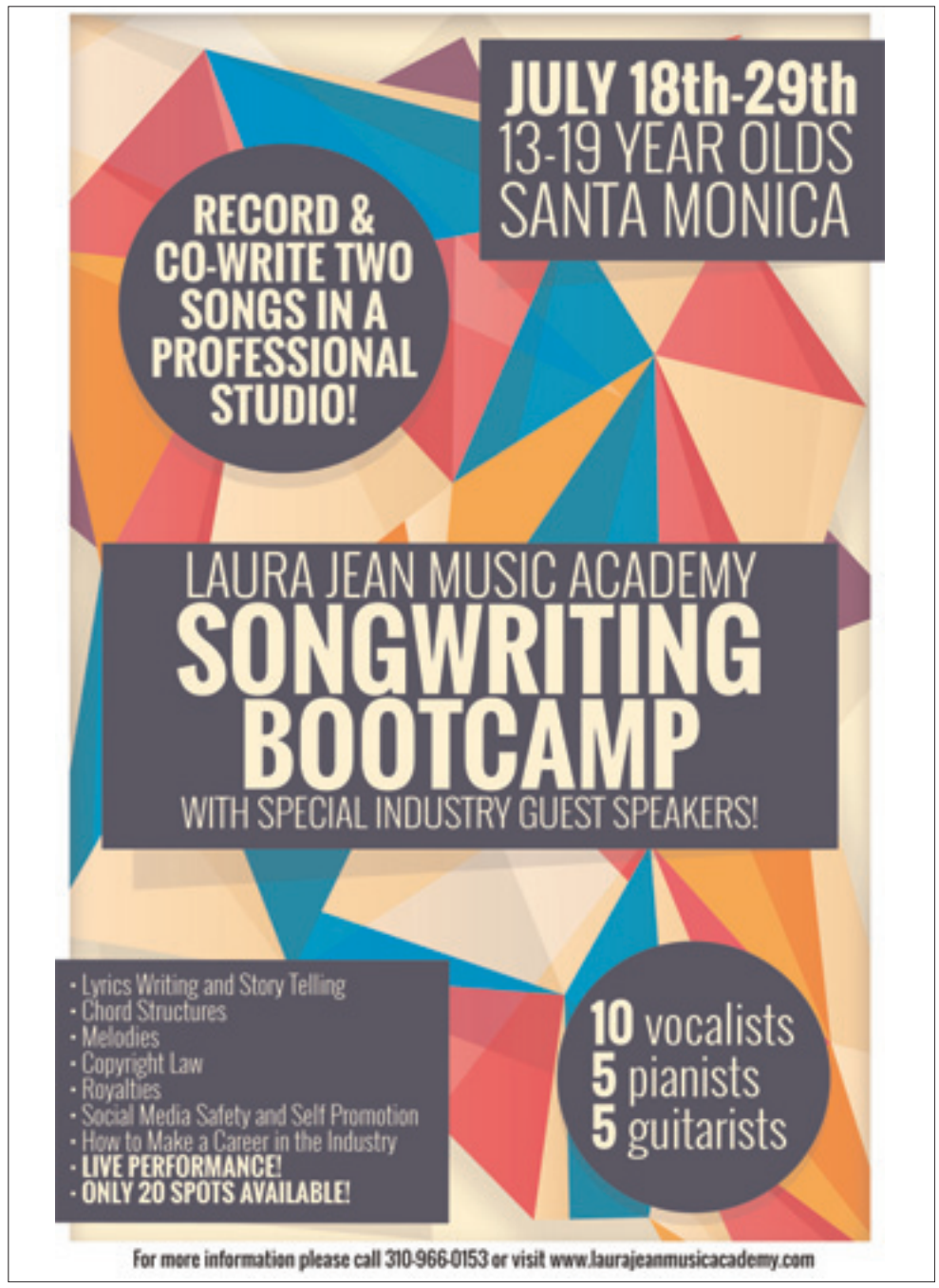
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Trump says decision to seek donations followed GOP request

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Associated Press

Donald Trump holds his first presidential fundraisers this week. The events directly benefit his campaign, but he doesn't see it that way.

Trump insists that his about-face from self-funded candidate to one who relies on donors is happening only at the request of the Republican National Committee.

"The RNC really wanted to do it, and I want to show good spirit," Trump said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "'Cause I was very happy to continue to go along the way I was."

Trump's self-funding has been a point of pride, a boast making its way into nearly every rally and interview. The billionaire businessman lent his campaign at least $43 million, enough to pay for most of his primary bid.

"By self-funding my campaign, I am not controlled by my donors, special interests or lobbyists. I am working only for the people of the U.S.!" he wrote on Twitter in September.

With this week's fundraisers - a small gathering Tuesday in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and a large $25,000-per-head dinner Wednesday in the Los Angeles area - Trump gains hundreds of thousands of campaign dollars but loses his ability to accurately assert that he is free from the shackles of outside donors.

Trump's voters repeatedly have cited his independence from the influence of donors and special interests as a top reason they back him. It's not clear how they will react now.

Perhaps to assuage those voter concerns, Trump is trying to promote his fundraising agreement as beneficial to other Republicans, not his own campaign.

The deal itself shows Trump comes first.

For every check he solicits - and donors can give almost $450,000 apiece - the first $5,400 goes to Trump's primary and general election campaign accounts. The rest is spread among the RNC and 11 state parties.

The RNC can use its money to help Republican candidates for Senate and Congress. However, Trump's team and Republican officials also have said the RNC plans to take the lead on major presidential campaign activities such as voter identification and turnout.

Asked by The AP if he sees a contradiction in asking for money after repeatedly saying he stood above the other candidates because he didn't, Trump said, "No, because I'm raising money for the party."

Trump also first denied to the AP that he is raising any money for the primary. Reminded of the terms of the fundraising agreement, he then said primary donations don't really count because he already has defeated his GOP rivals.

He promised not to use any donor money to pay down his loans. That means he has until the Republican convention in late July to spend primary contributions on expenses such as staffing and summer advertising.

Despite Trump's claim that he would have carried on self-funding if not for the RNC, in other media interviews he has expressed a reluctance to sell buildings or other assets to pay for a costly general election.

"It would be foolish for him to unilaterally disarm against Hillary Clinton," said Roger Stone, Trump's friend and informal political adviser about why Trump decided to take donations.

Trump's likely opponent, the former secretary of state, aims to have $1 billion for her bid, through her campaign, the Democratic Party and outside groups.

The presumptive GOP nominee's still-forming fundraising team, led by Steven Mnuchin, Trump's national finance chairman, and Lew Eisenberg, the RNC's national finance chairman, is rushing to schedule events.

Trump and the RNC on Tuesday announced new additions to the financial operation, including New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, roofing company owner Diane Hendricks and former Ambassador Mel Sembler, who helped raise major money for previous presidential candidates.

Johnson, who was national finance chairman for former rival Jeb Bush, drew Trump's scorn earlier this year. At a New Hampshire campaign stop in February, Trump predicted Bush's prescription drug policies would be influenced by Johnson, whose family founded the Johnson & Johnson medical and pharmaceutical company.

The event in Albuquerque, hosted by funeral services company owner Kevin Daniels, was first reported by The Washington Post. About two dozen attendees are expected, paying $10,000 apiece.

On Wednesday, donors will hobnob with Trump at a reception and dinner at the home of his friend and fellow real estate investor Tom Barrack, whose publicist said he is passionate about surfing and horses and is the "son of hard-working Lebanese parents."

Price of admission - a minimum of $25,000 with the option of paying $50,000 - includes a photo with Trump.

Mnuchin has said he's being inundated with offers of financial assistance. Eisenberg said the Trump fundraising agreement enables the party to "recover the interest and enthusiasm of major donors and raise the money needed to win a Republican presidency, Senate and House, as well as secure the Supreme Court."

Two past presidential fundraisers who are hoping to join Trump's finance team are convinced he'll raise the money needed to win.

For Trump, who has never sought out donors, "the low-hanging fruit is more abundant than it's ever been for anyone at this point in a presidential cycle," said Rick Hohlt, a Washington lobbyist. Donors, he said, are excited to meet Trump - many for the first time.

In Florida, Palm Beach real estate agent Teresa Dailey said, "People are anxiously waiting to help him, and they haven't had the opportunity because of his self-funding."

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SANDERS

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change, health care and higher education.

He spoke of a "rigged economy" that has produced poverty and dramatic income inequality, advocating for a higher minimum wage and for the elimination of the gender pay gap.

"I'm tired of seeing the middle class shrinking, shrinking and shrinking," he said.

He decried aggressive police tactics and questioned the country's criminal justice system, saying too many people are incarcerated. He called for an improved approach to mental health, arguing that more can be done to help needy citizens.

Sanders backers recently filed a federal lawsuit attempting to extend California's voter registration window past the May 23 deadline to the day of the primary. The candidate said he fares well when turnout is high.

Sanders this week named five people to the 15-member Democratic platform committee, multiple media outlets reported. The committee appointments are controlled by the party chair, and the concession to Sanders was seen as an attempt by the party establishment to appease his supporters. Clinton chose six members.

Still, Sanders took shots at a system that he said has discounted his campaign from the onset.

"When we began 12 months ago, nobody took us seriously," he said. "Nobody took you seriously."

'FITTING' SITE

Crowds waited in lines for hours to attend the Sanders rally, which welcomed a diverse swath of Santa Monica residents and supporters from throughout the region.

Attendees posed for photos with a balding, bespectacled elderly man on the field who wore a white sweatshirt emblazoned with the words, "I am not Bernie."

The smell of marijuana floated through the evening air as a middle-aged man sat on the turf with a joint, smoking it minutes before Sanders called for changes in how the drug is classified by the federal government.

Backers donned Sanders shirts, wore commemorative pins, held American flags and carried handmade signs. "The only BS we need is Bernie Sanders," read one. "The establishment is shaking," read another.

Sanders was introduced by Dick Van Dyke, who suggested that Sanders' age shouldn't be a barrier for his candidacy.

"I'm 90," the award-winning entertainer said, "and I like to give young politicians like Bernie a chance."

Also speaking before Sanders was local Board of Education member Oscar de la Torre, a Samohi alumnus who put the Sanders campaign in the context of political and social activism in Santa Monica.

"It's fitting that Santa Monica High would be the host for a presidential candidate that puts people before profit," he said.

The Santa Monica police and fire departments assisted with traffic and crowd control for the local event. Authorities issued a notice Monday morning that traffic delays were expected from 2 p.m. into the late evening.

"Thank you, Santa Monica," Sanders said to raucous cheers.

LOCAL LEVEL

There were Santa Monica connections to Sanders' campaign well before he arrived for the rally at Samohi.

In March, Samohi alumna Kesha Ram voted for Sanders in his home state's Democratic presidential primary. But she's not your average voter. The University of Vermont graduate, who introduced Sanders at a campus event during her time in college, is currently running for lieutenant governor in Vermont.

"Bernie gave me my first big break," she told the Daily Press recently. "I owe him quite a bit for that."

Last month, a pro-Sanders stand-up comedy show was held at Finn McCool's pub on Main Street to collect donations for the candidate.

Santa Monica-based oncologist Paul Song, a prominent Sanders supporter, was widely criticized last month for comments he made during a Sanders event in New York. He referred to Democratic politicians as "whores" for being beholden to pharmaceutical giants, insurance companies and other large corporations.

"Dr. Song's comment was inappropriate and insensitive," Sanders said in an apology. "There's no room for language like that in our political discourse."

People in the region have poked fun at Santa Monica's political leanings on Twitter, observing the city population's support for Sanders in recent months.

"If the election was based on bumper stickers in santa monica," local information technology professional Jessica DeVita wrote, "bernie would win."

"Pretty cool that I can go to a Bernie Sanders rally anytime I want just by walking to the Santa Monica Public Library," screenwriter Jason Mayland wrote.

But probably not like the one Monday night.

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AP

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The presentation by Terry Deloria, assistant superintendent of educational services, came as the district continues its efforts to develop strategies and programs that are rooted in data.

"This is a report card for us," board member Craig Foster said. "We have to develop a plan and then put metrics in place to track that. This is the bones of that, the skeleton of that. ... For me, this is the beginnings of the kind of metrics we've all talked about."

The district has surpassed its goal of getting at least 70 percent of AP students to score a 3 or higher on the end-of-year exams. However, according to Deloria, it's likely the goal rate will be raised because it was set before the district had access to data on this metric. She added that demographic breakdowns were not readily available.

The rate of AP students passing their exams has remained relatively stable over the last four years, dipping from 75 percent in 2011-12 to 72 percent a year later but climbing to 73 percent in 2013-14 and 75 percent last year.

"This is a goal that I know our LCAP committee is going to want to take a look at," Deloria said. "Do we need to get it up?"

Meanwhile, the district wants at least 55 percent of graduating seniors in 2016-17 to have earned a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam. The goal was recommended by the Santa Monica College board, according to Deloria.

Forty-four percent of graduating SMMUSD students in 2013 and half of graduates the following year had passed at least one AP test, figures show. There will be a missing data point for 2015 due to a procedural paperwork error at Santa Monica High School, Deloria said.

Ultimately, officials said, the district wants its AP classes to reflect the demographic diversity of its student population. The goal is to reduce the demographic disparities between the general student body and the AP population.

For example, the percentage of Hispanic students in at least one AP class was 21 in 2014-15, when the entire student population was 32 percent Hispanic. That 11-point gap shrank to a 6-point margin this year.

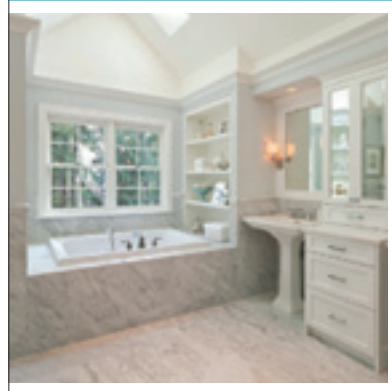
The improvements were due in part to outreach efforts at Samohi. About 190 students who were deemed to have the potential to take an AP class were not enrolled in one this year, a 20-percent decrease from the 239 who fit that description during the 2014-15 school year.

"We've had some improvement here," Deloria said. "There's been a lot of effort in this area to get students into the classes."

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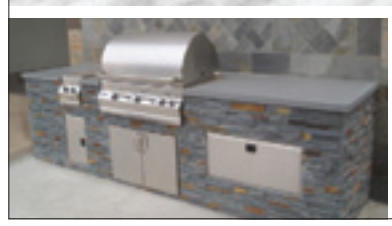
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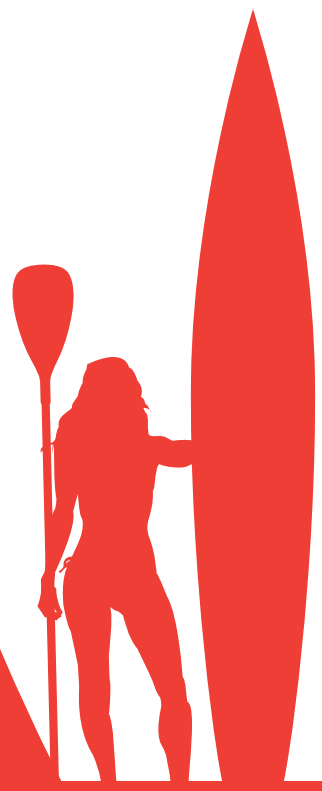
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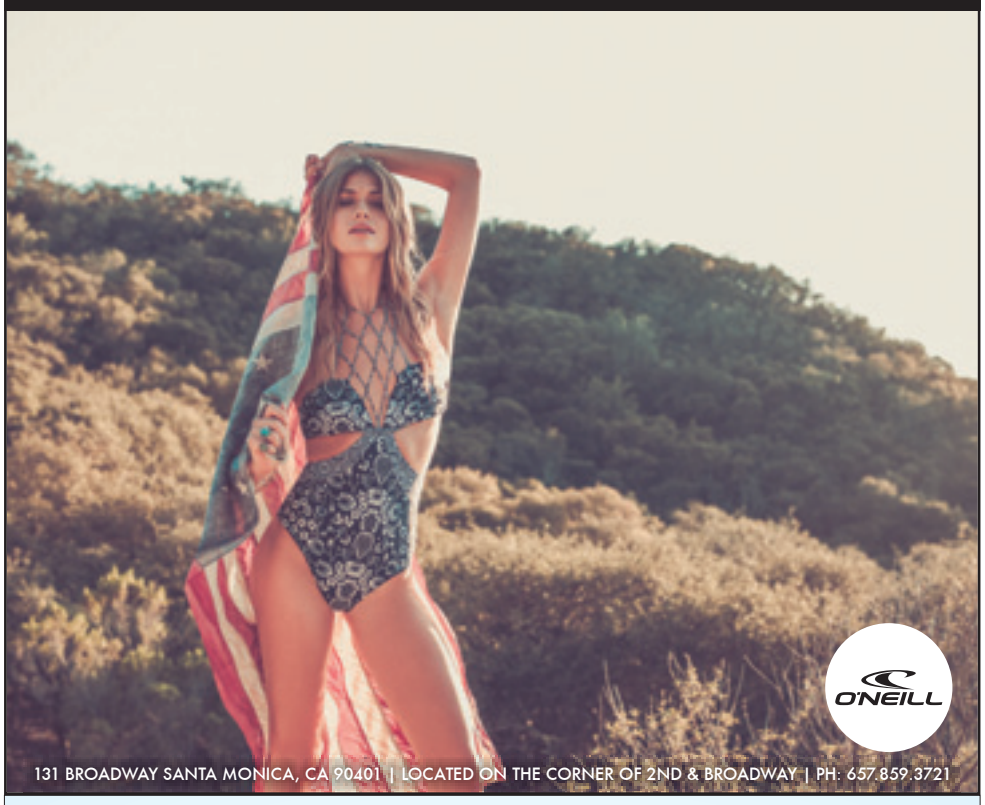
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SURF FORECASTS

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ON MAY 20, AT ABOUT 10:30 P.M.

While patrolling in the area of 2300 block of Kansas Avenue, officers observed a subject looking into and attempting to open various parked cars. Officers monitored the subject as he walked into a driveway in the 2000 block of driveway. The suspect exited the property riding a bicycle and was detained. The bicycle was determined to be stolen and the suspect was taken into custody. A search of the suspect yielded a spring loaded knife. Curtis Perry Pierose, 32, homeless, was arrested for prowling and possession of a spring-blade knife. Bail was set at $5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 328 calls for service on May 23.

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

72 hour psychiatric hold, 500 block of Santa Monica, 12:08 a.m.
Traffic collision, 2300 block of 26th, 12:22 a.m.
Burglary, 1400 block of 5th, 1:32 a.m.
Strongarm robbery, 1400 block of 7th, 3:32 a.m.
Battery, 4th/Wilshire, 4:23 a.m.
Battery, 5th/Arizona, 6:54 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1500 block of Palisades Park, 7:21 a.m.
Burglary, 1200 block of Lincoln, 7:40 a.m.
Overdose, 2400 block of Virginia, 8:05 a.m.
Traffic collision, 3100 block of 4th, 8:05 a.m.
Hit and run, 2300 block of Ashland, 8:20 a.m.
Traffic collision, 3300 block of Pico, 9:30 a.m.
Battery, Main/Ocean Park, 10:00 a.m.
Burglary, 1200 block of Lincoln, 10:18 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block of Santa Monica, 11:39 a.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Pico, 11:48 a.m.
Threats, 1300 block of Ocean, 12:15 p.m.
Identity theft, 1300 block of Idaho, 12:46 p.m.
Vandalism, 200 block of Ocean, 1:02 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2900 block of Ocean Park, 1:06 p.m.
Grand theft, 800 block of Montana, 1:10 p.m.
Child abuse, 2400 block of Ocean Park.
1:43 p.m.
Traffic collision, 7th/Ocean Park, 2:20 p.m.
Battery, 2900 block of Colorado, 2:22 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 3200 block of Santa Monica, 2:41 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1500 block of Wilshire, 2:55 p.m.
Hit and run, Ocean/California, 3:10 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 1300 block of Euclid, 3:23 p.m.
Hit and run, Stanford/Washington, 3:41 p.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Bay, 3:43 p.m.
Domestic violence, 6th/California, 3:59 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1500 block of California, 4:00 p.m.
Battery, 1100 block of Montana, 4:31 p.m.
Battery, 1500 block of 5th, 5:31 p.m.
Identity theft, 1300 block of Idaho, 5:45 p.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/Hollister, 5:48 p.m.
Domestic violence, 1300 block of 14th, 6:48 p.m.
Burglary, 1100 block of 4th, 7:12 p.m.
Vandalism, 4th/Colorado, 7:16 p.m.
Death, 500 block of Marguerita, 7:45 p.m.
Attempt suicide, 500 block of San Vicente, 9:19 p.m.
Vandalism, 4th/Georgina, 9:22 p.m.
Construction noise, 3000 block of Exposition, 9:30 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block of 4th, 10:14 p.m.
Domestic violence, 600 block of Bay, 10:34 p.m.
DUI, Moomat Ahiko/Ocean, 11:23 p.m.
Loud music, 1400 block of Lincoln, 11:30 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 60 calls for service on May 23.

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

Flooded condition, Stanford/Wilshire, 12:41 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica, 12:45 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 2:08 a.m.
Injuries from assault, Appian/Vicente Ter., 2:09 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1900 block of Centinela, 2:46 a.m.
EMS, 2800 block of Neilson, 3:57 a.m.
EMS, 14th/Arizona, 4:17 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Centinela, 5:00 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 200 block of Santa Monica, 5:47 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Centinela. 5:53 a.m.
Injuries from assault. 5th/Arizona, 6:54 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of 12th, 6:57 a.m.
EMS, 2800 block of Ocean Park, 7:17 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Colorado, 7:33 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Virginia, 8:05 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 6th, 9:01 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 6th, 9:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 4th, 10:27 a.m.
Injuries from assault, 1200 block of 15th, 10:51 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 20th, 11:01 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of California, 11:20 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Colorado, 11:23 a.m.
Structure fire, 300 block of 24th, 11:24 a.m.
EMS, 2100 block of Centinela, 12:55 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 1:35 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 2:12 p.m.
Odor of natural gas. 1100 block of 12th, 2:23 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 2nd, 2:24 p.m.
Injuries from assault, 2900 block of Colorado, 2:26 p.m.
EMS, 7th/Ocean Park, 2:26 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 2600 block of 30th, 3:11 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 15th, 3:11 p.m.
Commercial vehicle fire, 1800 block of Lincoln, 3:29 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Arizona, 4:04 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Pico, 4:48 p.m.
EMS, 2700 block of Neilson, 5:12 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Pico, 5:30 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Colorado, 5:31 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Wilshire, 5:32 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 17th, 5:34 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of 6th, 5:34 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 5:36 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of 4th, 5:45 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Pico, 6:24 p.m.

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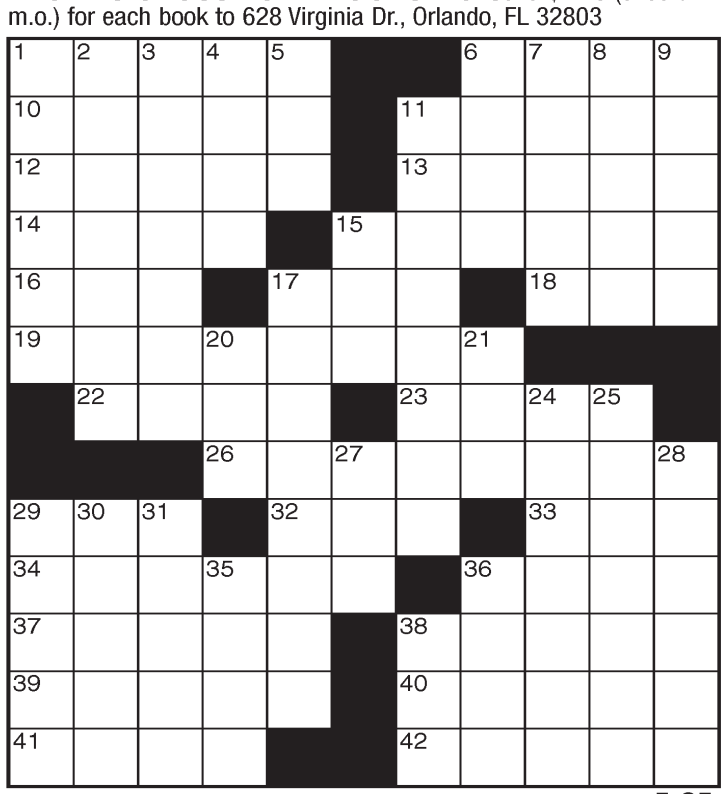
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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

		1				3		
5			3		8			9
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EVENING: 1 0 9

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WORD UP!

gormless
1. Chiefly British Informal. lacking in vitality or intelligence; stupid, dull, or clumsy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1962 – The Old Bay Line, the last overnight steamboat service in the United States, goes out of business.

1963 – In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Organization of African Unity is established.

1966 – Explorer program: Explorer 32 launches.

1966 – The first prominent dàzìbào during the Cultural Revolution in China is posted at Peking University.

1967 – Celtic F.C. from Glasgow, Scotland, becomes the first ever Northern European team to win the European Cup; with previous winners being from Spain, Italy and Portugal.

1973 – HNS Velos, while participating in a NATO exercise and in order to protest against the dictatorship in Greece, anchored at Fiumicino, Italy, refusing to return to Greece.

1977 – Star Wars is released in theaters.

1977 – Chinese government removes a decade old ban on William Shakespeare's work, effectively ending the Cultural Revolution started in 1966.

1979 – American Airlines Flight 191: In Chicago, a McDonnell Douglas DC-10 crashes during takeoff at O'Hare International Airport killing all 271 on board and two people on the ground.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

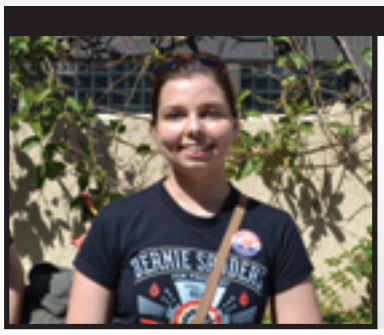
■ (1) Houston's KHOU-TV revealed in May that the French teacher at the Houston school district's Energy Institute High School doesn't speak French (but did take one year of it, in high school). (2) The Sheldon school district near Houston admitted in May that a 7-year-old student at Sheldon Elementary had written her own successful "please excuse Rosabella early" note (using lettering typical of 7-year-olds) and was allowed to go home instead of attending her after-school program. (3) School police at Christa McAuliffe Middle School in Houston threatened to arrest a 13-year-old girl during the last school year because they were unaware that the girl's $2 bill (cafeteria payment) was valid U.S. currency.

■ (1) In April, police in Brighton, Ontario, responded to what was reported by neighbors as a domestic dispute, involving shrieks like, "I hope you die!" They found only a man "arguing" with his pet parrot (who the man said was "beaking off" at him). No arrests were made. (2) Kayvon Mavaddat, 28, was arrested in Natick, Massachusetts, as police enforced three arrest warrants. He had been on the loose until May 6, when he politely (inadvisedly) held open a door at Natick Mall for a police officer who, in that brief moment, thought he recognized Mavaddat. Checking his cruiser's computer, he found the warrants, went back inside and arrested Mavaddat.

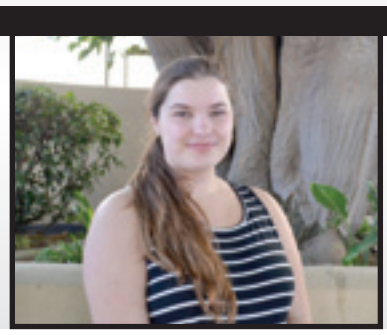
Man on the Street

BY KATIE OSAKI

Q: What is the state of American politics?



LAUREN THURLOW
Complicated, I feel like there's a lot of stuff that people are realizing is a problem and it needs to change.



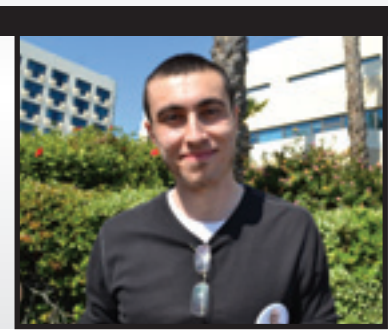
SHANNON MCKENNA
I think we're kind of at a turning point with figuring out the flaws in our system that might have worked over two hundred years ago, but maybe aren't the best for modern society and we're trying to better that problem.



DENNY BARNES
Well, from the Princeton study, they say that we are in oligarchy. So they did a study of twenty years, two thousand policies and they came to the conclusion that the United States is an oligarchy because of the influence of money and politics.



TERRY ANN LEAHEY
I think it's the most exciting time we've ever had in our history and this energy that's arising over Bernie Sanders is infectious and no matter what happens it's going to continue to grow and grow. I think it's the most exciting time in our history and the state of American politics.



EDMOND ROBERTS
It's based upon legalized bribery where unfortunately our elected officials represent their donors instead of the people.

In the limelight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might not express your mental conversations to others very often, but you should. With your imagination and intellectual acumen, some of your ideas could be more important than you realize. A higher-up seems to be changing his or her style. Tonight: Count on a late one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Take an overview of what is happening around you before making any major decisions. Gaining more perspective will be helpful. As a result, you might discover that there is no longer a problem. Tonight: Opt for a unique type of get-together with friends and loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be more direct when dealing with a friend. You have a vision for how this relationship should play out, but don't let it change the nature of what is happening. The interactions between you and someone else might take on a new twist. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Listen to news with all the positive energy you can muster up. While you might have some difficulty handling some of the information, your upbeat attitude will help others to better understand the issue at hand. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's wishes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might find that a job well done is worth the extra time, as it will help solidify your reputation for excellence, which ultimately will pay off. Be willing to revise your plans or your schedule, if need be. Do not stand on ceremony. Tonight: Go for the bottom line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity and luck have served you well over the past few months, and they will again. You are full of fun, and will get into the moment no matter what others say or do. The unexpected creates chaos, but you know how to handle it well. Tonight: Midweek flirtation!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your sense of humor plays a strong role in your decision-making process. Stay anchored, and know that you will make the right decision. Proceed as you have been. An unexpected change in your routine or schedule could upset you. Let it go. Tonight: Ride the winds of fate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You speak your mind without fear of others' reactions, because you are authentic. Note that people often don't know how to respond to you, as they fear your strength and presentation. Be willing to adapt and work with those who might be timid. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might not know what to say when confronted by an exuberant and unpredictable friend. You know that you can't control this person, nor should you try to. Open up to possibilities of change. Communication soars if you can adapt to a situation. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Don't hesitate to beam in more of what you want from life. Your ability to put your ideas into action will help you get more of what you need. You might not anticipate what happens next, but know that you'll be able to handle it. Tonight: Choose a favorite place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ If your inclination has been to maintain a low profile, you have been right-on. Unexpected events seem to head down the path toward you. Demonstrate your ability to get along with others. Someone might not be understanding where you are coming from. Tonight: Rest up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could feel awkward as you try to go along with another person's idea. You probably feel as though it will not work out well, or perhaps you can't support it because it makes you uncomfortable. Try to keep your feelings to yourself for now. Tonight: Say "no" to excess.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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

This year your ability to relate to individuals as well as groups might be tested. You come from an open and caring space. Be more forthright in how you deal with people; don't try to change them, but present them with new concepts. If you are single, be careful, as a quickly moving fling could seem like a romance, but might not be as meaningful as you would like. If you are attached, the two of you decide to address a potential change in your living circumstances, which you'll find to be very exciting. Fall is a romantic time for those who are young at heart. CAPRICORN often offers many different types of solutions.

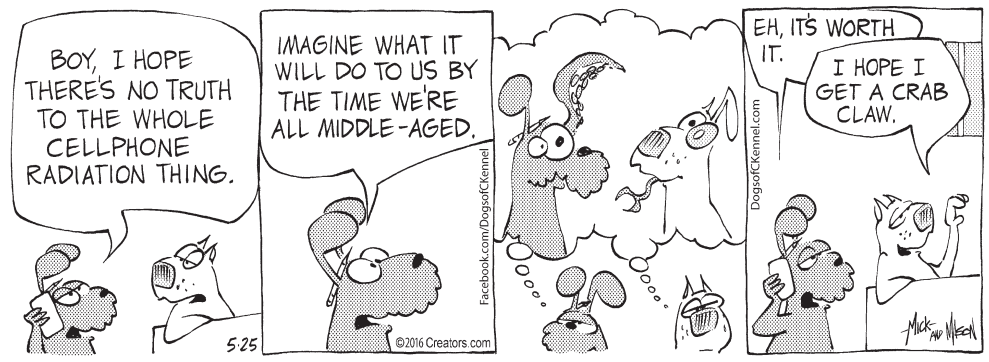
Speed Bump
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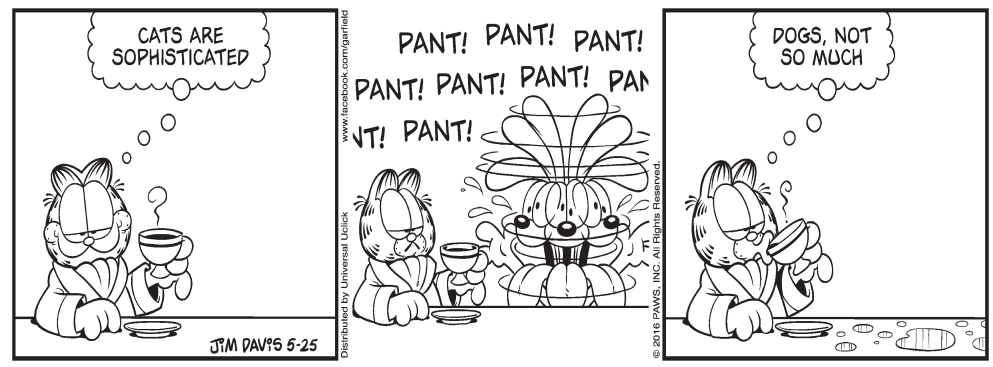
Strange Brew
By John Deering



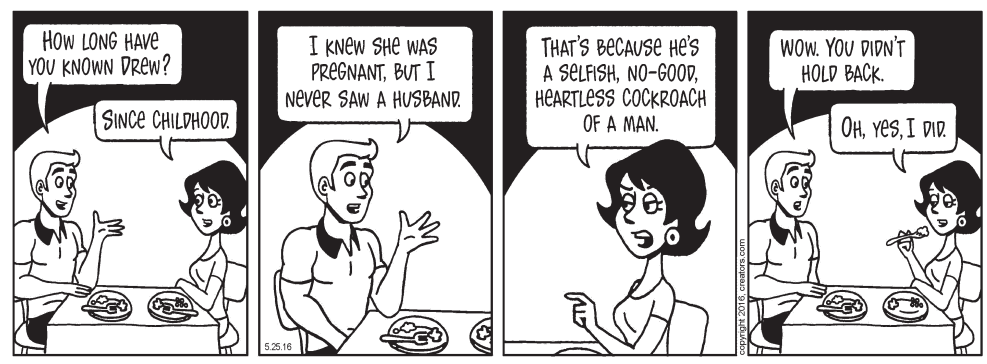
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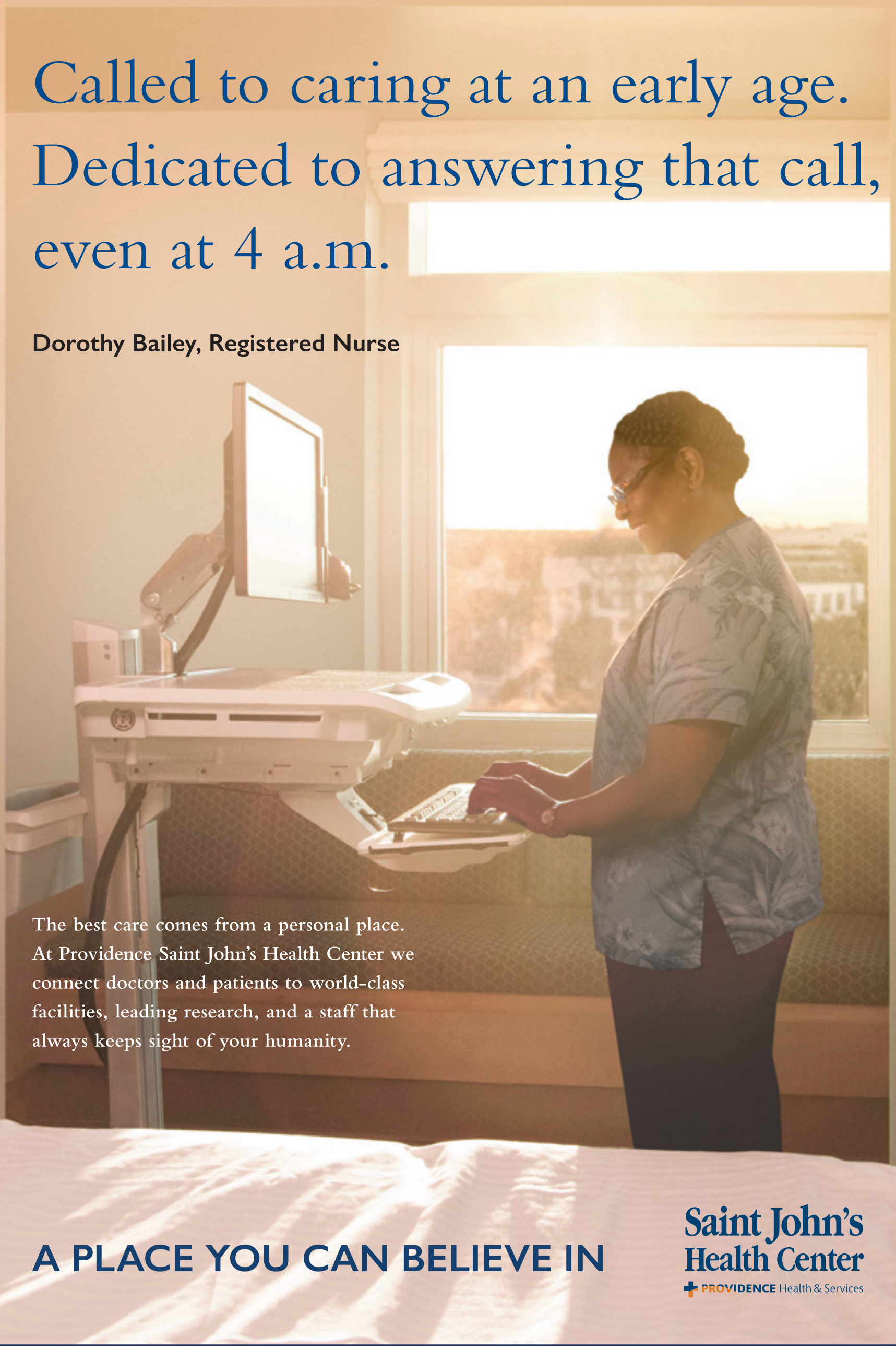
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