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City searching for tree killer



Courtesy Photos

VANDALISM: Officials want to identify the person responsible for killing newly planted trees.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

You may think his (or her) victims were easy prey.

Newly planted and naturally silent, the nearly two-dozen trees found broken and decapitated in Santa Monica this week were not very large.

But Urban Forest Supervisor Wister Dorta believes someone put a lot of effort into the destruction. The splintered trunks have him scratching his head.

"They're definitely not cut. They're broken but I don't understand how they broke them because we tried to break the leftover pieces and it was pretty hard. You have to put your whole body weight into snapping them."

Dorta, who planted some of the trees himself back in August, was the one who found the carnage on Tuesday. A total of 18 trees were snapped along Olympic Boulevard. All of the victims were Stenocarpus sinautus, known as firewheel trees, a drought resistant Australian rainforest native known for bright red flowers in the spring. The species are an integral part of Santa Monica's urban forestry program – which includes plans for 800 new trees in the City this year.

"It's not as common," Dorta said of the trees, which cost about $280 a piece to purchase, and plant, "it took a lot of work to find them. They are drought tolerant and have a nice, upright form. Some were snapped one-to-two feet from the base and then again up higher."

Dorta described his discovery as "frustrating and disappointing." City public information officer, Constance Farrell, called it "arborcide."

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Brown signs bills aiming to fix California housing crunch

BY JOCELYN GECKER & KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Lawmakers and housing advocates cheered Gov. Jerry Brown's signature Friday of a package of bills aimed at tackling the growing affordable housing crisis in California, which lacks an estimated 1.5 million affordable rentals compared to demand.

But with the skyline of one of the nation's most expensive cities as the backdrop, they acknowledged the state's housing crunch is far from solved.

"We cannot move past today and just check the box, say we've done housing and move onto something else," said Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat. "When you spend 50 years driving your car into a ditch that means it's a really deep ditch."

Brown signed 15 bills outside a San Francisco affordable housing complex. The bills include more money to build affordable housing and policies to speed up construction stalled by regulations.

But it will be several years before affordable housing units start popping up across the state and, when they do, they won't cover California's full demand. A $4 billion housing bond still needs approval from voters at the ballot box in 2018. The $75 fee on real estate transaction docu-

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Immigrants line up to renew work permits as program ends

BY AMY TAXIN & ASTRID GALVAN
Associated Press

The line stretches down the block before the sun rises in Los Angeles, made up of immigrants seeking help to renew their work permits under a program that has shielded them from deportation but is now nearing its end.

Ivan Vizueta, a 25-year-old from Long Beach, California, brought a folding chair and music to pass the time while waiting to renew his papers and get a new two-year permit that lets him work for a plumbing company and earn nearly double the amount he made at his old job. The lines have been a regular occurrence in recent days, with some people camping out as early as 3 a.m.

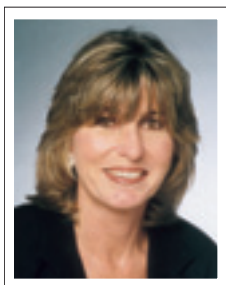
"I have to do this so I have another two years of safety," said Vizueta, who was brought to the country nearly two decades ago from Mexico and hopes to run his own plumbing business someday.

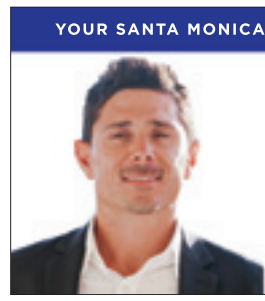
For immigrants like Vizueta, it's a race against the clock as they rush to renew their permits ahead of a looming Oct. 5 deadline set by the Trump administration. After that date, no one else can renew under a program that has let nearly 800,000 immigrants brought to the United States as children work even though they lack legal papers.

The work permits have been a lifeline for many young immigrants who have been educated in American schools and know no other home than the United States. The program created by President Barack Obama in 2012 also protected these immigrants, many of them in their 20s, from being deported to countries they hardly remember. Critics call it an illegal amnesty program that is taking jobs from U.S. citizens.

When President Donald Trump rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program this month, he gave Congress six

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, September 30

Beach=Culture: Jay Carlon workshop

Improvisation and performative strategies For dancers, actors, performance artists, and movers of all stripes and experience levels, interested in integrating external influences (architecture, space, and culture) with internal sensory embodiment. Participants will be asked to prioritize imagination, tap into cellular awareness, and do-and-undo habitual tasks. In the spirit of beach culture, exercises may venture out onto the sand, so please consider sunscreen/layers, and appropriate attire. Please bring a notebook and pen. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

Book Release Party

A book launch for the YA/Fantasy novel, CECILIA, will be held at CoproGallery in Bergamot Station. While the event is free, RSVP is required at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cecilia-book-release-tickets-37260902362. CoproGallery (Bergamot Station), 2525 Michigan Ave. T5. 7 – 10 p.m.

YogaWorks 30th Anniversary Party

YogaWorks Inc. is turning 30 and celebrating with a special guest at its Main Street location in Santa Monica (2215 Main Street). To mark this milestone, YogaWorks is welcoming back internationally celebrated yoga teacher Seane Corn to kick off the festivities and teach an intermediate level Vinyasa flow class at 9:15 a.m. There will be an 85-100 yoga mat capacity for this class and monthly members, class pack holders and paid drop-ins only are welcome to sign up on a first come basis. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., YogaWorks will also host an open house party through 2 p.m. with giveaways, light bites, refreshments and more.

Writing Winning College Essays

Attention college applicants! Make your application stand out. Louise Tutelian, of Your Essay Expert, teaches you everything you need to know on making your college essay memorable. She also gives tips on topics to avoid and other common mistakes and pitfalls. For grades 11-12. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 – 3 p.m.

Starting a Business: What You Need to Know

Thinking about starting a new business, or recently started one? This workshop will give you a clear understanding of the legal requirements for starting a business, and the steps you can take to succeed. Key topics covered include: naming your business, licenses and taxes, insurance, financing sources, elements of a business plan and marketing considerations. You'll also hear how SCORE can help you succeed in your new venture. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday, October 1

Introduction to Acting

Legendary acting teacher, Joanne Baron, will conduct a free introductory acting class with an introduction to the Meisner Technique at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. 2 p.m. Not acting experience is necessary! Baron has also held classes for doctors and teachers in public speaking. The Baron Brown Studio, which was established in 1975, is considered LA's premier acting studio. For more information, call 310-575-8273.

Coast

Open streets event covering Main Street, Ocean Ave. and Colorado Ave. Multiple entertainment options and activities throughout the day. Visit smgov.net/coast for more information.

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Lions' Roar

Susan Lee DeRemer
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Community Thanks

THANK YOU TO THE SANTA MONICA community for their support on September 16 when the Santa Monica Lions served pancakes to almost 400 people at our 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast. We would like to thank our sponsors, LA Car Guy and the Pacific Youth Foundation, helping to make this one of our most successful pancake breakfasts. Special thanks also goes out to the many local businesses that provided pancake batter, eggs, butter, sausage, milk and coffee. And finally, we thank the Boys & Girls Club for providing not only the location, but also the amazing youth volunteers that help with the children's activities, sell raffle tickets and help us set-up/tear-down each year.

As Lions Clubs International heads into its second century, the Santa Monica Lions Club will be supporting not only vision, the environment, feeding the hungry and youth as we have in the past, but now working to support diabetes education and treat children's cancer. Our goal as Lions is to serve 200 million people around the world over the next five years. This is an ambitious undertaking, but we are hoping that other people in the Westside Community might willing to work with us to make it happen.

We are looking for people to join us as Lions, but we are also looking for people with passion for helping others, whether or not they want to be a Lion. We need experienced volunteers as well as people who have never volunteered but have technology and leadership skills. Do you want to volunteer as part of a group of friends or co-workers? We work on several projects where you can make a difference. Contact santamonicalion@gmail.com for more information.

A reminder to all Westside high school students, public and private, we have youth leadership awards and student speaker contests coming up. Please check with your community service advisors, college counselors, or English/debate/theater departments for more information. The topic for this year's student speaker contest is "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society?" You can also contact us at santamonicalion@gmail.com for more information and the necessary forms.

If you are interested in becoming a Lions member, we meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at our new location – the Elks Club at Pico and 11th St. in Santa Monica. Meetings are from 12:15 to 1:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact President Linda Levee at (310) 472-0530 or levelheadedlinda@yahoo.com.

As Lions, our motto is "We Serve." We would like you to consider serving with us as a Lion, or as a community volunteer.

Susan DeRemer GLT Coordinator, District 4-L3
Immediate Past President, Santa Monica Lions Club

IMMIGRANTS

FROM PAGE 1

months to draft a more lasting fix. Democratic leaders and Trump said they have reached a deal to protect the immigrants, but Congress has since turned its focus to overhauling the tax code. Democratic congressional leaders say they are waiting on the White House to craft a legislative proposal.

Meanwhile, immigrant advocates around the country have been urging the Trump administration to extend the Oct. 5 deadline and holding legal clinics and donating money to help immigrants cover the $500 renewal fee.

Jesus Perez of Phoenix says he's not sure he would have been able to come up with the cash in time to renew were it not for the financial help of an advocacy group that is among several giving financial aid and helping people fill out their paperwork in time. The 30-year-old father of three, with one on the way, was just approved to buy a home but can't complete the purchase until his renewal comes through.

"You're in limbo," said Perez, who works at a car wash and hopes to open his own business soon.

In Las Vegas, fewer than 30 people have asked for a service provided by the Immigration Clinic at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, causing alarm among organizers who are fearful immigrants are staying in the shadows or waiting too close to the deadline. The government must receive the renewal paperwork by Oct. 5, meaning it needs to be sent in most cases by this weekend.

"If you are not at the post office with an express mail envelope in your hand on the morning of Oct. 2, you are too late," said Michael Kagan, director of the Las Vegas clinic.

Only immigrants whose permits are expiring before March 5, 2018, are eligible to apply for renewals. Those whose permits expire starting on March 6 will not be able to renew. The government estimates there are about 154,000 recipients whose permits expire between Sept. 5, 2017, when the Trump administration announced the end of the program, and March 5.

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services said Friday that it had received 39,400 renewal applications since Sept. 5. The agency said it aims to have a 120-day turnaround to complete the applications.

At the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles, advocates have helped about 40 immigrants a day renew their permits for free. Immigrants began lining up outside before dawn to ensure they were seen quickly, as some have had to wait until the afternoon or the next day for assistance due to the demand, said Jorge-Mario Cabrera, a spokesman for the organization.

Maria Moreno, 23, lined up at 3 a.m. outside the group's offices on a recent morning to renew under the program, which has made it easier for her to work as a cashier and attend college to eventually become a special education teacher. She said her parents brought her to this country from Mexico when she was 10 months old.

"I've been here all my life," said Moreno, who lives in Los Angeles. "I've never been back there, and I'm hoping not to go."

Oscar Gaytan, a 22-year-old history and Chicano Studies student at University of California, Los Angeles, was also among those waiting in line. He said his permit under the program is valid until the end of next year but was stolen from his gym locker, forcing him to refile paperwork.

Gaytan said he hopes to go on to become a professor or immigration lawyer after graduation but knows he'll need a work permit to do so.

"When Trump rescinded DACA, I was pretty upset," said Gaytan, who was brought here from Mexico when he was 4. "But I feel like everything happens for a reason — so hopefully Congress acts."

Associated Press Writer Regina Garcia Cano contributed to this report from Las Vegas. Galvan reported in Phoenix.

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JOINT DESIGN REVIEW BODY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT Public hearings will be held by the Joint Design Review Body (JDRB) on the following:

710 Wilshire Boulevard, 17ENT-0195, Zoning: C3C (Downtown Overlay), C3 (Downtown Commercial) District. The 710 Wilshire Boulevard Landmarks Commission/Architectural Review Board Joint Design Review Body (JDRB) will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness application 17ENT-0195 and Architectural Review Board application 17ARB-0395 for modifications to the previously approved building design, colors, materials and landscape plans for the construction of a new 271-room hotel that includes the retention and adaptive reuse of a City Landmark office building (Santa Monica Professional Building). Modifications to the Landmark building are proposed including additional canopies and signage. In addition, modifications to the new hotel are proposed, including changes to building colors, landscape and hardscape, exterior lighting, and establishment of the overall sign program for the project.

When: **Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

Where: **Civic Auditorium, East Wing**
1855 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner/Landmarks Commission Liaison, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401, by phone (310) 458-8341, or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information
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Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia pública para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Submission Deadline is October 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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By Caroline Torosis
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Why Seismic Retrofitting Santa Monica Buildings is Essential Before the Next Big Earthquake

A SERIES OF DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKES in Mexico this month is a stark reminder that Santa Monica will be left vulnerable should a quake of similar magnitude hit the southland. The newly redrawn Santa Monica fault line runs directly across a large portion of Santa Monica, and an earthquake has the potential to damage some of Southern California's most expensive real estate, not to mention risk the lives of our residents.

In March 2017, the Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved a comprehensive retrofit ordinance to bring Santa Monica's most earthquake-vulnerable buildings up to today's safety standards. As many as 2000 commercial and multi-family residential buildings may now be subject to mandatory structural improvement. The first scheduled notices have been mailed to owners to let them know of the requirements with which they must comply.

More than 1200 of the 2000 seismically vulnerable buildings in Santa Monica are subject to rent control. With the City Council's passage of the earthquake retrofit ordinance, the question now falls to the City's elected Rent Control Board to determine how much of the cost of retrofitting, if any, should be passed on from the landlord to the rent-controlled tenants.

According to a March 2017 publication of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA), researchers at Caltech found that for every dollar spent on retrofitting, owners could expect to save up to $7 in repairs. These calculations did not include the possibility of death or injury, or the loss of contents within the structures themselves.

In order for the Rent Control Board to fully consider the issue now before it, it is imperative that the public and the City's many stakeholders weigh in. The Board will be taking public comment at its Thursday, October 12th meeting to begin considering how the retrofitting costs will be handled. I urge tenants and landlords to come and be heard - join us at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. to express your thoughts to the Board.

All citizens and visitors have the right to know that whenever they walk into a building in Santa Monica, above all else, they will be safe. The destruction we have witnessed in Mexico underscores the importance of putting in place a plan and process certain so that vulnerable buildings can quickly and safely be retrofitted.

CAROLINE TOROSIS is a Commissioner on the Santa Monica Rent Control Board

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Applicants shall be residents of Santa Monica.

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One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2018.
Applicants must be qualified electors of the City of Santa Monica.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, November 7, 2017.
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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 SEPTEMBER 18, AT ABOUT 7:35 P.M.

Officer responded to a radio call for service at Parking Structure 8 – 1555 2nd Street – regarding an auto burglary now. The reporting party indicated the suspect was trying multiple car doors and was able to make his way into a car. Officers arrived and located the suspect walking in between cars. The suspect was detained for an investigation. Officer located a victim and determined the victim pulled into a parking stall in the structure. The victim exited her car and the suspect walked over to her. The suspect threw his jacket on the victim's car and "stared" at her. The victim was fearful and got back into her vehicle to drive off. As she was backing out of the stall, the suspect tried to open the car door multiple times , yelled obscenities at the victim and told her to get out. The victim was able to pull away. The suspect was taken into custody. Patrick Barry McGowan, 38, was arrested for attempted carjacking and a parole violation. He was denied bail.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 397 calls for service on Sept. 28.

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

Auto burglary 400 block 20th 3:13 a.m.
Burglary 300 block bay 6:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Cloverfield 6:22 a.m.
Burglary 800 block Ocean 6:55 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block Palisades 7:47 a.m.
Encampment 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 8:26 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1000 block Lincoln 8:34 a.m.
Fraud 1000 block Wilshire 9:04 a.m.
Vandalism 1700 block Cloverfield 9:17 a.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Pico 9:25 a.m.
Fraud 400 block Lincoln 9:27 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1100 block Idaho 9:28 a.m.
Encampment 500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 9:32 a.m.
Grand theft 800 block 11th 9:33 a.m.
Encampment 1300 block the beach 9:37 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block the beach 9:45 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block the beach 9:52 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Colorado 9:55 a.m.
Vandalism 700 block Broadway 10:22 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 0 block Bay 10:24 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Colorado 10:25 a.m.
Encampment Centinela / Interstate 10 10:31 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600 block 19th 10:34 a.m.
Petty theft 2200 block Broadway 10:35 a.m.
Fraud 1600 block 26th 10:41 a.m.
Petty theft 400 block Pacific Coast Hwy 10:43 a.m.
Battery 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 10:52 a.m.
Sexual assault 2900 block Ocean Front Walk 10:56 a.m.
Elder abuse 1700 block Cloverfield 11:00 a.m.
Threats /investigations 900 block 4th 11:04 a.m.
Petty theft 3200 block Pico 11:22 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 15th 11:23 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block 28th 12:27 p.m.
Sexual assault 600 block Pico 12:34 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 16th 12:47 p.m.
Burglary 800 block ocean 12:54 p.m.
Counterfeit money 1900 block Lincoln 1:29 p.m.
Petty theft 3100 block Pico 1:59 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Michigan 2:17 p.m.
Encampment 1100 block Palisades 2:20 p.m.
Battery 26th / Pico 2:24 p.m.
Burglary 2700 block Neilson Way 2:26 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 2:35 p.m.
Loud music 1400 block Pacific 2:39 p.m.
Fraud 900 block Princeton 2:43 p.m.
Fraud 1400 block 4th 2:57 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Colorado 3:17 p.m.
Overdose 1600 block 7th 3:44 p.m.
Hit and run 25th / Pearl 3:44 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 3:55 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block Ocean 4:01 p.m.
Person down 100 block Colorado 4:21 p.m.
Person with a gun 2700 block Pico 4:25 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block Ocean 4:31 p.m.
Person down 1300 block Wilshire 4:32 p.m.
Theft suspect 300 block Colorado 5:02 p.m.
Battery 17th / Ocean Park 5:02 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block 20th 5:07 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2600 block 2nd 5:22 p.m.
Out of order traffic light Stewart / Olympic 5:27 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block Santa Monica Pier 5:28 p.m.
Identity theft 300 block Olympic 6:02 p.m.
Petty theft 400 block Santa Monica 6:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 27 calls for service on Sept. 28.

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

EMS 800 block Pico 12:39 a.m.
EMS 800 block 5th 6:39 a.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Wilshire 7:15 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Idaho 7:33 a.m.
Flooded condition 7th / Adelaide 7:43 a.m.
EMS 900 block 2nd 8:38 a.m.
EMS 1800 block 9th 8:48 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Stanford 11:00 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 11:29 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 1:03 p.m.
EMS 800 block Arizona 1:29 p.m.
EMS Lincoln / Michigan 2:19 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 2:33 p.m.
EMS 1600 block 7th 3:43 p.m.
Automatic alarm 0 block Pico 3:51 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 5:04 p.m.
Wires down 800 block of 6th 5:07 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Lincoln 5:19 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 6:02 p.m.
EMS Euclid / Montana 6:03 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 8:31 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Ocean 9:09 p.m.
EMS 900 block Ocean 11:03 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Maple 11:10 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 11th 11:30 p.m.

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SpaceX: Rocket for moon, Mars and NY-to-Shanghai in 39 mins

BY MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

SpaceX chief Elon Musk's elaborate plan for a mega-rocket to carry astronauts to Mars may have some down-to-Earth applications.

At a conference in Australia on Friday, Musk said if you build a ship capable of going to the moon and Mars, why not use it for high-speed transport here at home. He proposes using his still-in-the-design phase rocket for launching passengers from New York to Shanghai in 39 minutes flat.

Los Angeles to New York, or Los Angeles to Honolulu in 25 minutes. London to Dubai in 29 minutes.

"Most of what people consider to be long-distance trips would be completed in less than half an hour," Musk said to applause and cheers at the International Astronautical Congress in Adelaide.

A seat should cost about the same as a full-fare economy plane ticket, he noted later via Instagram.

Friday's address was a follow-up to one he gave to the group last September in Mexico, where he unveiled his grand scheme for colonizing Mars. He described a slightly scaled-down 348-foot-tall (106-meter-tall) rocket and announced that the private space company aims to launch two cargo missions to Mars in 2022.

"That's not a typo," he said, pausing, as charts appeared on a large screen. "Although it is aspirational."

Two more cargo missions would follow in 2024 to provide more construction materials, along with two crewed flights. The window for launching to Mars occurs every two years.

For the approximately six-month, one-way trips to Mars, the SpaceX ships would have 40 cabins, ideally with two to three people per cabin for a grand total of about 100 passengers. Musk foresees this Mars city growing, and over time "making it really a nice place to be."

Scott Hubbard, an adjunct professor at Stanford University and a former director of NASA's Ames Research Center, calls it "a bold transportation architecture with aspirational dates." A demonstration of some sort in the 2020s will add to its credibility, he said in an email. And while more details are needed for life-support systems, "Kudos to Elon and SpaceX for keeping the focus on humans to Mars!"

Former NASA chief technologist Bobby Braun, now dean of the college of engineering and applied science at the University of Colorado at Boulder, also sees Musk's plan as a step in the right direction, building on technologies SpaceX already has demonstrated, like reusable rockets.

"While the timeline and capabilities are certainly ambitious, I'm bullish on U.S industry's ability to carry out challenging and far-reaching goals," Braun wrote in an email. "It's great to see the private sector lead in this way, and I hope we see more of it."

NASA is charting its own path to what it calls the "Deep Space Gateway," beginning with expeditions in the vicinity of the moon in the 2020s and eventually culminating at Mars. The space agency has handed much of its Earth-orbiting work to private industry, including SpaceX, Orbital ATK and Boeing.

Earlier Friday in Adelaide, Lockheed Martin presented its vision for a "Mars Base Camp" in partnership with NASA. Astronauts could be on their way in about a decade, the company said. This first mission would orbit the red planet, rather than land.

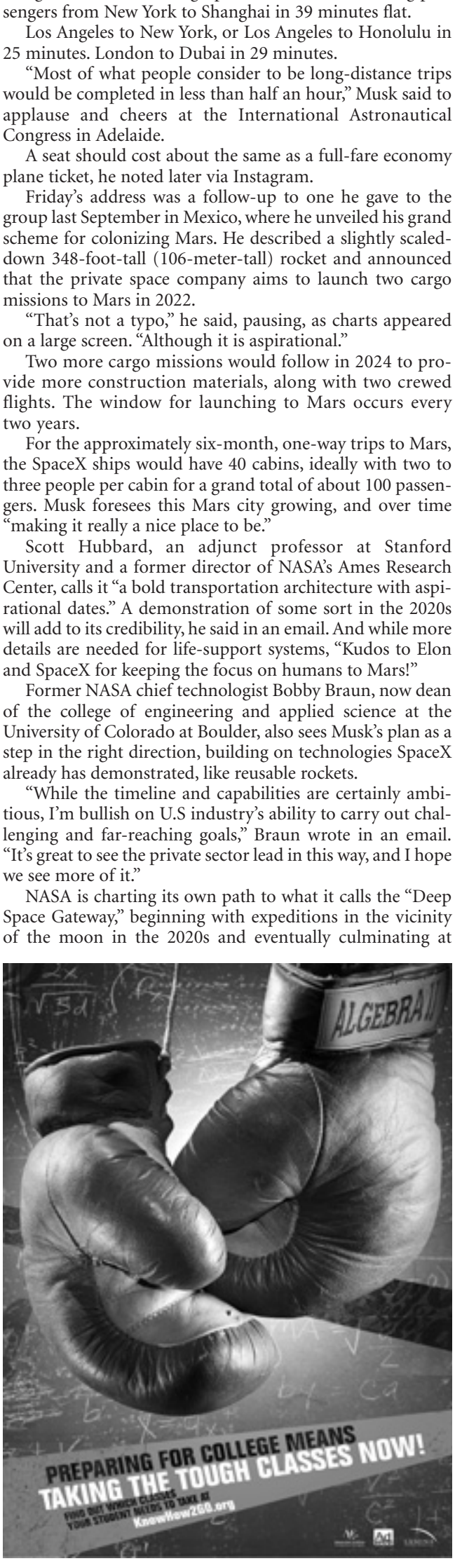
Musk intends to finance his $10 billion Mars endeavor by using a rocket that's smaller than the one outlined last year. Fewer engines would be needed: 31 versus the originally envisioned 42. Its lift capability would be 150 tons, more than NASA's old moon rocket, the Saturn V.

He wants one type of booster and spaceship that can replace the company's current Falcon 9 rocket, the soon-to-fly Falcon Heavy rocket designed for heavier satellites, and the Dragon capsule presently used to deliver cargo to the International Space Station, and, as soon as next year, station astronauts.

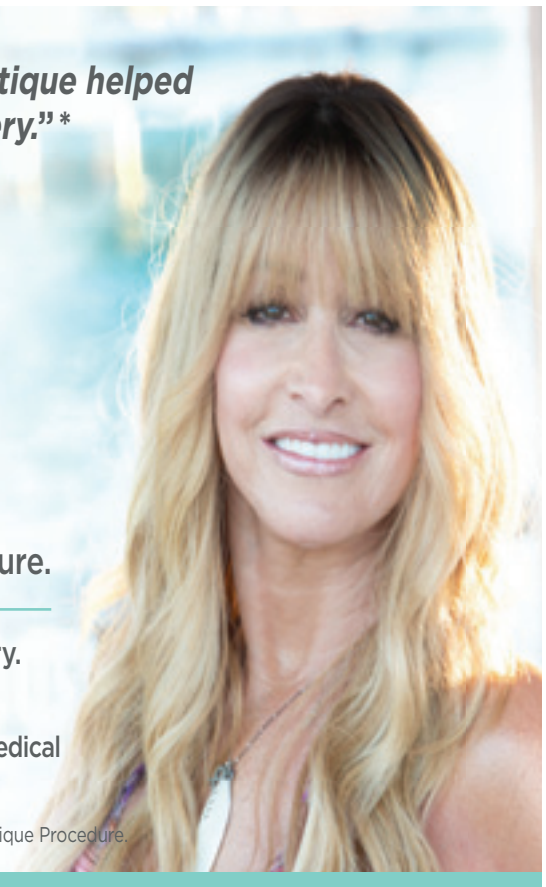
That way SpaceX can put all its resources toward this new system, Musk said. Revenue from launching satellites, and sending supplies and crews to the space station, could pay for the new rocket, he said.

Musk said the same spaceship for moon and Mars trips — long and cylindrical with small shuttle-like wings — could fly to the space station. He said the mega-rocket could be used to establish a lunar settlement, with spaceships being refueled in Earth orbit versus creating a vital fuel depot at Mars.

The mega-rocket doesn't have a name but for now is called BFR. The B is for big; the R for rocket. As for the F, well, you get the idea.



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TREES

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She is hoping someone witnessed the vandalism and can come forward to police with a description of the person responsible.

"We don't want our urban forest restoration program to take any more of a hit," Farrell said in an email to the Daily Press.

Anyone who with information on the broken trees should contact the Public Landscape Division or Santa Monica Police Department dispatch (310-458-8491).

Dorta has already cleaned up the debris and left some of the trees in place, hoping they may have survived the damage. If they don't, he hopes they can be replaced.

"I drive by those trees every day on the way to the office and I always look at them to make sure that they're growing," Dorta said. "We are trying to reforest a site that previously had no trees at all."

Santa Monica has plans to plant thousands of trees in the coming years, with the ultimate goal of increasing the city's canopy by five percent. The City's urban forest consists of about 33,500 public trees.

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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 1

ments created in another bill is expected to generate between $200 and $300 million a year — far less than the $1 billion handed out to communities through redevelopment funds Brown halted in 2012.

"That put the state's production into this huge tailspin that we've been in ever since," said Matt Schwartz, president of the California Housing Partnership. The new legislation, he said, "changes the dynamics and tells the developers they can count on state investment again."

Still, the money combined in the bills is expected to create up to 90,000 affordable rental homes in the next seven to 10 years, a fraction of what's needed.

Beyond the money, other bills aim to streamline regulations that can slow down construction for a variety of reasons, including communities needlessly delaying projects they don't want.

Democratic Sen. Nancy Skinner of Berkeley said two of her bills aim to put a stop to "NIMBY," or "not in my backyard," culture that keeps some cities from building more housing that low-income people can afford. One bill gives cities legal cover to require "inclusionary housing," meaning developers must include low- and middle-income units alongside market-rate ones.

Lawmakers passed the bills during the final week of session in mid-September, with the real estate transaction fee nearly faltering in the Democratic-controlled Assembly. In previous years, Brown and legislative leaders had been unable to reach agreement on a housing fix, with Brown arguing for regulatory reform and lawmakers pushing for more money.

Ronayne reported from Sacramento.

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1 10 57 66 75
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 20M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 9/27
2 8 12 37 44
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/28
8 23 34 35 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/28
MIDDAY: 8 4 3
Draw Date: 9/28
EVENING: 8 0 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/28
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:41.91

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ The human brain operates on only 10 watts of energy, less than a refrigerator light.

Get Me That, Stat!

■ More than 2 billion people in the world don't have access to safe, clean water at home, according the World Health Organization. An estimated 361,000 kids under age 5 die each year due to diarrhea resulting from unsanitary conditions. Roughly 2.3 billion people don't have access to basic sanitation services, such as a toilet.

Doc Talk

■ Stork mark: an impermanent blemish on the skin of a newborn baby

MYSTERY PHOTO

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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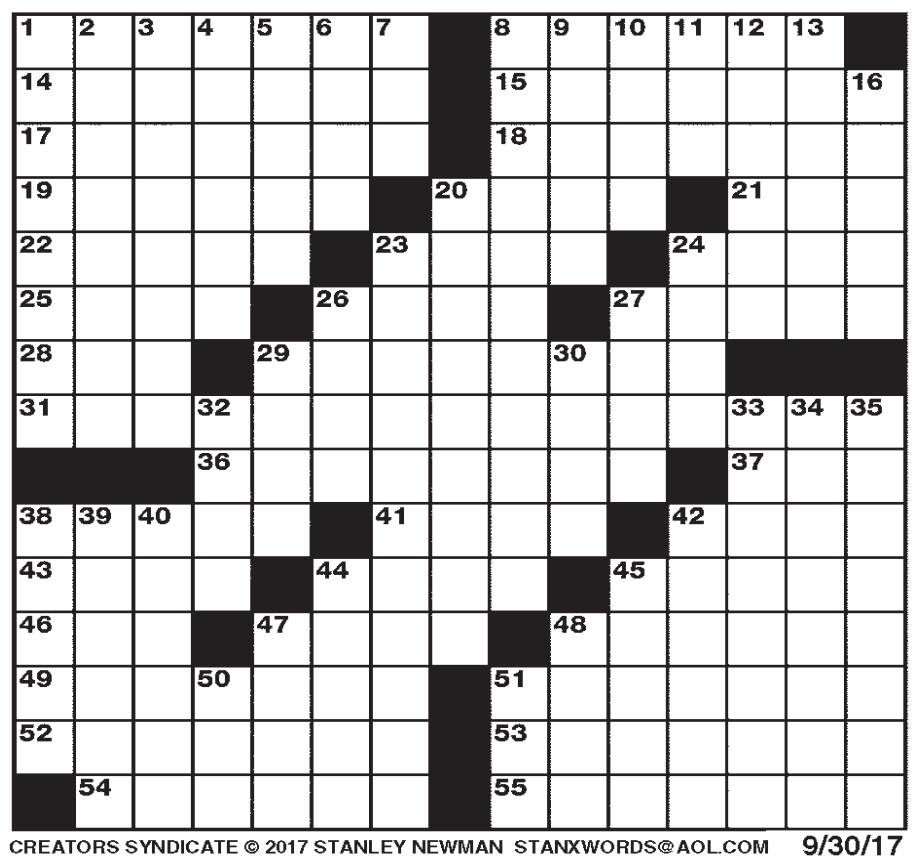
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Make short work of
8 Asked for
14 Eligible to win
15 Disapproved of
17 Not as trifling
18 Close by
19 They're spotted in taquerias
20 Top suits
21 Puffin cousin
22 ". . . in language quaint and __": Longfellow
23 Word from the French for "key"
24 Flyspeck
25 Parade balloon handler's handful
26 Looking smart
27 Patriarchs
28 Emma, Olivia, __, Sophia, Isabella (top-5 list for 2016)
29 NFL team named for a Triple Crown event
31 Interviewer's intro
36 Sousaphone, e.g.
37 Its website has a Delivering Care section
38 16th-century sun worshipers
41 Verb avoided by vegans?
42 Decantation limit
43 Skewer of a sort
44 Unfinished, as some furniture
45 Was left no choice
46 Small demon
47 Slick device
48 Former owner of Greenland
49 Mideast sectarian supported by Dr. King
51 Emulate Rodgers or Hammerstein
52 Hard case
53 Left no choice
54 Slow-moving air
55 Save

DOWN
1 Impermanent
2 Most special person to me
3 Make no moves
4 Bowling center bench
5 Owner of Canis Major
6 Unwelcome add-ons
7 US stamp series subject (1945-1946)
8 *Little Go Beep* antagonist
9 Unlikely to take an interest
10 Sports news of Oct. 2016
11 *Madre de tu primo*
12 Elongated puff
13 Make thinner
16 Small fry
20 Banner invitation
23 Gaming app with a King Safety setting
24 Metaphor for forgetfulness
26 Name atop the covers of *Favorite Haunts* and *Monster Rally*
27 Antonym of "bore"
29 Chrysanthemum and jasmine
30 Customary culture
32 Many Yale SOM grads
33 Endow genetically
34 Follows closely
35 Traditional reindeer herders
38 Resort east-southeast of Valencia
39 Last of the fleet admirals
40 Best Actor Oscar role of 2005
42 Go like lightning
44 Thick and spreading
45 How Uncle Henry greets Miss Gulch in *The Wizard of Oz*
47 Abounding
48 Name derived from "honor"
50 Daily ritual for Einstein and Edison
51 Pilfer



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 30)

It's a year of expanding options. The next three months are especially socially active. You're a quick study and also quite impressionable, so put yourself around good influences. You'll win a prize in January. This will be a game-changer. The love you share will feel as legendary as the stuff of poetry and song. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 44, 20 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Challenge yourself to leave a situation before you respond to it. Even if you're only walking away for five minutes, that's enough time to come up with a better communication than you'd have reflexively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There are interesting people out there you'd like to meet and equally interesting people who want to meet you. Your social efforts will pay off rather quickly now, so don't miss the chance to mingle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
The No. 1 rule of the day: Don't agonize. You're creative, and to make the most of this you'll need to make many decisions and execute them fast. Take the lessons and move on — no regrets!

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Like a real pro, you are brave without being reckless, focused but not oblivious to the competition. This attitude will carry you into an exclusive situation where you'll meet worthy opponents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Maybe it won't do any good to explain yourself. Those who would understand don't need the explanation and those who don't only get more confused the more you talk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
For those waiting for the one day when it will all just click in, you know better. There's no great light switch to turn on — not one gigantic click, but a ticker tape of small understandings you come to with daily awareness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Those who are overly concerned with stating their personal truths are often too melodramatic for you to take seriously. Emotionally mature people put kindness, compassion and cooperation first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You can't tell what's going to make other people happy. You can't even tell what's going to make you happy. So just do your best. When things don't land quite right, shrug it off. And when they do, celebrate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The language of souls is hard for you to miss these days. As you listen past what people say out of a sense of social appropriateness, good manners or obligation, you hear the soul's cry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It's not just the supporters around you who are aware of your potential. Those who knock your confidence on purpose are also aware. You can take it as a compliment that they see you as competition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It's true that people have stumbled upon treasures like gold, but as for most of the better things in life, they cannot be found; they have to be assembled.

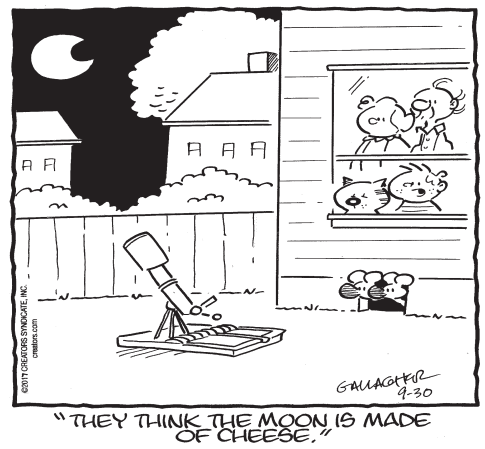
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today, while going about normal business, you'll often be doing something very different in your head. You've a rich inner life. Your private world is only for you — though you may share glimpses with a trusted loved one.

Venus Change Takes Hold

The love planet, Venus, spends the first of many days in one of her favorite parts of the sky. The harmonious and artistic realm of Libra is home to the romantic and aesthetic energies of love. In the weeks to come, Venus concerns herself with adding beauty to our days and making small lifestyle improvements to enhance the state of the heart.

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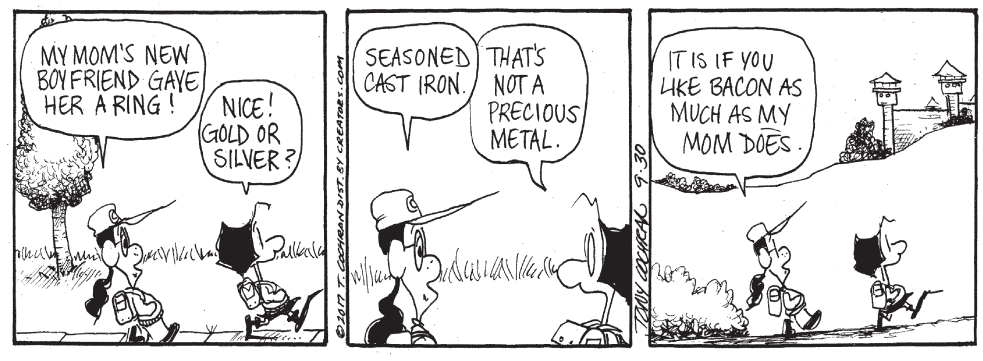
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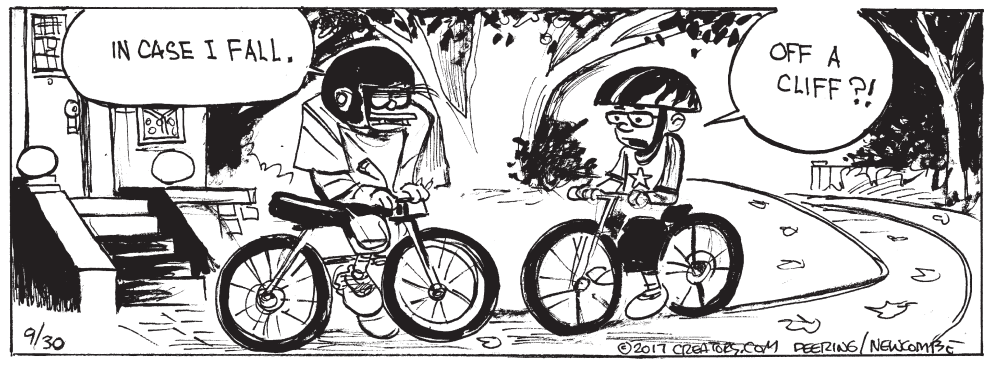
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