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## A week after storm, Puerto Ricans still struggle to reach family back home

KATE CAGLE  
Daily Press Staff Writer

Local businessman Kaming Joa Martinez is known to literally wear his Puerto Rican pride on his sleeve. For the past sixteen years, Martinez and his partner have been building up their screen printing business in their garage in Santa Monica. They get orders from all over the world asking for the former marine's custom designs – tank tops that say “ay, bendito” or “Boricura” which means Puerto Rican.

“Being from Puerto Rico ... well, you know how proud us Puerto Ricans are,” Martinez said in an interview Monday while taking a break from organizing fundraisers and watching the news for updates on the island. Martinez and his partner both grew up in Puerto Rico and lived all over the world before setting in Santa Monica eight years ago. “For us, the whole family is back there. We go back constantly. We also have a businesses that's directly linked to Puerto Rico.”

In the midst of a near-total collapse of communication, Martinez is like many Puerto Ricans in the

United States – treasuring the precious moments he can get updates from friends or family members with working phones. While those in urban areas can spread the word to get updates on neighbors, Martinez considers himself lucky to have been able to reach his mother in a rural mountain area on her landline during the storm. The landline hasn't worked ever since.

For fellow Puerto Rican Zoe Muntaner, the situation is worse. She says she has not heard from her mother, Norma, since their last conversation before the storm. Cell

phone towers in the area have been destroyed so Muntaner has no idea what has happened to her mother or her house on Calle Salamanca in Ponce on the south coast.

“It's chaos and crisis,” Muntaner said.

In the meantime, those on the mainland are helping however they can - raising money and gathering much needed supplies like generators for the island. Martinez is donating all the proceeds from selling special Puerto Rico posters on his website, www.aptbcollective.com, to rebuilding efforts. He is also involved with Voices

for Puerto Rico, an initiative based in Los Angeles raising money to organizations already on the ground. Those interested in helping can donate at www.voicesforpuertorico.com.

“This is a once in a generation type of thing,” Martinez said. “I was young for Hurricane Hugo which was the last violent, violent hurricane I can remember in Puerto Rico in 1989. Everyone is telling me that Hugo was nothing compared to this.”

The situation in his homeland is dire – while supermarkets are

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Robert Hernandez, UCLA

### SNACK CART

A group of women from the Santa Monica Woman's Bay Club recently visited the pediatrics unit at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica to unveil a Family Snack Cart the organization funded. The cart, stocked with snacks, magazines and personal items, was donated to help support parents and other family members who spend hours by their children's bedsides during their hospital stay. The club also donates to several other UCLA Health programs, as well as a myriad of other non-profit organizations in Santa Monica.

## Santa Monica College opens new Center for Media and Design

BY ÉMELINE MOQUILLON & LAUREN LABEL

Daily Press/SMC Corsair reporters

This Fall marks the first semester Santa Monica College opens its doors to the brand-new Center for Media and Design. When SMC student, Alia Matthews, changed her major and went back to school, she was excited to hear about the brand-new campus that focuses solely on the courses she wants to take. Matthews started her school-

ing at Sacramento State, where she left with a bachelor's degree in theater. After several years in the cut-throat business of acting, she decided to go back to school to pursue her other passion, Graphic Design. She is taking three classes at the new CMD campus and one at the Main campus. When comparing the two, Matthews says,

“I like CMD better than the Main one; it's more condensed, not as many

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## LA would support a US Winter Games, but it's complicated

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
AP National Writer

The venues are there. The city loves the Olympics. The memories of the last games it hosted are still fairly fresh and mostly positive.

This is the story of Los Angeles, which will host the Summer Games in 2028.

It's also the story of Utah, which might get in the mix to host a Winter Olympics in 2026 or 2030.

The chairman of the LA bid was in Park City on Tuesday for the U.S. Olympic Committee media summit to discuss Los Angeles' recent victory; many of the questions he fielded, though, involved whether a U.S. bid for an upcoming Winter Games might make sense, too.

“Twenty-six is complicated, obviously,” Casey Wasserman said. “Obviously, there are real chal-

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# What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Wednesday, September 27

### Movie Screening: Beatriz at Dinner

A holistic medicine practitioner attends a wealthy client's dinner party after her car breaks down. Starring Salma Hayek and John Lithgow. (83 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Chasing Coral Film Screening

From the director of Chasing Ice comes an epic adventure to capture our changing oceans. A Panel discussion moderated by Joel Cesare, Sustainable Building Advisor, City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Vice-Chair Surfrider Foundation, Los Angeles Chapter will follow the screening. The panel will include; Zackery Rago, Youth Outreach Manager for Exposure Labs' Chasing Coral Impact Campaign who is featured in the film and Tom Ford, Executive Director Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program. This event is free! Please reserve your seats at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chasing-coral-film-screening-tickets-36766268900>. The Aero Theater, 1328 Montana Ave. 7 - 10 p.m.

Dr. Ben Drati, State senator and former SMMUSD boardmember Ben Allen and 2018 Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Former CEO of Partnership for LA Schools Marshall Tuck. McKinley Elementary School cafeteria, 2401 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m. Free

### Free Yachting Presentation

Join fellow boaters and Yachting enthusiasts for an informative discussion and presentation by Tom Ehman, Founder, Publisher and Editor of SAILING ILLUSTRATED at 7 p.m. in The Fireside Room of The California Yacht Club, Marina del Rey. Tom will provide insight into what's happening with Yacht racing and what's going on down under for the America's Cup #36. Reservations appreciated at [reservations@calyachtclub.net](mailto:reservations@calyachtclub.net). California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way - Marina del Rey. Call (310) 823-4567 for more information.

### What to Expect When Adopting a Dog

Author Diane Rose-Solomon shares her story about how she accidentally adopted a dog and the life-changing results. She provides insight on choosing the right dog for your family, as well as how to care for and integrate the newcomer into your home. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 - 7 p.m.

### Fairview Teen Advisory Group

Are you looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group and help improve teen services at the library! You can earn community service credit for participating. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### Journaling

Journaling offers a tremendous benefit for the mind, body, and spirit. Join us as we write from prompts. No writing experience necessary. Bring your favorite pen or pencil and willingness to experiment on the page! Journals will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 2 - 3 p.m.

## Thursday, September 28

### Santa Monica Democratic Club meeting

In honor of Back to School month, They're hosting a meeting devoted to the future of Pre-K-through-12 education in California. The panel will include SMMUSD Superintendent

### Current Events Discussion Group

Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Ocean Park Blvd. Meeting on aiding the homeless**

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is holding a community information session to discuss the current state of homelessness in Los Angeles County, LAHSA's role, and how to get involved in your area. The session, which begins at 7 p.m., will take place Thursday, September 28, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica.

The session is geared toward families and individuals living in Service Planning Area (SPA) 5, which covers West Los Angeles, Venice, and Santa Monica.

For more information, please contact Sam Appel, [sappel@lahsa.org](mailto:sappel@lahsa.org).

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages more than \$243 million annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. For more information visit [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org).

- SUBMITTED BY TOM WALDMAN DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY (LAHSA)

**LOS ANGELES 2 baby mandrill monkeys make debut at Los Angeles Zoo**

Two baby mandrills, a type of monkey, have made their debut at the Los Angeles Zoo. The mandrills, a male and a female by different mothers, were introduced to the public Tuesday.

Mandrills are the largest monkey species. The adult males are known for their colorful red-and-blue muzzles. The animals also have red-and-blue rumps.

The babies don't have names yet, but the zoo says they've been playing and exploring their environment.

They were born in August to mothers Clementine and Juliette, who came to LA from a zoo in France.

The babies were born to a first-time father, Jabari, under a survival program that's designed to strengthen the gene pool of vulnerable species.

Mandrills are affected by the loss of their African habitat. They're also hunted for their meat.

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**LOS ANGELES Deal for new city fuels Los Angeles County development boom**

A new city of 58,000 residents could rise in Southern California now that a deal has been reached to end a decades-long development battle.

Environmental groups on Monday agreed to the pact, clearing the way for the Newhall Ranch project involving the construction of thousands of new homes in the Santa Clarita Valley, the Los Angeles Times reported.

It will join other large developments in the works along the Interstate 5 corridor that together are likely to transform one of the last undeveloped sections of Los Angeles County.

To the north, developers built a massive outlet mall and are planning a housing and resort project at Tejon Ranch.

The project about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of downtown Los Angeles was proposed during the development boom of the 1980s but was stalled repeatedly by protests and legal challenges.

Under the deal, developer FivePoint Holdings agreed to provide \$25 million for conservation efforts aimed at protecting an array of endangered species from plans to build the new city along a six-mile (10-mile) stretch of the Santa Clara River.

"We are glad to have the important benefits in place for the climate and for the community," Aruna Prabhala, staff attorney for the Center of Biological Diversity, told The Signal newspaper in Santa Clarita.

The developer also signed a separate proprietary agreement with the Wishtoyo Foundation, a nonprofit Native American organization, to provide a parcel of land and undisclosed funding for construction of a multimillion-dollar cultural center on ancestral lands within the development.

In exchange, a coalition led by the Center for Biological Diversity, the Wishtoyo Foundation/Ventura Coastkeeper, the California Native Plant Society and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians will drop its lawsuit against the company and will not oppose development of new homes, golf courses, schools, recreation centers and 13 million square feet (1.2 million square meters) of commercial space.

The Newhall Ranch project comes amid a severe housing crunch across California that has caused rents to rise dramatically and pushed cities such as Los Angeles to approve denser developments.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, who represents the district where Newhall Ranch is located, said in a statement that "this settlement balances the need for housing with unprecedented protection of our natural resources."

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids>. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2016 PROGRAM YEAR**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2016 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2015-19) and Action Plan (2016-17), adopted by City Council in May 2016 and submitted to HUD. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 27, 2017. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at [www.smgov.net/hsd](http://www.smgov.net/hsd), or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Marc Amaral at the above address or via email at [humanservices@smgov.net](mailto:humanservices@smgov.net) by September 27, 2017.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Condemning racism

**Editor:**

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights condemns the overt bigotry that burst into view with several disturbing events this summer in Santa Monica and the appalling weekend of white-supremacist mayhem in Charlottesville. Such atavistic, primitive hatred has no place in our community nor in our country, built on the ideals – still imperfectly achieved – of equality and dignity for all people.

We are heartened by the united spirit that saw the most recent anti-racist meeting in one of our public parks proceed undisturbed, as huge numbers of community members converged in a peaceful show of unity. The white supremacists stayed away in the face of this powerful demonstration of our community values of inclusion and solidarity.

We as a community stand vigilant and unbowed in our determination to ensure that such bigotry is unconditionally rejected and will be resisted with the full force of our collective resolve.

**Patricia Hoffman and Dennis Zane**

Co-chairs

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### SACRAMENTO

#### Judge rewrites ballot description for gas tax measure

A California judge has rewritten the official ballot description for a proposed initiative repealing gas tax increases after finding one written by Attorney General Xavier Becerra was flawed and misleading.

Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Timothy Frawley finalized his ballot title and summary on Monday following a lawsuit filed by Assemblyman Travis Allen of Huntington Beach, a Republican candidate for governor who wants to repeal the gas tax.

Becerra's title said the ballot measure would eliminate transportation funding by repealing revenues.

Frawley ruled that's confusing to voters and changed the title to say explicitly that it would repeal gas and diesel taxes in addition to transportation funding.

"This is not a situation where reasonable minds may differ," Frawley wrote. "The attorney general's title is fundamentally flawed and must be changed to avoid misleading the voters and creating prejudice against the measure."

Becerra spokeswoman Bethany Lesser did not answer questions in a phone call and sent Tuesday by email about whether the office plans to appeal the decision.

The judge's rewritten ballot title reads: "Repeals recently enacted gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Eliminates road repair and transportation programs funded by these taxes and fees."

The ballot title and summary will appear on petition forms and the ballot if it qualifies. It must be finalized before Allen and his allies can begin collecting signatures in an attempt to put the repeal bill on the November 2018 ballot.

Lawmakers voted in April to boost gas taxes and vehicle fees to raise \$5 billion a year for road repairs. Starting Nov. 1, gas taxes will increase by 12 cents a gallon and diesel taxes by 20 cents.

Next year, a new fee tied to vehicle registrations will cost motorists between \$25 and \$175 depending on the value of the vehicle.

And in 2020, zero-emission vehicle owners will be charged a \$100 fee with their vehicle registration since they do not contribute to road maintenance through gas taxes.

Allen said he was pleased with the judge's final language, which he said would make clear to voters what they're deciding.

"By rewriting it himself, he has entirely taken partisanship out of the ballot initiative process just as the California constitution intended," Allen said.

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER, ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NEW YORK

#### Need more room? Twitter testing 280-character limit

Need more room to type those deep thoughts? Twitter is testing a 280-character limit, doubling the current length restriction that's been in place since the company's founding 11 years ago.

The test is being made available to a small subset of users and applies to languages other than Japanese, Korean, and Chinese. That's because in those languages, Twitter notes, you can convey about double the amount of information in one character as you can in others.

The limit was created so tweets would fit in a single text message back when people used Twitter that way. But most people now use Twitter through its mobile app, where there isn't the same technical constraint.

Twitter has already eased the restrictions, and doesn't count photos, videos and other things toward the character limit.

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**HISTORIC OCEAN PARK**

It was literally a turn-away crowd last week for local historian Richard Orton's presentation of Ocean Park history, at the Ocean Park Library — one of the few remaining Carnegie-funded structures still functioning as a library. Built in 1917-18, it was declared an historic landmark in Santa Monica in 1977. Seven years later local OP architect Bob Taylor was hired to design the addition, a children's area with handicap access. And that's the kind of stuff Orton reeled off, with slides of historic photos, for nearly an hour to a rapt audience. "When I moved into Ocean Park in January 1970, it was not the popular and beautiful place in Santa Monica. It was the local hangout, and it has changed drastically over the years," said Orton. He'll be doing it again a couple of times in the near future so look for it. Even if you were there for this one you probably didn't catch everything, and he keeps adding new material.

**DON'T MISS THIS SHOW**

This Tuesday, Oct. 3, downtown LA at the beautiful Mayan Theater, a benefit all-star concert by and for the Playing for Change Foundation (more on them). Original Doobie Brothers Tom Johnston, Patrick Simmons and John McFee, Little Feat's Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett, War's legendary harp man Lee Oskar, drummer on every album James Gadson, Ellis Hall, Vasti Jackson, Nahko and more, with a 10-piece band from 10 different nations around the world. That figures, because 10 years ago Playing for Change began as a brilliant idea of a small group of filmmakers to make a video literally world-wide, layering in all sorts of musicians, that showed the power of music to connect people, no matter what their differences. They started with the late great Roger Ridley, a regular on the Third Street Promenade, whose growling version of "Stand By Me" would stop you dead in your tracks. That's just what happened to my wife and me one evening, but after a few moments, she said,

I know that guy. Turns out her vocal trio The Goils performed at the spectacular opening of New York, New York in Las Vegas (tens of thousands rushed through the doors at its midnight opening), and so did Ridley. He had been plucked off the streets of New York, where he was already making a pretty good living.

When that gig finally ended he remained in Vegas but came to Santa Monica every weekend, stayed with friends, put his hat out on Friday and Saturday evenings and went home with enough to continue his comfortable semi-retirement. I had him perform on my cable TV show, shot here, "Not Just Another LA Music Show."

The idea of Playing for Change became a foundation, which recently moved its headquarters to Santa Monica. The touring group has played on the Pier and they were mesmerizing. This show should top that by oodles. See you there.

**NEW SUBHEAD**

How 'bout them Golden State Warriors? Turning down their invitation as NBA champions to the Trump White House — those are my boys! When it comes to politics and right and wrong, some athletes have more balls than politicians. I switched my loyalty to the Warriors three years ago when it became clear my Lakers were going to allow co-owner Jim Buss to continue to ruin the once-great franchise. Just too painful to watch, game after game. This wasn't just a slump, this was dynasty destruction that would last years.

I may have to switch back to the Lakers now that they have some Magic going for them (he's made some remarkable trades) but it sure was fun watching the Golden Boys and their amazingly athletic and entertaining style of play.

And now rebellion is spreading at least through the NFL. I agree and have complained for many years that the "Star Spangled Banner" is not only a terror to try to sing (it was meant to be a vocal exercise, not a national anthem) but the words, about a forgotten battle in a forgotten war (however, the British did burn the White House), are war-like and racist, at least in the third verse. And Francis Scott Key went on to become a fierce fighter for slavery and against abolition.

"America the Beautiful" is my choice. Preferably by Ray Charles.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** Can I get away with this more than once? Even once?

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:**

"Objective journalism and an opinion column are about as similar as the Bible and Playboy magazine." — WALTER CRONKITE

"I am not one of those who in expressing opinions confine themselves to facts." — MARK TWAIN

"A lot of newspaper columns used to be written in a rat-a-tat-tat, fast-paced style — and they tended to be funny. They were a little relief from the grimmer, grayer parts of the newspaper, and one of the best people at doing this was Will Rogers." — P. J. O'ROURKE

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke." — WILL ROGERS

**CHARLES ANDREWS** has lived in Santa Monica for 31 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at [therealmrmusic@gmail.com](mailto:therealmrmusic@gmail.com)

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**Deputy Inspection/Material Testing and Geotechnical Inspection Consultant Services for the City Services Building Project SP2250**

Proposals shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, no later than 3:00 p.m. on **October 6, 2017**, to be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:15 p.m. on said date in the Conference Room at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California 90401. Each proposal shall be in accordance with the Request for Proposals.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids>. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.



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students walking around.” She loves her new teachers and said they have been great so far. She has been learning a lot but it seems like a pretty competitive program, which makes her nervous. The \$110,055,056 project started about ten years ago, and was founded by the Bond-Measure AA during the 2008 elections and the KCRW Foundation. The design is by Clive Wilkinson Architects and the infrastructure is 116,000 square feet, including the parking and the new facility for KCRW. The CMD building is a “green facility” with low-emitting materials, indoor air quality, certified wood, low mercury lamps, optimize energy performance, etc.

KCRW, the public radio station currently located on the Main campus, helped raise \$48 million for the renovations. KCRW used compact workspaces at the SMC Main Campus for 30 years.

This renovation will give KCRW and various media courses taught at SMC, a new place to work and grow. KCRW’s new home is scheduled to finish construction in December. According to Emil Zordilla, Assistant Director for Facilities Planning Department at SMC, the new facility includes the renovation of an existing 25,000 square foot building on the northeast corner of campus - where the previous classroom building for Santa Monica Academy of Entertainment Technology took place - and the construction of a new wing, parking structure and facilities for KCRW. Drew Davis, the Production coordinator for the film program, explained that the facility has full state of the art equipment.

The location of the CMD is strategic as it is surrounded by major media firms and technological start-ups. In the near future, the school will be able to welcome and work with professionals on and off campus. KCRW radio will not be the only one to bring new partnerships. This will lead to great opportu-

nities for the students. Salvador Carrasco, Faculty Lead for Film Production says

“Our students will now learn and train in a facility from which they can make a seamless transition to a professional production studio. They will learn how to work with a grid, LED lights, professional editing bays, high-tech broadcasting cameras, and a truly amazing green screen.”

Not all of the Media classes were able to move in this semester. The Broadcasting students still have to wait for next semester to discover the new facilities. Bradley Lemonds, the Broadcast Lab technician explains “We had to have a schedule set early in the Spring semester for the Fall.

Film and TV were competing at the same time. We were offering classes at the same time so we couldn’t use the same space at the same time. So, in the Spring, we will switch our schedules around.”

Film classes were not alone in relocating, the Design and Journalism classes are designated there too. The Corsair Newsroom also made the move this Fall. They are located on the ground floor with a much bigger newsroom and touchscreen monitors, similar to that of a professional newsroom.

This new building seems to be an inspiration for students. Film Production Major, Nico Lozano seems to agree. Coming out of the green screen room, after his Film 33 class, a class focused on directing short films, Lozano says, “all the equipment looks very nice, it’s inspiring and makes you want to work very hard because you have all this very nice equipment in it. So, you want to show ... that the school didn’t waste their money on getting all this great equipment.”

Three months remain before the grand opening of the Center for Media and Design campus along with the completed KCRW building. As construction and SMC classes continue, the Grand Opening is scheduled for December 2.

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## OLYMPICS

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enges from a timing perspective, two years before us. But I think our approach has been, the Olympic Games, whether summer or winter, are good for American athletes. Our intent is to be a good partner to the USOC and American athletes.”

The USOC board will meet next month to discuss the possibility. The same country hasn’t hosted back-to-back Olympics since before World War II, though when the International Olympic Committee scrapped its traditional rules and awarded 2024 (Paris) and 2028 (LA) at the same time, it indicated it was certainly open to new ideas.

Salt Lake City hosted the Winter Olympics in 2002, and what remains there and in Park City pretty much adheres to Agenda 2020, the blueprint that IOC President Thomas Bach set for future Olympics, which calls for less spending on new venues and infrastructure.

Through a legacy foundation, the area has maintained an Olympic speedskating oval and a Nordic skiing course, each of which have drawn local athletes to their respective sports and could be used as part of an upcoming bid. The Utah Olympic Park remains an active training ground for action sports, for both U.S. athletes and those from other countries who are invited to work out there.

Meanwhile, Utah likes the Olympics: NBC says Salt Lake City has ranked as either No. 1 or 2 among U.S. TV markets over the last three Winter Games.

Leaders of the movement to bring the games back to Utah have largely stayed quiet, not wanting to take the limelight from Los Angeles, which helped the U.S. put a stop to

a long string of embarrassing losses on the Olympic bid front. But a handful have told The Associated Press that there is enthusiasm for a potential bid if the USOC will sign on.

“There’s fantastic momentum to have the Games come back. I think we could do it for a very affordable price compared to the rest of the world,” said Ted Morris, the executive director of U.S. Speedskating, which is based in the Salt Lake City area. “In my opinion, looking at ‘26 is probably not realistic, but ‘30 seems like an opportunity.”

The most complicating factor for either year would be a reworking of an agreement between LA and the USOC that transfers the USOC’s marketing rights to the city’s organizing committee over an eight-year span. Adding another American Olympics to that mix would force some major renegotiations.

There’s also the issue of the IOC bid process. Bach has redrawn the rules for 2026, creating friendlier deadlines for cities to commit to a bid. But he has not committed to a potential double award for 2026 and 2030, the way he did with 2024 and 2028.

Also, the USOC will have to consider Denver and Reno, Nevada, which also have expressed interest in hosting a Winter Games but would be behind the curve compared with Salt Lake City.

“Thomas Bach has publicly stated he’d like to see the Winter Games return to a more traditional location, and to me, that’s code for Europe or North America,” said USOC chairman Larry Probst, speaking to the fact that the hosts for 2014, 2018 and 2022 are Russia, South Korea and China. “We’ve got to look at that, then develop a strategy about whether we’re going to bid for the (2026) Winter Games or beyond that.”

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**THURSDAY - POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high  
Modest SSE/S swell.



### CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

**SP2374**  
**North Beach Playground**

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m.** on **October 11, 2017**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date in **Council Chambers**. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

**NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:**  
**September 27, 2017 at 10:30AM**  
Beach Lot 8 North  
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**PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$1,164,000**  
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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 12, AT ABOUT 3:22 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the Santa Monica Pier Carousel regarding an intoxicated subject that was bleeding from the hand after punching a window. The subject walked to the Santa Monica Pier Police Substation asking for medical treatment. Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics responded to treat the subject. Officers noticed the subject displayed symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. Officers located the broken window of the Carousel building. The suspect admitted to punching the window. John S. Shockley, 38, from Los Angeles was issued a citation for vandalism and public intoxication.

### DAILY POLICE LOG

#### The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 384 calls for service on Sept. 25.

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

Living in a vehicle 800 block Pacific 12:53 a.m.  
Encampment 1000 block Colorado 1:14 a.m.  
Fight 1300 block 11th 1:53 a.m.  
Traffic collision 800 block Olympic 2:05 a.m.  
Drunk driving 17th / Olympic 3:02 a.m.  
Strongarm robbery 600 block Ocean 3:16 a.m.  
Party complaint 1200 block 11th 3:19 a.m.  
Traffic collision 1100 block Broadway 3:34 a.m.  
Battery 2500 block Santa Monica 3:59 a.m.  
Domestic violence 300 block Pico 6:18 a.m.  
Indecent exposure 700 block Broadway 6:27 a.m.  
Encampment 1500 block Arizona 7:23 a.m.  
Vandalism 200 block Pico 7:43 a.m.  
Grand theft 1700 block Santa Monica 7:59 a.m.  
Petty theft 1400 block 6th 8:23 a.m.  
Burglary 1200 block 9th 8:27 a.m.  
Trash dumping 0 block Seaview Ter 9:39 a.m.  
Burglary 1500 block Berkeley 9:50 a.m.  
Vandalism 300 block bay 10:06 a.m.  
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2900 block 2nd 10:11 a.m.  
Auto burglary 1400 block 26th 10:25 a.m.  
Battery 2400 block Main 10:43 a.m.  
Petty theft 300 block Colorado 10:46 a.m.  
Auto burglary 2300 block 6th 10:56 a.m.  
Traffic collision 1100 block Wilshire 11:01 a.m.  
Burglary 1500 block 5th 11:13 a.m.  
Fraud 1600 block Main 11:33 a.m.

Person down 1900 block Stewart 11:33 a.m.  
Traffic collision 1300 block 4th 11:35 a.m.  
Auto burglary 100 block Ocean Park 11:42 a.m.  
Traffic collision 26th / Santa Monica 11:48 a.m.  
Attempt auto theft 1600 block 9th 11:50 a.m.  
Speeding 7th / Broadway 11:58 a.m.  
Fraud 1600 block 26th 11:58 a.m.  
Auto burglary 1700 block Pine 12:12 p.m.  
Burglary 1700 block Cloverfield 12:24 p.m.  
Assault w/deadly weapon 800 block Santa Monica 12:51 p.m.  
Fraud 800 block Pico 1:28 p.m.  
Encampment 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 1:35 p.m.  
Burglary 2200 block 28th 2:03 p.m.  
Traffic collision 20th / Pico 2:03 p.m.  
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 2:23 p.m.  
Panhandling 1500 block Lincoln 2:29 p.m.  
Hit and run Lincoln / Santa Monica 2:31 p.m.  
Traffic collision 2600 block Santa Monica 2:33 p.m.  
Petty theft 2700 block Santa Monica 3:18 p.m.  
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 3:47 p.m.  
Fraud 1000 block Pearl 3:50 p.m.  
Traffic collision Lincoln / Broadway 4:09 p.m.  
Burglary 800 block Wilson pl 5:29 p.m.  
Burglary 2200 block 28th 5:31 p.m.  
Stalking suspect 2800 block Main 5:32 p.m.  
Domestic violence 2700 block Main 5:32 p.m.  
Vandalism 2600 block 2nd 5:47 p.m.  
Encampment 1600 block Wilshire 6:01 p.m.  
Indecent exposure 1400 block 18th 6:11 p.m.  
Petty theft 300 block Colorado 6:38 p.m.  
Traffic collision Ocean / Santa Monica 7:28 p.m.  
Vandalism 2200 block Santa Monica 7:47 p.m.  
Fight 1800 block 16th 7:51 p.m.  
Harassing phone 1700 block 15th 8:06 p.m.

### DAILY FIRE LOG

#### The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 31 calls for service on Sept. 25.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE  
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE  
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EMS 2800 block Pico 2:56 a.m.  
EMS 2500 block Santa Monica 3:28 a.m.  
Automatic alarm 2000 block Montana 6:29 a.m.  
Public assist 1700 block Ocean Park 7:38 a.m.  
EMS 1200 block 15th 9:33 a.m.  
EMS 1300 block 20th 10:43 a.m.  
EMS 2200 block Colorado 11:00 a.m.  
EMS 1900 block Stewart 11:32 a.m.  
EMS 1600 block 7th 12:18 p.m.  
EMS 1700 block Pearl 12:26 p.m.  
EMS 1100 block Arizona 12:35 p.m.  
EMS 2700 block Ocean Park 1:22 p.m.

Elevator rescue 2800 block Neilson 1:32 p.m.  
EMS 800 block 10th 2:14 p.m.  
Broken gas main 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 3:15 p.m.  
Automatic alarm 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 3:21 p.m.  
EMS 700 block Broadway 3:52 p.m.  
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 4:29 p.m.  
EMS 1900 block Ocean 4:58 p.m.  
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 5:53 p.m.  
Flooded condition 1100 block Bay 6:08 p.m.  
EMS 1500 block 12th 6:24 p.m.  
EMS Ocean / Santa Monica 7:36 p.m.  
Automatic alarm 300 block Civic Center 8 p.m.  
Automatic alarm 1500 block 6th 8:09 p.m.  
EMS 1500 block 2nd 8:46 p.m.  
Miscellaneous outside fire 1300 block Pacific 8:55 p.m.  
EMS 1100 block 3rd 9:23 p.m.  
EMS 2000 block 20th 9:54 p.m.  
Odor of natural gas 2900 block Ocean Park 11:38 p.m.

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 Draw Date: 9/23  
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 Mega#: 6  
 Jackpot: 17M

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 Draw Date: 9/25  
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WORD UP!

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1. Slang, a humorless or habitually serious person.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Sum Body

■ **Bodily fluids you can't live without:**  
 ■ **Bile:** Produced by liver, stored in gallbladder, released into intestines to break down dietary fats. Its dark green to brown hue is partly responsible for the color of vomitus and stool.  
 ■ **Blood:** The average adult contains roughly six liters.  
 ■ **Menstrual fluid:** Half blood, with the rest being cervical mucus, vaginal secretions and endometrial tissue.  
 ■ **Mucus:** A slippery, clear liquid produced by mucous glands to provide moisture, lubrication and protection against pathogens. It lines the lungs, stomach, intestines, urinary and reproductive tracts, eyes and ears.

■ **Pus:** A viscous fluid generated as an immune response, accumulating at infection sites. It usually consists of bacteria, white blood cells, proteins and cellular debris. It's the immune system at work.  
 ■ **Semen:** A teaspoon of semen contains approximately 300 million spermatozoa.  
 ■ **Saliva:** Like mucus, saliva in the mouth contains antibacterial enzymes and antibodies. It moistens food to aid chewing and swallowing, and enhances taste. The average adult produces a liter of saliva daily.  
 ■ **Sweat:** Like saliva, sweat is almost entirely water, plus some minerals that give it a salty taste. The body possesses 3 million sweat glands, which can generate two or more liters of sweat per hour during intense exercise.

■ **Tears:** They serve three functions: lubricate the eye, rinse away irritants like smoke or dust and indicate emotional state, such as sorrow or joy.  
 ■ **Urine:** Produced by the kidneys and stored by the bladder, urine is mostly water but importantly contains substances that must be removed from the body, such as protein metabolism byproducts that become toxic when allowed to accumulate and excessive salt.  
 ■ **Vomitus:** Unlike the other fluids, vomitus is not produced regularly. It is a purging of toxins or poisons. It's often acidic due to stomach secretions. May be triggered by inner ear disturbances or infections.

Med School

■ **Q:** What is the defining characteristic of glabrous skin? (We all have some.)  
 ■ **A:** It's hairless.

Curtain Calls

■ In 1814, nine people were drowned when the vats at the Meux and Company Brewery in London burst, suddenly spilling more than 323,000 gallons of beer onto the street.

Observation

■ "Poisons and medicine are oftentimes the same substance given with different intent."

—ENGLISH PHYSICIAN AND EDUCATOR PETER MERE LATHAM (1789-1875)

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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Newsday Crossword

CHIPPING AWAY by Billie Truitt  
 Edited by Stanley Newman  
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ACROSS

- 1 Sammy \_\_\_ Jr.
- 6 Goad
- 10 204, to Caesar
- 14 In flames
- 15 Swim-meet assignment
- 16 "Yikes!"
- 17 Major fad
- 18 Food safety agcy.
- 19 Veal or pork
- 20 In the CHIPs
- 22 Thorn in one's side
- 23 "In what way?"
- 24 Broke loose
- 26 School support grp.
- 29 Look through a book
- 32 Devour
- 33 Blow one's top
- 35 Forgive, informally
- 39 Spanish bull
- 40 Payday extra
- 41 Designer Wang
- 43 Savor an experience
- 45 Spiral
- 46 Omelet ingredient
- 47 Toddler's word
- 49 Glacier, essentially
- 50 Microwave's "thaw" setting
- 54 Doctors' org.
- 56 Not a copy: Abbr.
- 57 CHIP in
- 63 \_\_\_ Lisa
- 64 LAX postings
- 65 Adjusted, as a piano

- 66 Dutch cheese
- 67 Western alliance
- 68 Employing
- 69 Editor's removal mark
- 70 Half-rectangle shapes
- 71 Meanspirited

DOWN

- 1 Slightly wet
- 2 Miles away
- 3 *Ristorante* bottle
- 4 From Dublin
- 5 Harbor city
- 6 Speak unclearly
- 7 El \_\_\_, TX
- 8 Excessive
- 9 Size up again
- 10 With a CHIP on one's shoulder
- 11 Low-priced
- 12 Silly
- 13 Went to the polls
- 21 Lamb's mom
- 25 Baseball great Ripken
- 26 Puppy or parrot
- 27 Relaxed running pace
- 28 Mystical glow
- 30 Frequently
- 31 Jeans fabric
- 34 Where CHIPs are thrown on a table
- 36 \_\_\_ salad sandwich
- 37 Supermarket section with slicers
- 38 Viking explorer
- 40 Embarrassing commotion
- 42 Logging tool
- 44 Freudian concept
- 45 Overact
- 48 Scratch or dent
- 50 With a spherical roof
- 51 Wear away
- 52 Semester-ending exam
- 53 Add up to
- 55 Mistreatment
- 58 Countrywide: Abbr.
- 59 General \_\_\_ chicken
- 60 Group of troops
- 61 Temporary shelter
- 62 Feeling tense

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**STORM**

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gradually re-opening in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico, many customers are going home disappointed. Most food stores and restaurants remain closed. That is largely because power is out for most of the island and few have generators or enough diesel to power them. The shops that are have long lines outside and vast empty shelves where they once held milk, meat and other perishables. Drinking water is nowhere to be found.

Mercedes Caro shook her head in frustration as she emerged from the SuperMax in the Condado neighborhood of San Juan with a loaf of white bread, cheese and bananas.

"There is no water and practically no food," she said. "Not even spaghetti."

Maria Perez waited outside a Pueblo supermarket in a nearby part of San Juan, hoping to buy some coffee, sugar and maybe a little meat to cook with a gas stove that has enough propane for about a week more. "We are in a

crisis," she said. "Puerto Rico is destroyed."

The fact that some stores and restaurants have re-opened for the first time since Category 4 Hurricane Maria roared across the island Sept. 20 is welcome in a place where nearly everyone has no power and more than half the people don't have water.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello and other Puerto Rican officials said some ports have been cleared by the Coast Guard to resume accepting ships, which should allow businesses to restock.

SuperMax opened on a reduced schedule for several stores in the San Juan area as well as in the hard-hit towns of Caguas and Dorado. Walgreens has reopened about half of its 120 locations in Puerto Rico on a limited basis. Walmart says it has a "handful" of its 48 stores and Sam's Clubs open but the process has been slowed by the power outages, port closures and the near total collapse of communications.

Two Medina supermarkets opened in the coastal town of Loiza. But Manager David Guzman said he had to impose restrictions

on cooking gas and other products that were running low and might not be restocked soon. "We are restricting so we can give something to everyone, to extend what we have left," he said.

Theresa Casper was among several dozen people waiting for a Walmart in the Santurce section of San Juan to open its doors, but that didn't happen Monday. She and her husband were looking for something to get rid of all the moisture that had accumulated in the apartment they rented three weeks ago when they moved to Puerto Rico from Denver, Colorado. They have been getting by in their dark, sweltering apartment on instant oatmeal and anything else they can cook on a propane stove as they wait for a flight back home.

"I tell my husband it's like camping. It's 'Survivor' Puerto Rico," Casper said. "It's not what we bargained for."

Stores are still packed with dozens of brands of shampoo and other consumer products, but those aisles were largely empty as people rushed to buy the basics, using cash

sparingly since that is also in short supply and credit card transactions aren't being processed at all places. Ruth Calderon, a retiree, filled her basket with processed sausages that she planned to cook up with rice and share with an older neighbor who can't leave her apartment. "I'm surviving," she said with resignation. "I have what I need."

Others also described helping neighbors and there are no signs of widespread hunger, at least not yet. "There is a tradition here of people helping each other especially during disasters," Doris Anglero said as she looked for what was available in an Old San Juan supermarket.

Some disappointed shoppers were also sharply aware that there are others on the island in a worse situation. Caro began to weep as she talked about her four grandchildren in Rincon, the western town that has been largely cut off from aid shipments as well as contact with the outside world. "Not knowing is so hard," she said, turning to walk off.

Associated Press writers Ben Fox and Chris Gillette contributed to this report

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 27)**

A win-win: You'll inspire people as you look for inspiration yourself. You'll get to know someone much better and this will lead to lifestyle upgrades and improvements. The spiritual work you do has very practical benefits in 2018. Romance decorates your year. You'll complete a study or big project in May. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 39, 2, 28 and 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

They're falling in love with your smile. If only they knew how difficult it can be to take the sunny route. It's often automatic, but just as often not. Something good usually happens when levity wins, though.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

How much caring is too much? You'll wonder this as your love expands along with your involvement in, and expectations of, a relationship. Take your time. This part requires thoughtfulness and space.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**

There are people from your past whose paths you may never cross again who think of you in a certain way. You can't control or change that, but you can definitely make a fresh impression on the people you meet today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

To wish for an easy route – well, it wouldn't be wrong, but it wouldn't be you, either. You'll take what comes naturally and know what it feels like to get stronger and smarter for the work.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Some will find the way; others will find the excuse. You're at a point where you need to decide how much it means to you. Much will be riding on how important the mission is and how deeply you are committed to it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Reality and your dream of it do not seem very far apart from one another today. But there are still a few key differences. Take these obstacles into consideration one by one. Be methodical.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

Conflict comes from facing life head-on. So does peace. Avoidance keeps the tension going unnecessarily. Today, everything is better handled very quickly if not immediately. Speak to each moment in that moment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**

The people in charge may place roadblocks to deter the faint-hearted or those who are only mildly interested. You've every reason to keep trying. You'll quickly prove you're not in that category, and doors will open to you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

The leadership position will come with stressful responsibilities and expectations, and yet somehow that won't bother you the way it would others. Things will be better when you're in charge.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Relax and let things unfold naturally. Even with today's lengthy to-do list, you'll approach with the right attitude, handle it all and even have some fun along the way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

You see funny things today – or maybe you just notice what's always been there but you suddenly see the humor in it. Stress levels go down with every laugh.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Opportunities will present themselves in coy, understated ways. The best one will sit quietly, not drawing much attention. You won't be fooled. You know a good thing when you see it. Seize the moment.

**Rock-Opera Opposition**

This time the opposing planets to blame for the drama are Jupiter, the mack daddy of the zodiac, and Uranus, the rebellious galactic rock star. The impact is akin to an epic work, like a rock opera in which it suddenly seems perfectly normal for people to be singing their story at full volume and expressing themselves on the grand scale.

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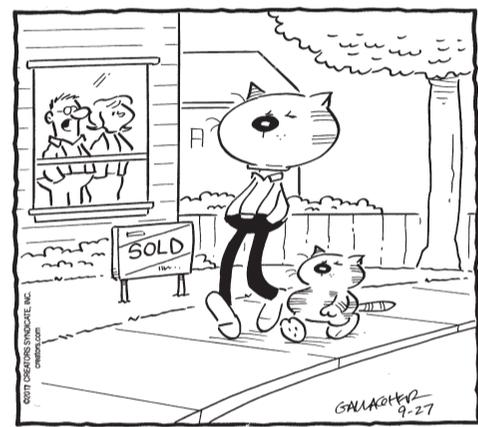
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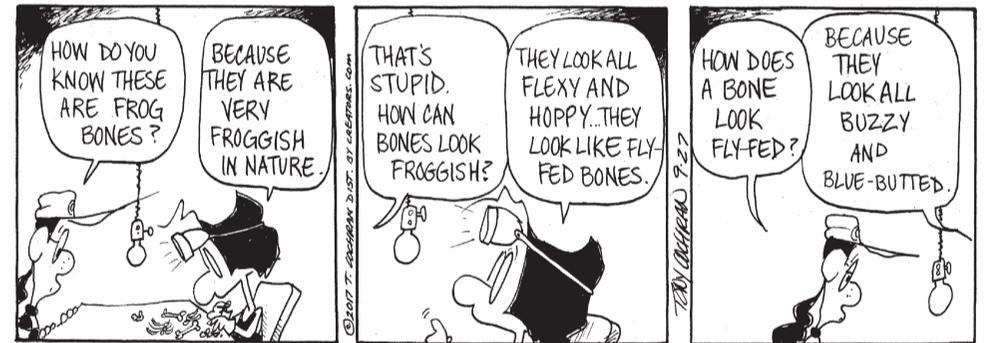
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