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LUVE advancing to the ballot

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The wheels of government continued their slow grind Tuesday night as the Land Use Voter Empowerment (LUVE) initiative took yet another step toward the now-inevitable November vote.

City Council formally accepted a study on the issue and placed LUVE on the municipal ballot during their July 12 meeting.

LUVE will require voter approval for development over 32 feet, all development agreements and major revisions to zoning codes. It provides some exemptions for affordable housing and exempts some specific parcels of land.

The initiative has already qualified for the November election after gathering signatures earlier this year, but City Council had to take a formal vote for it to reach the ballot officially. Council had an opportunity to schedule the vote last month but instead asked for a study of the measure.

The 65-page report was presented Tuesday night and outlined a litany of potential LUVE impacts, including problems rebuilding earthquake-damaged buildings, inconsistencies in the resulting zoning codes and broad implications for housing construction.

City Manager Rick Cole said the study will serve as the foundation for public debate. He said traditional ordinances go through extensive public debate prior to their final draft but the initiative process presents a final ordinance to the public without prior discussion.

"[The report] substitutes for that public vetting, in the absence of that it's just one group of people

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Indie Rock hits the Pier

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Twilight Concert Series continues tonight with an Indie Rock theme. Headliner BØRNS will be joined by opening act Porches.

Concerts run through Sept. 8 from 7 - 10 p.m. every Thursday and officials are encouraging the use of alternate transit to and from the shows.

Parking is available in nearby lots for $10-20 depending on the location. Lot 1N at 1550 Pacific Coast Hwy. is $20 per entry, Lot 3N at 1150 Pacific Coast Highway is $15 per entry and Lot 4S at 2030 Ocean Ave. is $10 per entry. The rates apply to vehicles entering the below lots after 4 p.m. Any vehicle entering one of these three lots with 4 or more people of any age will receive a voucher that they can turn in to the bike valet stand for a $5 rebate.

The newly opened Expo Line is encouraged for anyone traveling west. The Downtown stop is at 4th and Colorado, just a few blocks from the Pier. In addition to the train, several bus lines provide service to the Downtown area or locals can use the Breeze Bike Share system.

Courtesy Photo

BØRNS: Garrett Borns will perform tonight.

BAND HIGHLIGHTS:

BØRNS has been streamed over 11 million times on Spotify since his October 2014 debut and been featured in the application's highly sought after New Music Tuesday email promotion and playlist. Both "Electric Love" and "10,000 Emerald Pools" have made the Viral Top 10. His debut track "10,000 Emerald Pools" reached number one on HypeMachine upon release.

Porches has released a wealth of material in recent years becoming a magnetic live presence while playing in New York. Pool, his debut full-length for Domino was written and recorded almost entirely in his Manhattan apartment. It was influenced, in part, by settling in the city as an artist and a person.

Local students win $10,000 scholarships

Recent graduates heading to Ivy League universities

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

One uses poetry to effect social change. The other has worked in the offices of a Los Angeles city councilman, a state senator and a U.S. congressman. Both local students are heading to Ivy League universities with $10,000 scholarships.

New Roads School graduate Amanda Gorman and Crossroads School alumnus Spencer Greene were honored for their numerous achievements through a joint award program of the Santa Monica-based Milken Institute and Milken Family Foundation.

Gorman and Greene are among a group of 15 outstanding Los Angeles-area students to earn the scholarship this year after a competitive nomination, application and interview process. The program has

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Input sought in search for SMMUSD chief

Public meetings planned today in Santa Monica, Malibu

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu school district is seeking input from stakeholders as it launches a search for a new superintendent.

Consultants hired by the district will host meetings Thursday afternoon in Santa Monica and Malibu to collect feedback from parents, teachers students and community members on the qualities and background they'd like to see in a top administrator as well as the district's strengths and challenges in the coming years.

The local Board of Education recently named Chris King and

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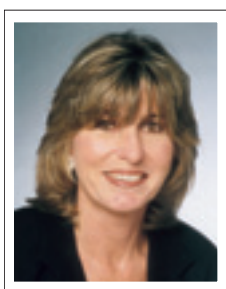
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, July 14

Build Your Own Website

Learn the basics of creating a webpage of your own using Weebly.com in this hands-on class. Advanced level. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis; please visit the Reference Desk or call us at (310) 434-2608.

Paws to Read

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 3 p.m., sign up in advance for a 15-minute period starting June 20; contact branch for details.

Zumba with Diana Flores

Zumba is a latin-inspired, calorie-burning, dance-fitness experience. In this fitness party, you will burn more calories than you thought you could. Join us for a workout that is so much fun you won't even feel like you're working out. All fitness levels welcome. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., cost $15 to drop-in

Rent Control Board Meeting

Regular Rent Control Board Meeting. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Tasti D-Lite Party

Tasti D-Lite and Planet Smoothie are launching new happy hour every weekday from 3-5 p.m. featuring weekly special offers. There will be a summer kick-off party to launch Afternoon D-Lite on Thursday, July 14 from 5-8 p.m., featuring a DJ, free Tasti soft serve and Planet Smoothie samples.

Friday, July 15

Picnic on the Promenade

Summer in Downtown Santa Monica. Bring a lunch, play board games, enjoy local artists. Third Street Promenade, 1300 block, 12 - 3 p.m.

Mat Pilates

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

Summer Activity Program: Zumba for Kids

Try kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba® choreography! Taught by Aileen Aurich. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 2:30 - 3:15 p.m., limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program; ages 4 and up.

The Grand Canyon Star Party

With simultaneous events held on the North and South Rims of the Grand Canyon. Come get a first-hand report on the 2016 North Rim Party - with stunning images - from planetarium director Jim Mahon. The John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd. Tickets cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Saturday, July 16

Master Gardeners at the Market

Helping you grow more of your own food, even in an urban setting. Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils,

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For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

City Clerk selects Assistant Director of Records & Election Services

The City of Santa Monica is pleased to welcome Ms. Lisa Pope as the new Assistant Director of Records and Election Services/Assistant City Clerk. Ms. Pope comes from the City of Malibu with a great combination of experience and skills. "I look forward to working with Lisa, her wealth of knowledge and Clerk experience will be a great benefit to my department, as well as the City," said City Clerk Denise Anderson-Warren.

Pope is a graduate of the University of South California with a degree in Kinesiology. She has served as the City Clerk in Malibu for over fifteen (15) years. Ms. Pope is both a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) and was named the 2015 City Clerk of the Year by the City Clerk's Association of California.

Pope's volunteer activities include serving on the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Policy Committee; the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee 2010/11; League of California Cities City Clerks' Department President in 2009/10 and has won the City Clerks Association Presidents Award of Distinction for Elections Management in 2005.

"I am so excited to begin working for the City of Santa Monica and look forward to joining the team in partnering with the Council, staff and public." Lisa Pope.

- SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Downtown

Hands on History Workshop for children

The Santa Monica History Museum is excited to invite children and their families to their free Hands on History workshop on Saturday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Santa Monica History Museum at 1350 7th Street. The theme of this workshop will be the city of Santa Monica's 141st anniversary.

From humble beginnings at a public land auction in July of 1875, the city of Santa Monica has grown into a bustling, internationally-known beach town. Join them on Saturday, July 16 to learn more about the early history of Santa Monica and the surrounding community. After a lesson in the galleries, attendees will get to try their hand at building their own miniature homes and businesses in the spirit of the pioneering families and entrepreneurs of Santa Monica.

Hands on History is offered by the Santa Monica History Museum on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each session includes a history lesson and a correlated craft or activity. Each workshop is designed to be engaging and educational for elementary age (5 - 11 years) children. Topics for the workshops will rotate throughout the year to feature relevant, seasonal lessons and activities. RSVP is requested, registration is available at the door. Every workshop is offered free of charge.

Founded under the Historical Activities Committee of the Santa Monica Centennial Celebration in 1975, the Santa Monica History Museum is a "Santa Monica Treasure." Originally known as the Santa Monica Historical Society we are the official collector and preserver of the history, art, and culture of the Santa Monica Bay Area. The museum's historical collections are comprised of over one million items including the personal historical collection of Senator John P. Jones, co-founder of Santa Monica; the archives of the Santa Monica Outlook Newspaper (1875-1998); the photo collections of well-known photographers Bill Beebe, Bob Smith, George Tate, Justine Hill, and author Fred Basten; and much, much more. The museum has six galleries and a research library located in a state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the main Santa Monica Public Library campus at 1350 7th Street.

Email kevans@santamonicahistory.org for more information.

- SUBMITTED BY KATHRYN EVANS, DEVELOPMENT & MUSEUM MANAGER

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composting, pests and harvesting. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Felted Goat Milk Soap Bars with Sara of Feltevolution

A fun, soapy introduction to the magic of felting! Utilize basic wet-felting skills and merino wool to hand-felt a bar of goat milk or olive oil soap. This 'soap in its own washcloth' is naturally antimicrobial and tidy. No more dropping slippery soap in the shower! Colorful success guaranteed. Felted soaps make fantastic and completely novel gifts. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., cost $15 plus $5 material fee, to register call (310) 458-2239 or visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/51648.

Lego Club

Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:15 - 4 p.m.

HUSHfest

LA's finest DJ's spin with the sound transmitted directly to wireless headphones given to guests. Experience over the ocean the city's most unique dance party! Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

Public Meditation & Book Promotion Event

Guided meditation class on from newly published meditation handbook "Invitation to Happiness." Attendees will all receive a free prize for attending, and winners of the lottery will win an additional prize. 1 - 2:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1201 3rd St. 2nd Floor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What a state pot measure could mean for Santa Monica

Editor:

Santa Monicans for Safe Access (SAMOSA) would like to comment on the news that there will be a proposition on this November's state ballot which, if passed, would allow adult recreational use of marijuana. While SAMOSA is not a cheerleader for recreational use, we are a proponent of medical use on compassionate grounds for our City's residents. Santa Monica's ordinance permits medical marijuana only for qualified patients. If the proposition were to pass and if the City so desired, it could easily amend the ordinance to allow adult recreational use — or not.

Whether California enacts adult recreational use or not this November, there will be full local control under any circumstance. The decision about whether any city wants medical use only, recreational use or a total ban on all marijuana remains fully within a city's control. That language is contained in the ballot proposition (Prop. 64).

Additionally, the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA), which was enacted this past October, also mandates local control. Indeed, the California Supreme Court made the matter of local control perfectly clear in its 2013 ruling. Santa Monica's ordinance, which was adopted last July, is already commensurate with the MMRSA and Prop. 64. There is nothing that conflicts. In fact, Santa Monica's ordinance contains rules that are more strict than those found in MMRSA and Prop. 64.

It has now been one year since the City Council directed city staff to bring it rules for the implementation of the ordinance. In that time, countless other cities like Malibu, West Hollywood and Palm Springs continue to afford their residents safe, local access.

Bill Leahy
Santa Monicans for Safe Access

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Culture Watch

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A Midsummer Mix

THIS SATURDAY, JULY 16, INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed photographer Penny Wolin gives an audiovisual lecture introducing an exhibit based on her newest book, "Descendants of Light: American Photographers of Jewish Ancestry," presented by Jewish Women's Theatre at The Braid Art and Performance Space.

For the past 25 years, Wolin has paired photographic portraits with oral interviews while researching Jewish civilization in America. Why have so many great photographic storytellers, from Alfred Stieglitz to Annie Leibovitz, been Jewish? That's the question Wolin ponders.

Selected silver-gelatin prints will be on display at the Art Gallery from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a (ticketed) reception at 6:45 p.m. and lecture at 7:30 p.m. Books will be available throughout the evening and Wolin will sign and inscribe them.

Over eight years of road trips, Wolin interviewed more than 70 photographers, from Helen Levitt and Jo Ann Callis to Robert Frank and Annie Leibovitz, creating original black and white photos of these artists. Then she re-photographed their heirloom ancestral pictures dating as far back as the 1850s and reproduces important images from each photographer's own work.

The Braid Art and Performance Space is located at 2912 Colorado Ave; exhibit is free, tickets for opening reception and lecture are $30. Tickets at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2564919. View the exhibition Tuesdays through Thursdays, 1 to 5 p.m. or call (310) 315-1400 for an appointment to visit.

EXAGOGE: ANCIENT PLAY REVIVED

The tale of the Exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt is familiar to Bible readers and anyone who's celebrated Passover.

But in the second century BC, a play by Ezekiel the Poet wrote "Exagoge," considered the first recorded Jewish play; it's believed to have been written in Alexandria and tells the Exodus story in the style of a Greek tragedy.

Less than a quarter of the play's length - only 269 lines - from the original exist. Director and playwright Aaron Henne of Theatre Dybbuk used this fragment to recreate a full theatrical work, with music, poetry, classical masks, stylized movement and a diverse cast.

With the help of The Harmony Project Leimert Park Choir, and weaving modern day narratives of refugee and immigrant experiences, Henne's script offers a multilayered production with action shifting back and forth from the biblical era to the contemporary world.

"Exagoge" is touring throughout Los Angeles. On July 23, it will be performed at Grand Park, across from The Music Center downtown; and on August 6, see it here on the Westside at UCLA Fowler Museum. Showtime is at 8 p.m., and performances are free to the public.

For more information, visit www.theatredybbuk.org

RUSKIN'S "A RAISIN IN THE SUN"

Renowned African-American poet Langston Hughes famously described "a dream deferred" as "drying up like a raisin in the sun."

One of the most acclaimed plays in the American canon, Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" is the story of the Younger family of Chicago, as they decide what to do with an insurance settlement following the death of their patriarch. Written in 1959, it depicts life for blacks in 1950s Chicago and America; it was honored with the New York Critics' Circle Award for best play.

Against all the odds the Youngers face, whose dream will be realized? Will it be a new house, the dream that Lena "Mama" Younger shared with her late husband? Will it be son Walter Lee's, to open a liquor store? Or Beneatha, the daughter's, desire to go to medical school?

Ultimately they confront the racism of the era as they attempt to buy a house in an all-white neighborhood. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

In 2014, a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun" starring Denzel Washington won Tony Awards for direction, best revival of a play and featured actress in a play. And in 2004, Phylicia Rashad made history as first African American to win the Tony for best leading actress in a play. It was made into a film in 1961, starring Sidney Poitier.

Although actress Starletta DuPois is renowned for countless film and TV, roles, she has the distinction of being the rare performer who has portrayed all three female roles in "A Raisin in the Sun."

She starred as Ruth Younger (Walter's wife) in the much-lauded 1989 PBS production opposite Danny Glover, winning an NAACP Image Award; and in Manchester, England in 2010, she was awarded for her role as Lena "Mama" Younger opposite Sean P Diddy Combs.

Ms. DuPois returns as Mama in the Ruskin Group Theatre's "A Raisin in the Sun," opening on July 22. Veteran theatre performer, singer/songwriter and playwright, Lita Gaithers Owens (also a Tony Award nominee) is the director.

I'll be speaking to Ms. DuPois in an upcoming column. Meantime, get tickets here: (310) 397-3244 and http://www.ruskingrouptheatre.com. Ruskin Group Theatre is located at 3000 Airport Ave. Santa Monica. Performances run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through September 17.

SILENTS ARE GOLDEN

Bring a picnic, grab a friend, and enjoy sunset overlooking the Pacific at the Villa Aurora in Pacific Palisades. Then enjoy the 1917 silent film, "Poor Little Rich Girl," starring Mary Pickford.

Accompanied by live organ, this groundbreaking film that Pickford's producers did not want to release became a huge hit as she played a rambunctious, plucky girl for the first time.

Tickets are $10 for Villa Aurora members, $15 for general admission on http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2535581.

Now a home for international artists in residence, The Villa stands as a memorial to artists and intellectuals who found refuge from Nazi persecution and had tremendous impact on the cultural life of Los Angeles.

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Tales From Hi De Ho Comics

Eddie deAngelini
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Comics are for everyone

LAST WEEK MARVEL COMICS announced the addition of a new character to their comic book universe, a 15 year old black girl who will be standing in as the new Iron Man while Tony Stark steps down. Predictably, I watched the internet explode with fanboy outrage. This is not the first time a comic title has garnered controversy over making a character more diverse and the arguments went exactly as I expected.

"Why are they changing the character? Tony Stark has been Iron Man since the sixties!" Except for that time when Tony stepped down before and his friend Rhodes, a black man, became Iron Man for a while. But to address this argument, Stark has been Iron Man for over five decades. Isn't time for some change? Characters evolve and comic books are all about characters that readers love to follow and grow with. When people stop reading a series, their reason almost always is that nothing ever changes and they're tired of reading the same boring stories over and over. So why not embrace something new and fresh? If it turns out to be poorly done, we will critique it on those issues rather than judging and convicting something sight unseen.

"It's Disney's fault. Since they bought Marvel, they're trying to turn all the characters into Disney princesses." Here's a newsflash for you. Disney doesn't care about the publishing side of Marvel. Comic books are chump change to our rodent overlord and he only cares about cashing in on all that sweet blockbuster movie money. So relax, the Avengers won't be sporting pink tutus and singing to woodland creatures anytime soon.

"It's a liberal plot to shove diversity down our throats!" This is an actual online comment made by more than one person. How is being a woman, or black, or a black woman, seen as a political agenda? Do these people get equally upset when they watch a movie or TV show with a cast that's not all white males? Our country is diverse, our planet is diverse, life is diverse. Truth in art will always naturally reflect this diversity.

"Fair is fair. If they make my favorite character black, then they should make The Black Panther white." Except for the fact that The Black Panther is a black king of a black nation and his color is inherent to who he is. There's no reason why Tony Stark couldn't have been created as a black man, unless these people want to insinuate that a black man can't be a rich genius entrepreneur.

As misguided as the thinking of the naysayers might be, there is still an ulterior motive behind this push toward diversity in comics. It is a hideous conspiracy to get more people to read comic books! Image a world where people of all genders or color could find a comic character to relate to and that looks like they do! Soon the minds of every man, woman and child will be infected with art, imagination and entertainment! They'll flood to the comic shops and the industry will be booming from all sides!

In all seriousness, comics are for everyone. It's not meant to be an exclusive club that only a few can enjoy. I leave you with the following story to prove my point:

I manage Hi De Ho Comics with my wife Kristen and she knows her stuff when it comes to introducing all kinds of people to comic books. Recently, a man came in the shop with his young daughter. Kristen struck up a conversation with her and told her that she looks just like the young girl in Marvel's new series Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. The series is a reboot of a 1970s series about a prehistoric boy and his pet dinosaur. This new version takes place in present day and Moon Girl is a smart young black girl with a knack for science. Kristen gave a copy of the comic to the young girl, who was excited to see the star of the book did indeed look just like her right down to the big bushy pig tails. Kristen gave her the mission to read it and report back what she thought and the young girl couldn't wait to tackle this challenge. At that moment, I know I saw the birth of a new reader who just might grow up to love comics and all that the art form can achieve. Because comics are for everyone and I wouldn't have it any other way.

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LUVE

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making claims and another group of people making claims in the political arena," he said. "So this is an effort, which includes the public testimony we're about to hear, to have an official record on which people who have an interest can analyze what of the facts are going to bear on their individual votes."

LUVE author Armen Melkonians was critical of the report.

"The City of Santa Monica's 28-day study of the Land Use Voter Empowerment (LUVE) Initiative is a weak and inaccurate analysis," he said. "We are disappointed that our City resources were not used to provide voters with a genuine evaluation of the LUVE Initiative, which the petition signatures show to have a broad and diverse base. The residents of Santa Monica deserve better."

Councilwoman Sue Himmelrich has previously said she would favor some kind of public vote on development issues and while she questioned some of the report's conclusions, she also reiterated her opposition to the specifics of LUVE.

"I've already made it clear that I believe in a vote but I believe 32 feet is the wrong number," she said, referring to LUVE's requirement that projects above 32 feet go to a public vote.

She said the right kind of public involvement could create better projects citywide.

"While I don't think this is the ideal metric for it, this initiative, I do think that having a voter approval in place at some level, and maybe that's the general plan level, makes projects better," she said.

Council had only two choices Tuesday night: adopt LUVE as written or schedule it for a vote.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis said there was little use for discussion given the binary choice before council and she made a motion to advance the measure to the November ballot.

Mayor Tony Vazquez seconded the motion and said he remains opposed to LUVE due to the need for voter approval on projects higher than 32 feet.

"I live in a [residential] zone and my house is 28 feet and my neighbor's house is 35 and I look at that and to say that that's the max in a commercial zone just goes against what most of us up here feel is progress and renovation of our city," he said.

The initiative now goes before the county Board of Supervisors, which will provide the final administrative approval necessary to place LUVE on the ballot.

The complete report is available as part of the July 12 agenda at http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx.

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SUPERINTENDENT

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Sylvia Rousseau to serve as interim co-superintendents for the rest of the calendar year while the district looks for Sandra Lyon's long-term replacement. Lyon left June 30 to become superintendent of the Palm Springs Unified School District after five years at the helm of SMMUSD.

The district has asked Leadership Associates to assist with the search, which will include active recruitment in July and August and an application deadline of mid-September. Candidates are expected to be interviewed in October, and the school board aims to approve the selected superintendent's contract in November. The district's new chief will start in January.

The meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. and last approximately an hour. The Santa Monica meeting will be held at the John Muir Elementary School cafeteria (2526 6th St.). The Malibu meeting will be held at Malibu High School (30215 Morning View Drive). Spanish translators will attend both sessions.

An online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGHZVSY will be open for comments through today.

"The advisors will compile a report of comments received during the community input sessions and from the survey results and share with the board to be used to guide the development of the recruitment brochure, the recruitment process, reference checking and ultimately the selection of a candidate," reads an SMMUSD press release.

The meetings come at a pivotal juncture for the district, which is overseeing millions of dollars in bond-backed upgrades to facilities and technology while dealing with longstanding academic achievement gaps, ongoing budgetary concerns and litigation over chemical remediation in Malibu, where activists are calling for the creation of a separate Malibu school district.

SEPARATION TALKS

Negotiations continue this week between representatives on the committee to explore possible separation of the school district into two distinct entities.

Thursday night's meeting at Malibu City Hall will include a status report on the committee's contract with Procopio, a law firm hired to assist with the talks.

Santa Monica representative Tom Larmore said the agreement was signed by the appropriate parties last month.

"Those of us on the Santa Monica side look forward to continuing the negotiations with the Malibu representatives in the cordial and collaborative manner that has developed over the last few weeks," he said.

The meeting will also include a presentation by officials from School Services of California, another consultant in the negotiations.

The school board last year approved guidelines for talks that would allow representatives from Santa Monica and Malibu to explore financial, legal and other ramifications of a potential split.

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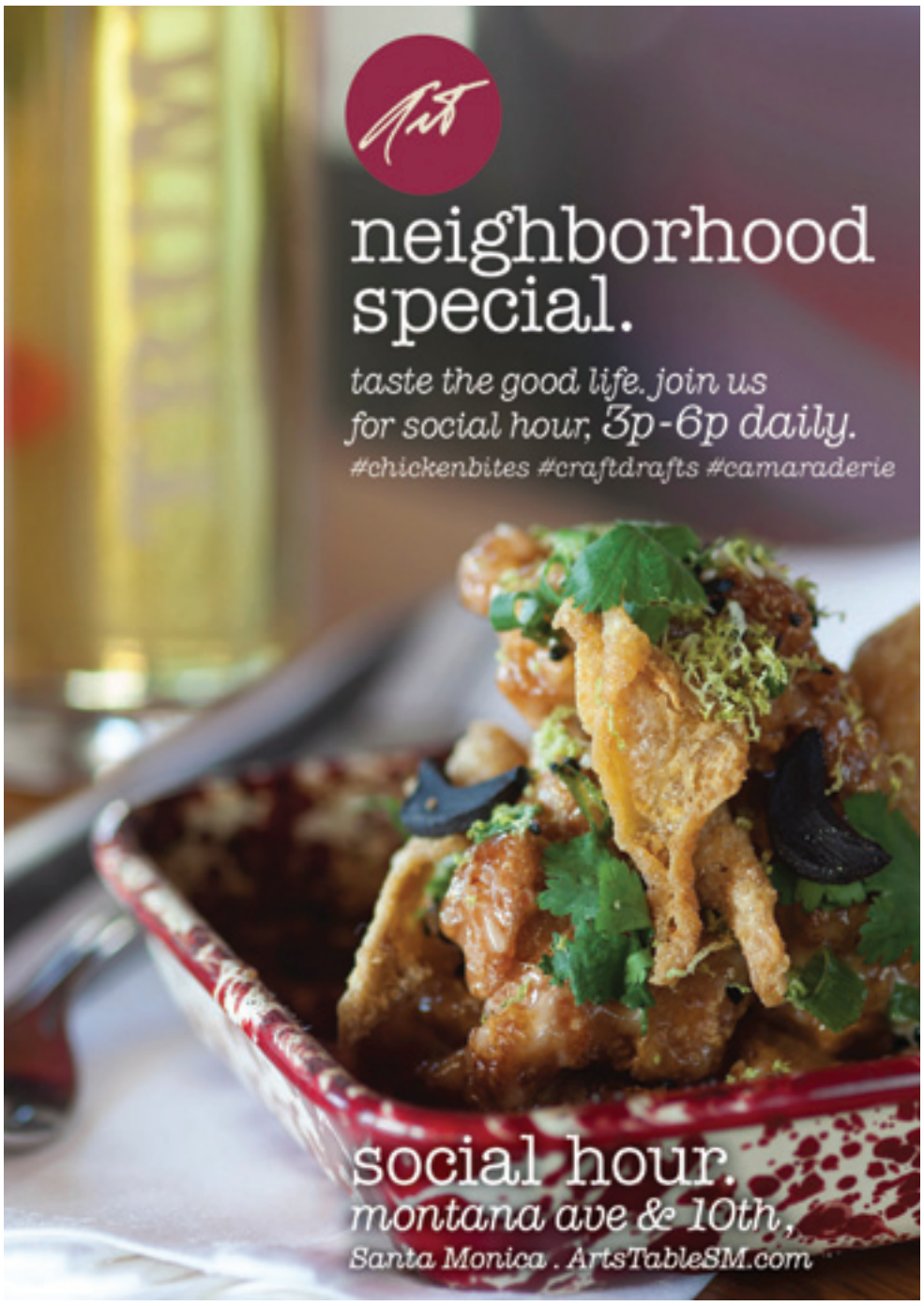

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POKÉMON GOES TO THE BEACH

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The augmented reality game Pokémon Go has been storming the country. The game uses a phone's camera to display digital monsters at real locations and guide users to those locations to catch the various creatures. A particularly valuable Pokémon is located at the Santa Monica Pier and users have descended on the Pier for several days to add it to their digital collections.

STUDENTS

FROM PAGE 1

supported more than 400 students during and after their college careers since it was founded in 1989.

"Each has already demonstrated academic excellence, a commitment to community service and the fortitude to overcome adversity," program co-founder Mike Milken said in a press release. "Many are children of first- and second-generation Americans. We're pleased to offer them a helping hand and grateful for the opportunity to interact with tomorrow's leaders."

Gorman, who plans to study literature and politics when she starts at Harvard University in the fall, was named the inaugural Los Angeles Youth Poet Laureate and is one of four candidates to become the first U.S. youth poet laureate in history.

She also received a grant to launch One Pen One Page, which helps youths use writing to make a social impact. The organization is expanding across the country.

Gorman strives to support youths who have been marginalized. Driven by recent protests over excessive police force, she launched a Black Student Union at New Roads. She also founded Girls Learn International, which focuses on education for girls, and has served as an ambassador and editor for an online platform for teenage girls.

Gorman's work has been published by nationally distributed newspapers and magazines.

Greene, meanwhile, will attend Brown University following a high school experience at Crossroads that was defined by his involvement in politics.

As an intern for Los Angeles Councilman Mike Bonin, he updates a directory to connect homeless people to a variety of resources. He campaigned for Rep. Ted Lieu through canvassing and phone calls. And he was responsible for a variety of duties, including social media and community events, for State Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), a former member of the local Board of Education.

"I cannot wait to see what the future holds for him," Allen said in a press release.

Greene's interest in government flowed into his time at Crossroads, where he was vice president of student council. He also organized events, managed budgets and logged more than 300 hours of community service and served as captain of the Roadrunners varsity volleyball team.

Gorman and Greene highlight a Milken scholars class that also includes Shubhayu Bhattacharyay (Johns Hopkins), Destin Bigsby (UC San Diego), Joseph Chavez (Dartmouth), Ruwanthi Ekanayake (Cornell), Mirna El-khalily (Stanford), Hyo Jung Ha (Williams College), Jose Luquin (Stanford), Pavle Pejovski (UCLA), Simaranjeet Rai (UC Berkeley), Amanda Rizkalla (Stanford), Melisa Santizo (Harvard), Khai Tran (Yale), Dongni Zhao (UC Berkeley).

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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 JULY 8 AT APPROXIMATELY 12:20 A.M.

A woman was awake in bed in the upstairs bedroom of her residence at the 600 block of Palisades Beach Road and heard what sounded like someone trying to open the bedroom door. The woman assumed her daughter was at the door, but when she opened it she saw the suspect standing in the landing at the top of the stairwell. The woman questioned the suspect about why he was in her home, but the suspect ignored her and walked downstairs. The woman then locked the bedroom door and woke her husband up, then called 911. She then went out to her balcony and saw the suspect walking away from the residence on the beach bike path. Officers responded to the area and located the suspect nearby. The suspect was detained and later positively identified by the woman. Jeremy Lee Sutliff, 41, of Glendale was arrested for burglary. Bail was set at bail $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 367 calls for service on July 12.

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

Traffic collision, 4th/Colorado, 12:36 a.m.
Drunk driving, Main/Olympic, 2:46 a.m.
Burglary, 1300 block of 4th, 2:58 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Lincoln 6:58 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1600 block of Ashland, 7:21 a.m.
Traffic collision, 200 block of Palisades Beach, 7:41 a.m.
Elder abuse, 2000 block of 18th, 7:52 a.m.
Indecent exposure, 700 block of Broadway, 8:14 a.m.
Traffic collision, 26th/Wilshire, 8:18 a.m.
Indecent exposure, 900 block of Pico, 9:38 a.m.
Hit and run, 800 block of 7th, 10:27 a.m.
Petty theft, 300 block of the Pier, 10:31 a.m.
Public intoxication, 2900 block of Ocean Park, 11:14 a.m.
Person down, 11th/Wilshire, 12:07 p.m.
Hit and run, 2200 block of Wilshire, 12:42 p.m.
Person with a gun, 1500 block of Ocean Front Walk, 12:45 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1600 block of Cloverfield, 1:21 p.m.
Hit and run, Lincoln/Wilshire, 2:43 p.m.
Burglary, 1100 block of 4th, 2:53 p.m.
Burglary, 1000 block of 4th, 3:18 p.m.
Leaf blower violation, 600 block of 14th, 3:45 p.m.
Indecent exposure,, 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom, 4:31 p.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Arizona, 4:42 p.m.
Fight, 2000 block of Yorkshire, 5:55 p.m.
Battery, 1800 block of Lincoln, 6:12 p.m.
Hit and run, 11th/Olympic, 7:07 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper, 3100 block of Wilshire, 7:11 p.m.
Petty theft, 1500 block of the Beach, 7:12 p.m.
Hit and run, Cloverfield/Santa Monica, 7:14 p.m.
Sexual assault, Ocean/Broadway, 7:40 p.m.
Lewd Activity, 1000 block of 2nd, 7:59 p.m.
Identity theft, 600 block of Wilshire, 9:06 p.m.
Battery, 1500 block of Ocean, 9:41 p.m.
Public intoxication, 00 block of Arcadia, 10:22 p.m.
Burglary, 1200 block of 14th, 10:29 p.m.
Burglary, 200 block of San Vicente, 11:07 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 49 calls for service on July 12.

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EMS, 1300 block of 10th, 12:30 a.m.
EMS, 2300 block of Virginia, 2:27 a.m.
EMS, 00 block of Pico, 3:14 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 5th, 3:39 a.m.
EMS, 400 block of Georgina, 3:50 a.m.
EMS, 5th/Arizona, 4:44 a.m.
EMS, 15th/Arizona, 7:33 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Ocean Park, 7:47 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of Cedar, 8:02 a.m.
EMS, 26th/Wilshire, 8:19 a.m.
EMS, 200 block of Ocean, 8:53 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 9:46 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 17th, 10:14 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Colorado, 11:39 a.m.
EMS, 200 block of 21st, 11:40 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Wilshire, 12:07 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 18th, 12:23 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 12:32 p.m.
EMS, 500 block of Ashland, 12:45 p.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Cloverfield, 12:46 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of 26th, 1:04 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 4th, 2:12 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 7th, 2:38 p.m..
EMS, Lincoln/Wilshire, 2:47 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of Olympic, 3:33 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Wilshire, 3:35 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of Bay, 3:39 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block of Ocean Park, 3:56 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block of Lincoln, 4:50 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 9th, 6:19 p.m.
EMS, 19th/Santa Monica, 6:22 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of 32nd, 6:38 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 7th, 6:46 p.m.
EMS, 500 block of Colorado, 6:51 p.m.
Flooded condition, 1100 block of 14th, 8:04 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of Pearl, 8:17 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 8:45 p.m.
Fire, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 8:52 p.m.
Odor investigation, 700 block of Arizona, 9:18 p.m.
Injuries from assault, 1500 block of Ocean, 9:43 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 9:50 p.m.

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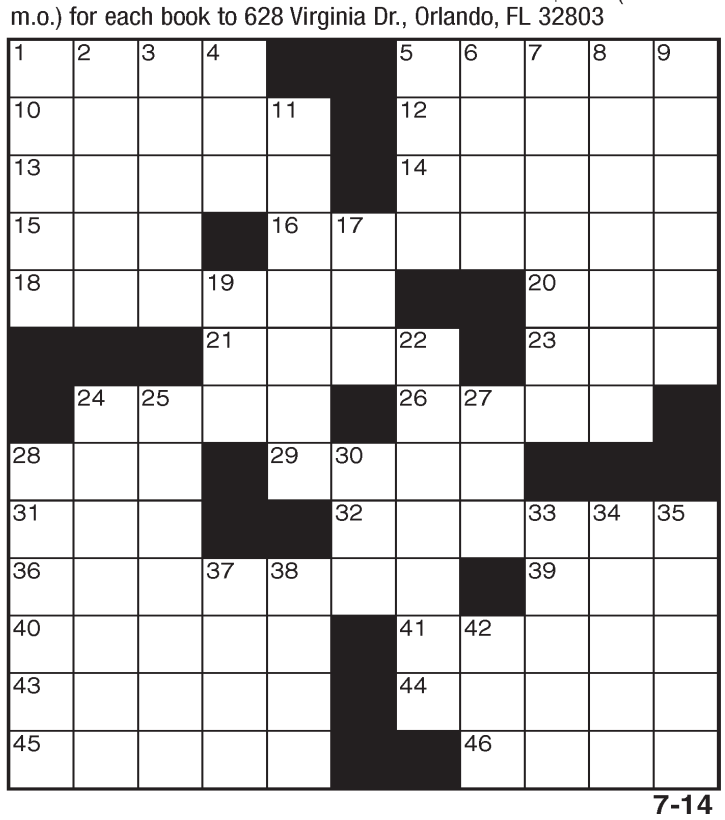

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GETTING STARTED

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.

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7	4	2	5	9	3	1	6	8
3	1	8	4	6	2	9	7	5
6	5	9	1	7	8	2	3	4
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1900 – Armies of the Eight-Nation Alliance capture Tientsin during the Boxer Rebellion.

1902 – The Campanile in St. Mark's Square, Venice collapses, also demolishing the loggetta.

1911 – Harry Atwood, an exhibition pilot for the Wright brothers lands his airplane at the South Lawn of the White House. He is later awarded a Gold medal from U.S. President William Howard Taft for this feat.

1915 – The McMahon–Hussein Correspondence between Hussein bin Ali, Sharif of Mecca and the British oficial Henry McMahon concerning thee Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire begins.

1916 – Start of the Battle of Delville Wood as an action within the Battle of the Somme, which was to last until 3 September 1916.

1928 – New Vietnam Revolutionary Party is founded in Hu? amid providing some of the communist party's most important leaders in its early years.

1943 – In Diamond, Missouri, the George Washington Carver National Monument becomes the first United States National Monument in honor of an African American.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Quixotic Malaysian designer Moto Guo made a splash at Milan's fashion week in June when he sent model after model to the runway with facial blotches that suggested they had zits or skin conditions. One reporter was apparently convinced, concluding, "Each man and woman on the runway looked miserable."

■ Out of Control: (1) Nelson Hidalgo, 47, was arrested in New York City in June and charged with criminal negligence and other crimes for parking his van near Citi Field during a Mets game and drawing players' complaints when he ramped up the van's 80-speaker sound system. "I know it's illegal, but it's the weekend," said Hidalgo. "I usually (just) get a ticket." (2) Trina Hibberd of Mission Beach, Australia, finally showed concern about the python living inside her walls that she has known about for 15 years but (perhaps "Australianly") had chosen to ignore. In June, it wandered out -- a 15-foot-long, 90-pound Scrub Python she calls "Monty." "All hell broke loose," a neighbor said later, as snake-handlers took Monty to a more appropriate habitat.

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Follow the crowds, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Clear up a situation with a discussion, and try not to be resentful. You could feel as if no one is listening. You have a firm but direct style. You also have the energy to complete whatever you need to. A close association could develop into something more. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be stressed out by all the pressure around you. You might feel as if someone needs you. You have a fiery style that draws in many people. Allow more creativity to flow into your day through sharing and exchanging ideas. Tonight: Defer to a dear friend or loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Reflect on what you are seeing. You have a different style from others' when it comes to dealing with a problem. Make sure you understand all the different facets. Understand what a family member wants from you. You can make a situation work. Tonight: Pace yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity seems endless to many different people. Understand what is happening around you. Others seem to be into black-and-white thinking. You see the validity of both perspectives. Try introducing your friends to the concept of gray. Tonight: Be playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Pace yourself, and you'll get a lot done quickly and efficiently. A financial matter could distract you. You feel more upbeat than you have in a while. Know when you have had enough or don't want to proceed any faster. Take some much-needed personal time. Tonight: Settle in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your upbeat personality attracts many different people. Your understanding evolves to a new level as those around you express their ideas and opinions more clearly than they have in a while. You now grasp why there is so much conflict between certain people. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Allow yourself to feel more confident, and be aware of how much you have to offer. Sometimes you are your own worst enemy. Your sense of humor will allow greater give-and-take between you and someone you care a lot about. Tonight: Avoid a heated conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your understanding will take you down a new path. Others might want your support, but they won't ask for it. Be willing to ask for what you need as well. The worst result would be not getting what you want, but you won't know if you don't ask. Tonight: Use your high energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. Understand where someone is coming from if he or she is unusually irritable. You might not agree with this person, but you can understand his or her logic. You feel pressured easily. Don't lose your temper. Tonight: Play it relaxed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is necessary. You seem responsive to change in the face of power struggles and control games. Claim your power and do not back down. Reach out to someone at a distance; this person often opens up in discussions with you. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be willing to accept your role in a major project. One-on-one relating becomes a strength right now as you work through a money issue. Know that the other party is listening and wants to respond appropriately. A friend could be causing uproar. Tonight: Burn off some tension.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A loved one will go out of his or her way to communicate with you. You might not agree with what this person says, but you'll appreciate the effort. Read between the lines with a loved one who might be leaving out some important details. Tonight: Out and about.

Thursday, July 14, 2016

This year you will grow past your present limitations and be more willing to open up to new ideas and different lifestyles. This transformation is likely to occur right after this birthday or within months of your next birthday. Stay open to new possibilities. If you are single, meeting people appears to be unusually easy this summer. Make the most of the summer heat. If you are attached, you and your sweetie could decide to remodel, move and/or perhaps add a new addition to your household. Be open with your partner as you discuss options that could affect the two of you. SCORPIO can be caustic and sarcastic.

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

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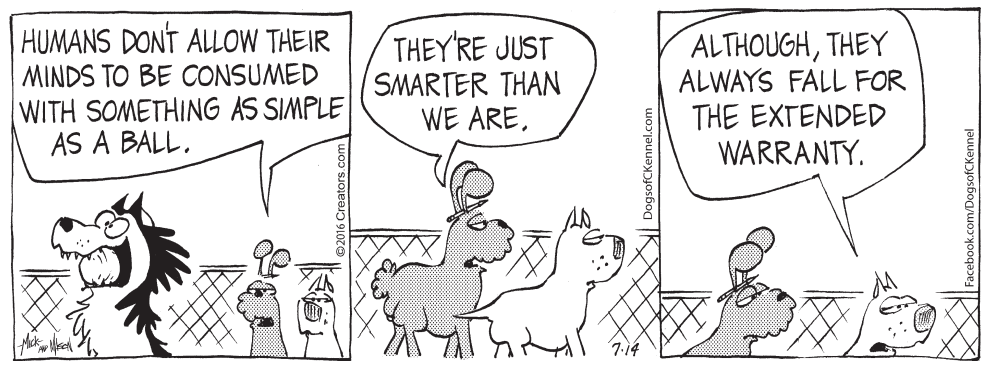
By Dave Coverly

Strange Brew
By John Deering

Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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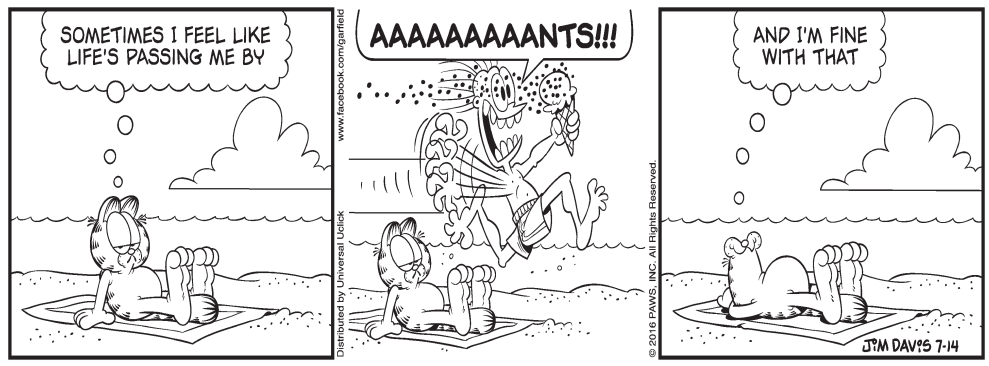

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