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Cancer (June 23-July 23) Believe in yourself. Confidence is sexy.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23) Being naked is highly under appreciated in our image-obsessed society. Forget about appearances, we're all just bodies scurrying across the crust of the earth. Enjoy yours today.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Duality does not suit you, so I am glad you've dropped it.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Trees grow larger and stronger when among other trees. Take a lesson from nature: nurture your soul with the company of those you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Rain, sun, hail. Soup Can has heard it all before, and will probably hear it all again. Get over yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Recently, a deaf woman told Soup Can how flagrant cell phone use on public transit makes her want to punch people in the face. No joke! How sad that the subtleties of common courtesy seem to be lost in our modern culture.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 19) What if a bear took a shit in a clearing? Would the answer to every obvious question become "sometimes"?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It has recently been observed to Soup Can that while she revels in the doling out of advice, she is not the best at taking it. So, I'm not great at everything. Point it out a little more, and I'll dissect all your faults, too.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Soup Can is tired of hearing it. Sometimes she too has things to cry over, and where are you then? Perhaps you should ask yourself not what Soup Can can tell you to better your life, but what you can give. Hugs, money and mild psychedelics will all be accepted.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Please stop saying one thing and doing another. In fact, it would be totally awesome if you just stopped talking for a while. Listening is also an active verb, you know.

Taurus (April 20-May 21) Watching you struggle to achieve the unattainable is tiresome, and we'd all like to see you succeed.

Gemini (May 22-June 22) Ever know somebody better off than yourself who is constantly complaining about money? Take a moment to tell that person a healthy, "Fuck you," and then go about your business in respectful moderation.

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OneAmerica launches immigration campaign

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Voice and hands shaking, Leandro Barranco Morales, 27, spoke at the Immigration Reform press conference in Seattle's City Hall on June 1. Detained with 27 co-workers in a raid by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Bellingham on Feb. 24, he described, through a Spanish interpreter, the impact the current immigration system has had on him and on his looming deportation once the investigation of his previous workplace is complete.

Representing himself and six others who are also in his predicament, Morales said, "We are asking the laws of immigration in this country to follow the Constitution."

Morales and five other speakers, including Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, took turns addressing the audience with a backdrop of supporters from various organizations holding "Reform Immigration FOR America" posters printed in red, white and blue. Supported by Nickels and more than 200 national and local organizations, OneAmerica, the largest immigrant advocacy organization in Washington state, announced at the conference the launching of the Northwest component of the national campaign to Reform Immigration FOR America.

Seattle was one of 25 cities which launched campaigns on the same day. This conference was part of a week-long series of events in over 20 states before the White

House hosted a bipartisan meeting on immigration June 8. Several speakers mentioned that immigration is an issue that ultimately needs reform at the federal level; many hope that President Obama's meeting will result in the overhaul they're looking for.

"Economically and morally, the time is now to fix our broken immigration system," OneAmerica Board Chair Mubarak Elamin said at the press conference. "This is a time filled with hope, excitement and resolve."

OneAmerica, known as Hate Free Zone until 2008, has dedicated itself to immigrant injustice for almost a decade. The organization outlined six core components of comprehensive immigration reform. They include using a sensible and civilized method to deal with undocumented residents; keeping families of immigrants together and bringing together those who've waited a long time to be reunited; making sure employees are protected with rights and labor protection; giving enough visas to make illegal migration channels obsolete; protecting the fundamental rights of all; and promoting immigrant integration.

"Seattle will be very clear in supporting comprehensive and fair immigration reform," said Nickels. He also said that he has asked the federal government to step up to the challenge.

According to the city's web site, Seattle is projected to be almost 20 percent foreign-born by 2010 — about 120,000 people.

Echoing the ordinance he signed in 2003, Nickels expressed the importance of providing equal services to all of the city's inhabitants, regardless of immigration status. The law forbids police and other city workers from asking people about their immigration status so they are not reluctant to seek out city services.

Renne Radcliff Sinclair, executive director of congressional and public affairs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, emphasized the importance of immigration reform in the Northwest due to its strong agricultural economy and growing technology sector. Describing cherry trees laden with fruit and no one to pick it, as well as software companies without enough engineers, she told reporters that it is important to provide enough visas to supplement the demand for employees in these areas.

"America has been a welcoming place for over 200 years," Nickels said. "The 100,000 (immigrants in Seattle) are here for the same reasons as our grandparents and great grandparents (were)." Through the city's renewed dedication to immigration reform, he says he intends on continuing the legacy.

"We are a nation of immigrants," said Radcliff Sinclair. "That is our history and I am convinced it will also be our future."

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Cool breeze

By Shannon Andrews

The frolicking summer gives a taste of sunshine
The attitudes of the day bring a smiling afternoon
Agreeing with the blushing sunset
And time has reached nightfall
Into a brisk prayer,
thankful for the beauty of existing
And having a fulfilling day.
With nothing to show for it
But living a complete life
With happiness and awe
For much gratitude in finding myself sincere
And parallel with the season



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