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PREP SPORTS:

Mathews leads Samohi into quarterfinals

Vikings return to girls water polo semifinals

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Three victories are all that stand between the Santa Monica High boys basketball team and a section title.

Boasting a remarkable 21-game winning streak that began in mid-December, the Vikings will host Palmdale-Highland at 7 p.m. Tuesday night in the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 1A playoffs.

The winner will face either Burbank-

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Photo by Morgan Genser

FLOATING: Junior guard Rod Henley II (pictured) and the Santa Monica High boys basketball team will host Palmdale-Highland in tonight's CIF-SS Division 1A quarterfinals.

Water fines begin Feb. 29

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Water customers that couldn't find the time to save water might find themselves all wet by the end of the month.

The first round of fines for perpetual water wasters will hit the mail starting Feb. 29 and City Hall is expecting to send out up to 100 citations per month from here on out.

Delinquent customers have three options for the first offense: pay the fine, appeal the citation or attend "water school," similar to traffic school. Completion of the water education course would waive the first fine.

According to Kim O'Cain, water resources specialist for the City of Santa Monica, fines will start at $250. Second vio-

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Painting the world in color

Community painting day brings over 100 volunteers to decorate 'neglected' wall

Jennifer Maas

ART: Volunteers gathered over the weekend for a new work on Main St.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

At 1:45 p.m. on Sunday there were around 30 people standing outside Bubble Beach Laundry on Main Street. They weren't there to clean their clothes, even though some of them were wearing stained shirts and pants. Armed with cans of paint and brushes, they were there to join in the decorating of a once "neglected" wall.

This project was just the most recent held by Beautify Earth, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit whose mission is to "paint the world in color and

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Computer class: PowerPoint I (MS Office 2013)
Create professional looking multimedia presentations with special effects & graphics. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 3 p.m.

Teen Time
A space just for Teens. Stop by and play board games, make some crafts, play music, do homework or just talk to your friends. Refreshments will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Alzheimer's: What It Is & What Is Being Done to Find a Cure
Discover the latest information on Alzheimer's disease, what it is, how it is being treated and what researchers are doing to find a cure. Presented by the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research, UCLA. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

City Council meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.

Daniel Sloss: DARK
Comedy show featuring Daniel Sloss, a comedian who is sick of his comedy being called "dark." Tickets can be purchased here, http://westsidecomedy.com/event.cfm?id=423921&cart, for $5. M.I. Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd St Promenade, 8 p.m

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Email Basics I
Learn what email is, and get hands-on practice with using email to compose and send messages. Seating is first come, first served. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner Level. For more information or questions, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Santa Monica Animal Shelter program
The Santa Monica Shelter discusses how they help and rescue animals (did you know they have horses at the shelter? turtles too?) and what you can do to help local animals. There may even be a furry and scaly friend or two in tow. Ages 8 and up. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Documentary screening & filmmaker Q&A: "Following the Ninth"
This powerful documentary features the stories of four individuals across the globe whose lives have been transformed by Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. A discussion with filmmaker Kerry Candaele follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m.

Santa Monica Democrats present "Wall Street Great Foreclosure Fraud"
The monthly meeting of the Santa Monica Democratic Club will host Salon.com, Intercept, and Fiscal Times writer David Dayen, who will present details of the massive foreclosure fraud of Wall Street detailed in his new book "Chain of Title: How Three Ordinary Americans Uncovered Wall Street's Great Foreclosure Fraud." Q & A to follow. Free admission and open to the public. Light refreshments served. Parking available on site. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Former Police Chief dies

The Santa Monica Police Department mourns the passing of former Chief of Police James F. Keane.

Chief Keane, a long-time Santa Monica resident, died unexpectedly during an afternoon outing on Friday, Feb. 19.

Chief Keane retired from the Police Department in September 1991 after serving the City for 34 years beginning in 1957. Chief Keane was appointed to the Police Department's top executive position in January 1979; he served as the City's 14th Chief of Police until his retirement.

Chief Keane is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, his daughters Lisa, Karen and Kathleen (a retired SMPD lieutenant) and grandkids Devin and Maya. Information regarding memorial services will be forthcoming.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA,

Citywide

Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women celebrates Women's History Month

The Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) invites everyone in the community to celebrate Women's History Month in March 2016.

The 2016 theme is "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government," and marks the 36th anniversary of the Women's History movement.

COSW will kick-off the month with an opening reception and photography/video exhibit of Santa Monica women throughout history on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m., in the foyer of Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St.. This will immediately be followed by a proclamation by City Council and the Mayor declaring March as Women's History Month. The public is welcome to attend.

In celebration, the COSW partners with a variety of City and local organizations to promote a wide-range of programming, among them the Organization of Women Leaders (OWL) Awards to outstanding women leaders, the documentary film "Finding Jenn's Voice," featuring the challenges and triumphs of women, and exhibitions such as costumed performers coming alive at Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday, March 5 portraying famous women from Santa Monica history.

"We are honored to collaborate with our Santa Monica area partners who are working to celebrate the achievements of women in all facets of life. Their stories are critically important to encouraging girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give boys and men a fuller understanding of who women are and what women can accomplish," said Nicole Phillis, chair of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women.

For more details on all events and/or to RSVP for a particular event visit the COSW website at http://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS. COSW may also be contacted at cosw.mail@smgov.net.

- SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Citywide

Local schools are hosting parent information nights to educate residents on new options

Edison will host parents on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in their library (2402 Virginia Ave.) to discuss dual immersion options.

Parents will learn more about 90-10 Dual Immersion (Spanish / English) Transitional Kindergarten and can pick up registration packets. The program will use a language-based lottery with preference given to families living in the Edison attendance area and to families living in the SMMUSD boundaries. Students must be born between Sep. 2 and Dec. 2, 2011. Program hours are the same as kindergarten. Registration dates will be announced soon. Visit www.edison.smmusd.org for information updates.

Information will also be available at Seaside Preschool. Registration packets will be available. Registration will be accepted with a $100 registration fee starting on March 1. Financial assistance is available.

Registration will also use a language-based lottery with preference given to families living in the Edison attendance area and to families living in the SMMUSD boundaries. Birthday guidelines for preschool - born between December 3, 2011 - September 2, 2013.

(Priority given to older children in this range.) Program hours: 10 months: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., $1,353. Extended daycare: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., $164. Visit www.edison.smmusd.org/ for information updates.

Grant will host parents on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in their library (2368 Pearl St.) to discuss the new Seaside Preschool Program. Registration packets will be available. Registration will be accepted with a $100 registration fee starting on March 1. Financial assistance is available.

Registration will be first come, first served with preference given to families living in the Grant attendance area and to families living in the SMMUSD boundaries. Birthday guidelines for preschool - born between December 3, 2011 - September 2, 2013.

(Priority given to older children in this range.) Program hours: 10 months: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., $1,353. Extended daycare: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., $164. Visit www.grant.smmusd.org for information updates.

Juan Cabrillo will host an information night on March 9 to discuss Transitional Kindergarten at 30237 Morning View Drive.

The program will be first come, first served with preference given to families living in the Cabrillo attendance area and to families living within SMMUSD boundaries. Students must be born between September 2 and December 2, 2011. Program hours are the same as kindergarten. Visit www.cabrillo.smmusd.org for information updates. Webster Elementary School continues with existing Transitional Kindergarten program. Pt. Dume Marine Science Center-area families have a choice of Webster TK or Cabrillo TK this year, based on availability.

- SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER, SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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Thursday, Feb. 25

California Yacht Club luncheon

The California Yacht Club presents "SCUBA Adventures Underneath: 15 Degrees North and 15 Degrees South", featuring world class SCUBA divers Mike and Barbie Blecher - two of the most experienced dive expedition leaders in the country. They will share their unique adventures beneath the sea with photos and stories of recent trips made to two distinctly different area reef systems, separated by the equator, half a world of longitude, and over 12,000 miles. Tickets are $20, including lunch and parking. To reserve a spot, email reservations@calyachtclub.net. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, 12 p.m.

Email Basics II

Review the basics of using email, and learn how to attach files, such as images or documents, to your email messages. Seating is first come, first serve. Intermediate Level. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call Telephone Reference at (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

A separate study area, basic supplies, and volunteers to assist with homework questions. Grades 1 - 5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 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. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Pico Book Group

Join in for a monthly discussion of classic and contemporary books. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Computer class: "Computer Basics"

Learn basic computer terms and practice using a mouse and keyboard to navigate Windows. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

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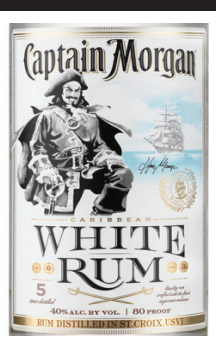

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TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

USE PERMIT 15-ENT-0333, 401 Wilshire Boulevard. Verizon Wireless proposes to amend its current wireless telecommunications facility located at 401 Wilshire Boulevard. The proposed modification would affect all three antenna sectors on the rooftop and the equipment housed in the mechanical penthouse on the roof, including: remove two (2) existing panel antennas at each sector and replace them with two (2) new panel antennas at each sector; install six (6) new remote radio units ("RRUs"); remove three (3) existing RRUs from the mechanical penthouse; and install seven (7) new raycaps. New hybrid fiber/power cables would connect all the equipment and antennas together. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060.A. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.32.060.B, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Minor Use Permit application. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Verizon Wireless/ Douglas Emmett 1995, LLC.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

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Santa Monica Forward

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A future with real transportation choices

WITH THE LONG-AWAITED ARRIVAL OF THE Expo line set for May, we are beginning to see a fuller picture of how Santa Monica has shaped up to connect and support all its varied mobility options. The future of mobility in Santa Monica can be summed up in one word: choice.

We are designing a city that allows residents, visitors, and workers to have safe, convenient choices for how we get around, whether you walk, use a wheelchair or other mobility assistance device, bike, take the bus, or drive.

On Sunday, Big Blue Bus, after months of community outreach, began the second phase of its three-phase Evolution of Blue, the agency's biggest overhaul of service in its 70-year history, to phase in adjustments to routes that will connect our neighborhoods with our new regional light rail system. And, tonight, the Council will consider moving forward with a Pedestrian Action Plan to make our sidewalks and streets safer and more comfortable for all who use them.

The newest component of our public transportation system, Breeze Bike Share, which is sponsored by one of our local tech businesses, Hulu, recently hit a milestone. Just over 100 days after it launched, Breeze boasts some impressive data:

- coming up on 10,000 active members
- more than 42,000 trips for a total of more than 98,000 miles ridden
- nearly 93,000 pounds of carbon reduced
- and more than 4.2 million calories burned

On Valentine's Day alone - also the day of the L.A. Marathon - Breeze riders logged nearly 1,500 rides. But what this new public transit asset accomplishes is so much bigger than these figures show.

Breeze Bike Share is part of the vision of a healthier active transportation network for Santa Monica and the region. Metro Bike Share will soon launch in Los Angeles and we also have more systems coming online in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood.

Public bike-share opens up connections to final destinations and to existing public transportation systems by extending connections to buses and the soon to arrive Expo light rail, helping to get people to make the so-called "first mile, last mile" segment of their transit trips.

It's important to have a realistic understanding of what our growing public transit network will accomplish. It won't, as some complain it hasn't already, "fix traffic." There is no successful metropolitan area that does not experience traffic; it's a side effect of economic health, albeit a very frustrating one.

A multi-modal public transit network will give us real choices to skip the traffic headaches by leaving our cars at home when we don't really need to be driving.

In more concrete terms - in just a few short months - we will be able to hop on a Breeze bike, board a bus, call a Lyft or an Uber, and connect to a train that will take us to Culver City, USC, the Staples Center, or Downtown L.A. without having to deal with the hassle of driving, finding parking, or paying for gas.

Within the city, we can take the bus or train to Santa Monica, ride bike-share to appointments, entertainment, shopping, or to meet up with friends. Residents can get around for their daily needs and not be forced to get in their car. Bike-share also allows visitors and residents to experience the city at a human pace.

Of course, there will be times when you just need a car. However, for people who don't care to own a car, the proliferation of car-share is also a helpful development, since such services allow you access to a car when you need it without all the trouble - and cost - of having to store it and maintain it yourself.

The key here is choice. Much of the consternation we feel when we are stuck in traffic is due to the fact that we feel trapped. For many years, we've designed our cities to give us little choice but to drive. We are now seeing that change in dramatic and exciting ways. Looking toward the future, we must also move away from low-density, single-use zoning, which prevents the growth of walkable neighborhoods and forces us into our cars much more frequently than is good for us, or the environment.

As with all change, we are still understanding how best to make it work. With Breeze, priority has always been placed on serving residents of Santa Monica and to help bring people new to biking into the system by providing bike safety education and finding ways to to better serve low-income and underserved neighborhoods.

Santa Monica residents and Santa Monica College students get discounted rates for Breeze Bike Share memberships. The community outreach team with city of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Spoke, and Breeze continues to offer free bike education classes for the public.

Equity being an important issue for transportation, Breeze and its partners collaborate with Santa Monica's single-largest nonprofit affordable housing developer, Community Corporation, to provide subsidies to its residents, many of whom can't afford to own cars. Workshops are being planned to introduce bike-share in conjunction with bike safety education in fun and interactive environment close to these homes.

As we evolve into the city of our future, we can be grateful to see healthy active transportation options prioritized by our civic leaders, who are committed to giving us choices in how we get around. We are happy to see the redesigning of our public space to give people more freedom to choose their preferred modes of transportation.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Obama agrees with me, the Senate should do its job

ALMOST DAILY I WALK MY DOG ON THE Santa Monica Pier. I often see tourists with very expensive cameras and lenses hanging around their necks. I'm often amazed at how few pictures people take, and more often at how bad they are going to come out. I see people shooting into the sun, which puts their friends and family in silhouette. Often I want to just stop and let them know about the basics of photography, that adding in a fill flash will make that horrible picture which will never be seen again, actually worth sharing.

Then there's the opposite problem, people stand facing the sun so that they are lit. The issue here is that they can't keep their eyes open because it's too bright and they are squinting and their features are distorted. The solution in this case is to either set up the poses, have them close their eyes and then the photographer counts to three and on three they open and the picture is taken; alternatively, and the best solution, is to place subjects in filtered light that allows them to be seen, but not baked.

The principle that I am (pardon the pun) focusing on is that the middle ground between two extremes is usually the best solution to any given set of problems. I don't want to live in a world of political extremes where the fundamentalist hard right is calling for the ouster or death of my fellows or where the hard left is demanding an America where everyone is coddled, living in a safe space of cookies and bubble blowing, and we have to all be so politically correct that we can't have civilized, but difficult, conversations.

The polarization that is happening across America is not abnormal for presidential election years, however it does seem that it is particularly ugly this year and I don't think it's a good thing (tip of the hat to Martha Stewart). I think it may be a necessary thing, if it is allowing people to vent frustrations and hurts, but I don't see it moving us forward as a nation.

Candidates each election cycle try to tap into the collective consciousness so that they can pander to the electorate; this is true no matter the level of the campaign. In our own city council races, the candidates each year take the temperature of their respective voter pool and try to appeal to them as intensely as possible, without alienating too many other voters.

This is often the source of the mushspeak that candidates put forth. Those lofty sounding speeches and sound bites that signify nothing, containing promises the candidate has no intention to complete. Whether it's building a wall, making education free for all, or stopping development in the downtown corridor, they say whatever they think they need to say at the time to win a voter over.

Oddly, this year we have candidates who are making outrageous statements to get free publicity from the media. It's not mushspeak we're being inundated with, but with mushthinking. It's appalling to me what's happening in our political process. For example the abdication of duty being espoused by the Senate leaders when it comes to vetting a new Supreme Court Justice is beyond political maneuvering, it is bordering on the treasonous. To try and convince the American public that we should wait for a new justice to be appointed by the winner of the presidential election, is not a genuine debate over process or values, it is bureaucratic bamboozling which is a direct contradiction of the Constitution that every member of the Congress has sworn to uphold.

I was against the idea of the president appointing a justice in the recess of Congress; it is equivalent to taking a picture facing into the sun. The appointee would be a silhouette, and as much as I trust our president to exercise good judgment, that's why he was elected after all, I still want to know a bit more about who is on the Court. Evidently he agreed with me, for which I thank him.

Additionally I am against the Senate refusing to hold hearings on any appointee that the president sends up for review, the Senate has a job to do, refusing to hold hearings is equivalent to facing the sun but squinting so hard you can't see anything. So long as the members of Congress are in office they need to do their jobs, and the same goes for Mr. Obama.

And he agreed with me here as well - we're really getting along nicely these days….

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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No Supreme Court nominee who approves of Citizens United

Editor:

So, the president should pretend to be a republican to appease Senate republicans? What benefit is there to having your party occupy the presidency, if he or she is supposed to perform his or her presidential duties as if a member of the opposing party?

William Schoene
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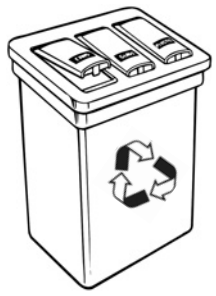

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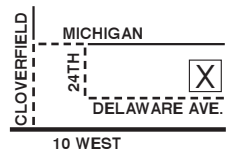

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VOLUNTEER: About 100 volunteers worked on the new painting.

MURAL

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bring inspiring artwork to the walls and spaces in the community," according to the organization's executive director, Evan Meyer.

"We are in a war against neglected, or war on beige," Meyer said. "99 percent of the world's walls look like they need love. And for every one of those walls, there is no reason for them to be neglected."

Meyer, who is an Ocean Park Association board member, started the initiative as Beautify Lincoln three years ago. Meyer, inspired by the spirit of Burning Man, and the street art of Wynwood, Miami, was looking to prove that anyone is capable of making change and giving back in an artistic way.

"It started when I gathered together a few artist friends at the Novel Café on Lincoln as our first wall, and then turned into a nationwide nonprofit."

Beautify Earth is now in a variety of cities using proven strategies and value sets to bring caring, art, color and love everywhere.

Heather Rabun, one of Meyer's earliest partners on Beautify Earth, thinks that the work they do on community walls helps attract new business and more business to neglected areas. In total, Rabun said the organization has painted around 50 walls.

"Being the change in your community is important," Rabun. "We are all capable of making small changes that will have a big impact."

Beautify Earth volunteer Jessica Alston, who sported a glitter tattoo as she manned the volunteer check in and donation booth, first heard about the organization via social media.

"I was onboard with what they do here, so I signed up for volunteering," Alston said. "And I think this project, it's beautiful. And the community coming out and gathering together to bring color to the community is great. Cause there are a lot of neglected walls that are just blank and need a little color. And they are trying to fix that."

Over the course of the day, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Meyer said there were more than100 people in attendance donating their time to paint the wall.

Meyer explained that the process behind creating the mural started with an artist, doing an outline of the planned painting, and then volunteers taking on the wall in a "paint by numbers" fashion.

Beautify Earth's current goal is to make Santa Monica the "first neglect free city."

To learn more about Beautify Earth, go to http://beautifyearth.org/.

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PLAYOFFS

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Burroughs or Vista Murrieta in the semifinals Friday.

Samohi (26-2), which lost in the second round of the postseason two years ago and which fell in the first round last year, has the chance to secure its second section title in four seasons.

The Vikings began their playoff run with a 74-59 win over Long Beach-Cabrillo, efficiently closing the Feb. 17 game after leading by just three points at the end of the third quarter. Senior guard Jonah Mathews scored 30 points.

The victory vaulted coach James Hecht's team into a second-round game on the road Feb. 19 against Moreno Valley-Valley View, which it defeated 88-82. In a high-scoring battle that featured 24-point performances by two Valley View seniors, Samohi used a 29-point fourth quarter to protect the one-point edge it held entering the frame. Mathews finished with 27.

The Vikings now turn their attention to Highland (20-6), which advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2008 with wins against Westlake and Fontana-Summit. The Bulldogs are led by standout junior Deshay Gipson, who averages 22.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

Samohi isn't the only local, quarterfinal-bound boys basketball team. Crossroads, which defeated the Vikings earlier this season, will host Irvine-Crean Lutheran at 7 p.m. Tuesday night in the Division 4A bracket.

The winner will face either Calabasas-Viewpoint or Cerritos-Valley Christian in the semifinals Friday.

The Roadrunners (12-16) earned their first two playoff victories in dramatic fashion, edging Long Beach-St. Anthony 55-53 on the road Feb. 17 and clipping Palm Desert-Xavier Prep 40-37 in another road game Feb. 19.

New Roads (9-9) qualified for the Division 5A playoffs but lost in the first round, falling 91-82 to Santa Barbara-Laguna Blanca.

GIRLS WATER POLO

The Santa Monica High girls water polo team is back at the scene of the climb.

The Vikings will face Lompoc-Cabrillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Valley High School in Santa Ana in the Division 6 semifinals, the stage at which their season ended last year. A spot in the Feb. 27 championship game is at stake.

Samohi (28-3) cruised into this year's final four with dominant 22-2 and 17-0 wins over Pasadena-Poly and Santa Ana-Segerstrom, respectively.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The St. Monica Catholic girls basketball team made a powerful statement en route to Wednesday night's quarterfinals at Santa Fe Springs-St. Paul.

The Mariners delivered a hard-to-believe 77-7 blow to Rowland Heights-Southlands Christian in the first round of the Division 4AA bracket Feb. 18 before dominating Sherman Oaks-Notre Dame 51-32 in the second round Feb. 20.

St. Monica (19-9) is fighting for a spot in Saturday's semifinals against either Fullerton-Rosary or Flintridge-Sacred Heart.

Crossroads finished its season with a 60-41 loss to Los Angeles-Louisville in the second round of the Division 4A bracket Feb. 20. The Roadrunners had defeated Carpinteria 40-28 in the opening round two nights earlier.

Pacifica Christian's campaign ended with a 51-19 loss to Canoga Park-Faith Baptist in the Division 5A first round Feb. 18.

GIRLS SOCCER

The postseason is heating up for the Santa Monica High girls soccer team.

After defeating Thousand Oaks-La Reina 3-1 in the opening round, the Vikings (13-6-3) will host Phelan-Serrano in the second round of the Division 4 playoffs Tuesday afternoon.

The winner will face either La Mirada or Moreno Valley-Valley View in the quarterfinals Thursday.

BOYS SOCCER

The Crossroads boys soccer team will enter the second round of the Division 5 playoffs Wednesday against Hemet. The Roadrunners blanked Panorama City-St. Genevieve 5-0 in the opening round Feb. 19.

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FINES

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lations will be $500 and the third will cost $1,000.

"After the third, we could require a water audit. We'd go on the property, make a list and we may be able to require they do certain types of upgrades," she said. "If they continue to exceed seven or more times, we might put a flow restrictor on that would provide just basic service."

Mandatory water cuts have been in place for months following the declaration of a Stage II water emergency. Residents have been prohibited from washing driveways or sidewalks, watering in a way that creates runoff, hose-washing vehicles without a shut-off nozzle and using potable water in a decorative fountain without recirculation.

Residents and business owners have been required to reduce their usage over their 2013 totals by 20 percent. Residential customers were given a baseline threshold for conservation that gave credit to accounts that had already implemented water saving measures. Business customers do not have the same threshold but can apply for adjustments if they show efforts to reduce usage.

O'Cain said 74 percent of customers are within their water allowances, but exceeding the allowance isn't automatically grounds for a fine. City staff is evaluating the highest water users and will be fining those that have made no effort to reduce their usage or interact with the city regarding their water.

"We have worked with many of the top water users for the past few years. Many have responded to our phone calls, emails, letters we sent out, but there are some that don't," she said. "We're really targeting those folks who haven't done their part while the rest of the community has done their part."

O'Cain said customers have done a great job so far and while some individuals are failing to meet their restrictions, the city has been able to stay within state and local mandates for water reduction thanks to the efforts of those that have participated.

She said it's not too late for customers to take action. City Hall has options for residents and businesses available online. Home customers can sign up for a free water consultation, install water efficient appliances, check for leaks, install new landscaping, replace lawns and adjust irrigation systems. Rebates are available.

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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 FEBRUARY 14,

Day watch patrol officers responded to a radio call of a naked male walking on the sidewalk in the area of 31st Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. The first officer on the scene was flagged down by multiple groups of pedestrians at 30th and Ocean Park Boulevard who pointed northbound on 30th Street and told him the naked man was walking in that direction. The officer located the completely nude male and was able to detain him. The subject was arrested for indecent exposure and transported to jail. The subject (who did not have any identification) gave a false name and date of birth to the arresting officer. When his fingerprints were scanned and his true identity became known, the subject was charged with an additional count of providing false ID to police and obstructing/delaying an investigation. Rene Alexander Martinez, 24, of Los Angeles, had bail set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 337 calls for service on Feb. 21.

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

Family disturbance, 1000 block of 20th, 12:45 a.m.
Loud music, 2500 block of Kansas, 1:00 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1200 block of 14th, 1:04 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1700 block of Ocean, 1:13 a.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/I-10, 1:54 a.m.
Fight, Ocean/Broadway, 2:12 a.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/Olympic, 2:39 a.m.
Rape, Ocean/Wilshire, 2:44 a.m.
Vandalism, 1400 block of 7th, 4:50 a.m.
Grand theft, 2000 block of Ocean, 7:03 a.m.
Hit and run, 7th/Montana, 8:03 a.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/Wilshire, 8:33 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1500 block of PCH, 9:11 a.m.
Domestic violence, 1200 block of 18th, 10:03 a.m.
Identity theft, 1300 block of Maple, 10:32 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 1100 block of PCH, 11:07 a.m.
Suspicious person, Ocean/Colorado, 12:01 p.m.
Traffic collision, 16th/Ocean Park, 12:55 p.m.
Grand theft, 100 block of Wilshire, 1:07 p.m.
Burglary, 1000 block of 5th, 1:29 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 00 block of Pico, 1:50 p.m.
Hit and run, Lincoln/Arizona, 1:51 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block of 4th, 2:37 p.m.
Threats, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 3:03 p.m.
Battery, 6th/Broadway, 3:20 p.m.
Burglary, 2600 block of 3rd, 3:33 p.m.
Fight, 1100 block of Ozone, 3:43 p.m.
Vandalism, 2200 block of 23rd, 3:48 p.m.
Kidnap, 400 block of Palisades, 3:58 p.m.
Assault, 2nd/Broadway, 4:03 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold, 1000 block of 3rd, 6:17 p.m.
Hit and run, 4th/Hollister, 6:27 p.m.
Threats, 1500 block of 4th, 6:46 p.m.
Burglary, 1100 block of 20th, 7:00 p.m.
Fight, 2400 block of Lincoln, 7:07 p.m.
Family disturbance, 2000 block of 14th, 7:36 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 200 block of Santa Monica, 8:06 p.m.
Person down, Stewart/Pico, 8:30 p.m.
Suspicious person, 2200 block of Colorado, 9:11 p.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Olympic, 10:37 p.m.
Loud music, Main/Hill, 11:20 p.m.
Person down, 600 block of 21st, 11:22 p.m.

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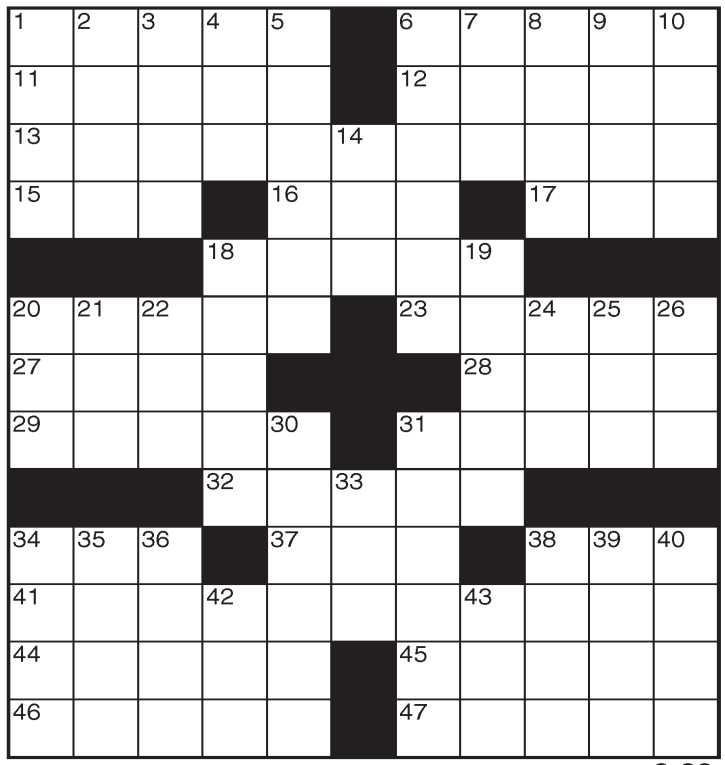

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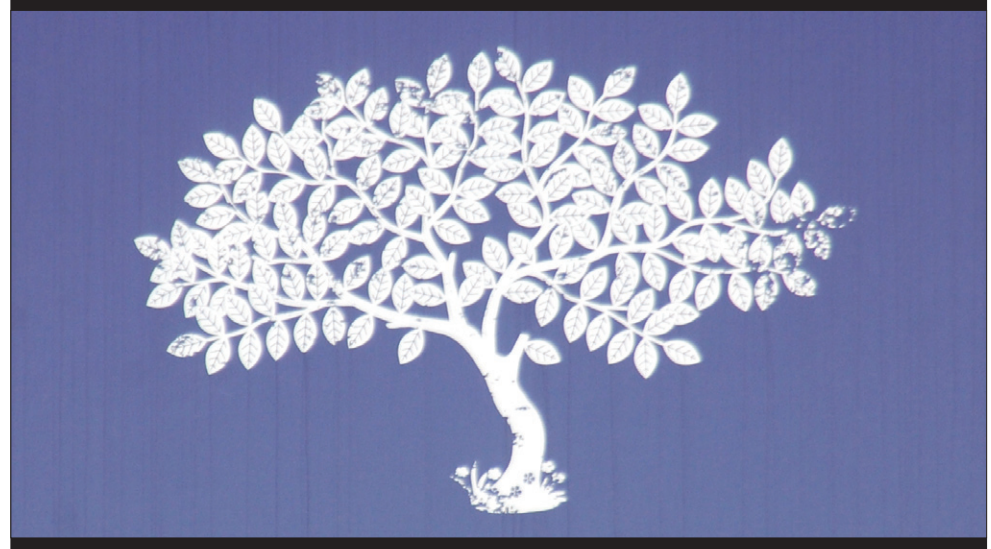

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GETTING STARTED

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

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1987 - Supernova 1987a is seen in the Large Magellanic Cloud.

1991 - Gulf War: Ground troops cross the Saudi Arabian border and enter Iraq, thus beginning the ground phase of the war.

1991 - In Thailand, General Sunthorn Kongsompong leads a bloodless coup d'état, deposing Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan.

1998 - In the United States, tornadoes in central Florida destroy or damage 2,600 structures and kill 42.

1999 - Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Öcalan is charged with treason in Ankara, Turkey.

1999 - An avalanche destroys the Austrian village of Galtür, killing 31.

2005 - The controversial French law on colonialism is passed, requiring teachers to teach the "positive values of colonialism". After public outcry, it is repealed at the beginning of 2006.

2007 - A train derails on an evening express service near Grayrigg, Cumbria, England, killing one person and injuring 22. This results in hundreds of points being checked over the UK after a few similar accidents.

2012 - A series of attacks across Iraq leave at least 83 killed and more than 250 injured.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Overexcited police departments occasionally feel the need to safeguard towns by zealous enforcement of anti-gambling laws. In November, police in Altamonte Springs, Florida, raided the Escondido Community Clubhouse, formally shutting down the retirement village's games of bingo, bunko, penny poker and – most controversially – the weekly sessions of the culturally venerated mahjong. Although none of the games is illegal under state law, advertising for-money games is, and the notices in the Heritage Florida Jewish News were such attention-getters that the pots for the games often grew to exceed the $10 legal maximum. (Given mahjong's sociological significance, news of the bust was even reported in Jerusalem's Times of Israel.)

■ Perspective: On the heels of a similar program in Richmond, California, Washington, D.C.'s D.C. Council authorized funding in January to pay stipends to notorious criminals if they stop committing crimes. Police would identify up to 50 residents likely to violently offend again in 2016 and offer them periodic cash payments plus special training and educational benefits – as long as they stay out of trouble. Officials in Richmond (once overwhelmed by gun deaths) say their program, commenced almost 10 years ago, has produced a 76 percent drop in gun-related crime.

Return emails, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A confusing situation continues to be an issue until the midafternoon, when your focus suddenly changes. Others will delight in this development. Focus on what is going on now, and don't overthink a situation. Tonight: Hopefully a friend responds to your improved mood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You will manage to avoid stumbling into someone else's issues. You have reason for celebration and fun. Your upbeat demeanor helps even a grumpy associate or loved one get out of his or her mood. You don't have to do anything except be yourself. Tonight: Worry less.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Stay anchored without getting too serious. You might be dealing with a sad friend or loved one. You must not get too enmeshed in this person's issues, or else you could become upset as well. Be more optimistic -- you are likely to witness a turnaround. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a dear friend. A change in activity will add an element of levity to the day. Your mood is always changing, but right now you might find that you are stuck in some negativity. Open up to someone's inquiry, and have a discussion, Tonight: Return emails.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be aware of the ramifications of handling a financial matter a certain way. You will hear some strong opinions. A loved one could be a bit off-kilter, and might not realize how he or she sounds. You'll know how to handle this person. Tonight: Consider an indulgence carefully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your upbeat mood continues despite a difficult situation around your home that involves a family member. You will witness your creativity spike just in time to resolve a problem quickly. Your upbeat attitude will promote a positive outcome. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to understand what is motivating someone, especially as this person seems to be somewhat touchy. You might feel as if you are affecting his or her mood. Don't jump to conclusions; instead, just remain neutral. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Emphasize the importance of having the kind of support you need in order to move forward. Someone could be hard on you as he or she plays devil's advocate. Be grateful for this person's feedback, as it will give you a well-rounded perspective. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ You might be coloring your day black when it does not need to be that way. Your perspective will affect what will happen. Even forcing yourself to smile when you don't feel like it could turn a situation around. Tonight: Someone expresses his or her appreciation of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might wonder what is going on around you. Distance yourself from a problem, and come to terms with what is happening. It would be very helpful in gaining a new perspective if you could try to put yourself in someone else's shoes. Tonight: Show some compassion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner could be very hard on you, but might not realize it. This person just looks at life from a totally different perspective. The two of you often have conflicts, yet the caring that exists between you helps to end any problems that emerge. Tonight: Catch up on a loved one's news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be more challenging than you realize. A key person also could be unusually defensive, but suddenly will walk away from that mindset. Do your best to hold the neutral space that you accidentally have stumbled into. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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

This year you could be logical and precise or emotional and moody, depending on the moment. In either case, you might push some people away. You often hear feedback that does not make sense to you, as you don't realize how much you flip-flop. If you are single, your charisma soars and attracts many people. You will fascinate several suitors, but the person you choose also needs to be right for you. Be discriminating. If you are attached, your significant other could become quite reactive to your moodiness. You will need to find out what is creating this changeability. VIRGO draws a certain logical quality out of you.

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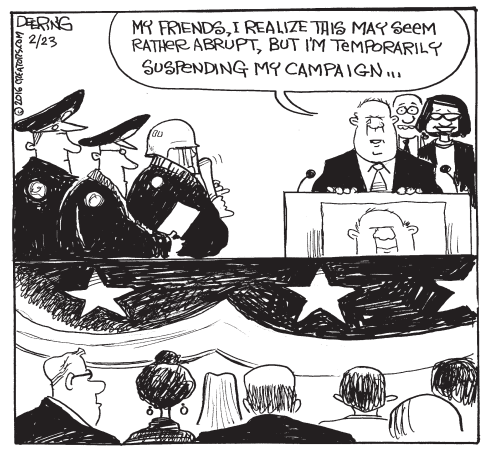

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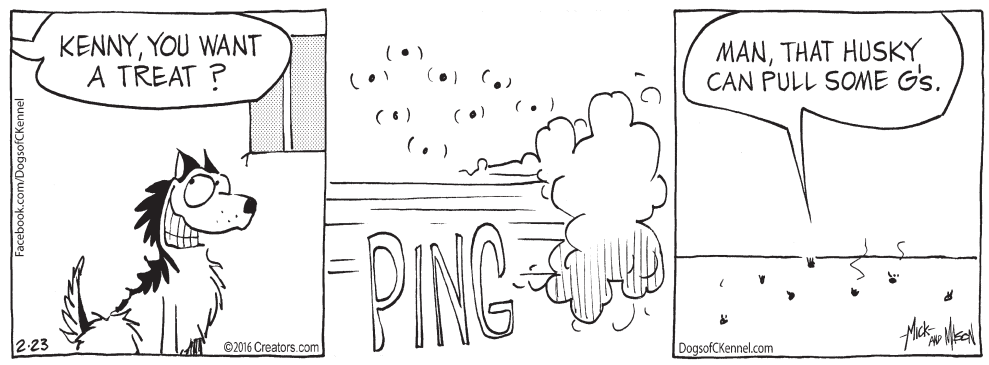

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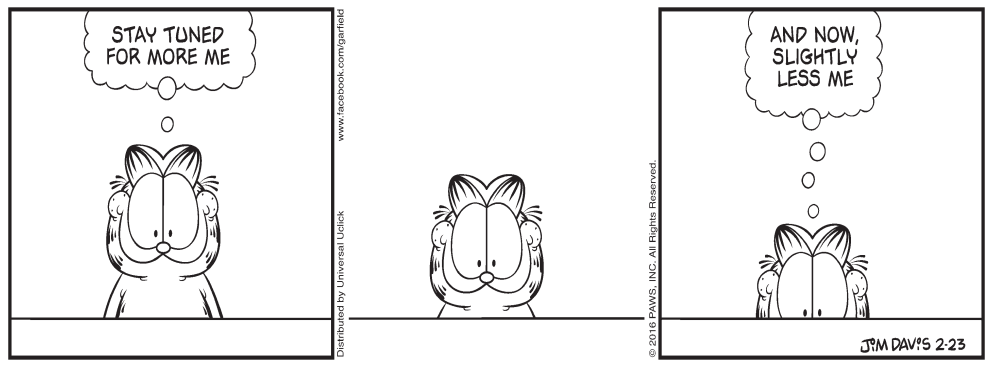

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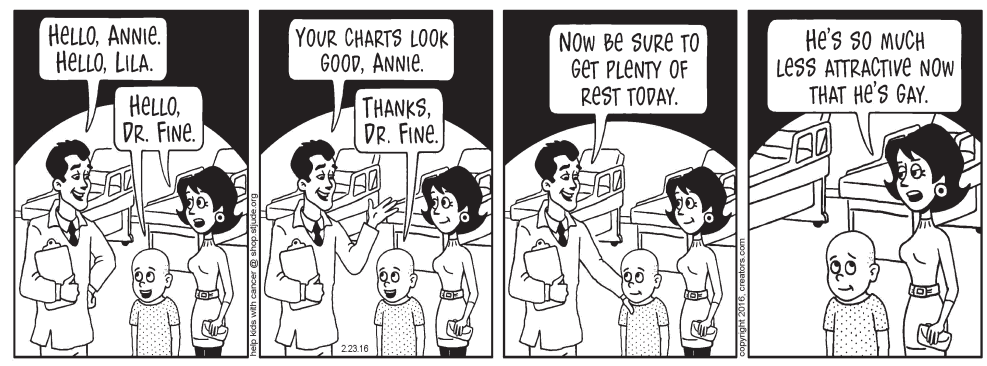

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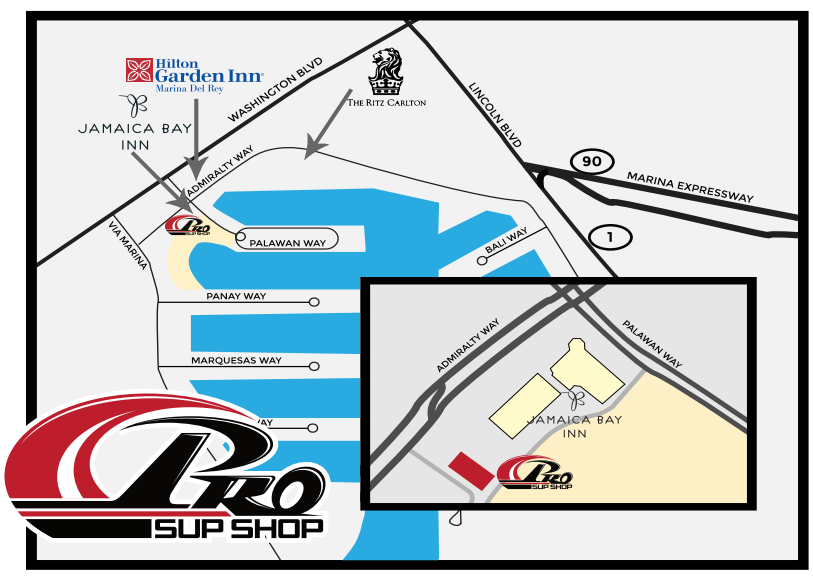

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