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PLAY BALL

Courtesy Photos

The Santa Monica High School baseball team volunteered with the Miracle League last week. The organization helps individuals with disabilities enjoy a day of baseball activity.

Special mask saves dog on Halloween

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica family came home to a real house of horrors on Halloween when they returned from trick-or-treating to find their apartment on Montana Avenue going up in flames.

As the parents approached the smoking building, Captain Jason Walker was carrying their Australian shepherd to safety,

"They had just walked up when I carried the dog outside," Walker said. "They at first thought the dog was dead."

Fortunately, thanks to a few crucial pieces of equipment – the family's dog was alive and on a short path to recovery.

Firefighters had arrived on the scene around 9:20 p.m. - just five minutes after the smoke alarms went off inside a unit at 2020 Montana Avenue on Tuesday. The flames were coming from a kitchen on the first floor.

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School Board rejects separation proposal

EMILY SAWICKI
Special to the Daily Press

As the midnight hour tolled on the morning of Halloween, Malibu parents, activists and educators made their way wearily into bed following a six-hour school board meeting with just one thing on the agenda: separation.

The meeting, which ended just after 11 p.m. on Monday night, also spelled out an even less certain future for advocates of an independent Malibu school district. Board leaders decided to scrap the carefully constructed separation roadmap, suggesting Malibu keep cash flowing for 50-plus years or halt separation indefinitely.

"Almost two years ago, you gave [The Malibu Unification Negotiation Committee] … a task … you wrote that 'We believe in two separate school districts, and go forth and find a way to make it happen financially,'" Malibu City Council Member Laura Rosenthal, also a member of the MUNC, recounted to the Board of Education on Monday night. "But you all agreed you believe in two separate school districts, and we went forth and we found a way."

Rosenthal and her five counterparts on the negotiation committee predicted Malibu school funding would skyrocket after separation, while Santa Monica students' funding was predicted to crawl upward as years go on. But the sticking point for Santa Monica parents (and many of the seven board of education members) was the comparison between the funding available to Santa Monica students compared to what they would receive in a unified district, still receiving money from Malibu—the figures had Santa Monica's students enjoying much more cash while attached to Malibu.

School Board Member Maria Leon-Vazquez replied to Rosenthal, explaining that the solution found was not viable for

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, November 3

Apollo 4: When the Power Met the Dream

The feature shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m. Fifty years ago, the Apollo program symbolically rose from the ashes with the first test launch of the Saturn V booster. Will show some of the original coverage of this pivotal, triumphant day. Second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). $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.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Instructors help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 4

Landscape Rebate Training

Come and learn about drought-tolerant plants, irrigation options, turf removal tips and how to apply for rebates up to $8,000. Landscape professionals onsite for free advice. The City's Public Landscape Division will also be present to answer questions about your parkway and Santa Monica's street trees. smgov.net/water, savewater@smgov.net (310) 458-8972. Airport Avenue Demonstration Gardens, 3200 Airport Avenue, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

November Ride with the Mayor

The ride will depart at 10 a.m. from the 17th Street Expo Station. It will be a 5 mile ride that will It will end at The Albright (258 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA 90401) at 11 a.m. Bring your own bike, helmet, lock & water bottle. Children should be capable of street riding or in an appropriate child seat or trailer. There is no cost to participate.

Collaborative Drawing with Shannon Freshwater

Exquisite Corpses and New Characters Through Collaboration. Join Studio Resident Shannon Freshwater as she explores the Surrealist creative practice called the "exquisite corpse." Participants will collaborate in this game of telling an unexpected story in this creatively freeing and collaborative exercise. Each participant draws a different part of the body and only sees the result when all the drawings come together. This is a chance to be silly, experiment, and be open to the unexpected. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost: $5. 1450 Ocean. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/59089

Among Us

An auditory performance in public space presented by City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs. Among Us is an audio-theater experience where you and the city take the stage. Go from the bustle of the Santa Monica Pier to the green surroundings of Tongva Park while listening to meditative prompts that reveal what may lie beneath the surface of daily life. 1 – 3 p.m. Tongva Park. Cost: $15. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/among-us-tickets-38415643223

Fall and Winter Gardening in Southern California

Master Gardener Yvonne Savio teaches Fall planting tips and tricks to grow delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers that last through Southern California's cool season. 2 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd

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CORRECTION

There is no free, outdoor opera performance on November 3 at Reed Park. For more information about programs at the park, visit www.smgov.net/reed

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica joins supreme court brief on Masterpiece Cakeshop Case

The City of Santa Monica and Mayor Ted Winterer have joined 70 cities across the country in a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief supporting the rights of LGBTQ people to be free from discrimination based on sexual orientation. The amicus brief responds to the case Masterpiece Cakeshop Ltd. vs. Colorado Civil Rights Commission where a Colorado baker refused to make a wedding cake for a same sex couple.

"We join our neighbors in Los Angeles and cities across the country in standing up for equality and condemning the denial of services based on sexual orientation," said Mayor Ted Winterer. "This kind of behavior damages communities and is in complete opposition to the values of Santa Monica."

The brief was filed in anticipation of the Supreme Court's review of the case on December 5, 2017. This review comes after the Colorado Civil Rights Commission ruled that the bakery had violated Colorado law by discriminating against the couple.

In July 2012, David Mullins and Charlie Craig visited Masterpiece Cakeshop to purchase a wedding cake. Owner Jack Phillips informed them that because of his religious beliefs the store's policy was to deny service to customers who wished to order bakery items to celebrate a same-sex couple's wedding.

"Religious freedom is not a license to discriminate," said City Attorney Lane Dilg. "Same-sex couples are entitled to equal dignity in the eyes of the law, and the City of Santa Monica is committed to antidiscrimination laws that will ensure that businesses that are open to the public are open to all."

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Citywide

Pressure mounts on Apple to live up to hype for the iPhone X

The iPhone X's lush screen, facial-recognition skills and $1,000 price tag are breaking new ground in Apple's marquee product line.

Yet the much-anticipated device is testing the patience of consumers and investors as demand outstrips suppliers' capacity.

Apple said Thursday that iPhone sales rose 3 percent in the July-September quarter, when the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus came out. It could have been higher if many customers hadn't been waiting for the iPhone X, coming out Friday.

Analysts say Apple's suppliers haven't been to manufacture the iPhone X quickly enough. Its color-popping OLED screen isn't as readily available as standard LCD displays. And the facial-recognition technology requires more sophisticated components.

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE AND TALI ARBEL, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITERS

PASADENA

Observatory celebrates centennial of 100-inch telescope

Astronomers are celebrating the centennial of the 100-inch (2,540-millimeter) Hooker Telescope at Southern California's Mount Wilson Observatory .

The reflector telescope's first observations occurred in 1917 on the night of Nov. 1 and into the morning of Nov. 2.

At the time it was the world's most advanced telescope and was used by astronomer Edwin Hubble to prove that the universe is expanding.

The telescope is named for businessman John D. Hooker, who funded the instrument when it was proposed by astronomer George Ellery Hale.

Creating the massive, 100-inch-diameter glass disk for the telescope's mirror took years before it went into use on Mount Wilson, a peak at an elevation of more than 5,700 feet (1,737 meters) in the San Gabriel Mountains above Pasadena.

Public events will be held Saturday.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla

Google and AutoNation partner on self-driving car program

Google is partnering with AutoNation, the country's largest auto dealership chain, in its push to produce self-driving cars for wide use.

AutoNation said Thursday that its dealerships will provide maintenance and repairs for Waymo's self-driving fleet of Chrysler Pacifica vehicles. Waymo is Google's automated vehicle technology wing. The agreement will include additional models of vehicles when Waymo brings them on line.

Terms of the multi-year deal were not disclosed.

Google started off with a fleet of 100 autonomous Pacificas and has announced plans to add 500. Waymo is negotiating with other automakers, such as Honda, about autonomous vehicle systems, the company said.

The vehicles likely will be driven for several hundred thousand miles, and they'll need to be maintained to accomplish that, AutoNation CEO Mike Jackson said Thursday in an interview. The dealership chain, he said, has maintained more than 40 million vehicles. "As Waymo moves to other markets and also puts other brands in service, we have expertise on any vehicle they want to put into service," Jackson said.

Waymo has been partnering with a number of car-centric companies like Avis, the ridesharing company Lyft, and Fiat Chrysler.

Since Google first began pursuing self-driving vehicle technology in 2009, a wave of major players have joined the chase. General Motors and Ford, along with other big technology companies, including Apple and ride-hailing service Uber, are developing their own technology.

Waymo is in a legal tussle with Uber, alleging that one of its former managers stole its trade secrets and took them along when he joined Uber in 2016. The trial is set to begin later this year.

AutoNation Inc., based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, runs about 360 dealerships in the U.S.

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Project SP2472

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The prospective firm is expected to work mainly with the City's Civil Engineering Division and coordinate with other City departments as may be necessary.

Proposers shall provide one (1) electronic copy of the proposal via email to selim.eren@smgov.net, not later than **2:00 p.m. on February 10, 2017**. Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 9.9MB

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Project SP2429

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The prospective firm is expected to work mainly with the City's Civil Engineering Division and coordinate with other City departments as may be necessary.

Proposers shall provide one (1) electronic copy of the proposal via email to carlos.rosales@smgov.net, not later than **5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2017. Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB**

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SPECIAL MEETING

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- 17ARB-0321: 1419 Franklin Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- 17ARB-0344: 2102 5th Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 17ARB-0358: 101 Santa Monica Boulevard: Restaurant
- 17ARB-0479: 3008 Santa Monica Boulevard: Mixed-Use Building

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It's Mueller Time

IN THE FINAL DAYS OF WATERGATE, Senator Barry Goldwater (R-AZ) broke the news to Richard Nixon that he was likely to be impeached. When Nixon asked how many Senate votes he could count on, Goldwater replied bluntly, "Twenty and mine won't be one of them."

Thus Nixon became the only president in history to resign, making Gerald Ford the 38th President. Only eight months earlier Ford became VP when Spiro Agnew resigned due to income tax evasion. (Talk about an ethically-bankrupt administration!)

In his first speech to the nation, Ford announced, "Our long national nightmare is over." Today, with three federal investigations and the lowest approval ratings in history, the first nine months of the Trump presidency is another national nightmare with no end in sight.

That is, until this week's conviction and two indictments from Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller investigating Russian interference in our 2016 election. There were 12 charges against former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and his business associate, Rick Gates. The charges included: money laundering, being an unregistered foreign agent, failure to file foreign bank and financial accounts and conspiracy against America. (Is that all?)

During his final days, Nixon reportedly walked the White House hallways late at night talking to the portraits of past presidents. He even asked Henry Kissinger to kneel and pray with him. Kissinger thought Nixon was meshugganah. (Yiddish for "nuts!")

When he can't sleep, Trump doesn't walk the White House unless he's looking for a Taco Bowl. And, at his weight, I doubt he does any kneeling. You see, Trump doesn't pray, he tweets.

Like a petulant high schooler, he dashes off angry, impulsive and often incoherent tweets blaming everyone but himself. But, while Trump bullies everyone, he can't bully Mueller, the second longest serving FBI director ever.

In fact, Trump is furious Mueller is considered the most respected person in D.C. And Trump must be concerned that the results of Mueller's six month probe are beginning to surface. (Mueller wrote in his brief, "Your honor, these are only a small part of the investigation.")

There are so many indicators that Trump is up to his triple chins in the Russian interference that I'm tempted to call him "comrade." While he viciously criticizes our allies, he never utters a harsh word for his pal Putin. There are at least two occasions where a neon sign above Trump's head should have flashed "Putin's Puppet."

On "Morning Joe" in December 2015, host Joe Scarborough asked Trump, "Do you do know Putin jails and often kills journalists and dissidents?" Like a spoiled child, Trump responded, "Yeah, well we kill plenty of people, too." Rarely the case, Joe was speechless.

Another red flag (pun intended) was at the GOP convention where a plank in the Republican Platform advocating defensive weapons for Ukraine to protect against Russian aggression, suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. Trump said unconvincingly, "I don't know anything about it." (If you believe that, you'd have made an ideal student at Trump U.)

Given the Russian attack on our democracy any patriotic president would call the interference an outrage and, so that it never happens again, would demand to get to the bottom of it. The problem is, it's becoming clear, Trump is at the bottom of it. And, not surprisingly, he calls the Russia prob a "hoax." (The same as he calls climate change.)

When threatened, how low can Trump stoop? Last week, children of the White House press corps visited the oval office in a Halloween celebration. Trump, who regularly accuses the press of being "very bad people," sarcastically asked the poor kids, "Are you going to grow up to be like your parents?"

Who attacks people through their kids? Then again, who mocks the disabled? Who prefers his heroes not captured? Who refers to his penis size in public? Who brags about grabbing women's genitals? Who talks about shooting someone on 5th Avenue? (The answer is certainly someone not fit to be president.)

If Trump's character is less than admirable, consider the just-indicted Paul Manafort. Accorded the presumption of innocence, Manafort was apparently in debt to a Russian oligarch for $15 million. So he successfully pitched himself to be head of Trump's campaign. He later emailed the oligarch, "How do we become whole?" promising special access to Trump.

Wearing an ankle GPS and confined to his home on $10 million bail, Manafort apparently opened and closed 55 foreign bank accounts, had 3 passports and a cell phone under a fictitious name.

Meanwhile, as Trump tweets, Mueller's investigation inches closer to the oval office. Former Trump political adviser, George Papadopoulos, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and is a "proactive cooperating witness." That means he may have been wearing a wire during months of conversations with Trump higher-ups. If so, then it may really be Mueller Time.

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FILM REVIEW

LAST FLAG FLYING

Rated R
124 Minutes
Released November 3

IN THE GUISE OF A HUMOROUS STORY of three misfits who meet up and go on an impromptu road trip many years after serving together as Marines in Viet Nam, Last Flag Flying is a symphony of philosophical thought. Probably for everyone who watches this film, including those who have served in the armed forces as well as those who have not, there is a recognition that going to war as a soldier is like a being a child who is curious about a washing machine, climbs in to look and gets sucked in. Even after this child is rescued from the machine and has been put through the "dryer," he will never be the same again.

Director Richard Linklater (Before Sunset, Boyhood, Before Midnight) has been able to pull extraordinary performances from his cast. The story walks that thin line between comedy and tragedy so that you are never sure which side you're on. Bryan Cranston as "Sal Nealon" seems to completely and believably inhabit the body of someone who is not Bryan Cranston. Lawrence Fishburne as the complex "Reverend Richard Mueller" is able to convey all the polarizing thoughts and emotions of this man with very few carefully chosen words. Steve Carell is the face of tragedy as "Doc Sheppard," a complete switch from his previous roles, yet even Doc can laugh, hilariously at times. J Quinton Johnson, who has very little on camera experience, is memorable as the young Marine "Washington" who is assigned to the guide the group in their travels. Other great performances come from some of the actors in smaller roles – Deanna Reed-Foster as "Ruth," Ul Vazquez as "General Willitz," Jane Mowder as the rental truck lady, Kate Easton as the cell phone clerk and Cicely Tyson as "Mrs. Hightower."

The only critique I have of this movie is both that Linklater got some superb comedic riffs from the brilliant Bryan Cranston that were probably largely improvised, which maybe go on a tad bit long and cut into the flow of the rhythm of the film. I'm sure many will disagree with me on that however.

Last Flag Flying is a beautifully crafted existential look at what drives us to do the things we do in life, to make our choices, good or bad, that define our character. Sometimes benevolent choices beget seemingly selfish and thoughtless actions. Sometimes seemingly innocent choices beget tragedy. Yet bravery and grandeur can be found in any individual's story. That's the essence of life.

See this movie. In my opinion, there could be some Oscar nominations here.

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Russian election meddling: Should tech giants have known?

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

There were signs, some say telltale signs, of Russians using social media to meddle in last year's U.S. elections long before tech companies wised up to it. Red flags included payments in rubles for ads on hot-button, divisive issues targeted at Americans.

It wasn't until late September, nearly a year after the elections, that Facebook disclosed that it found Russia-linked ads on its service. Twitter and Google followed.

Could Facebook and other tech giants have caught the abuse earlier?

Here's the case for and against:

IT TOOK TOO LONG

These companies have very smart people working for them, all tasked not just with building new features but ensuring that existing ones work. Could Facebook, Google and Twitter really not foresee — and when it was actually happening, simply see — that Russian government-sponsored agents were posting from fake accounts and buying political ads using little-known payments providers?

Could they have asked themselves why a legitimate advertiser from Russia would feel the need to target Americans on issues such as gun control and race? Or promote pro- and anti-Trump protests in American cities?

Facebook has said that it focused on more traditional threats, such as hacking, early on. Then, its attention turned to fake news and propaganda, but not before CEO Mark Zuckerberg dismissed as "pretty crazy" the idea that false news on the company's service influenced the outcome of the elections. He later apologized, but the now-memorable quip shows the kind of self-assured attitude that often gets the company in trouble .

This spring, Facebook disclosed that foreign nation-states and non-state actors were using its service for malicious activity related to the elections. It did not directly name Russia at the time, already five months since the elections.

In a memorable, mostly one-sided exchange with top lawyers from the companies, Democratic Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota offered this exasperated point: "People are buying ads on your platform with rubles. They are political ads. You put billions of data points together all the time, that's what I hear that these platforms do. They are the most sophisticated things invented by man, ever. Google has all knowledge that man has ever developed. You can't put together rubles with a political ad and go like, 'Hmmm, those data points spell out something pretty bad.'"

Jonathan Albright, director of research at the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University, said tech companies like Facebook "didn't act proactively." The company's business model is giving companies access to "real people. Albright added that Russians exploited the same "custom audiences" targeting tools that Facebook markets for political campaigns.

Combine that with the yet-unregulated online political ads space, it's no wonder Russia sought to exploit it.

HINDSIGHT IS 20/20

Asked in a hearing this week whether they have found all evidence of Russian meddling, top lawyers for Facebook, Google and Twitter said investigations were ongoing. So, as a matter of speaking, that's "no."

Facebook also wouldn't say with certainty that no other country had also misused its platforms. After all, with 5 million advertisers each month, and billions of pieces of non-paid content, how could Facebook comb through everything — especially when advertisers could mask their real identity?

Facebook's general counsel, Colin Stretch, acknowledged that in hindsight the company should have had a "broader lens" about these issues.

But ultimately, these internet giants' systems weren't set up to deal with this type of "social hacking."

While each company has spent millions to combat software hacking, spam and nefarious content such as terrorist propaganda, the idea that Russia would use social media to influence the elections simply wasn't on the radar. Since the companies became aware, they have worked to tighten advertising rules, weed out fake news and accounts and share information with government investigators.

"Being at the forefront of technology also means being at the forefront of new legal, security, and policy challenges," Stretch told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Our teams come to work every day to confront these challenges head on."

It now seems easy to see the signs of Russia's interference on social media. But consider this: Try thinking of new ways foreign entities might try to meddle in the 2020 elections. Will it be using virtual reality? Robots? Snapchat?

Stumped? Come back in three years. Hindsight is 20/20.







DOG

FROM PAGE 1

"We made our initial attack into the rear of the unit," Walker said. "It was a pretty quick knock down once we got inside."

While the fire was put out after just five minutes, black smoke and steam filled the unit long after the flames died out.

Unable to see whether anyone was inside, Walker pulled out a thermal imaging camera. On the screen he could see the family dog panting underneath a desk inside the apartment. If it weren't for the camera, it would have been impossible to know the dog was even missing since the family wasn't home when the fire broke out.

With the dog in his arms, Walker walked out of the apartment and straight over to Engineer Mike Kresl. With the help Americare paramedic Stephanie Zamora, the team began giving the dog oxygen right away with a pet oxygen mask. The dog had gone into shock.

"It's a specialized mask that keeps a seal around the dog's snout and comes in multiple sizes – we can put it on a cat as well," Walker said. "It has a cone that goes on their snout and when they're breathing they get 100 percent oxygen."

All Santa Monica Fire Department engines carry the valuable piece of equipment. Back in March, firefighters saved a poodle by performing mouth-to-snout resuscitation and then using the oxygen mask.

The thankful family stayed with their pet until he recovered a few minutes later.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but Walker said it appeared that something had been left on the stove. The 25 SMFD personnel who responded to the call were able to limit the damage to a single apartment unit.

No people were injured by the fire.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Coast Guard rescues sick man from Southern California island

The U.S. Coast Guard says a helicopter crew has rescued a 64-year-old man who fell ill at a Navy facility on San Nicolas Island off the Southern California coast.

Officials say the victim, a contractor, experienced stroke-like symptoms Wednesday afternoon.

A crew from the mainland flew to the island and transported the man some 60 miles to a hospital in Ventura County.

He was last reported to be in stable condition.

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FORT WORTH, Texas

Listeria found at catering facility for Los Angeles airport

American Airlines has suspended use of a caterer at Los Angeles International Airport after listeria was found in the caterer's facility, but Delta Air Lines continues to get meals from the kitchen.

A spokeswoman for Atlanta-based Delta said Thursday that the kitchen operated by Gate Gourmet complies with local and federal regulations.

The catering company said it serves other airlines at the airport but won't identify them. No other airlines have announced that they are stopping service from the Gate Gourmet facility.

A Gate Gourmet spokeswoman said that listeria was found in floor drains but not on food-preparation surfaces. She said the kitchen was treated and remains open and continues to serve other airlines.

A spokesman for Fort Worth-based American said the airline decided to stop taking food from the Los Angeles kitchen because of concern over progress in Gate Gourmet's plan to correct the listeria problem. He said the airline is not aware of contamination at any other Gate Gourmet facilities.

Both American and Delta said they have not received any reports of passengers becoming ill from food from the Los Angeles facility.

Listeria is a bacteria that can cause fever and diarrhea, and more dangerous complications in pregnant women, including miscarriages and stillbirths. About 1,600 people are sickened by listeria each year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gate Gourmet's parent company is controlled by Chinese conglomerate HNA Group, which paid $1.5 billion for the Swiss company last year.

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IMPERIAL BEACH

Sewage from Mexico sickens beachgoers in California

The mayor of a Southern California coastal city says he was among several beachgoers sickened from sewage that flowed north from Mexico last weekend.

Imperial Beach Mayor Serge Dedina tells the San Diego Union-Tribune on Wednesday he received no advanced notice from officials in Mexico about the pollution flowing up the coast from Tijuana that fouled miles of shoreline in his city.

The Mexican state agency that operates Tijuana's sewer and water delivery system did not respond to a request for comment.

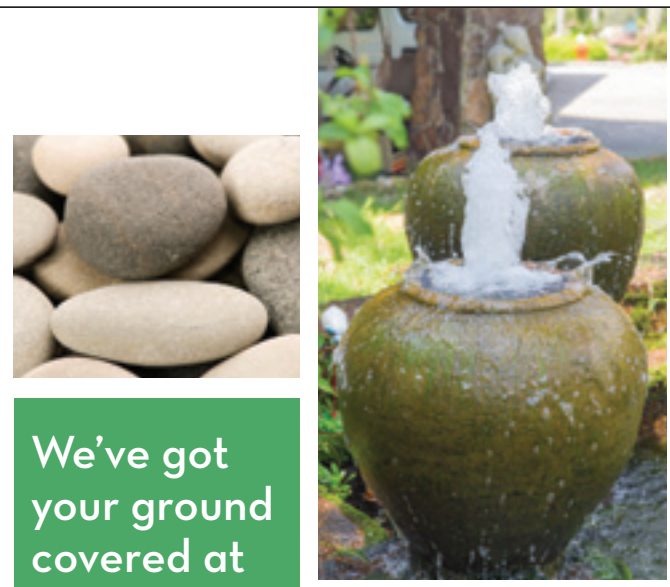
A massive sewage spill in the Tijuana River in February fouled beaches as far north as Coronado, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the Mexico border. Federal records show that since that event, polluted water has continued to regularly flow from Mexico across the border through the river and a series of canyons.

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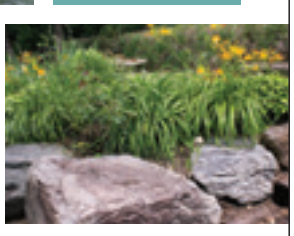
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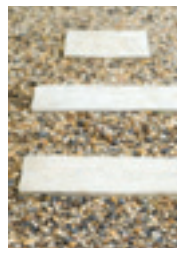












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FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Small SSW pulse. Minor NW. Few larger peaks for combo magnets around the favored tides.

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small swell.



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 OCTOBER 17, 2017 AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M.

Officers responded to the 7-11 Store at 630 Wilshire Blvd regarding a fight in progress. Officers arrived and determined a subject fought with an employee of the store after he was confronted for trying to steal. The subject was located at 7th Street and Santa Monica. Officers learned the suspect entered the store and filled a Big Gulp cup full of coffee. The subject refused to pay for the coffee and left the store. The victim (employee) confronted the suspect outside the store. The suspect placed the victim in a headlock and poked the victim's eye with his fingers. The victim was able to identify the suspect and was desirous of prosecution. The suspect was taken into custody. Thomas Metzger, 45, from Florida, was booked for robbery and battery. Bail was set at $100,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 354 Calls For Service On Nov. 1.

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

Fight 1800 block Lincoln 12:09 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Lincoln 2:11 a.m.
Fight Main / Ashland 2:19 a.m.
Encampment 200 block Santa Monica Pier 2:20 a.m.
Fight Main / Kinney 2:29 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block Arizona 2:51 a.m.
Party complaint 1500 block Berkeley 3:27 a.m.
Battery 1000 block Marine 3:28 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block 19th 5:31 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean 5:33 a.m.
Living in vehicle 2200 block Broadway 5:36 a.m.
Hit and run 1000 block 11th 7:18 a.m.
Death investigation 1300 block 15th 7:55 a.m.
Hit and run 1000 block 11th 8:08 a.m.
Battery 1800 block Lincoln 8:23 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 2nd 8:24 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block 16th 8:29 a.m.
Auto burglary 300 block 22nd 8:39 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Broadway 9:49 a.m.
Person with a gun 1200 block 16th 9:52 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block Pico 10:22 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block 12th 10:41 a.m.
Grand theft 2300 block Pico 11:12 a.m.
Encampment 7th / Olympic 11:25 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block 21st 11:27 a.m.
Illegal weapon 400 block San Vicente 11:31 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Stanford 12:09 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 6th 12:37 p.m.
Kidnap 1200 block 15th 12:42 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block 7th 12:43 p.m.
Loitering 800 block Bay 12:56 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block 4th 1:19 p.m.
Battery 500 block Wilshire 1:22 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block 12th 1:22 p.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 1:27 p.m.
Hit and run 18th / Wilshire 1:27 p.m.
Fraud 300 block Olympic 1:36 p.m.
Fight 1900 block Lincoln 2:04 p.m.
Petty theft 2900 block Main 2:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 700 block Broadway 2:32 p.m.
Traffic collision 23rd / Navy 3:30 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 3:47 p.m.
Person down 1600 block 11th 3:52 p.m.
Loitering 1700 block Santa Monica 3:57 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block the beach 4:02 p.m.
Person down 700 block Pacific 4:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Cloverfield 4:22 p.m.
Drunk driving 5th / Santa Monica 4:27 p.m.
Battery 5th / Broadway 5:52 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 2nd 6:10 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Lincoln 6:23 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block Santa Monica Pier 6:36 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln / Olympic 6:57 p.m.
Hit and run Euclid / Broadway 8:02 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pl 8:02 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 8:03 p.m.
Attempt auto 2200 block Colorado 8:08 p.m.
Person with a gun 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica 8:28 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Broadway 8:37 p.m.
Rape 1400 block the beach 8:38 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 8:48 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 4th 9:43 p.m.
Hit and run 300 block Olympic 10:19 p.m.
Assault w/deadly 1400 block 6th 10:33 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ashland 11:21 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 30 Calls For Service On Nov. 1.

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

Automatic alarm 800 block Woodacres 12:13 a.m.
Emergency 900 block 16th 12:27 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 12:58 a.m.
Emergency 1800 block Lincoln 8:20 a.m.
Emergency 1100 block 3rd 8:35 a.m.
Emergency 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 8:42 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 9:39 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2900 block 31st 9:52 a.m.
Emergency 2200 block Pico 10:00 a.m.
Hydrant leak 1600 block Lincoln 10:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block Santa Monica 10:42 a.m.
Emergency 1400 block 14th 11:30 a.m.
Emergency 6th / Wilshire 11:56 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block 20th 1:21 p.m.
Emergency 900 block 26th 1:49 p.m.
Emergency 2700 block Pico 2:14 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 23rd / Navy 3:30 p.m.
Emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 5:02 p.m.
Emergency Harvard / Santa Monica 5:22 p.m.
Emergency 1900 block Pico 6:16 p.m.
Emergency 2000 block Santa Monica 6:20 p.m.
Emergency 2400 block Wilshire 6:34 p.m.
Emergency Lincoln / Strand 6:36 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Cloverfield / Interstate 10 7:00 p.m.
Emergency 2100 block Oak 7:12 p.m.
Emergency 1600 block Arizona 8:49 p.m.
Emergency 1400 block 17th 9:29 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block Ocean 11:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Broadway 11:19 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block Ocean 11:22 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 11/1
3 6 19 26 44
Power#: 1
Jackpot: 64M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 10/31
6 28 31 52 53
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 48M

SuperLotto
Draw Date: 11/1
22 26 43 44 47
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 28M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/1
3 5 15 18 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/1
MIDDAY: 6 8 0
Draw Date: 11/1
EVENING: 1 2 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/1
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:48.71

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1. underground; subterranean.

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Number Cruncher

■ A Krispy Kreme original glazed doughnut (47.6 grams) contains 200 calories, 108 from fat. It has 12 grams of total fat or 18 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

■ It also contains 5 milligrams of cholesterol (2 percent); 95 mg of sodium (4 percent); 22 grams of total carbohydrates (7 percent); 0.5 g of dietary fiber; 10 g of sugar and 2 g of protein.

Counts

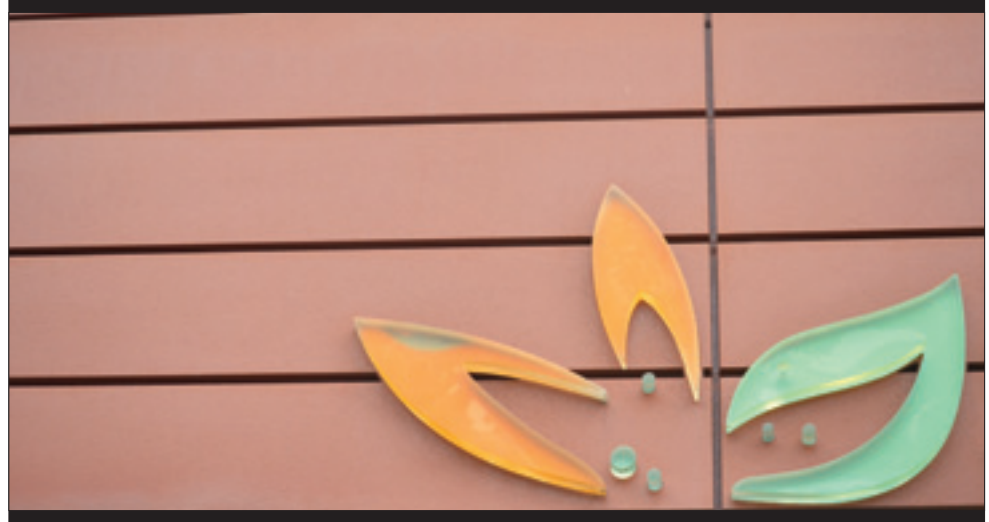
■ 321,780: Estimated average cost of dementia care, in dollars, spread over five years

■ 70: Percentage of financial burden borne by families

■ Source: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

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Sudoku

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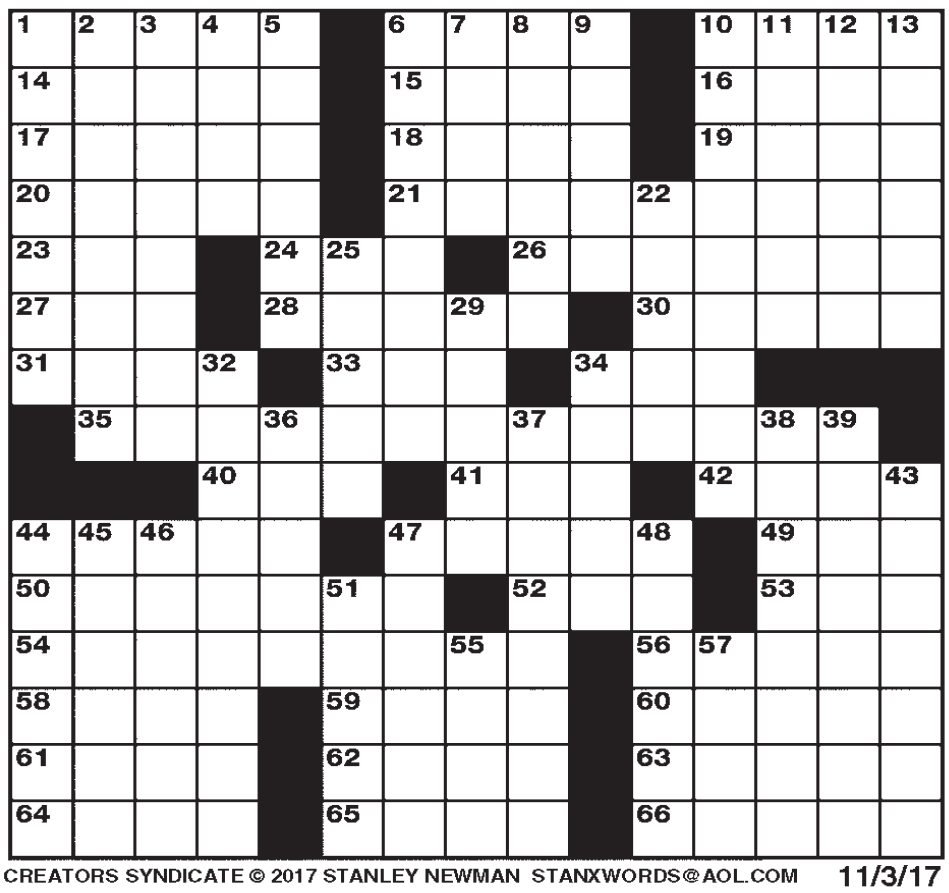
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PROPOSAL

FROM PAGE 1

Santa Monica.

Pointing to a chart provided by School Services, a consultant that drew up a different separation plan with similar overall results for funding between the two districts, Leon-Vazquez said it was clear there was no possibility given the provided data that Santa Monica would be better off without Malibu.

"There's never going to be a point where if we'd have stayed as a combined district—that [Santa Monica School District] would ever even get to that point," Leon-Vazquez said.

Passionate arguments were made on either side of the debate, from all five members of the Malibu City Council and the leaders of several parent groups representing Santa Monica schools, among other parents and faculty members from both cities.

Perhaps the most passionate show of emotion came near the end of the meeting, when Leon-Vazquez intimated the Malibu City Council had acted in ill-will when the group submitted their signatures to the Los Angeles County Office of Education to kickstart the separation review process, apart from the school board's recommendations.

John Kean, the shortest-serving school board member, made a suggestion that the school district should make an effort to find out what separation would really mean for Malibu students.

"I think there are strong benefits to us staying together to kids in Malibu," Kean said. "I think we don't talk about that enough, and I think we should have that as well, as part of that discussion.

Leon-Vazquez implied Malibu did not deserve the consideration.

"I would go down that route if city council had not filed their petition, but they did," Leon-Vazquez said.

"Are you kidding me?" School Board Member Craig Foster replied, turning to Leon-Vazquez, seated next to him, and raising his voice. "Are you kidding me? You're the one who talked to [Malibu City Council Member] Lou La Monte and said, 'File it.'" Foster gestured out to where La Monte was sitting in the audience.

"Yes, file it, but it goes parallel to it," Leon-Vazquez replied.

"Oh my God," Foster replied, standing and walking toward the exit.

"It delays it," Leon-Vazquez replied, then turned to Foster. "Go ahead, just leave, Craig. Just leave," she said.

Then members of Malibu City Council raised their voices from the audience.

"Maria, you told both of us to do it," Rosenthal said.

"Why are you lying?" Mayor Skylar Peak shot to Leon-Vazquez.

"I'm not lying!" Leon-Vazquez replied, saying she thought their discussion included filing the AMPS-collected signatures.

After a few tense moments, the meeting calmed down and Foster returned. Board Members then decided to follow Kean's suggestion and explore Malibu's feelings about various options for the SMMUSD going into the future.

Foster summarized the board's final decision in a later email shared with The Malibu Times:

"The board did not approve the proposed MUNC financial transition structure. They did not believe the proposed payments from Malibu lasted long enough. Instead, the board instructed Superintendent [Dr. Ben] Drati to approach the major Malibu stakeholders (Malibu City Council, AMPS and Malibu Schools Leadership Council (MSLC)) to discuss the possibility of what was called 'Plan A,' [an] arrangement for SMMUSD to create sufficient autonomy for Malibu within the current district. Failing that or in addition, the board directed that at the Nov. 16 board meeting there would be additional information and a board discussion of what financial structure and term would be acceptable to the board to facilitate complete separation (aka 'Plan B')."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 3)

You'll do it by yourself, for yourself, over the next six weeks — with amazing results, due to your habit of breaking things down into small steps. Plans will change to accommodate someone who needs you. Ultimately, it's a lifestyle improvement! In 2018 riches come from teamwork and community spirit. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 20, 3, 15 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Of course you're interested in what affects your needs and goals. If you can't figure out what's in it for you, naturally you'll lose interest. Knowing this is how things work, you'll craft something irresistible for you and yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You'll lead with your generosity of spirit, though you still must act out of self-interest in many matters, as it would be irresponsible not to. Self-care is a duty and a public service.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You've undergone so many incarnations in your lifetime already, and you're about to add another to the story. Follow your curiosity wherever it may lead. If you're not sure if you should ask, ask anyway.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Maybe you started late, or maybe you don't come from the same place as the others. Whatever makes you different, lean into that. You'll succeed without having to hide anything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It's futile to fight against the waves of change. They are so powerful, and you'll only exhaust yourself. Stay relaxed, and provide no resistance. Eventually, out of the turmoil, you'll start moving steadily in a direction that makes sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There's no time to waste on hating the experiences that led you here. That will cause you to fall back. Instead, affirm: Here you are, shaped by what happened and also by what might happen. Fall forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Each stage of your life seems to demand you to be a little different from who you were. And now you're busy figuring out what stays and what goes for the new version.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The sands of time don't stop for drama, and neither should you. Take a quick scan to assess what's relevant to you then move on. Avoid gossip. It's good to satisfy curiosity unless that curiosity is of the morbid variety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

"Sky above, earth below, fire within" — this creed has served you well, though you really could use a water sign influence to balance it all out. Today you'll get just that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're not sure if the project is finished, the job has ended, or the relationship is played out. Make no move. Wait to see what else comes up. Punctuate this with a semicolon instead of a period, because there's probably more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A relationship is changing again. You've already been strangers, friends, enemies, friends again and more. And now you are back to being a little unsure of what the other person will do. Keep up your guard as you find out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You definitely won't master the whole project in a day or even a month. Anyway, big thinking can be overwhelming and can bog you down now. Focus on being the master of this hour, then the next and the next.

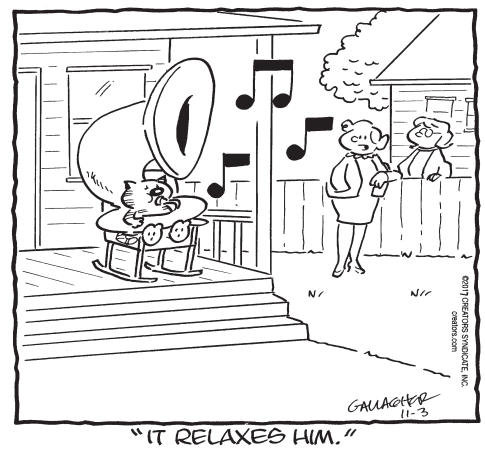
Full Moon, Full Appetite

The full moon shows a lust for life in Taurus, the sensual and determined sign of appetite. The bullish nature of this transit should put us all in touch with our animal nature. Here comes a craving for creature comforts. There's a wholesome aspect to this, too, especially for those who have neglected to give the soft animal what it needs.

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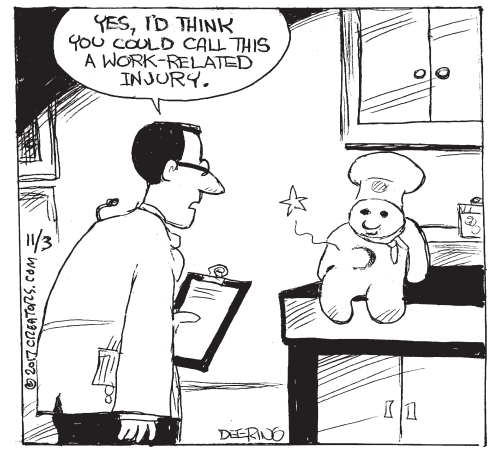
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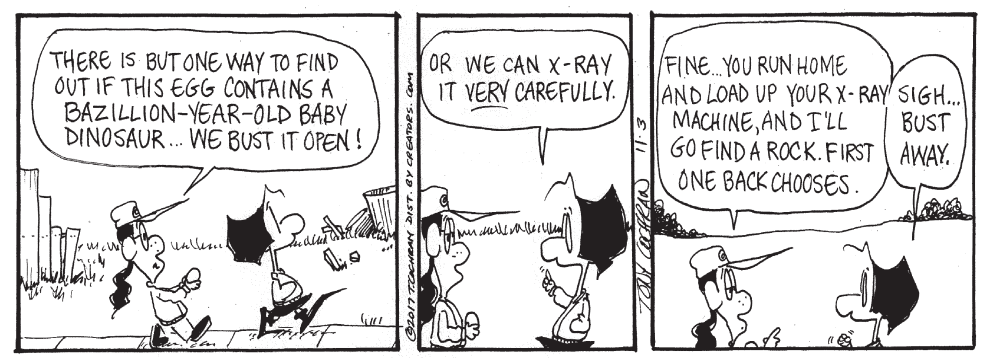
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