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Measure BB felt across SMMUSD

$268-million bond supporting facility, tech upgrades

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In November 2006, voters passed a $268-million bond measure to modernize facilities throughout the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

And over the last nine years, funds from Measure BB have covered dramatic improvements at local schools.

The district used the money to repair and replace old equipment, improve seismic safety and upgrade science and technology capabilities with the goal of providing better learning environments for students.

The upgrades are detailed in a report that Charlie Yen, chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, summarized during the Board of Education meeting Wednesday night.

Board president Laurie Lieberman said it's the district's responsibility to inform stakeholders of the progress, especially as SMMUSD begins rolling out additional facility and technological upgrades through the $385-million Measure ES that voters approved in 2012.

"We want people to know what we're doing, that we're on top of it, and we want them to see it," she said. "It's a confidence-builder. It's really important."

The district had spent $212.9

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Former Papermate site heads for possibly final approval

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

OLYMPIC/26TH Monday night is the beginning (and possibly end) of the end for development at the once controversial former Papermate factory.

Reoccupation of the site is imminent and the Architectural Review Board will hear details of the proposed redesign at their August 17 meeting.

Controversy erupted last year over the original plans for the site at 1681 26th Street. Hines, a Texas-based developer proposed nearly 375,000 square feet of office space, 427 apartments and $32 million in community benefits. After receiving initial approval in a 4-3 vote, Council reversed their decision after residents gathered enough signatures to take the issue to the ballot.

Hines is no longer involved with the project. Lincoln Property Company, based in Los Angeles, is now acting as the developer and CSHV Pen Factory owns the land.

The currently vacant building includes 196,317 square feet of space. The proposal includes reducing square footage in some parts of the building and splitting it in two. Additional square footage will be added to one building bringing the new total to nearly 204,000 square feet.

Unlike the Hines project, which exceeded City Hall's land-use limits and therefore needed approval from City Council, the Pen Factory project can proceed relatively

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JAZZ IN THE PARK

Amber Watson

The 10th annual Jazz on the Lawn concert series presents lively, family-friendly music to dance, relax, and picnic with rotating food and dessert trucks from 5 - 7 p.m. at Stewart Street Park, 1836 Stewart Street. Performances so far include the Nate Birkey Quintet and Estaire Godinez. For more information call (310) 458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/jazz.


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

August 15

Beach Reads Book Discussion: "Where'd You Go Bernadette"

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1450 Ocean: Unseen Santa Monica Digital Plein Air Photography

In conjunction with the Gallery exhibition titled 'Unseen' at the Annenberg Community Beach House, photographer Benjamin Simpson leads a free Palisades Park walk where participants are encouraged to bring their smartphone/digital cameras and take pictures together, then discuss inside the Camera Obscura building. Cost: Free. Adults, teens and seniors. 1 - 4 p.m. Palisades Park

Back to the Future: A Share Santa Monica Program

Join us for an afternoon of nostalgia and fun! We'll screen "Back to the Future 2" (filmed in 1989 but taking place in 2015). Stay for a trivia game testing your knowledge of the years 1955, 1985 and 2015. Finally, share your memories of Santa Monica by bringing your pictures and stories to upload onto our SHARE site. Moving Screening "Back to the Future 2" (108 min.) 1 - 3 p.m. Trivia and Share Santa Monica 3 - 4 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave.

Santa Monica Public Library at the Beach

Grab your towel and sunscreen, Santa Monica Public Library is heading to the beach! Stay tuned for more details. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Dorothy Green Park @ the end of Ocean Park Blvd.

A back-to-school event for the whole family

Step inside a creative, playful and collaborative, multi-generational "sandbox," where you and your family can explore coding, storytelling, games and civic technology. The creative pop-up makerspace features LA Makerspace, Code for America, Beta The Robot, General Assembly and Learn Do Share. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 12 - 5 p.m.

Plastic Castle Concert

Come close out the Summer Reading Program with a concert by this "shape-shifting psychedelic rock band" influenced by The Doors, Pink Floyd and Beck. Grades 6 and up and adults. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4 p.m.

HushLA Silent Dance Parties at the Pier

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August 16

Habitat Disco Night

Join Habitat Ministry for a groovy night with great food, dancing, a raffle, cash bar, and prizes for the best disco costumes! You'll have fun and help build a home with the HFH GLA Catholic Coalition! $30 or $35 after August 8 and at the door. To purchase tickets, go to www.stmonica.net/habitat www.stmonica.net/habitat. 7 p.m. Go to http://bit.ly/CatholicBuild14 for more information.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Barker Hanger

Vevo Certified Live Concert

Featuring bandmates Luke Hemmings, Michael Clifford, Calum Hood and Ashton Irwin, 5 Seconds of Summer has dominated the charts and will be performing for free for fans at Barker Hangar. The concert kicks off at 7 p.m. and fans can sign up for a chance to attend the show via http://1iota.com/show/466.

Vevo Certified Live is a special concert performance to celebrate Vevo's Certified program and bring the biggest names in music to fans for a live experience. The Certified Award is the industry benchmark for success, celebrating music videos that are viewed more than 100 million times across the Vevo platform. Certified salutes the artist and the fan through exclusive original programming including award presentations, artist commentary and fan tributes.

Australian pop band 5 Seconds of Summer will perform on Monday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave #203.

- SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW BOJANIC

Downtown

Jim Jonassen to be Honored at the 40th Annual Kids Auction & Gala

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica (SMBGC) is seeking the help of individuals and businesses to donate items for auction for its upcoming 40th Annual Great Futures Gala to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 13th at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica. This year's event honors Jim Jonassen, executive recruiter, and celebrates the 4,000-plus youth whose lives are enriched each day by SMBGC. The gala is the Club's largest fundraiser and all proceeds support the many services and programs the Club provides through 10 clubs sites within Santa Monica and Culver City.

"The Great Futures Gala this year will honor our wonderful Club supporter, Jim Jonassen," said Tim Blaylock, president and chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. "We invite businesses, corporations, Club alumni, parents of members, and people from all over Westside and Los Angeles to help us help kids and honor Jim through donations that support the well-being of children, our community's most precious asset."

The Club seeks community support through donations of items for auction at the event such as trips, tours, wine, gift baskets, furniture, restaurant vouchers, jewelry, timeshares, home improvement items and gift certificates. Those who are unable to donate an item can make a tax-deductible donation in cash to support a youth or an entire program. Event sponsorship opportunities are also available. All donors receive a tax deduction for the market value of the item they donate, and will be recognized by name (unless they choose anonymity) in the auction program.

For more information or to submit an auction item or donation, contact Caitlin Obringer at cobringer@smbgc.org or call (310) 361-8500.

For more information, visit www.smbgc.org or follow them on Facebook (facebook.com/smbgcfan) and Twitter (twitter.com/SMBGC).

- SUBMITTED BY MARY DICESARE

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Stewart Street Park, 1819 Stewart Street.

Printmaking Lab with Local Printmakers

Through December 2016, 1450 Ocean is featuring our 30"x48" Dickerson Combination motorized printing press, available on weekends in a lab-type setting. Printmakers with some experience are invited to sign up for printing time; bring your blocks or everything you need to work on them here; monotype, linocut, and other similar techniques will be accommodated. Paper will be available for purchase; shared black water soluble ink, inking surfaces, rollers and brayers will be available. $15 each lab session, must have attended a printmaking class here or have previous experience with a printing press. 1450 Ocean, 2 - 6 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/46469

Rec Room

Visit the Sand & Sea Rec Room, open daily this summer from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

August 17

Main Library Book Group

This book group, which is open to all, features an eclectic selection of literary fiction and nonfiction. The August 2015 book being discussed is The Revolt Of The Masses by José Ortega y Gasset. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m., www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m. www.smgov.net/portals/culture/agendas.aspx

Toddler Dance Party

Toddlers and Preschoolers are invited to dance out their sillies. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Monday Funday

Join organizers for today's free activity. Find them on site, or ask at Guest Services for today's location. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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A Richly Diverse Life, and City

ANYBODY WANTING TO LIVE IN SANTA MONICA today has a limited number of housing types from which to choose. One could purchase a single-family home or a condominium, or rent an apartment (or condo). But there are many more ways in which people live communally. Multigenerational family homes are now more common, and the desire by many people to age in place (sometimes with assistance), start new families, or live close to their relatives can hampered by a rigid and limited zoning code that can also needlessly increase the cost of housing for many middle-class folks.

Our new zoning code will undergo a number of amendments in coming years. We have an opportunity to provide more flexibility in our laws, to help provide homes for a variety of living styles and incomes for people at different stages of life. And we can use this flexibility to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, while responding to the rapid changes in living styles that we are already experiencing.

One example of a flexible use of property is the use of granny flats. The law already allows accessory dwelling units, although the conditions for such units can be overly restrictive, especially with parking. There are smaller properties that just don't have enough space to both comply with parking requirements and have room for a second unit on the property. With granny flats, a relaxation of parking requirements (including tandem parking in driveways) could allow smaller properties to have second units too. In many cases these units house family members (especially elderly ones) or students who may be less likely to own cars. Larger properties often have these units, and smaller-and less expensive-properties should have these as well.

There are also many converted garages around the city that are being used as apartments illegally. The zoning code requires the distance between accessory dwelling units and property lines to be the same as for a main home. But detached garages are often too close to the property lines to be converted legally. So many homeowners convert the garages to art studios or recreation rooms instead, and then rent them out as apartments. Since kitchens are not allowed with these uses, improvised kitchen appliances, all with extension cords, eventually make their appearance and create hazardous conditions. Why not allow these units to be converted legally? These units would need to comply with a building permit's safety requirements, and the fire department, for one, would be happy.

Accessory units can be useful in ways that are not always evident. For example, this writer knows of one couple that downsized, moved to their accessory dwelling unit, and happily rented out the main house to a young and growing family to help with the mortgage. In another similar case, a rent-to-own arrangement helped the family renting the front house to eventually own the entire property when the downsized owners living in the back were ready to move on.

Leaving aside the state mandates regarding second units, many homeowners (and indeed neighborhoods) want and can benefit from extra people living on the property, either for reasons of rent, or family member placement, or simply having an extra pair of eyes around for safety's sake. These kind of situations can help everyone involved take care of a property over an extended period of time; a very desirable outcome for the entire community. Future years may bring changes in single-family residence zones to allow more than one family to live in, and own, a residence. Legalizing more accessory units would help us understand in time how to maintain a neighborhood's character and quality of life while responding to changes in society.

Another type of zoning modification could help provide more opportunities for people wanting to purchase a unit in zones earmarked for multifamily housing. The city has several zones of this type, notably R2 and R3 zones. These areas can accommodate rental apartments and condominiums. But condominium construction has slowed enormously in recent years, driven-in part-by economic conditions, and by a very bad climate of lawsuits and litigation that discourage mom-and-pop owners from building such projects, and increase the cost of bank financing and monthly fees for new owners.

For these kinds of areas, the City of Los Angeles has developed a solution, and a model that Santa Monica could follow. In Los Angeles a new kind of zoning, the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance, has created many more opportunities within multifamily zones. The law allows the division of properties within these zones into small lots that contain detached townhomes. A buyer owns both the structure of the townhome and the land beneath it, unlike condominiums, where the buyer also owns (and is responsible for) a portion of the shared space.

In many cases this new ordinance has resulted in lower overall prices for apartments, and more easily-available mortgages. Financing is often better and cheaper, and homeowners' association fees are usually absent. And since small lot projects do not require homeowners' associations, mandatory HOA insurance policies are also not required, reducing costs further and making bank financing simpler.

Santa Monica could benefit from a similar ordinance. The city has plenty of suitable lots where this type of law could be applied, and the increase in affordability would attract young families that are currently locked out of this market, as well as older individuals who no longer need large properties. It's not a question of packing in more people: the underlying density remains the same for those zones. But the different way of owning the property creates more opportunities. Why not try this in our own city?

With any amendments to the code, it is essential for new buildings to be completely consistent with a neighborhood's established character, and for solar access and parking to be resolved in a way that maintains a neighborhood's character. But it is also time to apply some creative thinking to the way the city's physical layout encourages (or discourages) a variety of lifestyles and incomes, especially for the middle class. People's housing needs continue to evolve rapidly, socially and economically. The city belongs to residents, and should reflect, and support, their lifestyle needs.

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uninhibited because it stays within the code. The city cannot ask for community benefits or substantially modify the proposal as the reoccupation conforms to existing zoning laws.

Staff have already evaluated the project for compliance with the zoning code and approved the plan. The project was filed prior to the City's recent zoning update and was therefore judged against the old code. The ARB will consider design elements only.

"The addition has already been approved," said City planner Jing Yeo, who manages the project. "What (the ARB are) looking at is just the building design colors, material. It's a fairly narrow scope of what they look at."

The ARB is the only public agency scheduled to hear the project. While staff are recommending the item be continued, should the ARB make a decision Monday, the only other public hearing would be a potential appeal of the ARB's decision to the Planning Commission.

Yeo said staff are particularly concerned with two features of the design. The applicant proposed an exterior paint scheme using 13-15 different colors in a striped pattern.

"Staff has concerns regarding the multitude of colors proposed and the lack of connection between the colors and the architectural concept of the building," said the staff report. "Staff also has concerns about the even application of colors across all four facades of the buildings and the ability to maintain the vibrancy of the colors in the long-term. Further, staff discussed with the applicant whether other surface treatments, rather than paint, or more strategic applications of paint were considered for the building facades."

The proposal includes a 12-foot high hedge and chain link fence.

"Staff recommends a hedge or other landscape treatment that would provide the security but also is more compatible with the Bergamot Area Plan's design objectives for new open space and landscaping to enhance the pedestrian experience and integrate visually with public streets," said the report.

Office space is at a premium in Santa Monica. While some companies have moved south in recent months, new tenants continue to seek space here. The City currently has about a 17 percent vacancy rate, one of the lowest in the region.

The ARB meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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Santa Monica Pétanque Courts Put To Use

STRUGGLING TO FIND A LIVE-WORK balance? Perhaps you should try pétanque during your lunch break.

That's exactly what LACRA founder Marty Erck and employees at commercial leasing company rsf LA, Inc., Michael Preiss, Kevin Simpson, Andrew Upchurch, Hudson Maudlin, and I, did this past Wednesday afternoon (7/29/15). Eager for a workplace distraction, the group ventured to the pétanque courts in Palisades Park where they sent metal boules (French for ball) sailing into the sand.

Pétanque (pronounced pay-tonk) was invented in 1907 near Marseille, a port town in Southern France. To beat the opponent, individuals must throw boules as close to the jack (called cochonnet) as possible while standing in a circle with feet planted to the ground.

The City of Santa Monica converted the old shuffle board courts into a pétanque facility back in 2011. Because of the courts' close distance from the ocean and pier, games are often observed by curious locals and tourists.

"We had quite the number of onlookers this afternoon," Kevin Simpson, a commercial real estate broker at rsf LA, Inc. said.

Our office is located two blocks away from the beach, so playing pétanque is a nice interruption from work.

In addition to the convenience of the courts, the game itself is accessible to a range of demographics.

"[It] is a relaxing game that requires no special skills and can be played by all ages," the City of Santa Monica stated on its Community & Cultural Services page.

"I've had an 8 year old beat me and a 91 year old beat me," Mark Greenberg, Santa Monica pétanque ambassador stated in an old SMDP article.

For more information about the pétanque courts at Palisades Park, visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=32366.

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million in Measure BB money as of last June, according to the report, including $59.6 million in 2012-13 and $48.3 million the following school year. Figures for 2014-15 expenditures were not included.

As of mid-2014, among the highest-earning Measure BB vendors and contractors were Swinerton Builders ($31.3 million for construction), AT&T ($6.7 million for technology services), Daly Genik ($3.8 million for architectural design) and Parsons ($3.2 million for a variety of services).

TOP PRIORITIES

The bulk of the funding went to the district's three high schools as well as two Santa Monica middle schools and Edison Language Academy.

Santa Monica High School received $80.5 million for a variety of upgrades, including a new building scheduled to open this month that features 15 science labs, 18 classrooms and a computer lab. Parking, field and electrical upgrades are also on tap.

Edison was allocated $52.5 million for the construction of a new classroom building, library and cafeteria. The second phase of the project, which includes a preschool building and outdoor areas, is expected to be completed by November.

Malibu High School ($50.2 million) is in line to receive a new library, two computer labs, three science labs and four classrooms, according to the report. The school recently upgraded its fire alarm system.

Lincoln Middle School received $31.1 million for a two-story building with a new library, reading rooms, chorus room, book rooms and community spaces as well as several other instruction rooms and an outdoor performance area.

At John Adams Middle School, which was allocated $25.2 million, nine classrooms were replaced, art and administrative rooms were redone and the perimeter of the synthetic track was landscaped. The money also covers several other infrastructure improvements.

At Olympic High School, the district's continuation campus, $8.7 million is going towards classrooms and a music room as well as modernization of the library, computer lab and science room.

OTHER PROJECTS

Some Measure BB money went towards safety and security projects. These included a new two-story building at Franklin Elementary School; new classrooms, reconfigured administrative offices and new gates at McKinley; and new classrooms and administrative and athletic improvements at Roosevelt.

At Santa Monica Alternative School House, crews installed a new pedestrian gate with audio and video capabilities and repiped underground gas lines. Will Rogers Learning Community added new portable preschool structures and a courtyard entry and reconfigured its principal's office.

Technological upgrades at numerous sites include wireless Internet access, LCD projector screens, interactive teaching boards and speakers.

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The Library Lowdown

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Imagined Santa Monica

HISTORY IS REPLETE WITH STORIES ABOUT places lost to natural disasters, neglect and progress. But have you ever stopped to imagine how Santa Monica would be if certain plans had come to fruition? What would our City be like had schemes by founder John P. Jones and subsequent political mavens, dreamers and criminal masterminds succeeded?

Santa Monica as the official Port of Los Angeles?

When wealthy U.S. Senator John P. Jones of Nevada bought a seventy-five percent stake in Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica in 1874, he had grand plans to develop Santa Monica into a major commercial center and sea port. In February 1875, piqued at the outrageous rates charged by Collis Huntington and his Southern Pacific Railroad, Senator Jones started building his own short rail from Los Angeles to a then burgeoning Santa Monica to directly challenge Southern Pacific's monopoly on all commercial shipping in and out of Los Angeles. In response, Huntington dramatically reduced Southern Pacific fares in November 1875 to undercut ridership on Jones' Los Angeles & Independence Railroad and offered deals to shipping companies for using the port at San Pedro to shut out Santa Monica. Jones soon went broke trying to keep his railroad afloat and finally sold his railroad to Huntington at a severe loss.

Then in 1892, Huntington decided to construct his own harbor in Santa Monica and built a 1,740 foot Long Wharf freight pier into the bay in an attempt to crush any railway competition. Huntington named the new harbor, Port Los Angeles and strong-armed businesses into using Santa Monica over San Pedro. The "Great Free Harbor Fight" was on! Thanks to a young California senator named Stephen M. White who stood up to the powerful tycoon and his political cronies, the Port of Los Angeles was built in San Pedro, not in Santa Monica.

How about an island in the Santa Monica Bay?

Did you hear the one about the causeway of man-made islands connected by a highway that would extend a mile out into the Bay? Strange as it may seem today, this plan had enthusiastic support in 1959 when the state planned to turn Highway 1 into a major freeway.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deemed the idea feasible in 1963 and detailed plans show the Santa Monica Causeway starting at the Santa Monica Pier and proceeding north of Topanga Canyon. Sixty-five percent of the 3,200 acres on the man-made islands would have been residential space with the rest for churches, schools and parks. Although Los Angeles backed out in 1968, support for this landscape-altering project remained high with Santa Monica's elected

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SUMMER BALL

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The Santa Monica American Legion baseball team is still going strong, they won the Regional Tournament at UCLA and advanced to Yountville, CA to compete for the State Championship. The founder, Al Montanari, passed away last year.

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FROM PAGE 6

and hired officials. Serious concerns about the environmental impact of this massive coastline project from the Santa Monica Bay Area Freeway Citizens Committee and others, along with lack of citizen support and the California State Legislature's decision to drop the Santa Monica to Ventura component of the coast highway plan ultimately killed the project. But not the dream of it.

In 1972, decidedly pro-development City Manager Perry Scott presented a new plan for an island in Santa Monica Bay to the City Council. Despite vehement opposition to "Santa Monica Island" from local environmental groups because it would destroy the coastline, the City Council voted 6-0 in favor of the plan. Undeterred, the grass roots group, Save the Santa Monica Bay Committee spearheaded efforts to stop the project and public outcry reached its peak in 1973. At a second hearing about the island, the council voted 4-2 to abandon "Santa Monica Island."

Casinos in the Bay?

This is a great story made even better because it actually happened. Anthony Cornero, a.k.a. "Tony the Hat," "Tony Stralla," "Captain Tony," and "Admiral Cornero," was an Italian immigrant drawn to the easy money to be made in crime in Los Angeles from the 1920s to 1950s. He was a risk-taker who made $1,000,000 during Prohibition bootlegging alcohol from Canada and Mexico to Los Angeles until his arrest for rum running in 1929. When he was released from McNeil Penitentiary, Prohibition was dead and he needed a new way to remake his fortune. Not that he had any plans to go straight. Cornero decided to take the high-road among lucrative criminal occupations, discarding drugs and prostitution, hitting on off-shore gambling as his ticket to wealth.

After gambling away his first investment in the gambling ship, the Tango, Cornero purchased a live-bait barge and invested $200,000 to make the gambling ship, Rex seaworthy. With territorial waters ending three miles from shore, he anchored the Rex exactly 3.1 miles off Santa Monica's shoreline and opened on May 5, 1938. High rollers, celebrities, and regular Joe's and Josephine's could play roulette, faro, stud-poker, high-spade, craps, chuck-a-luck, blackjack and a Chinese lottery. The Rex also had 150 slot machines, a horse parlor, and a bingo parlor.

Cornero aggressively advertised the Rex through leaflets, newspaper ads and skywriting. Water taxis shuttled up to 2,000 people a day from the Santa Monica Pier to the Rex for a chance to win "fair-and square." Los Angeles District Attorney Burton Fitts launched raids on the Rex and State Attorney Earl Warren served abatement orders against the Rex and other gambling ships off California's coast, but raids by Warren and Fitts failed to shut down operations. The ship's crew reportedly used pressure hoses to fend off the police. Cornero's reign on the high seas ended on November 20, 1939 when the California Supreme Court ruled that Santa Monica Bay fell under state jurisdiction, allowing gambling laws to be enforced.

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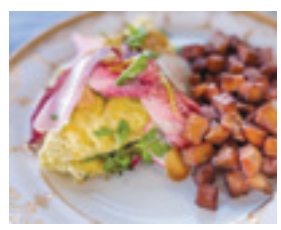


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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **72.0°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small S swell trends down. Minor NW windswell.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small, new mix of southerly swells is possible. Stay tuned.

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small southerly swell mix.

BEACH REPORT CARD

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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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 AUGUST 8, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:15 A.M.

Officers were driving in the 100 block of Broadway when they observed a female yelling at an elderly man sitting at a bus bench. As officers approached, they noticed that the woman was holding an open glass bottle of alcohol, which she then began to try to conceal inside the front pocket of her sweater. When the subject saw officers approaching, she began to yell obscenities and refused to answer any questions. As officers spoke to the subject, they detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from her breath. The elderly man asked officers to keep the subject away from him, when she overheard this, she became irate and started to scream at him. A further search of the subject's belongings produced drug paraphernalia. Jane Doe was arrested for public intoxication, willfully resisting, obstructing or delaying a Peace Officer, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of an open container in public. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 395 calls for service on Aug 13.

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

Battery state route 163 Hwy/Ocean 12:24 a.m.
Public intoxication 600 block of California 1:52 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2900 block of Main 1:54 a.m.
Indecent exposure Ocean/Broadway 3:49 a.m.
Battery now 1200 block of 9th 4:07 a.m.
Construction noise 1400 block of 4th 7:10 a.m.
Vandalism 1000 block of Palisades Park 7:45 a.m.
Hit and run 800 block of Cedar 8:13 a.m.
Identity theft 2200 block of 25th 8:23 a.m.
Bike theft 400 block of San Vicente 8:38 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 11th 9:02 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 500 block of Olympic 9:18 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 6th 9:24 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2500 block of Kansas 9:28 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block of Georgina 9:28 a.m.
Vandalism 2500 block of Main 9:37 a.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Colorado 9:52 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block of Georgina 9:52 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1000 block of 4th 9:55 a.m.
Traffic accident 2nd/Broadway 10:02 a.m.
Traffic accident 2200 block of Virginia 10:38 a.m.
Hit and run 1200 block of Euclid 10:40 a.m.
Traffic accident with 1600 block of 5th 10:42 a.m.
Attempt suicide 600 block of Broadway 10:53 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block of Ocean 11:03 a.m.
Hit and run 1900 block of Cloverfield 11:16 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2600 block of Kansas 11:16 a.m.
Vandalism 2600 block of 23rd 11:49 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation Ocean/Wilshire 12:22 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 11th 12:23 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of 5th 12:28 p.m.
Traffic accident - Cloverfield/Olympic 12:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 16th 1:11 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Wilshire 1:27 p.m.
Traffic accident with 1700 block of Ocean 1:27 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1600 block of Wilshire 1:46 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block of Lincoln 1:58 p.m.
Traffic accident 1200 block of 23rd 2:04 p.m.
Petty theft now 1400 block of Palisades Park 2:11 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Ocean Park 2:14 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of Franklin 2:25 p.m.
Domestic violence 1800 block of 22nd 2:36 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 20th/Pico 3:17 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block of Ocean 3:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Montana 3:29 p.m.
Auto burglary 3200 block of Wilshire 3:37 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 3:41 p.m.
Burglary 900 block of 2nd 3:42 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Montana 3:44 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:50 p.m.
Illegal weapon 3000 block of 16th 3:51 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Broadway 4:55 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Colorado 5:13 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 58 calls for service on Aug 13.

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EMS 700 block of Marine 1:14 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 2:45 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 3:34 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 3:53 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of 31st 4:39 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 4:42 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 19th 4:56 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1200 block of Euclid 5:14 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 16th 7:46 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of ozone 8:07 a.m.
Mutual aid request intersection of Bundy/Airport 8:34 a.m.
EMS 400 block of San Vicente 8:51 a.m.
EMS intersection of 22nd/Wilshire 9:16 a.m.
Injuries from assault 500 block of Olympic 9:20 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block of Wilshire 9:29 a.m.
EMS intersection of 2nd/Broadway 10:02 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 10:25 a.m.
Flooded condition 1000 block of 2nd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Broadway 10:56 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Pico 11:43 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Pico 11:54 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1200 block of Washington 12:06 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 12:17 p.m.
EMS intersection of Ocean/Colorado 12:22 p.m.
EMS 900 block of Lincoln 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 12:41 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pl 12:46 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Euclid 12:51 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 800 block of 12th 12:56 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Beijing problem
5 Forest growth
9 Note from the boss
10 Western
12 — garde
13 Vestige
14 Not strict
16 Harry's friend
17 "Entourage" role
18 Brutal
20 More profound
22 Throws in
23 Embassy worker
25 Swiss capital
28 Texas capital
32 Renowned
34 — tizzy
35 Research site
36 Budding
38 Sanctioned
40 Commercial cow
41 Steer clear of
42 Mandolins' cousins
43 Rating unit
44 Some July babies

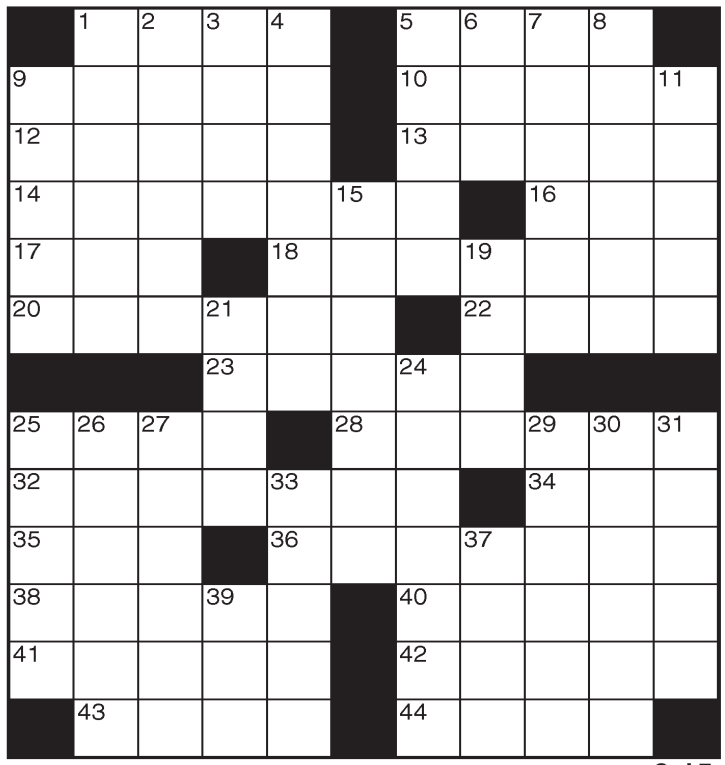
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1 Stringent
2 Nasty fellow
3 Old Atlanta arena
4 Avenge oneself
5 Words to live by
6 Crew item
7 Was rude, in a way
8 Duel helper
9 Light lunch
11 Landlord's income
15 Grunge group
19 Puts down
21 Ivy League school
24 Do better than, in stores
25 Dixie damsel
26 Contacts, in a way
27 Rack of lamb, e.g.
29 Connects with
30 Some navels
31 Archibald and Thurmond
33 Calculator key
37 Detective's find
39 Musical princess

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	9	4	5	2	1	3	7	6
1	7	5	9	6	3	2	4	8
3	2	6	4	7	8	5	1	9
6	8	2	3	5	4	1	9	7
9	5	7	2	1	6	8	3	4
4	3	1	7	8	9	6	5	2
7	6	9	8	3	5	4	2	1
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Draw Date: 8/12
13 29 40 43 44
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/13
2 8 31 35 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/14
MIDDAY: 3 9 6
Draw Date: 8/13
EVENING: 5 5 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/13
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2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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1. to speak in an excited manner; babble.
2. to make a bubbling sound; bubble.

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1517 – Seven Portuguese armed vessels led by Fernão Pires de Andrade meet Chinese officials at the Pearl River estuary.

1519 – Panama City, Panama, is founded.

1534 – Ignatius of Loyola and six classmates take initial vows, leading to the creation of the Society of Jesus in September 1540.

1537 – Asunción, Paraguay, is founded.

1540 – Arequipa, Peru, is founded.

1549 – Jesuit priest Francis Xavier comes ashore at Kagoshima (Traditional Japanese date: July 22, 1549).

1599 – Nine Years' War: Battle of Curlew Pass – Irish forces led by Hugh Roe O'Donnell successfully ambush English forces, led by Sir Conyers Clifford, sent to relieve Collooney Castle.

1695 – French forces end the bombardment of Brussels, leaving a third of the buildings in the city in ruins.

1760 – Seven Years' War: Battle of Liegnitz – Frederick the Great's victory over the Austrians under Ernst Gideon von Laudon.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Epic Clumsiness: (1) A guest at the upscale W Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, had to be rescued by firefighters in July when he fell off of one machine in the hotel's exercise room and got his head caught in the one next to it. Rescuers arrived with torches and saws, but managed to pull and push and manipulate the man's head free (though he had "significant" injuries). (2) A 27-year-old man, entertaining friends at his home in Colmar, France, on the country's National Day on July 14, suffered serious injuries when he fell from his third-floor balcony -- while, said his friends, leaning over to spit on police officers below.

■ Irresistible Self-Promotion: Jason Stange, 44, who became a fugitive last year by walking away from a Spokane, Washington, halfway house while on probation for bank robbery, was re-arrested in July in Olympia, Washington, after featuring himself in an extensive newspaper pictorial about a local movie he was starring in. Stange could have chosen a more veiled stage name, but (since it was a horror movie) billed himself merely as "Jason Strange" -- making detection easier for U.S. Marshals.

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The nonprofits that rock!

By C.J. Johnson

(Editor's note: Third in an ongoing series.)

Last month, Giive asked social media influencers to name their favorite nonprofit organization. We received a flood of awesome responses from all around the world, each an awesome story unto itself. Check them out!

Just In Time for Foster Youth

San Diego – Just in Time for Foster Youth helps transitioning foster youth achieve self-sufficiency and well-being.

Why is it so awesome?
"While most young people can ask their parents or family for advice, foster youth don't have that support system," said Cree Jones, of the Beck Ellman Heald PR agency. "All of JIT's programs include a mentorship pairing where volunteers educate youth or provide other advice."

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

Fort Lauderdale, FL – The MSF uses a centralized location to serve the nation, maintaining a cost-effective operation while providing the highest quality of service.

Why is it so awesome?
"More than just providing home care, the MSF gives the people we assist a caring voice on the end of the phone to support them through the process," said Kasey Minnis, Director of Operations and Communications. "In the age of automated systems and waiting days for return calls, our personal approach makes us stand out."



What are your favorite nonprofits? Let us know at editor@giive.org.

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All smiles tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might find yourself in a situation where you have the ability to end a problem and move forward. How you deal with a personal problem could be more important than you realize. Stay upbeat in your dealings. Tonight: Time for some good old-fashioned fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might want to hear more from a loved one whom you care about. Make plans to spend plenty of quality time with this person. You might be surprised by what comes up for you if you just relax and hang out together. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be at the end of a problematic situation if you are willing to discuss it completely. You'll see a personal matter open up as a result. You might feel uncomfortable at first, but the results will justify the discomfort. Ease up. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Join in on a project involving a neighbor or a close relative. You are likely to get an earful, some of which might be important to hear. Otherwise, stay centered and enjoy the camaraderie of the moment. Confusion surrounds a conversation. Tonight: Visit with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand what it takes to continue on the present path. How you handle a personal matter could change after you see what someone else wants and expects. You have the right to say "no" if need be. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a night out on the town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You will be on top of a problem. Honor a fast change of pace, and know what you want. Others respond to you and your ideas. Understand that a loved one could distort your words. Clarify, if you see this possibility occurring. Tonight: Understand what needs to happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Listen to news and remain censored. Don't assume that you have all the answers. Understand what can occur if you choose not to interfere. Realize what needs to happen, but move to that goal slowly. You don't need to jump immediately in a new direction. Tonight: Calm down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is important. Your sense of direction comes out when dealing with friends. You know how to make others feel special. Draw out the best in those around you by encouraging them to help you with a somewhat silly project. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal with an older relative directly. Understand what this person wants, and then open up a discussion. Whether you can follow through won't be important in the long run. This person often makes unreasonable demands. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Decide to hop in the car and take off for a favorite place. You seem to need a change of scenery. Others who are with you will benefit as well. You will be able to detach from an issue and approach it later with a promising solution. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Defer to others. A suggestion from a loved one will delight you. You can't seem to imagine what could be better. Your ability to understand what is going in between you and someone else will encourage you to say little. Time heals. Tonight: A cozy dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Visualize more of what is going on with others. Demonstrate your sensitivity and ability to understand. You'll see a matter in a new light, which will take you to a new level of understanding. Stay open to changes and new possibilities. Tonight: All smiles.

Weekend Edition, August 15-16, 2015

This year you add to your financial stability. You will be concerned with increasing your status, especially at work or within your community. Others express a new sense of respect for your abilities. If you are single, you attract many wannabe suitors. Wait until you find Mr. or Ms. Right before making a commitment. If you are attached, the two of you work great together as a couple. You might want to make a major investment, but make sure you both are comfortable with it. VIRGO is lucky with money, so you would do well to listen to his or her advice more often.

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

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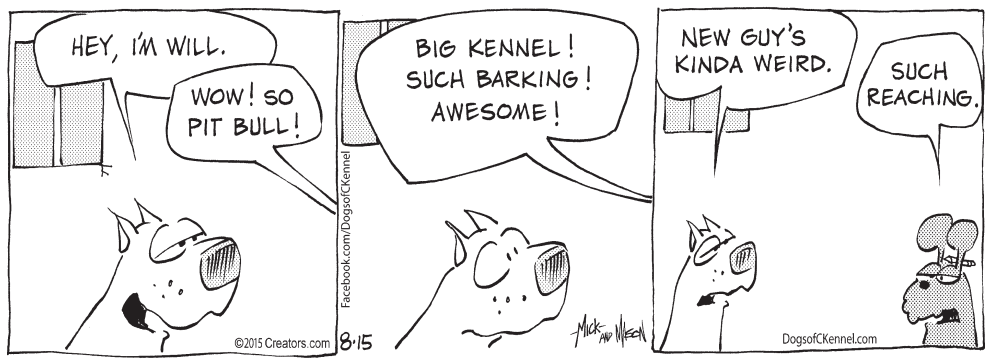


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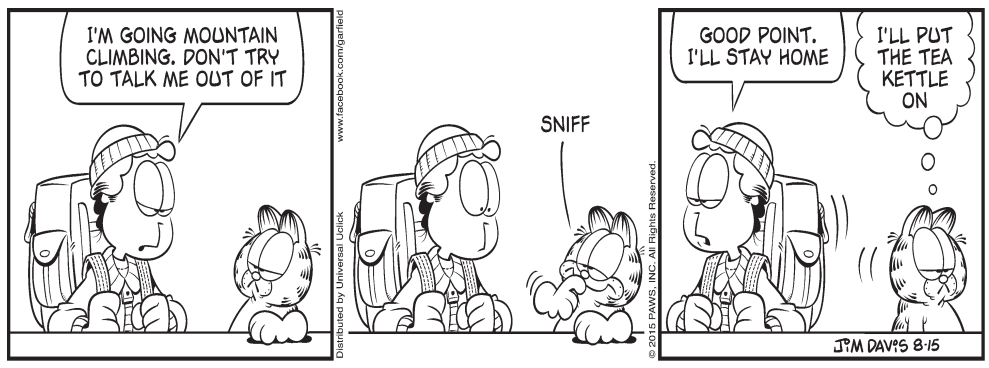
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