PIG PREPARATIONS. A charm with three laughing pigs is sold inside a shop in Manila’s Chinatown district in this file photo. The coming Year of the Pig, which was last celebrated 12 years ago in 2007, begins February 5, 2019. The Asian Reporter’s special section in celebration of the Lunar New Year begins on page 9. (AP Photo/Pat Roque, File)
Pilot’s disorientation, lost awareness cited in Nepal crash

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — An investigation report says the pilot of a Bangladeshi airliner was disoriented and lost situational awareness before his plane crashed in Nepal last year, killing 51 people and injuring 20. US-Bangla Airlines Flight BS211 from Dhaka crashed on its second landing attempt at Kathmandu’s Tribhuvan International Airport on March 12, 2018. The investigation report compiled by Nepalese officials said the probable cause of the crash was the pilot’s disorientation and incomplete loss of situation awareness. The report also said the pilot had been fired from the Bangladesh Air Force in 1993 due to depression and was only allowed to fly civilian planes from 2002 after a detailed medical evaluation.

Toyota, Panasonic setting up green auto battery venture

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. and Panasonic Corp. say they are setting up a joint venture to research, manufacture, and sell batteries for electric vehicles, as an increasingly lucrative sector amid concerns about global warming. The Japanese auto makers and the Japanese electronics maker said in a joint statement that Toyota will take a 51 percent stake and Panasonic a 49 percent in the joint venture, which is to be running by the end of 2020. Products will be sold to various automakers, they said. The companies have been studying working together on batteries since 2017. Panasonic will transfer equipment, assets, and workers from its plant in Japan and China to the joint venture, and 3,500 workers from both companies will be moved to the joint venture. Innovations in batteries are critical for electric vehicles.

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Nepal police search for missing followers of “Buddha Boy”

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Police in Nepal are searching for five missing followers of a spiritual leader who is believed by devotees to be a reincarnation of Buddha, according to officials. Ram Bahadur Bamjan, also known as “Buddha Boy,” became famous in southern Nepal in 2000 after many believed he was able to meditate without moving for months while sitting beneath a tree with no food or water. He remains popular despite accusations of sexually and physically abusing his followers. Uma Prasad Chaturebdhi of Nepal’s Central Investigation Bureau said police raided three of Bamjan’s camps and are keeping him under strict surveillance as they search for the five missing people. Chaturebdhi said jungle areas near the camps were dug up after they received information that bodies might be buried there, but none were found. The families of the five missing followers have filed cases with the authorities seeking to find them.

Bamjan has thousands of followers who visit him in his camps, believing he is a reincarnation of Siddharta Gautama, who was born in southwestern Nepal roughly 2,500 years ago and became revered as the Buddha. Buddhist scholars have been skeptical of the claims.

Noted Indian transgender activist shakes up Hindu festival

By Emily Schluff and Bisneet Banerjee

The Associated Press

Rayagraj, India — Lakshmi Narayan Tripathi, one of India’s most prominent transgender activist, is embarking on a weeklong process of self-purification in a procession during the Kumbh Mela in Allahabad, India, where millions of Hindu pilgrims have gathered to take ritual bathings that rotates among four Indian sites every three years and draws tens of millions of Hindu pilgrims.

Tripathi, the organizer of the event, said the festival is a place for transgender people among their religious elite, stirring both admiration and controversy.

Her newly formed Kinnar akhara, or monastic order, has set up camp at the weeklong Kumbh Mela festival, a series of ritual bathings that rotates among four Indian sites every three years and draws tens of millions of Hindu pilgrims.

The Kinnar camp on the edge of the festival grounds is adorned with images of Ardhanari — a half-male, half-female composite of the Hindu god Shiva and his consort Parvati — that religious scholars date to the 1st century.

Although hijras — the term Indians use to describe eunuchs, androgynous and transgender people — were an integral part of the ancient Hindu society described in the religion’s Vedas scriptures, they have been marginalized in modern India, forced out of the family conceived at birth and protections accorded by India’s constitution.

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“I was not at all religious. But after the court verdict, I had a space already in my religion, so why should I see another religion than the one I was born? What was mine had to be mine. We decided to reclaim it,” she said.

Unlike other akharas, which are open to Hindu men, kinnars, founded in 2015, is open to all genders and religions. On the Kumbh’s first bathing day, Tripathi led a train of 21 tractor chariots from their tent camp to the bathing ghats at the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers, with devotees following on foot, as observers showered them with flower petals.

One notable absence: naga sadhus, the ash- smeared Hindu ascetics — the one-time, armed defender of the faith — naked except for prayer beads and garlands of marigolds who lead the akharas’ procession on royal bathing days.

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South Koreans mourn death of former World War II sex slave

By Kim Tong-Hyung
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Hundreds of South Koreans mourned the death of a former sex slave for the Japanese military during World War II during a rally in Seoul that demanded reparations from Tokyo over wartime atrocities.

Kim Bok-dong had been a vocal protest leader at the weekly rallies held every Wednesday in Seoul for nearly 30 years. She died following a battle with cancer. She was 92 years old.

At a narrow street near where the Japanese Embassy used to be, protesters gathered around a bronze statue of a girl representing Korean sexual slavery victims and held a moment of silence for Kim. Many of them held signboards with Kim’s photos and words including, “We will never forget the life of Kim Bok-dong” and “Japanese government, apologize to her.”

Kim was one of the first victims to speak out and break decades of silence over Japan’s wartime sexual slavery that experts say forced thousands of Asian women into frontline brothels. She travelled around the world testifying about her experience, including at the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 and at a U.N. Human Rights Council panel in 2016. Of the 239 Korean women who have come forward as victims, only 23 are still alive.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who visited Kim’s altar at a Seoul hospital, said in a statement that Kim devoted her life to “restoring human dignity” and that her campaigning gave South Koreans a “braveness to face the truth.”

According to Yoon Meehyang, who heads an activist group representing South Korean sexual slavery victims, Kim was dragged away from home at the age of 14 and forced to have sex with Japanese soldiers at military brothels in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore from 1940 to 1945. She came forward as a sexual slavery victim in 1992, a year after Kim Hak-sun became the first South Korean woman to identify herself as a former sex slave.

Kim’s death came at a time when relations between South Korea and Japan have sunk to their lowest in years over Japan’s refusal to fully acknowledge the sufferings of the so-called “comfort women” during World War II and forced laborers during its colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 through 1945.

Moon’s government in November announced plans to dissolve a foundation founded by Japan to compensate South Korean sexual slavery victims, which if carried out would effectively kill a controversial 2015 agreement between the countries to settle a decades-long impasse over the issue.

Many in South Korea believed that Seoul’s previous conservative government settled for far too little in the deal, where Tokyo agreed to fund the foundation with 1 billion yen ($9 million), and that Japan still hasn’t acknowledged legal responsibility for atrocities during its colonial occupation of Korea.

Japan had said it didn’t consider the money it provided to the fund as compensation, insisting that all wartime compensation issues were settled in a 1965 treaty that restored diplomatic ties between the countries and was accompanied by more than $800 million in economic aid and loans from Tokyo to Seoul.

Japan blasted Seoul’s decision to walk back on the deal, with foreign minister Taro Kono saying Seoul was violating the “most basic rule to live in the international society.”

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Indonesia’s Merapi volcano unleashes river of lava

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia’s volatile Mount Merapi volcano has unleashed a river of lava that has flowed 4,590 feet down its slopes.

Merapi, on the island of Java, has entered an “effusive eruption phase,” Kasbani, head of the Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center, said.

Kasbani, who goes by a single name, said the volcanic material that spewed out was the volcano’s longest lava flow since it began erupting again in August.

He said the alert level of the volcano has not been raised but people should stay out of a 1.8-mile danger zone around the crater.

The 9,737-foot mountain, located near the ancient Indonesian city of Yogyakarta, is the most active of dozens of Indonesian volcanoes. Its last major eruption in 2010 killed 347 people.

By Mami Yamaguchi
The Associated Press

Tokyo The world’s oldest man, 113, dies at his home in northern Japan

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Indonesian Wellspring: Merapi spews volcanic material while erupting, as seen from Cangkringan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in this January 29, 2019 photo. Indonesia’s most volatile volcano unleashed dark red volcanic material that has flowed 4,590 feet down its slopes. (AP Photo/Santy Risyal)

PEACEFUL PASSING. Masazo Nonaka receives a certificate from Guinness World Records as the world’s oldest living man at age 112 years, 259 days during a ceremony in Ashoro, on Japan’s northern main island of Hokkaido, in this April 10, 2018 file photo. In the early hours of Sunday, January 20, 2019, Nonaka died at his home — a hot springs inn — in northern Japan at the age of 113. (Masanori Takei/Kyodo News via AP, File)

The fastest-aging country in the world, Japan as of September 2018 had a centenarian population of 69,785, nearly 90 percent of them women, according to the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare.

The world’s oldest living person is also Japanese — Kane Tanaka, a 116-year-old woman from Fukuoka on the southern main island of Kyushu.
Tokyo — One of Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka’s main sponsors has taken down an online ad campaign that depicts her with pale skin after it was criticized as insensitive.

Daisuke Okabayashi, a spokesman for Japanese noodle-maker Nissin Foods Holdings, said two animation clips that went up in January were deleted from the company’s online site.

“We as a company put human rights first, and our stance of valuing diversity is clear,” said Nissin, which Osaka said was one of the three corporate sponsors when she won the Australian Open in January. “We went to Osaka’s agent, but the company was later asked to take them down. He said the campaign continues to support Osaka and did not want the flap to be a distraction.”

Nissin became Osaka’s corporate sponsor in November 2016, joining a list of companies such as Nissan Motor Co. and the watch brand Citizen hoping to cash in on a level of stardom that’s rare among Japanese athletes.

Osaka’s appeal has been growing in Japan since she beat Serena Williams in last year’s U.S. Open. She had been topping daily news coverage during the Australian Open, which she won.

Chinese model in derided Dolce & Gabbana advertisements apologizes

BELING (AP) — The Chinese model in widely derided advertisements for Italian fashion line Dolce & Gabbana has apologized for her appearance in the campaign.

Zuo Ye said on her Weibo microblog that as a recent college graduate, she hadn’t had time to consider the effect of the ads, in which she was filmed trying to eat pizza, spaghetti, and a giant version of a cannoli pastry using chopsticks.

“I eat pizza, spaghetti, and a giant version of a cannoli pastry using chopsticks without a single shred of self-confidence,” Zuo wrote in the post.

Many Chinese social media users had favored over girls for cultural reasons.

The government estimates China’s population will peak at 1.442 billion in 2029 before beginning to decline by the end of the century, adding to pressure on Beijing to settle a tariff war with Washington.

The world’s second-largest economy expanded by 6.6 percent over a year earlier, down from 6.9 percent, official data showed.

China’s ruling Communist Party is trying to steer China to slower, sustained growth based on consumer spending instead of trade and investment. But the deceleration has been sharper than expected, prompting Beijing to step up government spending and order banks to lend more to shore up growth and avoid politically dangerous job losses.

This is not the first time Japan has been criticized for insensitivity to diversity issues, including race, nationality, gender, and sexual orientation. Osaka’s visibility and natural charm are seen as contributions to Japan’s acceptance of racial and other differences.

Bono McNeil, an American who has been living in Japan for more than a decade, said Japanese are not often aware of what may upset a global audience. His commentary in The Nation, a local English-language daily, was among the first to express outrage over the Nissin ad.

“She looks totally like a white woman in the ad,” said McNeil, who writes and lectures about the problem of race in Japan. “It was very whitewashed.”

Japanese companies need to take skin color seriously and become more inclusive if they hope to appeal to a global market, he added.

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Dramatic reading of an uneventful life

Another year is in the books. It’s my 21st year of being a parent. I’m still not sure how good I am at this whole “dad” thing.

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Rui Hachimura of Japan poised for NBA stardom

Chinese stars Yao Ming and Yi Jianlian have left NBA stardom. But Gonzaga forward Rui Hachimura is ready to change all that.

Hachimura was born in Toyama, Japan, to a Buddhist father and a Japanese mother. His father’s West African heritage made Rui look distinctively different from other Japanese, and he sometimes felt ostracized for being half-African, or biracial. Despite this, he showed moderate success in school athletics, playing soccer, track, and baseball.

After a friend suggested he try out for his junior-high basketball team, Hachimura flourished. He led that team to second place in the nation, then led his high school team to consecutive national titles and played for Team Japan in a succession of International Basketball Federation (FIBA) youth tournaments.

In 2014, Hachimura and Japan took a surprising third place at the FIBA Asia U16 tournament. The following year, Hachimura led everyone in scoring at the 2014 FIBA U17 World Championships, outsouaring future NBA players such as Enes Kanter, Eyassu Tatum, and Jaxson Jones.

Playing against the U.S., Japan was shellacked, 38-122, but Hachimura accounted for 25 of Japan’s 38 points. Already a big name in Japan, Hachimura gained international attention from those FIBA tournaments.

In 2015, he was the only Japanese player invited to the Jordan Brand Classic, a premier showcase for under-16 basketball players, and he caught the eye of a range of college recruiters.

Hachimura chose to enroll at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, for two main reasons. First, its college basketball program, second, its basketball program has a reputation for bringing international players to America, featuring athletes from France, Lithuanian, Denmark, Germany, and Brazil, among others.

This gave Hachimura plenty of help, but his first season at Gonzaga, 2014-2015, included plenty of adjustments. He had to learn a new language and culture and adapt to a faster, more aggressive game. Hachimura came off the bench in 28 games that year, collecting 73 points, 38 rebounds, and three blocks in 128 total minutes. Though he contributed little, Gonzaga reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) finals before falling to North Carolina, 65-63.

In 2017-2018, Hachimura’s impact on the bench grew.

He played in all 37 games and racked up 766 minutes, averaging more than 11 points and almost five rebounds per game. He made one regular-season start against IUPUI, and had the best game of the season against Texas, nearly recording his first career double-double with a 29-point, nine-rebound performance at the Moda Center in Portland.

But Hachimura’s most dramatic game that season came in the 2018 NCAA tournament, Gonzaga survived a first-round scare against UNC-Greensboro, 68-64, and then beat Ohio State in the next round, 90-84, with Hachimura contributing a season-high 23 points.

Preparing to face Florida State, however, Gonzaga lost starting forward Killian Tillie to a hip injury sustained during practice. Suddenly, the sophomore Hachimura would be starting the most important game of his young career.

Though his stat line was lower than his game against Texas, one could argue that Hachimura played the best game of the season against Florida State, who were a much tougher opponent. He scored 16 points in 35 minutes, had nine rebounds, and blocked two shots, but the rest of the team didn’t play as well, and Florida State would hold onto an easy lead for a 75-40 victory.

Despite this disappointing early exit from the tournament, the team has surged back to the top this season, and Hachimura has become a crucial starter. He was key in Gonzaga’s biggest victory so far this season, an upset of the top-ranked Creighton Bluejays.

The Gonzaga team has also slipped since that victory, however, Gonzaga played two consecutive games losing to current number-one Tennessee and then to UNC, ranked 12th at the time — and fell from the top spot to eighth in the national polls.

Like Hachimura, Gonzaga responded to adversity, winning the next 10 and climbing to No. 4 in the nation. With 10 games left, none of them against top-ranked opponents, the Bulldogs have a chance to make up ground in the NCAA tournament, when they will once again be favorites to rise from the first two rounds — if not further.

Whether they can accomplish that goal depends a lot on Hachimura, who is already being talked about as college player of the year and a top NBA draft pick. Whenever he decides to declare for the NBA draft, Hachimura should make a bigger mark on the game than either Talibou or Yuta Watanabe, heralding Japan as a new source of basketball talent for Asian-American sports fans everywhere.

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SPORTS

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Naomi Osaka wins Australian Open for second major, top ranking

MELBOURNE, Australia — So close to victory, Naomi Osaka could suddenly be letting the Australian Open final slip away. Three championship points? Gone. A sizable lead? Soon gone, too.

She was playing poorly. She yelled at herself. Slammed a ball. Tugged at her visor’s pink brim. Trudged to the locker room between sets with a towel draped over her head.

And then, after returning to the court, Osaka turned it all around just as quickly as she had dropped 23 of 27 points. Refocusing and reassessing herself, Osaka edged Petra Kvitova 7-6(2), 7-5, 6-4 to win the Australian Open and a second consecutive Grand Slam title.

“I felt like I didn’t want to have any regrets,” Osaka said. “I think if I didn’t negotiate well for the second set, then I would have looked back on this match and probably cried or something.”

On top of that, Osaka will rise to No. 1 in the rankings.

“Amazing achievement,” two-time Wimbledon champion Chris/Evans said. “Definitely she is a great. We’ll see what the future will bring.”

Osaka added the Australian Open trophy to the one she collected in a U.S. Open final last September that forever will be remembered for the way runner-up Serena Williams was docked a game after游戏里的 chair umpire.

Unlike that day, there was no crying from the confused crowd. No controversy. No chaos. No sharing the spotlight.

Clearly marking herself as the new star of tennis, Osaka is the first woman to win two major championships in a row since Williams picked up four straight in 2014-2015.

Almost didn’t happen.

Osaka held three match points in the second set at 5-3, love-40 as Kvitova served. But Osaka couldn’t close it out.

Instead, she completely lost her way.

That allowed Kvitova to come back and make a match of it, relying off service in a row to take the second set and go up 1-0 in the third.

At that point, Kvitova said later, she figured it was going to keep going her way.

“In the end,” she said, “it wasn’t.”

After Kvitova double-faulted to offer up a break point at 1-all, Osaka converted it with a cross-court backhand winner. There was still more work to be done, of course, and some additional drama when it began raining at the changeover right before

SECOND MAJOR. Naomi Osaka of Japan kisses the trophy of the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup at Melbourne’s Brighton Beach following her win over Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic in the women’s singles final at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia. (AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

Osaka tried to serve for the match at 5-4 in the third set.

“This time, Osaka would not falter. She would not let this lead disappear.

“I knew that Petra couldn’t keep it up for that long. Naomi could just nut those emotions,” said Osaka’s coach, Sascha Bajin, “and she did that beautifully.”

Osaka was born in Japan — her mother is Japanese, and her father is Haitian American — but moved to New York at age three. Now she’s based in Florida and has dual citizenship. Osaka is the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam singles title.

Now she is also the first to top the WTA or ATP rankings.

At 21, Osaka is the youngest No. 1 in nearly a decade; Caroline Wozniacki was 22 when she first ascended to that spot in 2010.

And to think, a year ago, Osaka was ranked 72nd.

What a climb.

Kvitova was playing in her first Grand Slam final since winning Wimbledon in 2014 — and the first since she was stabbed in a Sergi

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Senator Kamala Harris says the powerful seek to divide America

By Joana Summers
The Associated Press

AKALD, Calif. — Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris thinks those in power are trying to turn people against each other, which she says is “not our America.”

Harris, a first-term U.S. senator from California, who recently entered the presidential candidacy, rallied supporters outside City Hall in Oakland, her hometown and where she served as a prosecutor before becoming the state attorney general. The event was the formal kickoff for her campaign.

“We are here because the American Dream and our American democracy are under attack and on the line like never before,” she said. “And we are here at this moment in time because we must answer a fundamental question: Who are we? Who are we as Americans? So, let’s answer that question to the world and each other right here and right now. America, we are better than this.”

Harris also said that racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and transphobia are real in the U.S. “They are age-old forms of hate with new fuel,” she said. “And we need to talk about truth so we can deal with it,” she said.

Harris described herself as the kind of leader who can unify the country and would fight for the needs of all Americans.

“I’m running for president because I love my country and I want to be a president for the people. Of the people. For all the people,” she said and echoed the words she has used in courtrooms and has adopted as her campaign’s slogan: “My whole life, I’ve only had one client: The people.”

On a somewhat cloudy, rather comfortable evening, with only a slight breeze and the temperature around 75° Fahrenheit, both women hit the ball as hard as they could. Exchange were mostly at the baseline and filled with flat, powerful groundstrokes that barely cleared the net and made retrieving and replying as much about reflexes as anything. Here’s one measure of how even it was:

Points were swift and blunt; of 86 in the first set, only four lasted nine strokes or more. There was plenty of strong serving, and made retrieving and replying as much about reflexes as anything.

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The Year of the Pig comes snuffling in February 5, 2019, and its arrival will be celebrated by people throughout the world — not only in Asian nations such as China, Korea, Nepal, India, Vietnam, Iran, and Mongolia, but also in western and other countries. Considered by many to be the oldest calendar system in the world, the Chinese lunar calendar traces its origins back as far as 2697 B.C.E. Each year is represented by one of the 12 animals of the zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

Similar to many traditions, the observa-
tion dates back to an ancient legend: China’s Jade Emperor wanted to determine the order of the calendar, so he called upon 12 animals in the kingdom to compete in a race, whose order in which the animals finished determined the placement in the calendar. The Rat, Ox, and Tiger scored the first three places, while the Pig finished at the back of the pack in last place. In 2019 we celebrate the cheerful and sincere Pig.

Pigs, like many cultures observed by multiple cultures, the Lunar New Year is known by many names. In Vietnam, it is known as Tết Nguyên Đán, while Korea celebrates the Soi, Cambodia commemorates Chao Chmn Thmey, and Thailand enjoys Songkran, which occurs in April. China recognizes the Spring Festival, Chunjie, when families come together to wish one another happiness and pay respects to ancestors in a celebra-
tion that begins on the New Year and continues for 15 days.

Each culture has different traditions, and in the case of the lunar calendar, the animals that make up the yearly cycles sometimes differ. For example, in the Tibetan cycle, the Rat is referred to as the Mouse, the Rabbit as Hare, and the Rooster as Cock. In the Vietnamese tradition, the Rabbit is referred to as the Cat, the Sheep as Ram, and the Rooster as Cock. This year’s animal, the Pig, is also called Hinh in some countries.

Each animal recurs every 12 years, but in a different incarnation based on one of five elements — metal, water, wood, fire, and earth. For example, this year is the Year of the Earth Pig, which was last celebrated 69 years ago in 1950. After exiting on January 24, 2020, the Earth Pig will not return until 2079. Another widely practiced tradition involves sweeping homes clean of evil spirits by literally cleaning and sweeping dwellings of dirt. In addition, new clothing is often purchased in commemoration of the New Year.

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A few animal characteristics
Rat: Honest, idealistic, practical, sentimental, argumentative, greedy
Ox: Careful, diligent, choleric, patient, eccentric, stubborn
Tiger: Ambitious, dynamic, honorable, loyal, critical, impatient
Rabbit: Artistic, considerate, intelligent, peaceful, hesitant, judgemental
Dragon: Energetic, faithful, generous, sincere, defensive, opinionated
Snake: Charming, extreme, organized, reflective, anxious, possessive
Horse: Calm, confident, independent, talented, contradictory, moody
Sheep: Adaptive, creative, empathetic, polite, impractical, pessimistic
Monkey: Charming, sensitive, vivacious, wise, cunning, selfish
Rooster: Adventurous, courageous, funny, hardworking, cynical, vain
Dog: Brave, devoted, knowledgeable, trustworthy, disagreeable, strict
Pig: Affectionate, cheerful, obliging, optimistic, naive, snobbish

What sign are you?

Find the year you were born. Those born in January or February should consult page 16.


The Year of the Pig

The Pig is the twelfth animal of the lunar zodiac. Those born under the Pig sign are generally considered to be caring, charitable, generous, outgoing individuals who are sincere and genuine. They are also known for their tendency to be pessimistic and can be materialistic and stingy.

Pigs born between February 5, 2019 and January 24, 2020 are Earth Pigs. The earth element makes for Pigs who are very productive and possess great willpower. Earth Pigs are ambitious but are aware of their own limits. They are resourceful, hardworking, and full of stamina. They also cope well with stress.

The Year of the Pig:

Year of the Pig: February 5, 2019 to January 24, 2020
Chinese Calendar Year: 4717

Characteristics: Those born in the Year of the Pig are intelligent and optimistic. Pigs often achieve their own happiness and comfort for the sake of others. They feel responsible for keeping everyone happy. Pig people are honest, easygoing, want everything done right, and rarely ask for help. Pigs are naive, but some-
times their innocence exceeds imagination.

Best careers: Pig people make good teachers, coaches, writers, film directors, restaurateurs, painters, doctors, engineers, scientists, musicians, administra-
tors, chefs, and builders.

Born in the Year of the Pig:


People born in the Year of the Pig (1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019) and (2019, 2021) are known to be sensible, smart, forgiving individuals who are affectionate and courteous. They are also known for their tendency to be impatient and can be materialistic and fearful. Earth Pigs — including those born between February 5, 2019 and January 24, 2020 — possess great willpower and are resourceful, hardworking, and honest.

New Year traditions

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Children celebrating the arrival of the Lunar New Year are greeted with many treats. In China and Vietnam, youngsters receive special red envelopes containing New Year’s money (in China, the envelope is sometimes called hong bao). Korean children bow to their parents and grandparents and, in return, receive freshly minted money (though not in red envelopes). The next Lunar New Year will bring the Year of the Rat, from January 25, 2020 to February 11, 2021. Have a safe and prosperous Year of the Pig!
Oregon Asian Celebration to hold its 34th annual event highlighting Asian cultural heritage

The Eugene/Springfield Asian Council is ringing in the Year of the Pig with its 34th annual Oregon Asian Celebration. The event, themed “Year of the Pig — Get Spirited Away,” takes place February 16 and 17 at the Lane Events Center. Doors open at 10:00am on both days with a roaring welcome of Chinese lion dancers and taiko drummers to usher in a day of good fortune and ward off evil spirits.

The weekend features colorful nonstop entertainment and dance on multiple stages, a fine arts exhibit, an Asian food court, craft and cooking demonstrations, a marketplace of more than 60 vendors, children’s activities, carnival games for kids, demonstrations of various martial arts, and Kumoricon and cosplay for teens.

For young attendees, the festival offers a “Treasure Map to Adventure,” which allows children to ask questions and learn about the diversity of Asian cultures. Treasure seekers visit various locations throughout the festival to have their map stamped. Once the map is completely stamped, children can turn it in at the Asian American Foundation of Oregon booth to collect their treasure.

Young people may also visit the Youth Room to make their own artistic creations such as masks, origami, fish prints, and Tibetan woodblock prints. Youth may also participate in various activities presented by the International School of Modern Technology and enjoy a Japanese Carnival hosted by the Yujin Gakuen Public Japanese Immersion School.

In the crafts demonstration area, festival-goers can watch artist Aimee Yogi spin local plant fibers using a Mahatma Gandhi-style bamboo spinning wheel in a box, Barbara Setsu demonstrate traditional Japanese book-binding, and more.

When the aroma of Asian delicacies call, hungry attendees can head over to the Asian Food Court where...
Lan Su Chinese Garden welcomes the Year of the Pig with daily activities

The Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland is welcoming the Year of the Pig with a 15-day festival featuring daily activities in celebration of the most colorful and joyous of all Chinese festivals — the Chinese New Year. Aimed at families and individuals, activities and events held at the garden include lion dances, glowing lanterns, cultural activities, performances, demonstrations, and more.

The celebration begins on Tuesday, February 5 with “Rolling in the Wealth,” a traditional activity at which the first 100 visitors to the garden usher in good fortune and prosperity for the coming year by rolling traditional mandarin oranges and gold coins through the entry gate. Every visitor on opening day also receives hong bao, a lucky red envelope traditionally given on the Chinese New Year.

Events include Chinese games, talks, new year traditions, and more. The popular Wishing Tree activity invites visitors to toss a ribbon into the wishing tree for prosperity, happiness, and longevity. Family-friendly crafts include making a red paper lantern, dragon puppets, and pig masks in celebration of the Year of the Pig.

Weekend events include family craft activities, Chinese folk art, calligraphy demonstrations, the Wishing Tree, and performances by local students, a cultural group, and martial artists. Lion dances take place at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 4:00pm.

Visitors are invited to meet Shadow, a New Zealand Kunekune pig known as the “friendliest pig in town,” on February 5, 8, 15 from 2:00 to 4:00pm. On Valentine’s Day, the first 200 visitors receive a Chinese knot — a braid of red brocade ribbon that signifies love and celebration. The garden’s Lunar New Year celebration ends with traditional Lantern Viewing evenings held February 16 through February 19. The popular event includes an illuminated dragon procession throughout the garden with the Portland Lee’s Association Dragon & Lion Dance Team, calligraphy demonstrations with the Wisdom Arts Academy, family craft activities, and the auspicious Peacock Dance performed by the Portland Chinese Dance Troop.

Lantern Viewing requires a special admission ticket. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.lansugarden.org/lanternviewing. (February 16 and 17 are sold out.)

Lan Su Chinese Garden is located at 239 N.W. Everett Street in Portland. Garden hours during the Lunar New Year are 10:00am to 5:00pm. To learn more, or to obtain a schedule of activities, call (503) 228-8131 or visit www.lansugarden.org.

Lan Su Chinese Garden — Lunar New Year Events
February 5 through 19, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Opening Day — Tuesday, February 5
10:00 to 11:00am: “Rolling in the Wealth” (available to the first 100 visitors)
10:00am to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
10:00am to 4:00pm: “Make Your Own Chinese New Year Lanterns” family craft activity
10:00am to 4:00pm: Chinese folk art
10:00am to 2:00pm: Brush painting demonstration
Noon to 4:00pm: Couplet poetry arch activity
2:00 to 4:00pm: Chinese music
2:00 to 4:00pm: Chinese seal carving demonstration

Wednesdays — February 6 & 13
Noon to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
Noon to 4:00pm: Chinese folk art
Noon to 4:00pm: Brush painting demonstration
Noon to 4:00pm: Couplet poetry arch activity
2:00 to 4:00pm: Chinese music
2:00 to 4:00pm: Chinese seal carving demonstration

Thursdays — February 7 & 14
10:00am to 2:00pm (February 14):
Red envelopes with traditional Chinese knots in celebration of Valentine’s Day (available to the first 200 visitors)
10:00am to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
Noon to 2:00pm: Family craft activity
Noon to 4:00pm: Chinese games (Chinese checkers & tangram puzzles)
2:00pm: Feng shui talk
2:00 to 4:00pm: Chinese games (mahjong)

Fridays — February 8 & 15
Noon to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
Noon to 2:00pm: Family craft activity
Noon to 4:00pm: Chinese folk art
2:00pm: “Understanding the Chinese Zodiac Pig Character” talk
2:00 to 4:00pm: Visit with Shadow, the pet pig

Saturdays — February 9 & 16
10:00am to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
10:00am to 4:00pm: “Make Your Own Chinese New Year Lanterns” family craft activity
10:00am to 4:00pm: Chinese folk art
10:00am to 4:00pm: Chinese calligraphy demonstration
11:00am (February 9):
Portland Chinatown History Foundation Dragon Parade (parade begins at N.W. Davis Street & Fourth Avenue)
11:00am, 1:00pm & 4:00pm: Lion dance
Noon: School performance
2:00pm: Cultural performance
3:00pm: Martial artists

Sundays — February 10 & 17
10:00am to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
10:00am to 4:00pm: “Make Your Own Chinese New Year Lantern” family craft activity
10:00am to 4:00pm: Chinese folk art
10:00am to 4:00pm: Chinese calligraphy demonstration
11:00am, 1:00pm & 4:00pm: Lion dance
Noon: School performance
2:00pm: Cultural performance
3:00pm: Martial artists

Mondays — February 11 & 18
11:00am to 1:00pm (February 18):
Homemade Chinese Dumplings food demonstration
2:00pm: “Foods of the New Year” talk
6:30 to 8:30pm (February 18): Chinese New Year Lantern Viewing Evening (requires a special ticket)

Tuesdays — February 12 & 19
Noon to 2:00pm: Wishing Tree
Noon to 4:00pm: Chinese folk art
2:00 to 4:00pm: “Traditions of Chinese New Year” Chinese conversation table
2:00pm (February 12): Feng shui talk
6:30 to 8:30pm (February 19): Chinese New Year Lantern Viewing Evening (requires a special ticket)
Year of the Pig forecasts

To find out what sign and element apply to you, turn to page 16 and look up your date of birth.

By Madame Mingmei
Special to The Asian Reporter

The Rat
The Year of the Pig is looking to be full of good fortune and accomplishment for honest, patient, and practical Rats. Many Rats may find clear direction through transition during the Earth Pig year. When change occurs, remember to stay open-minded and be sure to investigate all new ideas and possibilities as you await your year in 2020.

■ Metal Rat: For Metal Rats, the Year of the Pig will be packed full of activities.
■ Water Rat: Be sure to set clear goals to yield good results.
■ Wood Rat: The Pig Year will bring new adventures and experiences to Wood Rats.
■ Fire Rat: The year should be full of good decisions if Fire Rats remain practical.
■ Earth Rat: An opportunity to improve your life may present itself.

The Ox
The Ox will undergo some change during the Year of the Pig. Adjustments may affect personal and professional aspects of your life. During the year, clear-thinking, confident, and diligent Oxen may encounter much-needed peace and quiet. Remember to sow seeds to nurture future relationships and partnerships.

■ Metal Ox: Set new goals — big or small — throughout the year.
■ Water Ox: Remember that without clear targets, not much will be accomplished.
■ Wood Ox: The year 2019, Wood Ox, will be a year you need to work hard.
■ Fire Ox: Always give your best to make each day a little better for those around you.
■ Earth Ox: The Year of the Pig is one to get a lot of sleep, which will help keep you happy.

The Tiger
The 2019 Pig Year should be a good one if you take time to care for your health. It may also bring opportunities for education and development. Ambitious, determined, and open-minded Tigers will have many chances to learn, understand, and explore new things this year.

■ Metal Tiger: Look deep to find passion in your hobbies and career.
■ Water Tiger: Focus, Water Tigers, on personal relationships.
■ Wood Tiger: Become a better listener during the coming Year of the Pig.
■ Fire Tiger: Remember to be kind to others and put your best paw forward.
■ Earth Tiger: Health and wellness should be a priority for Earth Tigers during the Year of the Pig.

The Rabbit
Relationships and partnerships should be a focus for the principled, diplomatic, and intelligent Rabbit. The year will highlight community involvement and important talks about your future. Also remember to check in frequently with friends and family.

■ Metal Rabbit: Don’t be timid during the Year of the Pig. Give to others unselfishly.
■ Water Rabbit: Water Rabbits will take on a new project this year; try not to be indecisive.
■ Wood Rabbit: An important decision will descend upon you this year; seek advice if needed.
■ Fire Rabbit: Focusing on good health is an important goal during the Pig Year.
■ Earth Rabbit: A chance to travel will present itself; set aside some money for the trip.

The Dragon
After a tough Year of the Dog, the Year of the Pig will bring unexpected change, nonconformist ideas, and good news. Energetic, sincere, and self-sufficient Dragons should feel free to express opinions and consider serious commitments. The year may present many new responsibilities.

■ Metal Dragon: Meeting problems head on this year will help put your life in order.
■ Water Dragon: Remember to stay in touch with family and friends while pursuing spiritual development.
■ Wood Dragon: Look on this side this year; take on an unforeseen task.
■ Fire Dragon: Make time to focus on a hobby that you’ve neglected.

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• Pig A ssociation
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Lunar New Year events

Many community groups and organizations are holding events in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Following are some events held in Oregon and Washington.

“New Years All Year Round”
Currently on display, 10am-5pm (Tue-Sun), Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 8th Ave S, Seattle). View “New Years All Year Round,” a fun, family-friendly exhibit that looks at New Year traditions, stories, toys, games, and cuisine. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Lunar New Year events at Multnomah County Libraries
Feb 5, 9, 10 & 17; Feb 5, 6-7:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland). Feb 9, 2-4pm, Gregory Heights Library (7952 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland); Feb 10, 1-4pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland); Feb 17, 2-4pm, Woodstock Library (6008 SE 49th Ave, Portland). Celebrate the Lunar New Year with cultural performances, educational activities, and light refreshments. The program at Woodstock Library is presented in Chinese and English. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Chinese New Year celebration
Feb 5-19 (daily), 10am-5pm, Lan Su Chinese Garden (239 NW Everett St, Portland). Ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year — the Year of the Pig — with a series of activities, performances, and more at the Lan Su Chinese Garden. Festivities kick off February 5 with “Rolling in the Wealth.” Other activities during the two-week celebration include lion dances every weekend, cultural performances, calligraphy, family-friendly crafts, martial art demonstrations, and more. For info, or to obtain a complete schedule of activities, call (503) 226-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

Dragon dance & parade
Feb 9, 11:00am-3:30pm, NW Davis St & NW Third Ave (Portland). Kick off the Lunar New Year with a mile-long parade in Portland presented by the Portland Chinatown Museum. The event starts at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (315 NW Davis St, Portland) with fireworks and lion dances, followed by a parade that marches through downtown Portland to the Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 NW Park Ave, Portland), where more performances are scheduled. (AR Photos, Jan Landis)

Lunar New Year Sale
Lunar New Year is February 5, 2019

Events Center (796 W 13th Ave, Eugene, Ore.). Attend the 2019 edition of the annual Oregon Asian Celebration. Visitors enjoy a bustling array of Asian culture through a colorful marketplace, Asian and Asian-American entertainment, arts and crafts, cooking and martial arts demonstrations, youth activities, exhibits, Asian cuisine, and more. For info, or to obtain a complete schedule of activities, call (541) 554-9350 or (541) 982-7132, or visit <www.asian-celebration.org>.

Asian food market tour
Feb 23, 11:30am-3:30pm. Join Indonesina-born chef Surja Tjahaja for a tour of markets specializing in fresh, inexpensive vegetables, seafood, and other Asian food in the Portland metropolitan area. The tour, which features ideas for the Lunar New Year, includes a gourmet Asian lunch. For info, meeting location, or to register (by February 15), call (503) 656-8910. To learn more, visit <www.chef2go.biz>.

Oregon Asian Celebration
Feb 16-17, 10am-7pm (Sat), 10am-6pm (Sun), Lane Events Center (796 W 13th Ave, Eugene, Ore.). Attend the 2019 edition of the annual Oregon Asian Celebration. Visitors enjoy a bustling array of Asian culture through a colorful marketplace, Asian and Asian-American entertainment, arts and crafts, cooking and martial arts demonstrations, youth activities, exhibits, Asian cuisine, and more. For info, or to obtain a complete schedule of activities, call (541) 554-9350 or (541) 982-7132, or visit <www.asian-celebration.org>.

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Spend $30 or more during our Lunar New Year Sale and receive a lucky red envelope in honor of Lunar New Year. Open to reveal your special prize! *While Supplies Last. Limit One Per Customer, Per Day.
The Snake

Communication is the key for Snakes when entering into the Pig Year. Clever, compassionate, and perceptive Snakes will be presented with opportunities to improve relationship, ships and resolve conflicts among family or friends.

Metal Snake: Travel to a special place — near or far — when the opportunity arises.

Water Snake: Enjoy the normalness of this year, Water Snake, but be ready for the unexpected.

Wood Snake: The Year of the Pig is the one to meet new people. Don’t be anxious or pessimistic.

Fire Snake: Take time to rejuvenate friendships and relationships. It is time to reconnect.

Earth Snake: Find a hobby that is right for you. Step back from your responsibilities to occasionally enjoy it.

The Horse

Familial and personal relationships should enjoy more stability in the Year of the Pig. Confident, calm, and enterprising Horses may find economic success in a partnership or new venture. Looking back to the past may bring gains and growth.

Metal Horse: Composure and moderation will be needed to navigate the 2019 Year of the Pig.

Water Horse: During this Pig Year, surround yourself with positive people.

Wood Horse: Optimize your time, Wood Horse, by organizing your personal and professional schedules.

Fire Horse: Be sure to spend time with the important people in your life to deepen relationships.

Earth Horse: Be the decision maker. Be confident and rational when evaluating potential options and outcomes.

The Sheep

Prepare for an unexpected change or surprise this Pig Year. Also be on the lookout for a strange social event for 2019, an important one for growing and evolving in several aspects of the Sheep’s life. Cynical and sensitive Sheep will reap big decisions on the horizon. Be one to adapt and create.

Metal Sheep: This year is an important one to spend time with the family flock.

Water Sheep: Follow your intuition when taking on new tasks or assessing dangerous situations.

Wood Sheep: The Year of the Pig will be highly interesting offers your way.

Fire Sheep: Feel free to travel, Fire Sheep, but be careful when choosing destinations.

Earth Sheep: Seek advice from a trusted friend or family member.

The Monkey

The Year of the Pig will challenge sensitive, empathetic, and intuitive Monkeys for increased happiness. Your resourcefulness, being influential by someone who is not trustworthy. Listen to the opinions of friends and family first and avoid being influenced by someone who is not trustworthy.

Metal Monkey: A year of good opportunities awaits the communicative Metal Rooster.

Water Rooster: Get ready for some recognition from those around you, Water Rooster. Your honesty and loyalty have paid off.

Wood Rooster: Help raise up those around you. Your efforts will not only help them, but also bring you joy and satisfaction.

Fire Rooster: Focus on the safety of yourself and others to avoid any potential accidents.

The Dog

Though the Year of the Dog will not return for another 11 years, don’t despair! The Year of the Pig will present many activities to keep you busy and also help plan for the future. Such as, if you find yourself individuals if you hit a road block.

Metal Dog: Take time to assess your life, but be careful not to get hung up on past mistakes. Self-reflection may lead to a new and better path for you.

Water Dog: Cultivate healthy relationships in your life. Toxic ones may bring you down this year, so be sure to remove them. Trust your gut to guide you about which relationships are worth your energy.

Wood Dog: Investing in education or expanding your horizons may help propel you to a more desirable place.

Fire Dog: Opportunity may come knocking this year. Be sure to act promptly after consulting trusted friends.

Earth Dog: Consider volunteering during the Year of the Pig. Your efforts to help others should increase your self-worth and may lead to new relationships.

The Pig

Oink, oink, it’s your year, Pig! After a challenging Year of the Dog, begin 2019 on the correct hoof by setting good priorities and getting to work. The devoted, enthusiastic, and helpful Pig should set goals high and use every opportunity and incentive to see results.

Metal Pig: The 2019 year will be filled with many ideas. Listen to the opinions of friends and family first and avoid being influenced by someone who is not trustworthy.

Wood Pig: Your year is projected to be a good one, but listen to your sensible side and set aside funds to create an emergency fund.

Fire Pig: Focus on a specific skill this year to create a solid foundation for the future.

Earth Pig: Add more friends to your social circle, Earth Pig, for increased happiness. Your resourcefulness, productivity, and patience will lead you to the fruits of your labor in 2019.

Illustrations by Jonathan Hill
U.S. Postal Service issues final stamp of the Celebrating Lunar New Year series

Bright pink peach blossoms highlight the 2019 Year of the Boar stamp, the 12th and final stamp in the Celebrating Lunar New Year series. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) dedicated the stamps in January during a first-day-of-issue ceremony at the Chinese Community Center in Houston, Texas.

The Boar, also referred to as the Pig, is one of 12 zodiac animal signs associated with the lunar calendar. The 2019 Year of the Boar begins February 5 and ends January 24, 2020.

The Lunar New Year is the most important holiday of the year for many Asian communities. In the United States and elsewhere, the occasion is celebrated in various ways on New Year’s day and in the days that follow. Parties, special events, and parades featuring enormous and vibrantly painted papier-mâché dragons are common festivities. The Lunar New Year is observed by people of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tibetan, Mongolian, and other heritages.

Around the world, millions of people welcome a new year with gifts, music, and celebration. Individuals born during the Year of the Boar are said to be generous, compassionate, and warm-hearted. Diligent and focused, these individuals often have a great sense of responsibility and finish what they start.

Peach blossoms, like those depicted in the stamp art, are of particular significance during this time of year. In China, peach trees typically bloom in early February, just in time for the new year, with the striking pink blossoms marking the beginning of spring.

Introduced in 2008, the Celebrating Lunar New Year series is the second to honor the Lunar New Year. The first series ran from 1992 to 2007.

Combining original artwork by Kam Mak with two elements from the previous series of Lunar New Year stamps — Clarence Lee’s intricate cut-paper design of a boar and the Chinese character for “boar” drawn in grass-style calligraphy by Lau Bun — art director Ethel Kessler created a culturally rich stamp design that celebrates the diversity of America.

The Year of the Boar is being issued as a souvenir sheet of 12 self-adhesive Forever stamps. To learn more, or to purchase the new Lunar New Year stamp, call 1-800-STAMP24 (1-800-782-6784) or visit <www.usps.com/stamps>. SECOND STAMP SERIES CONCLUDES.

Think you’re an organ and tissue donor? Not if you haven’t told your family. Talk to your family about organ and tissue donation. For a free donor card brochure, contact: Donate Life Northwest (503) 494-7888 1-800-452-1369 www.donatelifenw.org
Never put water on a grease or oil fire. Keep a lid handy when cooking. If a fire starts in a pan, turn off the burner and carefully slide the lid over the fire. Don’t run outside with the burning pot. Keep a fire extinguisher handy in the kitchen. If the fire continues, leave the home and call 9-1-1.

LUNAR CALENDAR

When were you born?
Look up your date of birth to find out what sign and element apply to you!

January
Feb 17, 1950 to Feb. 05, 1951 — Metal Tiger
Feb. 06, 1951 to Feb. 26, 1952 — Metal Rabbit
Jan. 27, 1952 to Feb. 13, 1953 — Water Dragon
Feb. 14, 1953 to Feb. 02, 1954 — Water Snake
Feb. 03, 1954 to Jan. 23, 1955 — Wood Horse
Jan. 24, 1955 to Feb. 11, 1956 — Wood Sheep
Feb. 12, 1956 to Jan. 30, 1957 — Fire Monkey
Feb. 18, 1958 to Feb. 07, 1959 — Earth Dog
Feb. 08, 1959 to Jan. 27, 1960 — Earth Pig
Feb. 15, 1961 to Feb. 04, 1962 — Metal Ox
Feb. 05, 1962 to Jan. 24, 1963 — Water Tiger
Feb. 13, 1964 to Feb. 01, 1965 — Wood Dragon
Feb. 02, 1965 to Jan. 20, 1966 — Wood Snake
Jan. 21, 1966 to Feb. 08, 1967 — Fire Horse
Feb. 09, 1967 to Feb. 29, 1968 — Fire Sheep
Feb. 17, 1969 to Feb. 05, 1970 — Earth Rooster

February
Feb. 06, 1970 to Jan. 26, 1971 — Metal Dog
Jan. 27, 1971 to Jan. 14, 1972 — Metal Pig
Jan. 15, 1972 to Feb. 02, 1973 — Water Rat
Feb. 03, 1973 to Jan. 22, 1974 — Water Ox
Feb. 11, 1975 to Jan. 30, 1976 — Wood Rabbit
Feb. 18, 1977 to Feb. 06, 1978 — Fire Sheep
Feb. 07, 1978 to Jan. 27, 1979 — Earth Horse
Jan. 28, 1979 to Feb. 15, 1980 — Earth Sheep

March
Feb. 05, 1981 to Jan. 24, 1982 — Metal Rooster
Jan. 25, 1982 to Feb. 12, 1983 — Water Dog
Feb. 13, 1983 to Feb. 01, 1984 — Water Pig
Feb. 02, 1984 to Feb. 19, 1985 — Wood Rat
Feb. 20, 1985 to Feb. 08, 1986 — Wood Ox
Feb. 17, 1988 to Feb. 05, 1989 — Earth Dragon
Feb. 06, 1989 to Jan. 26, 1990 — Earth Snake

April
Feb. 15, 1991 to Feb. 03, 1992 — Metal Sheep
Feb. 19, 1996 to Feb. 07, 1997 — Fire Rat
Feb. 08, 1997 to Jan. 27, 1998 — Fire Ox
Jan. 28, 1998 to Feb. 05, 1999 — Earth Dragon
Feb. 06, 1999 to Feb. 04, 2000 — Earth Rabbit

May
Feb. 05, 2000 to Jan. 23, 2001 — Metal Dragon
Jan. 24, 2001 to Feb. 11, 2002 — Metal Snake
Feb. 12, 2002 to Jan. 31, 2003 — Water Horse
Feb. 01, 2003 to Jan. 21, 2004 — Water Sheep
Jan. 22, 2004 to Feb. 08, 2005 — Wood Monkey
Feb. 09, 2005 to Jan. 28, 2006 — Wood Rooster
Feb. 18, 2007 to Feb. 06, 2008 — Fire Pig
Feb. 07, 2008 to Jan. 25, 2009 — Earth Rat
Jan. 26, 2009 to Feb. 13, 2010 — Earth Ox

June
Feb. 14, 2010 to Feb. 02, 2011 — Metal Tiger
Feb. 03, 2011 to Jan. 22, 2012 — Metal Rabbit
Jan. 23, 2012 to Feb. 09, 2013 — Water Dragon
Jan. 31, 2014 to Feb. 18, 2015 — Wood Horse
Feb. 19, 2015 to Feb. 07, 2016 — Wood Sheep
Feb. 08, 2016 to Jan. 30, 2017 — Fire Monkey
Jan. 31, 2017 to Feb. 17, 2018 — Fire Rooster
Feb. 18, 2018 to Feb. 07, 2019 — Earth Dog
Feb. 08, 2019 to Jan. 27, 2020 — Earth Pig
were incarcerated in internment camps. For info, call (206) 654-3100 or visit <www.seattleartmuseum.org>.

Dr. Jamsheed Choksy

February 10, 1:30-4:30pm, Belmont Library (1038 SE César Chávez Blvd, Portland). Learn a new origami project from local origami instructors at Portland Origami Paper Shapes (POPS). Adults, teens, and children older than 8 are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring origami paper. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multacounty.org>.

Russell Peters


Origami workshop

February 1-3, 3-5pm, Bellevue Library (3600 NE 144th Ave, Bellevue, Wash.). Visit "Living, Laughing, Loving, and Folding" — an origami workshop for people of all ages. For info, call (425) 519-0770 or visit <www.bellevuearts.org>.

Japanese stab bound pocketbooks

February 16-18, 2-5pm, Bellevue Library (3600 NE 144th Ave, Bellevue, Wash.). Learn about the art and history of stab bound pocketbooks. For info, call (425) 647-0972, e-mail pavitra@wau.wa.gov, or visit <www.wau.wa.gov>.

Soprano Helen Huang

February 19, 7pm, Portland Art Museum, Northwest Film Center, Whitesell Auditorium (1219 SW Park Ave, Portland). Join the Portland Opera for a community recital featuringsoprano Helen Huang. The event highlights Chinese folk and art songs with a focus on works by female composers and poets. Huang is in her second year as a resident artist with the company. Admission to the recital is free; reservations are highly recommended. For info, or to reserve space, call (503) 241-1802 or e-mail rclarke@opera.org. To buy tickets, visit <www.anica.org/eventbiblio>. No Refunds.
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OFFICE FOR LEASE E00-square-foot office space for lease. Located across from PCC Cascade on N. Killingsworth Street. For details & info, call (503) 312-5224.


2019 ADVERTISING RATES & ORDER FORM:

Display Space (Asia, Ed-Op, Community, A.C.E. sections)
$22.00 per column inch; Reservation deadline: Wednesday prior to the next issue by 1:00pm

Special “Business Card” Display Ad:
$70 per issue
$10 for 3 consecutive issues
$330 for 6 consecutive issues (3 months)

Northwest Job Market/Bids & Public Notices section
$22.00 per column inch; Text/Fax deadline: Friday prior to the next issue by 2:00pm

Community Classified Page
Boxed Ad
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Line Ad (up to 35 words):
$2 per issue
$5 for 3 consecutive issues
$90 for 6 consecutive issues

Name Listing (4 lines maximum ~ about 10 words):
$14 per issue
$30 for 3 consecutive issues
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Prepayment required with Line Ad. Name Listing & Business Card.
Add $15 per issue for local home ads. Line Ad & Name Listing
Add $25 per issue for after 35 words (Line Ad)
All advertisements must be submitted in writing; no phones ads accepted.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 3624

SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE CENTRAL CITY TRANSIT CAPACITY ANALYSIS

Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is requesting proposals for Services to Support the Central City Transit Capacity Analysis. Metro will consider placing a funding measure on the ballot in November of 2020 that, if passed, would fund a variety of transportation projects throughout the region. The purpose of the Central City Transit Capacity Analysis is to provide sufficient information for local partners to consider including funds to further study the project in the potential regional measure, and to provide information for voters considering the measure. Details are included in the solicitation document.

Pre-Proposal Conference
The voluntary pre-proposal conference will be held at 600 N.E. Grand Avenue Room 370A on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 2:30pm. The meeting will have two purposes: 1. to introduce COBID firms to potential prime contractors to explore contracting and subcontracting opportunities; and 2. to provide interested proposers and subcontractor opportunities to gain information about the RFP requirements.

Sealed submissions are due no later than 2:00pm on February 19, 2019 in Metro’s business offices at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736. Attention: Julie Hoff, Metro Procurement Analyst, RFP 3624. Solicitation documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) at <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll>.

Metro may accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

Metro extends equal opportunity to all persons and specifically encourages minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses to access and participate in the all Metro projects, programs and services. Metro and its contractors will not discriminate against any person(s), employee or applicant for employment based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, political affiliation or marital status. Metro fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see <www.oregonmetro.gov>.
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