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SMFD assists in Sand Fire fight



Courtesy Photo

AID: Santa Monica firefighters are providing aid to fight the Sands Fire in the nearby hills.



BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The call came in late Friday night: The Santa Monica Fire Department's help was needed as a blaze began scorching brush in the Angeles National Forest.

Local firefighters headed out early Saturday morning to a mountainous area north of Los Angeles to assist in the fight against the Sand Fire, which officials said had spread to more than 37,000 acres and which was just 25-percent contained as of Tuesday morning.

SMFD spokesman Dale Hallock said eight local firefighters participated in the effort to control what became massive brushfire, which spewed ash into Santa Monica and throughout the Westside over the weekend.

Members of the local department were among more than 3,000 firefighters involved in the operation, which has drawn resources from

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Olympic experience of a lifetime

Samohi alumna recalls thrills, agonies of 1992 Games



Courtesy Photo

MEETING: Sports gave Betsy Kimmel the chance to meet Fidel Castro.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second installment in a two-part series about a Santa Monica High School alumna's path to the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Betsy Kimmel was starting to find her groove on the water.

After competing on the varsity women's rowing team at UC

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Local Democrats celebrate

BY CAMILLE DE BEUS
Daily Press Intern

With the Democratic National Convention in full swing and the presidential election only mere months away, democratic clubs near Santa Monica are hosting a bevy of events to unite the party.

These events include a Democratic Convention watch party on July 28 in Santa Monica and the Political Courage/Human Rights Awards, which will occur on Aug. 22 at the Miramar in Santa Monica—both events are hosted by the Pacific Palisades Democratic Club (PPDC). Additionally, the West LA Democratic Club Democratic Club will be hosting a watch party on July 28 in Santa Monica at the Gaslite Bar.

The PPDC's watch party on Thursday is being held at the offices of Cross Campus located at 929 Colorado Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m.

"The whole idea is to get the enthusiasm building for the campaign and ultimately for the headquarters," PPDC President Melissa Grant said. "So we've invited all our local Democrats and people from the Westside. People from the Santa Monica club are coming and people from the Malibu club are coming. We're all going to get the enthusiasm building for the campaign and the November election. We're going to be serving food and there will be wine, so hopefully it's a celebratory event that will get the juices flowing."

Admission to the watch party is

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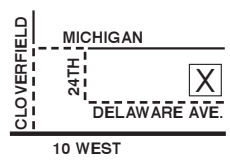
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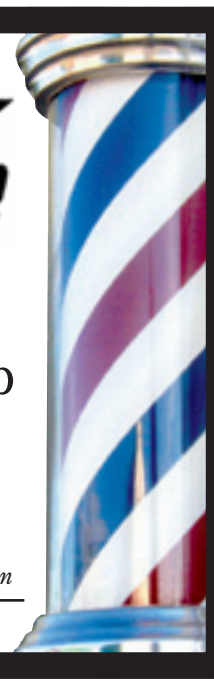


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 27

Joseph Peck Music
Make some noise with steel drums and percussion instruments! Free tickets available before the event. 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

College Prep Series: Summer Edition, PSAT Prep Test
Are you taking the PSAT during the fall? Get some practice! Done in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park and presented by C2 Education. Register by calling (310) 459-8684. 3 - 7 p.m. Pico Branch Library.

Movie: Race
Stephan James stars in this affecting portrait of black athlete Jesse Owens' quest to make sports history at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, under the hostile nose of Adolf Hitler. 3 - 4:45 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Thursday, July 28

Library Board Meeting
Special meeting to discuss and receive input on recruiting a new Director. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Paws to Read
Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. 2 - 3 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Puppet Scene
Join Mr. Jesse and his puppets for active reading, rhyming and rocking time. 2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St.

Free screening of "Harvey"
Jimmy Stewart stars in "Harvey," a classic comedy of errors and the only one to feature an invisible seven-foot-tall rabbit. Black and white. Free screening followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA

Friday, July 29

Gemini 10: Reaching Higher
A look at the July 1966 flight of Gemini 10 - commanded by John Young, with pilot Mike Collins. The John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd. Tickets cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Mat Pilates
Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. 2 - 3 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Mad Science: Marvels of Motion
Discover the fun-damentals of moving science. Includes egg tossing and rocket packs! Ages 4 and up. Fun for the whole family! Seating for the show is limited and on a first arrival basis. Free tickets will be available starting at 2 p.m. at the Fairview Library the day of the event. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd

Saturday, July 30

Enameling Copper Pendants with Sharon Kaplan
Select a vintage copper base from Sharon's collection, and add vitreous (glass) enamel to make a gorgeous one-of-a-kind pendant. All skills welcome. Cost: $65. Register by calling (310) 458-2239. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Palisades Park.

Movie: Mr. Holmes
An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes deals with early dementia as he tries to remember both his final case and a mysterious woman whose memory haunts him. He also befriends a fan, the young son of his housekeeper, who wants him to work again. 3 - 4:45 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

How-To Festival
Join us for three 45-minute workshops on a variety of topics. Learn how to eat a rainbow, how to make flower arrangements, and how to make aguas frescas! 12 - 3 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Beach

Annenberg Community Beach House 4th Annual Community Picnic

Pack a dinner, grab your friends and family, and head over to the Beach House. It's time for good old fashioned summertime fun at the 4th annual Beach House Community Picnic, Thursday, July 28 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

When is the last time you raced in a sack, or played tug-o-war or giant checkers? Here's your chance! You can also try your hand, or foot, at slackline, and for a novel bit of community engagement, there's Yoga with a Cop - light stretching and some Q & A with SMPD Officer Milosevich. There'll be crafts and games, and Story Time for little ones ages 2-5. Keeping it all together dublab's MC/DJ will be spinning vinyl and maintaining the picnic groove.

The event is free, reservations are requested. https://2016communitypicnic.eventbrite.com

Parking is $3 per hour. No glass, alcohol or cooking.

The Annenberg Community Beach House is located at 415 Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica. For schedules and information on all the Beach House has to offer, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com or call (310) 458-4904.

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$20, and all the proceeds will support the opening of the Democratic Campaign office on the Westside. The headquarters are run out of Santa Monica, and its previous operations have had so much success that Democratic presidential candidates (Kerry in '04 and Obama in '08 and '12) have joined them by working out of the headquarters. Both Grant and PPDC Vice-President Adam Wolman hope that Hillary Clinton will follow in these footsteps.

"[The headquarters] is a whole big campaign office that we set up that is designed to allow hundreds, actually a thousand plus volunteers last time, to come in and do phone banking to other states," Wolman said. "[We] to try to get the battleground states to turn blue, because California is a pretty safely Democratic state. So in the presidential election, we bring in lots of moderate and liberal democrats, even independents to work together to help elect a progressive president. In addition to that, we also work on local elections and state elections and initiatives. It's the one stop, shopping place for people to get involved."

The headquarters in Santa Monica will also include storefront where people can purchase political memorabilia and merchandise. Volunteers at the headquarters will also be canvassing in other states such as Nevada—the nearest battleground state to California.

"This event on Thursday is to begin to energize the community and get [people] excited about headquarters and raising the funds for it," Grant said. "[It's] also about making the election of Hillary Clinton as president successful and other democratic candidates as well."

Similarly, the Political Courage/Human Rights Awards on Aug. 22 are focused on invigorating the Democratic party and progressive politics. This year's honorees will include Senator Barbara Boxer, Dr. Paul Song and Mike Farrell.

"The awards ceremony is a much more refined event," Grant said. "It's at the Miramar in their ballroom. People can see the senators and help celebrate people who have political courage. It's an honor to be with them."

The West LA club's watch party at the Gaslite Bar in Santa Monica is from 5 to 8 p.m. and will also help unite the party.

"The big message here, the obvious need to defeat Trump, is combined with the call for unity in the party," West LA Democratic Club President Cara Robin said. "Nearly every speaker is addressing that, knowing the passion of the Bernie supporters… [speakers are] trying to make them see the importance of voting for Hillary—to defeat Trump more than anything."

The message that connects these events is one of collaboration both on the Westside and within the party.

"Look at what we're dealing with, this is an unprecedented competition—fighting against someone who is so outside of the political mainstream and seemingly unknowledgeable about the way that the country functions," Wolman said. "It's very scary for many people, and they want to be with other people who share those same concerns. People who want to see the world be the better place, no matter what their beliefs are, they should be with people who have their feet on the ground and want to make things better."

The Santa Monica Democratic Club also holds regular events and activities in town. Visit http://santamonicademocrats.com, http://www.palisadesdemclub.org or http://www.westlademocrats.org for more information.

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Why Politicians Don't Much Care For Journalists

WHY, THOSE DIRTY….. OOPS

They're a power in Santa Monica politics. Claim to represent a large segment of our residents. Working for their benefit, they say. Have done a lot of good in the past, in my opinion. Will play a very important role in our upcoming local elections.

But try to find out anything about their inner workings. Or even, who they are. You know the names of a leader or two, but try to find out how to communicate with them, or who's even on their governing board. Their web site won't tell you. My recent inquiries asking for names and email addresses of board members, to send a brief unspecified communication, were met with silence.

Actually, worse than silence. No names or emails were offered but assumptions were, about what they thought I wanted to communicate. So, whatever it is -- and we do magically know what you are going to say or ask -- no thanks.

SMRR, right? Santa Monicans for Renters Rights. Notorious for being a closed club that influences elections and ballot measures and says they represent so many, but just try and even peek inside. Who are they? What rules do they operate under? Not telling. I have written not so nice things about them in the past.

But, no... this time I'm talking about Residocracy. A group I have enthusiastically supported and written positively about ever since their founding. But in my recent interaction, I couldn't help but be reminded of that other group.

ASSUMPTIONS

After responding to my email request with a baseless assumption about what I wanted to say, board member and LUVE co-author Tricia Crane greeted me at Sunday's pep rally at Bergamot Station, for getting the slow-growth initiative passed in November, with a big smile and "I have to give you a kiss!" (Noted: on the cheek. But how about some information, instead?)

When I greeted Residocracy founder and the other co-author of LUVE, Armen Melkonians, cheerfully with, "Hey Armen, why won't you answer my emails?" his response was a similar assumption, saying that he would address later in the week the issue of a certain candidate's endorsement. "But you don't know what I was going to write," I said. "I know," he smiled. I guess that's why he's the boss, but with such mind-reading abilities I think he should be aiming higher, like President, or World Emperor, or Goldman-Sachs CEO. It is a very good superpower. Except when it's wrong.

Turns out they were both close, but not close enough. I have a spiritual advisor who preaches, "assumptions are the mother of all f(oul)ups," and I think those are words to remember. If they had simply provided all of us with a possibility for communication, something you might expect of any self-proclaimed people's representative group, I wouldn't be writing this tale. Which is unfortunate, because they are the good guys and LUVE, imperfect though it is, is something we desperately need for the survival of a Santa Monica that is not all density and high rise, choked in traffic, depleted of resources, a cash cow for big developers.

THIS WILL MAKE ENEMIES FOR ME, I KNOW

Of some people I know well, like, and respect. (I will get fewer kisses, for sure.) But if a similar set of events had occurred with SMRR, I would certainly report that. (I've never even tried, because their web site is even more lacking in organizational information, and my past probes for info have gotten me nowhere.) I am confident a similar request to SMRR would have yielded the same huggermuggery, or more likely, complete silence.

Why is it all the crusading organizations, full of promise, that I join turn out to be terribly disorganized if not outright secretive, sometimes to hide their creeping corruption? (Am I thinking this because I just watched day one of the Democratic convention? Bernie got burned, so help me God.)

I am absolutely not accusing Residocracy of corruption, just of being stubbornly insular, which I believe has led to tactical errors. When I wrote two weeks ago of them appearing, in their first invitation-only LUVE meeting, "very well organized and very much up to the task," it may have been partly wishful projection. Fewer than 100 showed up for this gathering (notably absent: their political consultant, Sue Burnside). Very disappointing, and with the SMRR convention a week away, there was no indication of a plan for candidate endorsements, or a slate, aimed at changing the City Council, which is crucial to accomplishing the intents of LUVE.

LUVE?! OVER MY DEAD BODY!

But then I had to rush over to the birthday celebration for Medicare, an annual rally by physicians' groups for universal, single-payer healthcare in the poor third-world country that lacks it, the USA. Held again at the lovely home of local longtime activists Jerry Manpearl and Jan Goodman, the entertainment was excellent, the speeches moving, the food yummy.

I tried to approach an activist from the other side, Jason Islas, to ask why he hasn't accepted my longstanding Facebook "friend" request, but he spent most of his time on the far side of the pool, huddled with Gleam Davis. C'mon, Jason - let's be friends.

County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who gave a terrific speech about healthcare, almost escaped me too, but I caught her headed for the gate, introduced myself, and asked one thing, would she would consider rethinking her opposition to LUVE, "based on our recent development history here in Santa Monica"? Kuehl has been an outspoken opponent.

She literally jumped back a foot, shot me a withering look as though I had just requested permission to drown her children in front of her, and snapped, "Absolutely not!!" My mom always said it never hurts to ask, but sometimes it's a bit scary.

I don't think I'm ingratiating myself to the Democratic party elected elite. Encountering our U.S. Representative Ted Lieu at the recent meeting of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, I told him I was "extremely disappointed in what I've seen from the national party lately. I don't think it's very democratic," I said, and I strongly feel the chairwoman "has to go, immediately." He nodded politely. But then he did it! So I guess my voice is being heard.

Yeah, right.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A city is more than a place in space, it is a drama in time." — Patrick Geddes

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Affordable Housing Funding

THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA IS PROPOSING a new tax to fund affordable housing and public schools. Richard Hilton has provided the following information about the City's existing affordable housing funding and additional local/state/federal programs.

CITY FINANCING SOURCES/PROGRAMS

The Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the Affordable Housing Production Program (AHPP) and the Development Agreement (DA) in-lieu fees, and the City's Commercial/Housing Linkage Fee, in combination, have generated between $15-$18 million per year in revenue for affordable housing preservation and production. The three revenue sources have created 2,941 affordable residences: New construction (59 percent) has accounted for 1,845 affordable residences, and acquisition/rehabilitation (41 percent) has produced 1,096 affordable residences.

Since 2012, the City has been without full Redevelopment Agency funding. Local Redevelopment (RDA) revenue accounted for 80-90 percent of the three City/Local Financing sources. Based on very recent State Department of Finance (DOF) approvals, Santa Monica is expected to receive more than $60.9 million in loan repayments over the next nine fiscal years. (This is less some $7.9 million already received for F.Y. 2015-16, as well as $4.0 million in DOF-approved loan repayments for F.Y. 2016-17). The recent RDA revenue, while significant, is expected to become unavailable by F.Y. 2025.

The Santa Monica City Council, recognizing the loss of the Redevelopment Agency as a steady ongoing source of affordable housing funding, has proposed at its meetings June 28 and July 12, 2016 a local tax, and has approved a funding Measure for the November 2016 Ballot. The measure would increase the Transactions and Use Tax (TUT) 1/2 of one cent, which will generate up to $16 million per year, split evenly between affordable housing and the public schools. The tax's burden per person is negligible, amounting to 12 cents for each $100 in certain retail purchases.

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Local financing, compared to the AHPP/DAs as a source of production, has allowed the City to use its own revenue creatively; to prioritize our lower income Resident/Workforce, serve certain underrepresented communities, and fund either production or preservation of project or other housing. Local revenue provides deeper and more permanent affordability. Following are examples of City revenue-supported programs, including recent City Council directed allocations:

■ Nonprofit Housing

Nonprofit organizations compete for City funding and leverage other funding sources to produce Family, Senior, and/or Homeless/Mental Health/Disabled housing. Approximately 2,930 affordable residences have been produced by nonprofit housing providers. The housing is Project-Based, 100 percent affordable, and prioritizes households earning 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) or less. The community nonprofits establish their own Application/Waiting List and determine the Rent Maximums/Qualifying Incomes for the affordable residences.

■ HUD/Section 8 Retention/Recruitment

In Santa Monica, the HUD-authorized Section 8 Voucher Payment Standard (VPS) has not kept pace with Fair Rent. The Santa Monica Housing Authority (HA) has lost between 3-4 Section 8 households per month, or 48 households per year, from housing burden-related port-outs. The City Council this year has provided budget authority of $350,000 in Redevelopment residual funds to assist in Section 8 existing and new property owner participation. A pilot program, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UTILIZING SUBSIDY ENHANCEMENTS (HOUSE), offers financial incentives such as a $5,000 signing bonus when a vacant, rent-controlled apartment is leased to a voucher household; there is funding for 45 signing bonuses. HOUSE staff will outreach to property owners as part of the Section 8 retention/recruitment effort.

■ Rental Assistance to Rent-Burdened Households in Rent-Controlled Apartments

Some 200-250 Santa Monica households lose their rent-controlled residence annually from State-authorized annual rent increases. A newly-funded program, PRESERVING OUR DIVERSITY (POD), supported by former RDA funds of $300,000, will provide financial assistance to rent-burdened households in market rate apartments. POD prioritizes the extremely low-income household (30 percent of AMI); the severely rent burdened (paying 50 percent or more of household income toward rent); and housing longevity. Payments on behalf of the qualified tenant will go to the property owner. The POD is unique and a first; it provides financial assistance for at-risk, in-place residents, it protects the affordable residence from converting to market rate rent, and helps maintain community diversity.

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers the Federal rules and funding for the Section 8 homeowner/renter subsidy program. The counties and municipalities adopt and amend local discretionary policy. HUD provides the City of Santa Monica with funding

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Kathleen Anne Sullivan

March 17, 1941 – July 23rd, 2016

Kathleen Anne (Fitzsimons) Sullivan, beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and cherished friend passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, July 23, 2016. Her journey ended at Santa Monica Hospital, the same hospital where it all began on March 17th, 1941, completing a full circle of life.

Kathleen is survived by her loving husband of 55 years Robert, Daughters Terri, Patricia and Andrea, son-in-law William Dawson, and four beautiful grandchildren, Ryan Robert, Meagan Rose, Kyle Scott and Brandon Thomas, who she adored and were her pride and joy.

She is preceded in death by her father, Bernard, her mother Rose, and three brothers, Bernie, Joe and Tim Fitzsimons.

Kathleen attended kindergarten through twelfth grade at St. Monica Catholic School where her mother Rose taught. Upon graduation Kathleen began her first job at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, where her father and brother Tim also worked.

She loved the beach, she took immense pride that she was born and raised in Santa Monica, and that it was "her home town". With her husband Bob she was able to travel the world far beyond the borders of Santa Monica, always to return home.



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In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation be made in her name to the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Clubs or St. Monica Catholic Church, where she was a parishioner for seventy five years.



HOUSING

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authorization for 1,142 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), 239 Continuum-of-Care Vouchers (CoC), and approximately 250 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV). The CoC voucher for previously homeless persons is administered by community nonprofits and has a supportive services component. The City has a "Homeless Registry," which ensures that CoC applicants reside and receive services in Santa Monica for at least five years. On April 22, 2016, HUD approved the City's request for an increase to its 2006 Voucher Payment Standard (VPS): 0-Bedroom: $1,009 + $503 = $1,512; 1-Bedroom: $1,352 + $578 = $1,930; 2-Bedroom: $1,843 + $797 = $2,640; and 3-Bedroom: $2,411 + $955 = $3,366.

2) HUD-Assisted Properties:

HUD provides property assistance to nine nonprofit and three for-profit properties in Santa Monica, which have a total of 1,014 affordable residences. Some of the 12 properties receive City assistance. Most of the deeded buildings have expirations which allow the affordable units to convert to market rent. In March 2015, the Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA) obtained and began awarding up to 200 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) for local buildings/tenants with the greatest need. HUD Project-Based Vouchers stay with the building/unit, unlike Tenant-Based Vouchers which move with the tenant. Properties receiving initial Project Voucher funding include three properties, with a total of 40 of 80 of the residences assisted. This year, some 75 Project-Based Vouchers were awarded to needy seniors at Neilson Villas; in June, an additional 50 PVBs were provided at other site-specific properties.

RICHARD HILTON was a City employee in 1965, has served on the board of the Santa Monica Bay District Medical Assn. (1970-72), and on numerous city Commissions for 15 years. He has been a member of the Housing Commission since 2011 and its Chair for over two years.

OLYMPIC

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Berkeley, the Santa Monica High School alumna continued her training, first in Philadelphia and then in Seattle.

She was working towards a spot on the U.S. national team and a chance to compete in the Olympics, a lifelong dream.

Kimmel soon returned to the East Coast to work with Igor Grinko, an eventual U.S. national team coach who was starting up a sculling training program on the Occoquan Reservoir in northeast Virginia.

She was making notable progress. She qualified for the quadruple event at the Pan American Games in 1991 in Havana, teaming up with Karen Carpenter, Susan Tietjen and Michelle Knox to take first place.

She recalled being briefed by the State Department before competing in Cuba and having Fidel Castro put a gold medal around her neck.

"It was incredible," she said.

'A HUGE BUMMER'

Kimmel was on the precipice of participating in the world's most popular international athletics event. She kept up her training and soon accomplished her longtime goal, landing a spot in double sculls for the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

Competing in the Games was another story.

As Kimmel tells it, the entire rowing team was training in Europe when an alternate pair identified a paperwork error and argued that it belonged on the actual roster. The scandal yielded a race-off in which Kimmel and her partner, Lindsay Burns, lost a significant lead over the other pair after Burns went into convulsions.

"They passed us at the finish line by a foot," Kimmel said. "We were clearly the faster double."

Kimmel and her partner protested the result with the U.S. Olympic Committee to no avail, leaving them as alternates just five days before opening ceremonies. They felt helpless.

"It was a huge bummer, but there was nothing I could do," she said. "We still had to be ready to jump in a boat in case somebody got injured. I figured, 'I'm here, I'm on the Olympic team and I'm going to make the most of it.'"

Asked whether she considered trying out for the 1996 Games in Atlanta, Kimmel said her outlook was shaped by her experience four summers earlier.

"You can train for four years, and something like that can happen at the last minute? I felt done," she said. "I achieved my goal, I made the team and I had a blast. So I quit after 1992. And that was it."

FLICKERING FLAME

Nearly 25 years later, Kimmel doesn't harbor resentment.

She landed a firefighting job with Cal Fire, which she held for three seasons, and then worked in the Oakland Fire Department for 13 years. She and her husband, who live in Lafayette, met on the force.

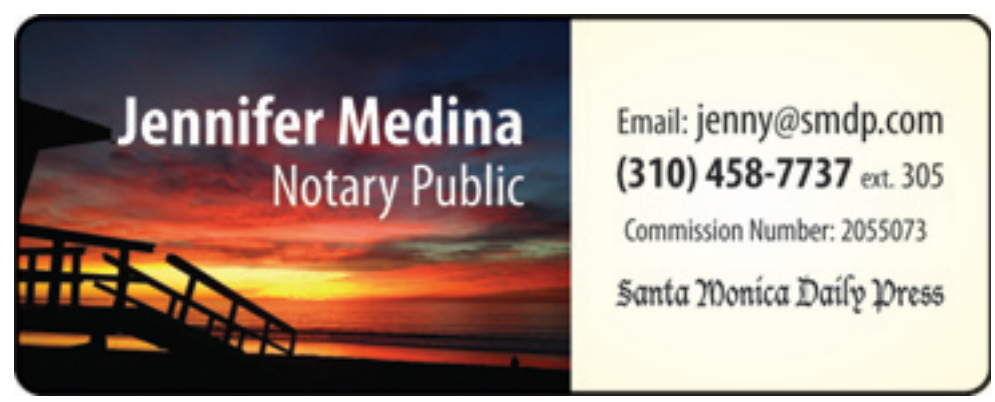
Kimmel said she was forced to retire in 2010 after rupturing her Achilles tendon and undergoing a problematic surgery. She decided against a reconstructive operation.

And she is now trying to get what she can out of life, spending time traveling, sailing and camping. She's also gotten into water polo, regularly playing on a women's masters team in her area.

These days, Kimmel is well past the point of dwelling on what could have been in 1992. She's just glad she was there at all.

"Those two weeks in Barcelona were the best, just making the Olympic team, being with all the athletes and getting to experience that international scene," she said. "That's what I always wanted."

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Courtesy Photos

HELPING HANDS: Eight Santa Monica firefighters are part of the massive response to the Sands fire that is consuming thousands of acres in the nearby mountains.



FIRE

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across the state to the Magic Mountain Wilderness Area of the forest. SMFD crews returned home Monday night after working in the areas of Kagel Canyon, Bear Divide, Soledad Canyon and Acton.

Two Santa Monica engines were among the resources being used as crews battle the Sand Fire, Hallock said. At one point, there were more than 350 total engines at the scene as well as 58 hand crews, 26 helicopters, 20 bulldozers and 18 water tenders, according to press releases issued by incident command officials.

Local firefighters work with the Beverly Hills and Culver City fire departments to coordinate responses to blazes outside their usual coverage areas. The collaborative strike team included five engines and a battalion chief, and a rotation schedule determines which of the three departments will send the battalion chief to a given incident, SMFD's Frank Evaro said.

It's all part of a statewide mutual-aid system through which local agencies provide help beyond their coverage areas when extra resources are required.

"Some people might think, 'Why does Santa Monica have to respond to something that's 50 miles away?'" Hallock said. "There's a really important state system in place, both in law enforcement and firefighting, and it goes both ways. Occasionally we have a large fire, and the City of L.A. or County of L.A. will help us. At the Twilight Concert Series, there are agencies from all over the area. So it goes both ways."

High temperatures, low humidity and strong winds were making it difficult for firefighters to contain the blaze over the weekend, officials said. Onshore winds gusting up to 30 mph heightened fire concerns in the area Monday, according to the National Weather Service.

At least 18 homes had been destroyed and one had been damaged as of Monday afternoon, fire officials said, and evacuation orders were in place in several communities affected by the blaze. Several evacuation centers had been established over the weekend and road closures were in effect in the region.

"Firefighters expect to continue to make good progress," officials said in a news release Monday. "Expect to see more aircraft assisting with helping to slow the fire progression and allow firefighters on the ground to safely engage and increase containment."

Representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, county fire personnel and county sheriff's officials were organizing response efforts, according to the release. Assisting agencies included SMFD as well as the Los Angeles Fire Department, the state Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire, California Highway Patrol, the county public works and animal control departments, the L.A. Department of Water and Power and SoCal Edison.

For more information about the Sand Fire, visit http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4878.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **69.3°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Small blend of S swell and NW windswell. Modest tropical swell mix.
Few larger sets possible for focal points around the best tides.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to waist high
Small blend of S swell and NW windswell. Modest tropical swell mix.
Few larger sets possible for focal points around the best tides.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 390 calls for service on July 25.

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

Battery 1300 block of 20th 12:27 a.m.
Civil dispute 3000 block of Santa Monica 12:46 a.m.
Fight 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 1:03 a.m.
Battery 1800 block of Michigan 3:18 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block of 17th 7:09 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block of 21st 7:22 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block of Bay 7:33 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 8:08 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block of Margaret 8:13 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block of Santa Monica 8:30 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block of Bay 8:32 a.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of Chelsea 9:11 a.m.
Identity theft 2900 block of Pico 9:12 a.m.
Fraud 2000 block of Santa Monica 9:22 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/ Cedar 9:43 a.m.
Identity theft 1500 block of Harvard 10:59 a.m.
Grand theft 1700 block of Berkeley 11:06 a.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block of 26th 11:29 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block of Olympic 11:34 a.m.
Sexual assault 200 block of Santa Monica 12:25 p.m.
Hit and run 7th/ Olympic 12:39 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of Montana 12:48 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block of 3rd 12:49 p.m.
Battery 1700 block of 21st 12:57 p.m.
Domestic violence 5th/ Arizona 1:01 p.m.
Battery 300 block of Colorado 1:08 p.m.
Fraud 2900 block of Main 1:47 p.m.
Vandalism 3000 block of 3rd 2:20 p.m.
Petty theft 3000 block of Main 2:30 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block of Alta 2:41 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 2:50 p.m.
Person down 6th/ Pico 2:53 p.m.
Battery 1400 block of 3rd 3:01 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 3:19 p.m.
Battery 3rd/ Arizona 3:24 p.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block of Ocean 3:33 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 3rd 3:46 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:52 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 3:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 500 block of Lincoln 4:09 pm.
Traffic collision 23rd/ Ocean Park 4:32 p.m.
Vandalism 4th/ California 4:59 p.m.
Petty theft Main/ Pico 5:07 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 2nd 5:25 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1100 block of Broadway 5:52
Person down 2500 block of Main 6:05 p.m.
Petty theft Ocean/ Bay 6:27 p.m.
Hit and run 23rd/ Pico 6:37 p.m.
Auto burglary Ocean/ Bay 6:41 p.m.
Hit and run 1800 block of Ocean 7:01 p.m.
Fight 7th/ Wilshire 7:01 p.m.
Petty theft Ocean/ Bay 7:09 p.m.
Petty theft 2800 block of Main 7:14 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of Chelsea 7:22 p.m.
Auto burglary 3100 block of 4th 7:42 p.m.
Auto burglary Lincoln/ Olympic 7:52 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block of 2nd 8:15 p.m.
Overdose 1700 block of Franklin 8:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block of 3rd 9:01 p.m.
Burglary 2500 block of 2nd 10:59 p.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block of 6th 11:11 p.m.
Domestic violence 6th/ Wilshire 11:38 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls for service on July 25.

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

EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:18 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Santa Monica 1:05 a.m.
Injuries from assault 1200 block of 15th 3:17 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:06 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Wilshire 4:36 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 4:40 a.m.
Flooded condition 800 block of Ocean 7:16 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Lincoln 9:38 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Michigan 10:22 a.m.
EMS 2900 block of Wilshire 10:29 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Wilshire 10:30 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of San Vicente 10:42 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 11:00 a.m.
Elevator rescue 2400 block of 3rd 11:21 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 11:37 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2700 block of Pico 11:42 a.m.
Structure fire 900 block of Ocean 11:44 a.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Wilshire 11:58 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Arizona 1:00 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica 1:50 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 19th 1:55 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of Neilson 1:56 p.m.
EMS 3200 block of Pico 2:00 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1500 block of 7th 2:19 p.m.
EMS 6th/Pico 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica 2:56 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 16th 3:05 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 7th 3:23 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 3:29 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 3:44 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 3:51 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:21 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 21st 4:22 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 5:58 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 6:03 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Main 6:08 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 2200 block of Virginia 6:21 p.m.
Lock in/out 1800 block of Michigan 7:42 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Princeton 8:15 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Franklin 9:13 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Euclid 9:35 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 9:36 p.m.
Arcing wires 2400 block of 20th 9:55 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 16th 11:40 p.m.

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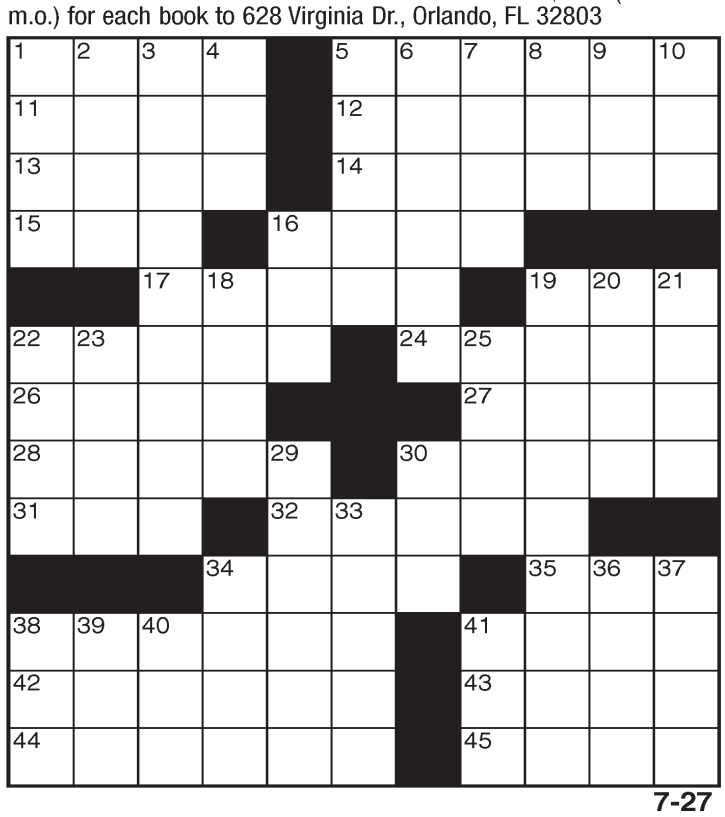
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20 Rice-shaped pasta
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Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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WORD UP!

inculcate 1. to implant by repeated statement or admonition; teach persistently and earnestly (usually followed by upon or in): to inculcate virtue in the young.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1862 - Sailing from San Francisco to Panama City, Panama, the SS Golden Gate catches fire and sinks off Manzanillo, Mexico, killing 231.

1865 - Welsh settlers arrive at Chubut in Argentina.

1866 - The first permanent transatlantic telegraph cable is successfully completed, stretching from Valentia Island, Ireland, to Heart's Content, Newfoundland.

1880 - Second Anglo-Afghan War: Battle of Maiwand: Afghan forces led by Mohammad Ayub Khan defeat the British Army in battle near Maiwand, Afghanistan.

1890 - Vincent van Gogh shoots himself and dies two days later.

1900 - Kaiser Wilhelm II makes a speech comparing Germans to Huns; for years afterwards, "Hun" would be a disparaging name for Germans.

1914 - Felix Manalo registers the Iglesia ni Cristo with the Philippine government.

1917 - The Allies reach the Yser Canal at the Battle of Passchendaele.

1919 - The Chicago Race Riot erupts after a racial incident occurred on a South Side beach, leading to 38 fatalities and 537 injuries over a five-day period.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

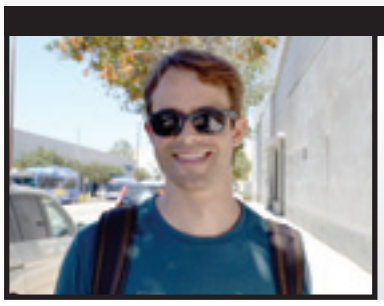
■ The family of a Virginia Tech student missing since 1998 was notified in March that the man's remains and ID had been found in a wooded ravine 700 feet below the New River Gorge bridge near Beckley, West Virginia -- in an area the man's vehicle tracker had long identified for potential searching. A West Virginia State Police sergeant told reporters that in the years since the student disappeared, the remains of 48 other bodies had been found underneath the bridge.

■ Recurring Themes: (1) Fernando Estrella, 41, was arrested in Franklin County, Vermont, in March and charged with making the foolish error of running a stop sign while carrying a heroin haul. Estrella was rectally packing three condoms stuffed with enough heroin, said police, to fill 1,428 street-retail-size baggies. (2) Esteysi Sanchez Izazaga, 29, was arrested for DUI, hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter in Oceanside, California, in June after driving three-fourths of a mile (3,960 feet) with a pedestrian's corpse firmly lodged in her windshield after she struck the man. (The drive ended up at her home, where her horrified husband noticed the body and called police.)

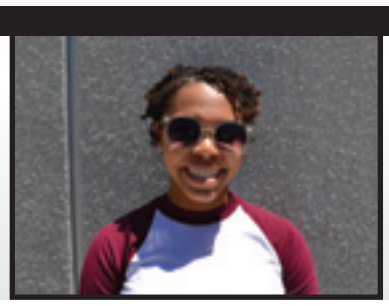
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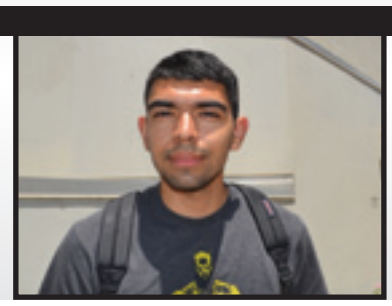
Q: What do you think about the current tone of politics?



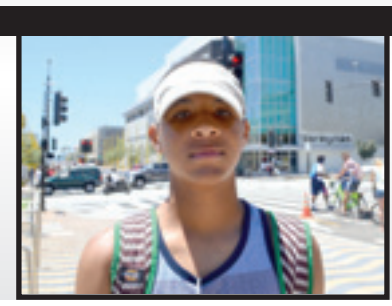
TONY DREW Corporations and politics are the ones with power, they can do anything they want. We can't do anything. That's it in a nutshell. It's more on a federal level. Specific examples would be everything from the EPA, the FDA, Nestle with water and basically through lobbyists. Corporations give money, which is essentially power, to politicians and then it just stays up there. People are always getting screwed.



CANDACE CHESNUT I know the Expo Line is definitely a great addition to the city of Santa Monica. I haven't used it yet, but it seems like it's working well for everyone. As far in the world politically, there's a lot going on. But I try to just stay neutral. I'm a religious person, so I believe God is in control of every situation. There's just a lot going on in this world right now, everyone's all over the place, but everyone is entitled to their own beliefs. I would say to people to be wise, be conscious, be aware and definitely pay attention to what's being said by politicians.



LUIS ESCOBAR The thing with me about politics is as long as politicians don't mess up the country, it's fine. The presidential candidates do have good points to help the country, but as long as they do what they say, I'm fine. They should help out the middle class and the poor instead of giving the rich more benefits. Everything should be equal. If someone does that, I'm fine. I wish Obama would have gotten a third term, but that's not how it works. He's doing fine, and we would be better off if he continues.



DARION ROBINSON I think with everything going on right now with police officers is not fair. I was listening to the radio and they were telling a story about how a cop who shot someone and when they asked the cop why he did it and he said he didn't know. I was like wow, that's crazy. He was clearly showing he didn't have anything or armed, he was raising his hands and they shot him for no reason because he said he didn't know why. I don't know if any of the presidential candidates will do anything to fix this, we'll have to see.



TAYLOR TETREAU In terms of national politics, I'm frightened. I hope the Democratic National Convention will be a lot better and less horrifying than the Republican one. I'm scared that Trump and the Republicans will be taken seriously. I think he's a racist, I think he's a homophobe, I think he hates women. He has no qualifications to be president. And he's vindictive, which is frightening. With McCain and Romney, I didn't agree with them, but my biggest fear was that they would pass laws I didn't like, not that they would ruin our country. This election isn't focused on policy disagreements, which is what it has been the past couple of elections.

Hang out tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll respond well to someone who often delights and teases you. Allow greater give-and-take with this person. Wherever you encounter each other -- be it at the gym, at work or at the grocery store -- you'll make a point of stopping and sharing news. Make plans for a lunch together. Tonight: Clear out some shopping first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be surprised by everything that falls into your lap. Someone will force you to look at a situation differently. Others are very responsive to your ideas, and will want to change direction. Tonight: Where you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A lot might go unsaid, despite your attempt to clear the air. If someone doesn't want to hear what you're saying, your efforts will be moot. Clearly you can control only yourself and no one else. Push less and allow others to bring up the topic in question. Tonight: Nap first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A group meeting proves to be important. You tend to see life from a more upbeat perspective. Consider your options with a friendship; they need to be evaluated. You know what is important to you with a friendship. Is there a problem here? Tonight: Where the fun is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might need to rethink a problem that affects your work, image or community involvement. Be willing to adjust your schedule to incorporate an unanticipated happening. You have more than enough support to make the right decision. Tonight: Time to retreat!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Read between the lines with those at a distance. Listen more and speak less. Look at what is being left out or what isn't being responded to. A new friend might be charming, but also could throw a tantrum if he or she doesn't get his or her way. Tonight: Make plans to meet a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are on top of a project, at least until a close associate tries to challenge the very basis of your thinking. Discuss this person's perspective, and listen to his or her suggestions. Avoid getting defensive. Think positively. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Let others make the first move. In some way, it will please you to keep your thoughts to yourself and perhaps act a little mysterious. Let others run the show; they will need you soon enough. Take advantage of the break and the change of pace. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your instinct to get a lot done is right-on. Don't even consider that an associate or boss is not paying attention. You will get feedback that will please you, but don't start celebrating just yet. You are at the beginning of a change. Tonight: Decide how much energy you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You can put up quite a struggle and win, but what happens if you develop a laissez-faire attitude? You are likely to shake up your immediate circle. You might want to test the waters. Allow yourself to be uncomfortable with a change of roles. Tonight: Go with your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Do not get stuck in rigid thinking. You could hear startling news, and might need to take a walk to process what is being shared. Several of your friends seem to be unusually caring. Someone will make an offer that is hard to resist. Tonight: Hang out with a special friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You might find that your perceptions about a certain situation or person could change because of what you hear. Use care when handling your funds, as you easily could make a mistake. Don't agree to a financial proposition. Tonight: Hang out.

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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

This year excitement surrounds you. You never know what will head toward you, both literally and figuratively. Just going out and running errands could become an exciting happening. Be open to what life offers you. You need to live your life and become more invested in a hobby. If you are single, you could meet a potential sweetie just by accidentally dropping your groceries. If you are attached, the two of you often share a wonderful, lively exchange. Though you and your sweetie can be serious at times, laughter flows between you. TAURUS has a way of overwhelming you.

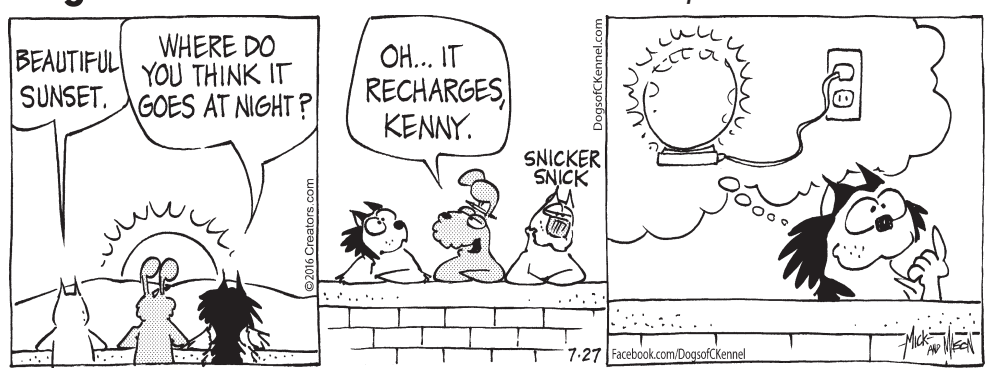
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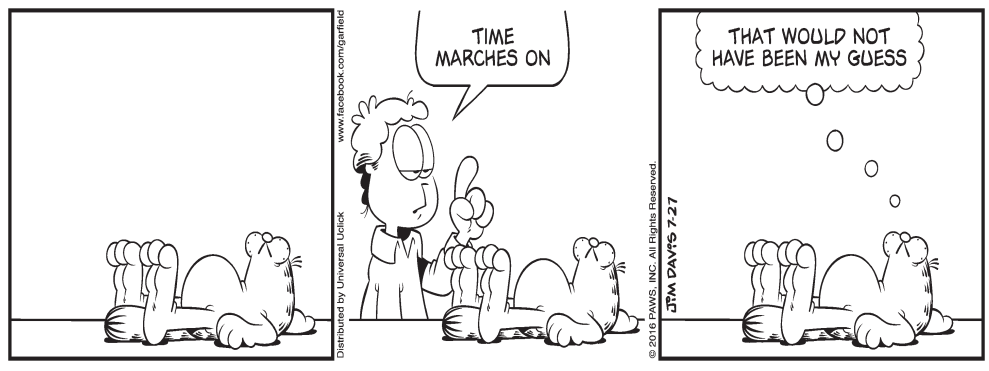
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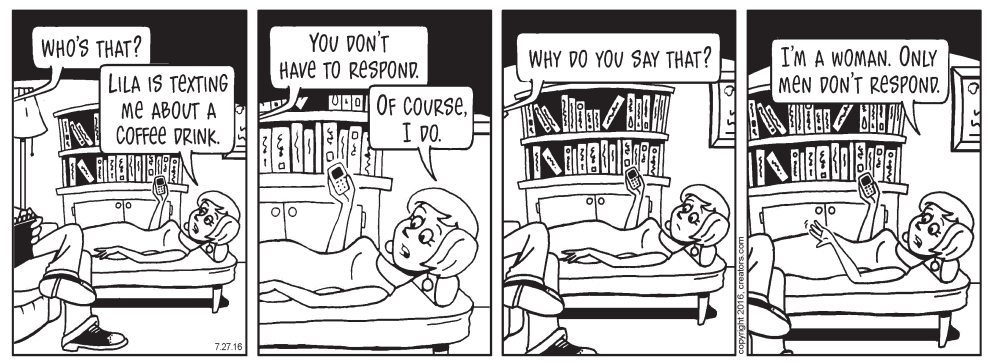
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