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Samohi senior to join Dartmouth rowing team

Salumbides plans to study politics at Ivy League college

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Entering high school, Avery Salumbides didn't care much for sports. There weren't any she really enjoyed, and she said she wasn't particularly good at any of them.

Having exhausted a slew of other options, her mother encouraged her to try one last sport: rowing.

"I really liked it," Salumbides said.

And look where it's taken her. The Santa Monica High School senior will continue her rowing career at Dartmouth College, the prestigious Ivy League school in Hanover, New Hampshire.

"It's really exciting," she said. "I really fell in love with the sport over the four years that I've been playing it, so it'll be really cool to continue at an elite level."

Salumbides expects to join the Big Green heavyweight crew as a coxswain, the boat's vocal and logistical leader. Instead of using an oar, the coxswain typically makes steering decisions and shouts commands to the rowers.

Salumbides hopes to improve in her craft under Dartmouth coach Wyatt Allen, a former Virginia rower who joined the U.S. in two Olympics. She said she's been in touch with the program's coaching staff since her sophomore year at Samohi.

But Allen won't be the first coach with Olympic experience for Salumbides, who has benefited from the guidance of top-tier competitors in the sport in recent years.

Salumbides has developed her skills under the tutelage of Katelin Snyder, who is training as a coxswain on the American national team for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Snyder, who was a member of the celebrated rowing program at the University of Washington, has excelled at the international level, leading the U.S. to gold at the World Rowing Championships in each of the last three years.



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ROWING: **Avery Salumbides found her passion for rowing could take her to college.**

Salumbides has also trained under Marcus McElhenney, an American coxswain who earned a bronze medal at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. He won gold at the 2009 World Rowing Championships and the 2011 Pan American Games.

"What I see in Avery is her herculean determination to improve and learn from the best," McElhenney said. "There is little to no coaching available for coxswains in the sport of rowing. But instead of just settling, she sought out us National Team and Olympic coxswains. ... She tackled any challenge that we tasked her with and she truly succeeded."

Because Samohi doesn't have a rowing team, Salumbides learned the sport at Marina Aquatic Center in Marina del Rey. But the Roosevelt Elementary and Lincoln Middle schools graduate said her peers traveled to support her anyway.

"Samo has a really special population because it's so diverse," she said. "It's so accepting and filled with spirit. Even though I don't do a school sport, people come to my things."

Of course, Salumbides isn't just going to Dartmouth for rowing. She said she plans to study government and politics, the extension of an academic journey for which she's been preparing throughout high school.

Salumbides founded the Samohi chapter of Junior State of America, a national organization that promotes leadership, debate and civic participation, and she's also served as president of the school's World Affairs Council chapter. She studied abroad in Beijing in 2013.

For Salumbides, getting up early for practice every morning will be difficult on cold East Coast days. But she acknowledged that the opportunity to join a storied rowing team will be worth it.

"It's not too bad," she said.

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A soul for solar

Santa Monica energy entrepreneur named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

News of the Porter Ranch gas leak was fuel for Andrew Yakub. Not that the Santa Monica resident had to be convinced about the need for renewable energy.

The local entrepreneur saw the recent leak, which is being handled by Southern California Gas Co. officials, as yet another warning alarm.

"What they were doing was supposed to be a clean form of energy, but look at the disaster it caused," he said. "It's not clean. It's poisonous. If it leaks, you have to evacuate the whole area. There are a lot of fallacies being toted around, and it's harming society."

Yakub's enthusiasm for alternative energy was obvious in a recent phone interview with the Daily Press, and his industry peers seem to be taking notice. The founder of Santa Monica-based Rayton Solar was recently named to the



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ANDREW YAKUB

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Legal Aid Foundation gets new local leader

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Karla Barrow has left her post as managing attorney of the Santa Monica office of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). But she feels she's left things in good hands — the hands of her longtime colleague, Ryan Bradley.

Barrow recently accepted the position of chief operating officer at the Los Angeles Homeless Services



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Tuesday, Feb. 16

Energy efficiency class: Commercial building science

A course designed for professionals in the field of commercial building facilities management, especially related to energy efficiency, productivity, and building performance. Fees apply. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., http://www.smc.edu/stp

Black History Month movie screening: 'Do the Right Thing'

Spike Lee's racial and political filmmaking bent is given the full treatment with this simmering exposé of racial tensions in a New York City neighborhood one scorching summer day. (120 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Live music at Annenberg

The Da Capo Piano Trio is Vijay Venkatesh, piano; Sarah Rommel, cello; Kelsi Doolittle, clarinet. Annenberg Community Beach House, Garden Terrace Room, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 8 p.m. RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/o/beachculture-at-the-annenberg-community-beach-house-199463539.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Preschool story time at Main

Story series for kids ages 3-5. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-arrival basis the morning of the program at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Commission for the Senior Community meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Baba the Storyteller

In celebration of African American History Month, Baba the Storyteller will share West African songs and tales. Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd., 5 - 6 p.m.

Career prep series: What's the difference?

In this workshop we will discuss the differences between a UC, CSU, private school and out-of-state school. Parents and students are welcome. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Planning Commission meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Soundwaves: Judicanti Responsura

The second concert in the monthly Soundwaves music series features the duo of Joseph Mitchell (percussion) and William Roper (tuba) performing their original music, which incorporates mixed media, improvisation, humor, and social critique, as well as virtuosic instrumental playing. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Recreation & Parks Commission meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Financial advice for women

Women today have careers, start businesses, run households, raise children, and help aging parents — all competing priorities that can get in the way

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Planning for the future and building a community

Once upon a time, the Third Street Mall, the Promenade's less successful predecessor, was devoid of foot traffic and generally avoided after dark; today, downtown is the beating heart of our community.

This transformation was no accident. Intelligent, thoughtful planning in the early 1980s created the built environment and injected a mix of uses that allowed downtown to become the bustling, vibrant urban neighborhood that it is today.

But cities, by nature, are constantly changing and plans made 35 year ago need to be updated to build on the successes of the past and to address the challenges facing us today. To do just that, at the end of last week, city officials released an updated version of the Downtown Specific Plan, or as it is now known, the Downtown Community Plan.

With its release, the city begins a several-months-long intensive public process that will include focus groups, panels, and meetings with community members of all stripes before it goes to the City Council this summer for approval. This plan is the culmination of more than four years of community outreach and hard work by city staff.

It is essential that we engage as diverse a range of community members as possible. To find out how to get involved or to see the revised plans yourself, visit downtownsmplan.net.

This is our opportunity to plan ahead for another generation, to continue the success of our city's thriving downtown, and to make sure we are ready to face the challenges and the changes that will come as this new century progresses.

The ways we get around and the ways we live are changing. We need a downtown that allows for better access to transit, more and varied housing options near transit for households with a range of incomes, reduced parking requirements for residents who choose to live car-free or car-light, active and inviting street-level plazas that draw us out of our vehicles, parklets, and better sidewalks and state-of-the-art bike infrastructure that make the roads comfortable and safe for everyone to use.

We must also acknowledge that growth is not only necessary, but when done right, it is actually beneficial for all. If successful, the Downtown Community Plan will be able to guide the modest growth planned for our downtown in a smart, sustainable way that improves our downtown and make it an inviting place for all members of the community, from long-time residents and newcomers, to workers and visitors coming from far and near.

This plan, if done right, will assure that Santa Monica remains a world-class place to live and to visit. When our downtown thrives, and the economic activity there remains strong, so does the quality of life for all our community members.

The hospitality industry, tech incubators, shared office spaces, restaurants, and retail stores provide quality jobs and generate a significant amount of tax revenue that pays for our libraries, our police and fire staff, our clean beaches, and many other things that make living here so desirable. We have to allow these industries to evolve along with the rest of the downtown.

And, of course, there is the need for housing. Downtown is one of the only neighborhoods in Santa Monica that is likely to see any significant new housing built in the next 20 years. As such, it will play a key role in addressing our community's increasingly

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of planning for a comfortable financial future. Jonalyn Habil, financial advisor with Waddell & Reed, addresses these concerns in this workshop, which focuses on personal finances from a woman's perspective. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

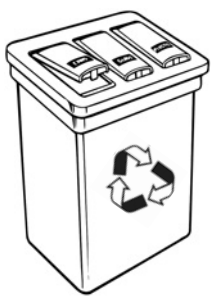
GED prep class

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

Housing Commission meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission, Santa Monica Main Library Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.



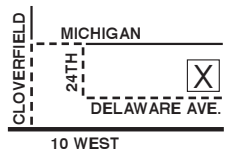


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Talking Ted Talks

TEDX SANTA MONICA FREE EVENTS

I don't watch much television, usually just while I'm at the gym on a treadmill, but at night as I fall asleep I often watch videos on the TED app on my iPad. For those who are uninitiated in the world of TED, these are Ideas Worth Sharing videos. TED stands for Technology Entertainment and Design and the talks are limited to no more than 17 minutes. Topics of TED talks range from molecular biology to what happens when you follow up with a Nigerian Prince who wants to send you $45 million dollars.

The talks are usually very informative, fun and inspiring. My favorites are by Benjamin Zander who teaches why classical music is important, and Brene Brown who expands on the topic of guilt and shame and how they impact our lives. I've watched videos on ocean cleanup efforts and brain neurobiology.

In Santa Monica we have a local TED chapter that is called TEDxSantaMonica. I am working with them on sponsorship for the events they put on. Over the past year there have been Salons - essentially they are viewing parties where 100-150 people gather at a location, in Santa Monica it is Cross Campus, and watch a set of curated videos. These events are a great way to find like-minded people and have a nice evening.

There is a bigger event being planned by TEDxSantaMonica for late in 2016 where live speakers will be presenting and it will be a full day event versus a few hours. We are in the planning stage for this and as I can release more information I will.

The really big TED conference in Vancouver BC is happening this week. There are live viewing parties across the globe for those who cannot afford or wrangle a ticket. We have a local viewing possibility this week.

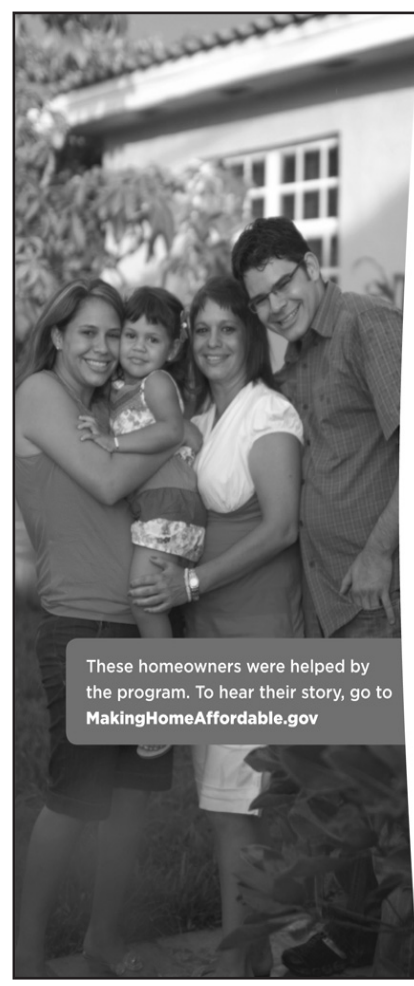
If you've never seen a TED talk, and want to experience what they are like and the type of people and community it attracts you have a wonderful opportunity to do so for free. Three local TEDx chapters, TEDxLA, TEDxVenice and TEDxSantaMonica are hosting a three day free viewing event at the co-working space on the Venice circle today, tomorrow and Thursday. Here's the address for NextSpace 1600 Main Street, Venice Beach, CA 90291.

If you want to check out what TED talks are like before making the schlep to Venice I'd like to suggest you watch a talk given by Nonny de la Peña. She is a journalist / new media visionary. Her Santa Monica based company is taking journalism and virtual reality to new places. In the world of virtual reality she is recreating experiences for people to "see" an event such as a man having a diabetic seizure due to low blood sugar, or a crime scene or what life in Syria is really like for a refugee whose country is at war.

By experiencing a scene in this new virtual reality manner a person has the opportunity to see different aspects of a story, that neither the written word nor video can convey.

The possibilities of this technology, and the mind expanding potential is astounding. Imagine being able to actually "go into" a scene and experience the sights and sounds of a war zone, or a jungle. The Holodeck of Star Trek imagination is closer than we think.

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Breaking the cycle of homelessness

RECENTLY, SOMEONE FROM OUR STAFF came to me asking about help for two of our kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica who had just become homeless. I wish I could say this was an isolated occurrence, but it's not. Homelessness is a big problem here. Imagine a child with no warm bed to sleep in. And how hard it must it be for them to concentrate in school when they don't know where their next meal is coming from.

Homelessness is defined as being without an adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. Around Los Angeles County, these stressful conditions are a daily reality, and when we see homeless people, we often make judgments about their condition without knowing facts — they are lazy or crazy, drug addicts or alcoholics, thus deserving of their situation.

But what about homeless children?

In Los Angeles County, we have thousands of homeless children who live in a constant shuffle, from cheap motels to dilapidated cars to cold, dark tents and even streets. And the number of homeless children continues to increase across our state. More than 200,000 children are homeless in California. Our state ranks at the bottom with Mississippi and Alabama for number of homeless kids, according to a report from the National Center on Family Homelessness. Nationally, one in 30 children is homeless; that's more than 2.5 million children.

Homeless kids have high rates of acute and chronic health problems, and the constant barrage of stress and traumatic experience has profound effects on their development and ability to learn.

FINDING SOLUTIONS

Caring for the poor is a community challenge. Our government and charities, including the Boys & Girls Clubs, work hard to provide for as many homeless people as possible, but there remain thousands of people who need help to get their lives back on track.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica serves homeless children to break their cycle of homelessness. Here, we give them dignity and the resources and mentors to help them become successful in school and in life. We connect our homeless members and their families with services that lead them to sustainable housing and self-sufficiency. Our Social Emotional Wellness program and our partnership with other social service agencies that deal directly with the homeless is part of the solution. But we all can do much more in this area.

"It's OK for children to be homeless." Essentially, that is what we are saying if we opt to do nothing. As a community, we must take action. Let's explore turning closed-down schools or other facilities into emergency shelters. Existing services for the homeless could be conducted there to simplify access so homeless children and families can advance their lives. There is a great new model in Seattle that involves building tiny house villages. Read more at http://tinyurl.com/h54dwzc.

Urge local and state elected officials to push for programs that serve the homeless, especially children. Ask them to support emergency housing and transitional housing for mothers, children and all homeless families, and youth runaways, foster youth and youth in crisis.

Contribute to organizations that work to break the cycle of homelessness. Volunteer your time and mentor children so they can achieve their full potential as caring, responsible and productive adults. If not you, then who?

And the two homeless children who my staff spoke to me about? We connected them with community services and they are safe, for now. But there will be others. As a community, let's find solutions to keep a roof over their heads, consistent meals and in school, thinking about learning, having a career and creating a fulfilling life as a self-sufficient adult. Let's break the cycle of homelessness.

TIM BLAYLOCK is the President/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica.

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dire housing shortage, which is demonstrated by escalating housing prices, a dangerously low vacancy rate in apartments, a huge jobs/housing imbalance, and the daily crush of commuter traffic that has begun to impact our residential neighborhoods. If more people could live closer to their jobs here, it would help take some of those cars off the road.

New homes in our downtown must encourage diversity by being affordable to a range of incomes. New market-rate housing is essential to the future of downtown as it will help fund housing for lower-income people, including those who work in the restaurants, hotels, schools, and hospitals that help our city thrive. New housing downtown will also take the pressure off our city's other neighborhoods, where the apartments are older and where rents should be relatively more affordable.

Compared to what it was in 1981, Downtown Santa Monica is a very different place today. It is more vibrant, it has become a real neighborhood, and in many ways, it is much more resilient.

What will our downtown be like in 2036? The answer to that question is up to us. Let's acknowledge our challenges and work together to build on our successes so that we can leave our city an even better place than we found it for future generations to enjoy.

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Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in the energy category.

Yakub stood out in a competition that featured more than 15,000 total nominations and a cohort of judges that included Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer, SolarCity CEO Lyndon Rive and writer Ta-Nehisi Coates.

"It's been a huge honor," Yakub said. "It's amazing to me that Forbes has a whole category for energy. It's something I'm very passionate about, and it's great there's support for an industry that's rapidly changing. I'm proud and happy to be one of the leaders in that field."

The honor came with an invitation to attend an April summit in Tel Aviv, and Yakub said he's excited for the trip because he's heard about the Israeli city's thriving tech scene. But he sounded even more jazzed about the prospect of increasing the role of solar power in the country's energy equation. He said his company can make solar panels that are 60-percent less expensive and 25-percent more efficient than the industry standard.

Yakub first became interested in renewal energy as a physics student at UC Santa Barbara, where he learned about the planet's finite supply of fossil fuels.

He has since gained experience as an engineer at a UCLA physics lab and at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where he worked on the robotic Mars probe.

Then, after expanding his skills as a finance manager with a solar company in Los Angeles, Yakub decided to launch his own company with help from UCLA physics professors James Rosenzweig and Mark Goorsky.

Yakub said Rayton Solar has created technology to deal with extremely thin silicon, which is made using a particle accelerator.

"There are other people trying to go thinner," he said, "but they can't hit 4.7 microns because you need technology that we've developed in handling silicon that is that thin."

Rayton Solar currently has four full-time employees, and Yakub said the highly technical nature of his company's model requires skills that he wouldn't easily find overseas. It's why he thinks he'll be able to keep jobs in the U.S.

Yakub chose to locate Rayton Solar in Santa Monica because of its proximity to UCLA, supportive Silicon Beach startup community and access to investor networks. He said the company's first $1.8 million in seed funding came from people he met through Fundable, a business crowdfunding website, and another round of fundraising will begin this spring.

Yakub remains motivated to make alternative energy, well, more mainstream.

"A majority of people can get at least 70 percent of their energy from solar," he said. "And as battery prices drop, we expect that will affect storage enormously. It gives people the ability to have a choice. Right now, your utility company charges whatever they want. People want the option to be self-sustaining."

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Authority. The switch marks her first change in organization since June 1999, when she obtained her first legal job at LAFLA after finishing law school at the University of San Diego and passing the bar.

"I had done various clinics in law school and a clinic focusing on advocacy, so I was really lucky a position opened doing government benefits," Barrow said.

Barrow worked as a staff attorney with the foundation, then a government benefits attorney, before becoming managing attorney.

LAFLA has provided civil legal services to poor and low-income people in Los Angeles County for over 85 years. It is comprised of five neighborhood offices, three domestic violence clinics and four self-help legal access centers.

According to the organization's website, nearly 12,000 individuals and families are provided with legal services annually and an additional 35,000 litigants are helped through LAFLA's four self-help legal access centers. Another 20,000 are assisted through referrals, workshops and community outreach activities.

Barrow said she was lucky to go into an organization where she was able to provide direct services and represent people right away.

"I was pleased with the work I was doing at LAFLA from the start, but encouraged to work on policy issues as well that affected population, the living wage campaign in the early 2000s," she said. "Doing advocacy for government benefits. Even as a young attorney I felt very lucky to have both immediate advocacy opportunities and also leadership opportunities."

Barrow spoke fondly of her time with LAFLA, saying how close the team there is.

"Personally, I'll tell you the fabulous work that everybody does, and really believed in the mission and because they stayed so long you develop very close friendships," she said. "I started when my son was in the first grade and he's graduated now. It's a family of sorts when people are there that long."

One of the members of Barrow's work family was Bradley, who has moved into Barrow's former roles a few times now.

"Ryan, as I moved into management, he took my old job and became the government benefits attorney," Barrow said. "And it is great to see him succeeding in leadership and taking the managing attorney position now."

Barrow said Bradley is a "wonderful advocate" and very thoughtful in both his interaction with community partners and his advocacy that affects the population.

"He's been very active in changing some of the administrative hearing rules to make them benefit both client and customer. He's making sure that benefits and systems are in place that get people from A to B."

Bradley attended law school at UCLA and, like Barrow, was hired as a LAFLA staff attorney after passing the bar.

"About eight years in I applied for and took on the job of government benefits here in Santa Monica," Bradley said. "[Karla and I had] always been friends. It was always very nice working with her. She had a very collaborative nature which I hope to emulate."

Bradley said some of the challenges he knows he will face in his new role are mastering the technical rules of opening and closing cases and dealing with the many grants that LAFLA receives, mainly within Santa Monica.

"I think I'm pretty good at it as a whole, but now I'm spending a lot of time referring to things," he said. "I have a binder on my desk I open six times a day, always making sure we get this right. I want to make sure we're meeting the rules."

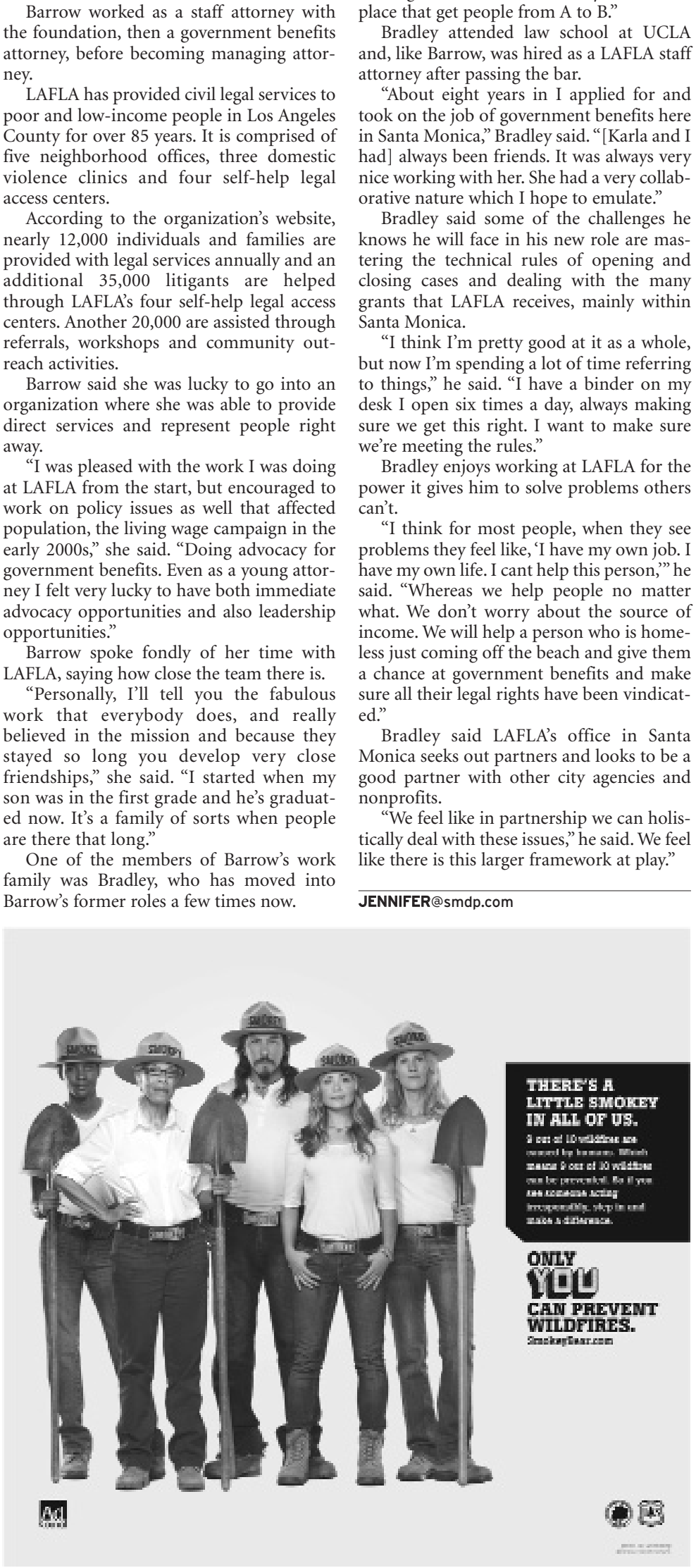
Bradley enjoys working at LAFLA for the power it gives him to solve problems others can't.

"I think for most people, when they see problems they feel like, 'I have my own job. I have my own life. I cant help this person,'" he said. "Whereas we help people no matter what. We don't worry about the source of income. We will help a person who is homeless just coming off the beach and give them a chance at government benefits and make sure all their legal rights have been vindicated."

Bradley said LAFLA's office in Santa Monica seeks out partners and looks to be a good partner with other city agencies and nonprofits.

"We feel like in partnership we can holistically deal with these issues," he said. We feel like there is this larger framework at play."

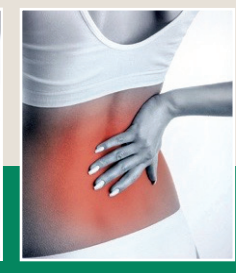
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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **62.6°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Old WNW swell drops. Minor SSW swell.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
New WNW swell starts to move in. Minor SSW swell drops.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON FEB. 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 10 A.M.

Paramedics from the Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the 1500 block of 9th Street to check on a man who appeared to be passed out inside a car. Concerned that the man was possibly suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, the paramedics called for police to assist. Paramedics were able to wake up the man, so they asked him to step out of his car and sit down on the sidewalk to assess him. When officers arrived, they found a glass pipe used for smoking methamphetamine on the driver's seat of the car. The man, identified as Evgeniy Viktorovich Gubanov, of Modesto, later admitted to having smoked methamphetamine earlier. Officers then noticed the man's car had two different license plates on it. One of the plates appeared to have been taken from a car registered in Mono County, but that part of the investigation is still ongoing. Gubanov was arrested on drug possession and vehicle code violation charges. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 390 calls for service on Feb. 14

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

Rape 1900 block of Ocean 12:01 a.m.
Party complaint 500 block of Bay 12:37 a.m.
Party complaint 700 block of 23rd 12:38 a.m.
Battery Main/Ashland 1:10 a.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln/Ocean Park 1:18 a.m.
Fight 300 block of Pico 2:01 a.m.
Drunk driving 15th/Arizona 4:22 a.m.
Traffic hazard Main/Hollister 5:49 a.m.
Traffic hazard 4th/Colorado 6:23 a.m.
Public intoxication Cloverfield/Broadway 6:50 a.m.
Found property 1600 block of Cloverfield 6:52 a.m.
Found property Ocean/Wilshire 7:01 a.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 1500 block of Lincoln 7:12 a.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop Lincoln/Bay 7:32 a.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 2500 block of Lincoln 7:34 a.m.
Vandalism 1700 block of Cedar 8:33 a.m.
Suicide 1900 block of Cloverfield 10:24 a.m.
Traffic hazard 200 block of Interstate 10 11:20 a.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block of Appian 11:29 a.m.
Critical missing person 1400 block of Ocean 11:59 a.m.
Grand theft 400 block of 10th 12:20 p.m.
Speeding 11th/Pico 12:34 p.m.
Traffic collision 200 block of Santa Monica 12:46 p.m.
Indecent exposure 31st/Ocean Park 1 p.m.
Indecent exposure 34th/Ocean Park 1 p.m.
Vandalism Lincoln/Broadway 1:32 p.m.
Hit and run 11th/Michigan 1:32 p.m.
Traffic hazard 4th/Strand 2:21 p.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 1500 block of California 2:48 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block of 11th 3:24 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 600 block of Georgina 3:31 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1200 block of 21st 3:37 p.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 1800 block of Lincoln 3:42 p.m.
Hit and run Pacific Coast Hwy/California Incline 3:44 p.m.
Domestic violence 500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 3:45 p.m.
Violation of preferential parking 1800 block of 7th 3:46 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pl 3:51 p.m.
Hit and run 5th/Arizona 4:27 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:48 p.m.
Critical missing person 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk 4:56 p.m.
Hit and run 26th/Washington 4:57 p.m.
Vandalism 1000 block of 5th 5:22 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1000 block of Michigan 5:25 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 90 calls for service on Feb. 14.

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

Injuries from assault 1900 block of Ocean 12:03 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:31 a.m.
Flooded condition 1300 block of 23rd 12:38 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of 16th 2:17 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 16th 3:48 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 5:11 a.m.
EMS 14th/Olympic 5:15 a.m.
EMS 400 block of 7th 5:27 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 2nd 6:18 a.m.
EMS 4th/Colorado 6:22 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of 26th 6:32 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ashland 8:14 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of 20th 8:27 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Euclid 8:49 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Lincoln 8:59 a.m.
EMS Main/Olympic 10:04 a.m.
EMS 26th/San Vicente 10:27 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean 10:43 a.m.
EMS 26th/San Vicente 11:03 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Arizona 11:13 a.m.
EMS Ocean/California 11:15 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Arizona 11:25 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Santa Monica 11:28 a.m.
EMS 16th/San Vicente 11:38 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Ocean 11:39 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 6th 11:42 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Broadway 11:44 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ocean 11:48 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ocean 11:48 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Santa Monica 11:48 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Santa Monica 11:49 a.m.
EMS Main/Olympic 12 p.m.
EMS San Vicente/Santa Monica 12:09 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Arizona 12:09 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Ocean 12:27 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean 12:28 p.m.
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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

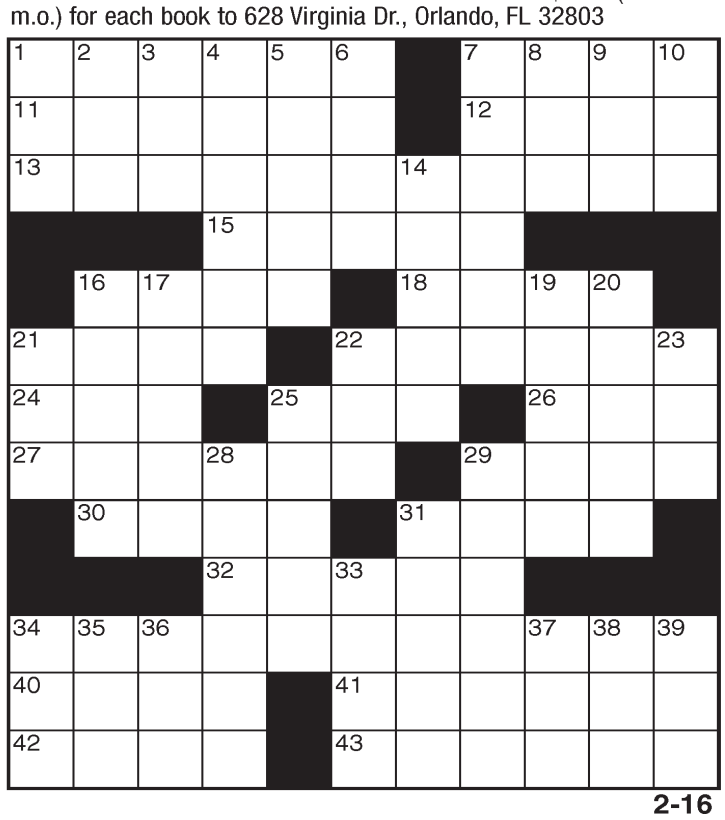
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1 Feels sorry for
7 Hat part
11 Like some mush-rooms
12 Traveled by horse
13 "Charmed" co-star
15 Stylishly quaint
16 Uncloudy
18 Freshener target
21 Mountain lion
22 It's removed for a fill-up
24 Strike caller
25 Merriment
26 Even score
27 Hip locale
29 Departed
30 Colors
31 Hardens
32 Form
34 "The Force Awakens" co-star
40 Not active
41 Bayou cooking style
42 Survey
43 Virus fighters

DOWN
1 For each
2 Wedding words
3 "— the season ..."
4 Portugal's place
5 Fudd of cartoons
6 Splinter group
7 Worries
8 Join the crew
9 Writer Tarbell
10 Fellows
14 Pun response
16 Was furious
17 In a generous style
19 Quartet doubled
20 Monsoon weather
21 Baby beagle
22 Astronaut Grissom
23 Fido or Fluffy
25 Question-able
28 Boat
29 Gardener, at times
31 Chapel topper
33 Curving paths
34 Party staple
35 Hubbub
36 Suffering
37 Singer Reed
38 Shade tree
39 Agreeable answer

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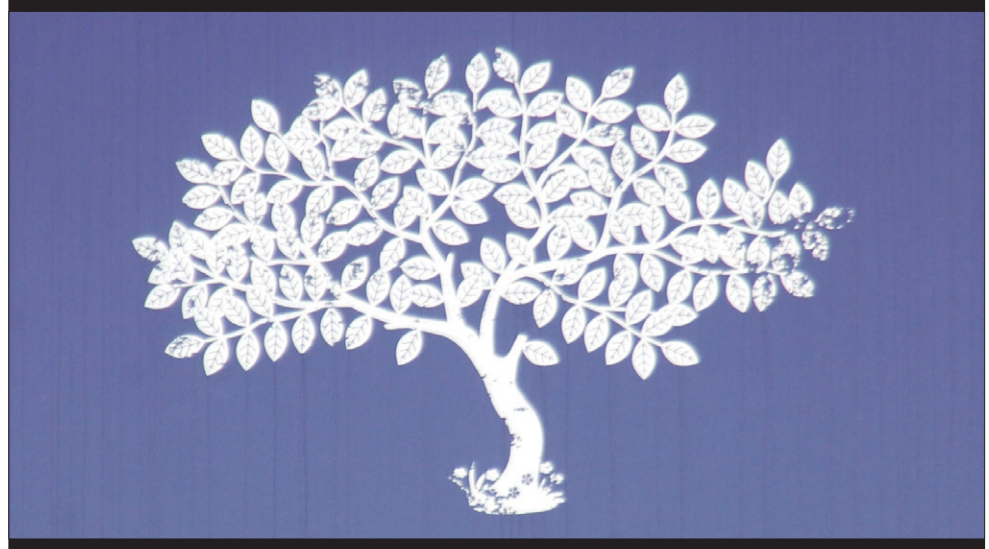
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	6	1	3	2	8	4	5	7
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4	7	8	6	5	9	3	2	1
8	2	9	5	3	1	6	7	4
1	4	3	7	9	6	5	8	2
7	5	6	8	4	2	9	1	3
2	1	5	9	6	4	7	3	8
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1998 - China Airlines Flight 676 crashes into a road and residential area near Chiang Kai-shek International Airport in Taiwan, killing all 196 aboard and seven more on the ground.

1999 - In Uzbekistan, a bomb explodes and gunfire is heard at the government headquarters in an apparent assassination attempt against President Islom Karimov.

1999 - Across Europe, Kurdish rebels take over embassies and hold hostages after Turkey arrests one of their rebel leaders, Abdullah Öcalan.

2005 - The Kyoto Protocol comes into force, following its ratification by Russia.

2005 - The National Hockey League cancels the entire 2004–2005 regular season and playoffs.

2006 - The last Mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) is decommissioned by the United States Army.

2013 - A bomb blast at a market in Hazara Town in Quetta, Pakistan kills more than 80 people and injures 190 others.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Wired.com's most recent "Absurd Creature" feature shows a toad devouring a larva of a much-smaller beetle, but the "absurdity" is that the larva is in charge and that the toad will soon be beetle food. The larva's Darwinian advantage is that, inside the toad, it bites the hapless "predator" with its hooked jaws and then secretes enzymes to begin decomposing the toad's tissue (making it edible) -- and provoking it to vomit the still-alive larva.

■ An 80-year-old man and a 37-year-old woman were ticketed in separate incidents in Canada the week of Jan. 18 when police spotted them driving cars completely caked in snow except for a small portion of the windshield. The man, from Brussels, Ontario, was driving a car resembling a "pile of snow on the road." The Halifax, Nova Scotia, woman's car was, a police statement said, "a snowbank with four wheels."

■ Chiropractor William DeAngelo of Stratford, Connecticut, was charged with assault in January after an employee complained that she was ordered to lie down on a table and let DeAngelo apply electrical shocks to her back -- as punishment for being the office gossiper, spreading rumors about colleagues. DeAngelo said he was reacting to complaints from patients and staff, but seemed to suggest in a statement to police that he was only "re-educating" the woman on how to use the electrical stimulator in the office's practice (though she felt the need to report to a hospital afterward).

Balance your budget tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are misunderstood by someone. Try rephrasing your message with different words and examples. Tap into your imagination to create more of what you want. Your high energy will help you hit a home run. Tonight: Spend some time with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of the long-term ramifications of a financial commitment. A meeting could point to an ideal solution. You can't always come up with a good solution by yourself. Let others know how grateful you are for their time and suggestions. Tonight: Balance your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you want. It is always nice to get more of what you desire. Your imagination will take you to the next step in pursuing a long-discussed dream or goal. Discuss this with someone you trust, and get his or her feedback. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Make it OK to be a little out of sync with others. In fact, you might want to pull back and retreat. Consider your options more carefully. Know that no decisions need to be made immediately. Trust your judgment, but also test it out on others. Tonight: Get some R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Focus on the implications involved with continuing on your present course. Someone rather innovative might decide to play devil's advocate for you. As a result, he or she will come up with many alternative ideas that you had not even considered. Tonight: Time to celebrate!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are more than willing to take the lead with a project, but you might feel as if someone is holding you back. You will want to find out what is going on with this person and listen to where he or she is coming from. Try to be more receptive. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to an older friend who always presents a different perspective. Go with the unexpected possibility. Follow your instincts with new information you hear about someone who has a very different type of personality from yours. Tonight: Time to detach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating will help you break certain patterns. You might have difficulty letting go of some habits and certain types of behavior. Remain more upbeat, and be direct with a boss, supervisor or older relative. Tonight: Accept a special invitation from a special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might feel as if you can't reveal the whole story about a personal situation. Others will notice that you seem a little off, but rather than ask intrusive questions, they'll carry most of the conversation. Be sure to show your appreciation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You still have your hands full. Don't question what is happening behind the scenes. Simply focus on what is happening out in the open. Deal with one issue at a time. You might receive information that proves to be a real eye-opener. Tonight: Walk off some stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You simply can't help being yourself, even though some people don't seem to understand your mischievous and somewhat sarcastic side. You have the capacity for unusual follow-through when you so choose, as you might today. Tonight: Someone's mood delights you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Pressure builds on the homefront. There is little you can do to change the flow of events. Your ability to multitask emerges. Others display an unusual amount of goodwill and patience. Use care with someone you meet today; he or she might be playing games. Tonight: Head home.

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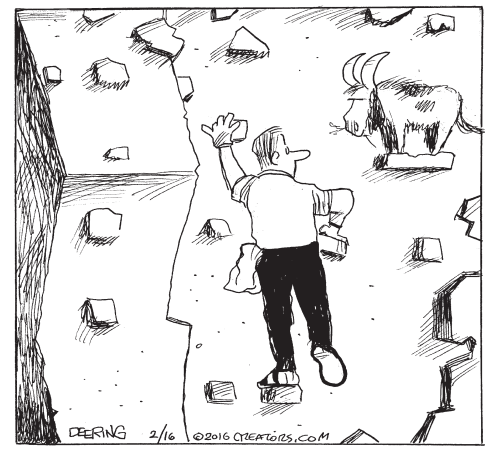
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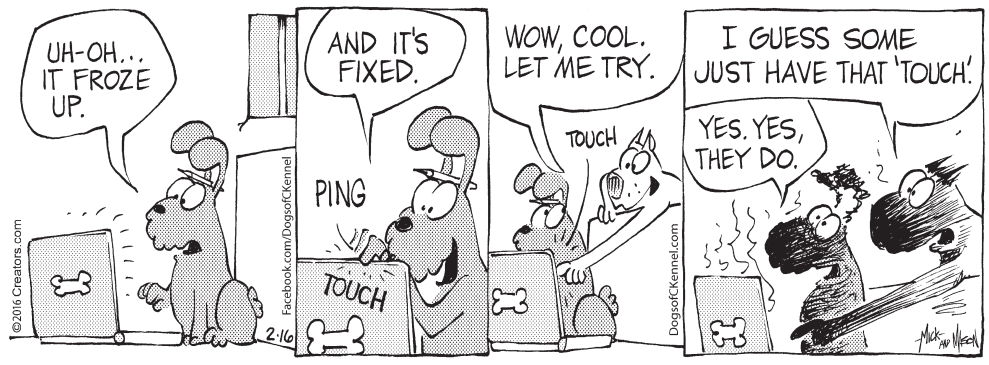
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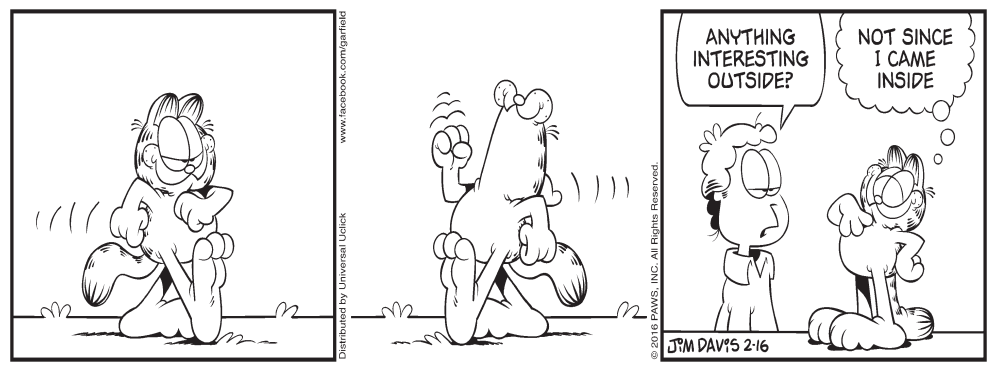
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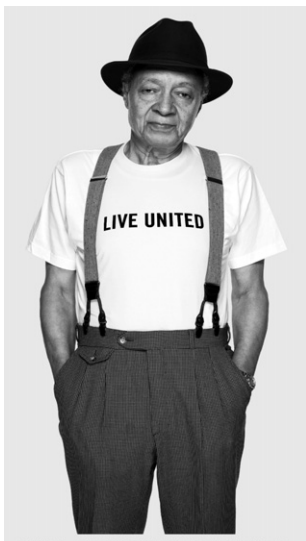
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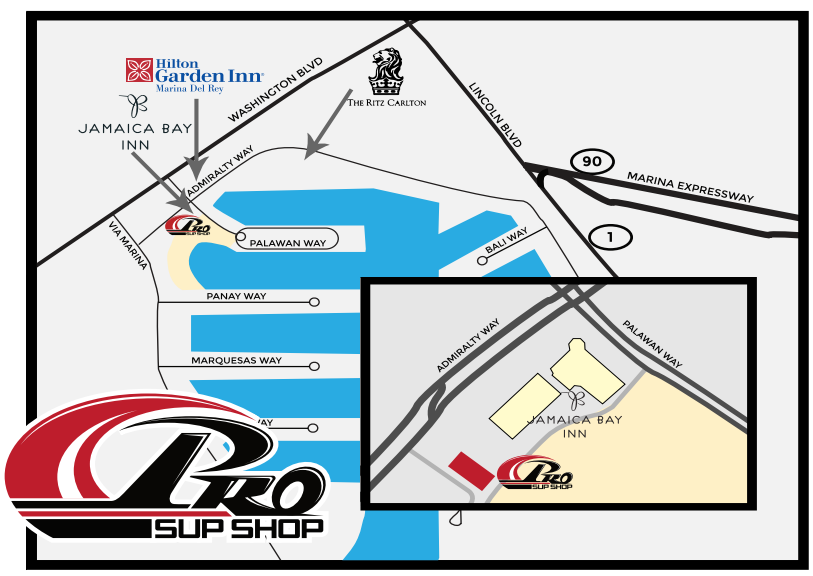
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