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First winter storm triggers flash flood warnings



Matthew Hall

RAIN: Despite the wet conditions, traffic flowed smoothly during the first rain of the year.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The first rain of the year swept into the Los Angeles area Monday and while the weather brought the usual concerns, it posed additional danger for areas burned in the recent wildfires.

According to The National Weather Service, rainfall in coastal areas could be up to 4 inches by the end of Tuesday with mountain regions receiving up to 7 inches. The rainfall triggered flashflood warnings for parts of Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

The forecast calls for rain and possibly thunderstorms through Tuesday evening. Winds could top out at about 20 mph before the weather subsides Wednesday.

While Santa Monica isn't known for severe flooding problems, officials said some residents do request aid during significant rain, including flood prevention tips.

"It's not uncommon to get a handful of people knocking on our doors asking for sandbags," said Santa Monica Fire Department Captain Patrick Nulty. "They're predicting a pretty significant rain event so that is something that could be beneficial."

He said the city has a sandbag program. Fire stations keep a cache of sandbags and the city keeps a sand pile at memorial park. Any resident can pick up sandbags (up to 5) for free at any fire station

"It's just enough to be able to fill the bags with sand and secure a doorway," he said. "It's just enough if you have problems with standing water."

Malibu also offered sand bags from its local fire stations with a limit of 25 empty bags or 10 filled bags per person. The threat of wind, floods and mudslides also caused Malibu to activate its winter storm plan.

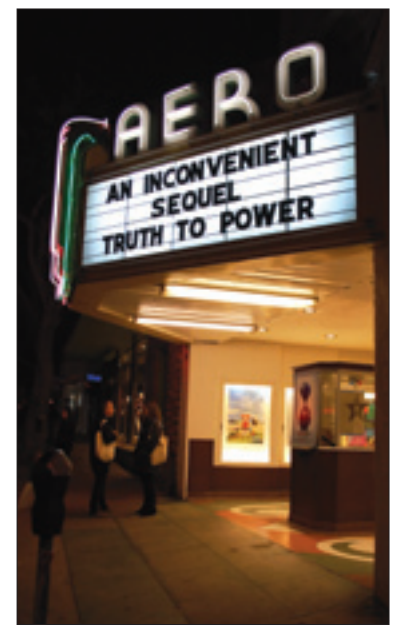
Malibu's Public Works Department pre-staged vehicles around the city and drainage culverts were cleared to prevent flooding on the PCH.

"I'd like to remind motorists to be cautious on the roads during the storm, since we'll have slick roads, less visibility, and possible debris and flooding. Road crews will be out doing maintenance work to keep it safe for us," said

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Vice President Al Gore delivers state of the environment for Santa Monica Audience

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer



Matthew Hall

MOVIE: Al Gore brought his climate action message to Santa Monica.

The sound of dripping water was meant to send shivers down the spines of Santa Monicans Saturday.

The eerie plops of the drops weren't a preview to this week's rain but rather the beginning montage of Vice President Al Gore's latest documentary "An Inconvenient Sequel." About 125 of the city's most climate-concerned citizens filled the Aero Theater's cupholders with glass water bottles they brought from home, as they attended a screening of the film followed by a Q and A by Gore himself.

As talks of Climate Change often do, the conversation waffled between encouraging and cataclysmic.

Let's start with the good news.

"The world is in the early stages of a 'sustainability revolution' that has the magnitude and scope of the industrial revolution but the speed of the digital revolution," Gore told moderator Daniel Hinerfeld, an Emmy-award-winning documentary filmmaker with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "I truly believe it's

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Firefighters save two dogs from burning apartment

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A local woman was in her car on the way to the airport for a trip when a fire broke out in her kitchen Monday, according to Santa Monica Fire Department Captain Patrick Nulty. No one was hurt during the 7 a.m. fire but two dogs had to be rescued from the smoke-filled unit.

Fire fighters received multiple 911 calls reporting a fire at the two-story apartment complex on the 1400 block of 26th Street. Dozens of firefighters arrived five minutes later, with several forcing their way into the unit.

Nulty says the first responders were on their hands and knees crawling under the smoke when two small dogs ran over to them.

"Fortunately, they were able to get there as quickly as they did because the fire was starting to get going pretty good in the apartment," Nulty said. "If it had taken longer the

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City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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Simple Book Binding

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Wednesday, January 10

Planning Commission Meeting

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Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Death in Brittany

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Mindful Meditation

Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 – 8 p.m.

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Thursday, January 11

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Join organizers as they celebrate the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a screening of The Perception Group's Still...Fighting for the Dream, a documentary on the struggle for voting rights, as told through the story of freedom fighter Fannie Lou Hamer, and how that struggle continues today. A discussion with former Santa Monica Mayor Nat Trives, film director Carla Dupree, Freedom Riders and former L.A. City Councilmembers Robert Farrell and Richard Tuttle, Santa Monica League of Women Voters President Barbara Inatsugu, and writer Larry Robinson follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 – 8:30 p.m.

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Matthew Hall

FORECAST: **The rain is projected to move through the area Tuesday night.**

RAIN

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Malibu Mayor Skylar Peak. "Residents should make sure their gutters and drains are cleared, monitor the local news, and watch for alerts from the City and other agencies."

The Santa Monica Police Department said there were no reports of significant weather related calls but they did urge basic safety precautions for driving on wet roads.

"I would recommend drivers use extra caution, slow down, turn on your lights during the day time and give yourself more space to react to traffic," said Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez. "Pedestrians and bicyclist should use additional caution as visibility can be lowered in the rain."

In areas recently burned, officials warned the rain could cause its own set of problems.

The storm coming in from the Gulf of Alaska could dump up to 4 inches of rain on Northern California areas still recovering from fires before clearing up by Tuesday evening, National Weather Service meteorologist Steve Anderson said.

"Everything is soaking into the ground at this time, but if it gets very heavy, it could trigger a flash flood warning," Anderson said.

The storm moved in to the San Francisco Bay Area early Monday, snarling traffic during the morning commute and causing several crashes.

Officials in the city of Santa Rosa, one of the areas hit hardest by the October wildfires, said crews are standing by in case they are needed.

The National Weather Service also issued a winter weather advisory for portions of the Sierra Nevada above 7,000 feet (2,134 meters), forecasting about 4 to 7 inches of snow and up to 1 to 2 feet on higher peaks Tuesday. It says travelers should prepare for difficult travel conditions, including gusty winds, low visibility and slick and snow-covered roads.

In Southern California, residents of the hillside communities of Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria who evacuated flames and smoke in December were ordered to leave again because rain could wash dirt and debris into neighborhoods.

The wet and windy system moving ashore could soak much of the state and drop several inches in parts of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, where the Thomas fire has burned for more than a month and left hillsides bare. About an inch of rain is forecast for downtown Los Angeles, the most in nearly a year.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Comfort Food For The Uncomfortable

I MIGHT HAVE REIGNITED THIS HORRID chest cold coughing thing when I flew from Los Angeles to Guadalajara and back in the same day to present a speech there. Or perhaps it was visiting a friend who was in St. John's Hospital. Possibly it's what I get for heading to the steam room at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel which may or may not be a good idea in these quasi-plague times.

No matter where it happened, it's round two of a nasty, icky, uncomfortable health issue. Rattling cough, gross things happening to me, a painful sore throat and aching ribs from the coughing fits that cause me to be on the verge of blackout. This is not a way to spend a weekend, or a weekday for that matter. Sorry for this pun, but, it's cold comfort, to know I'm not alone. Half the country seems to be down with this thing that the doctor I spoke with, said lasts about 2-3 weeks. She did say that she only sees people when it's lingered, so some people might be getting over it quicker that she doesn't see.

When I'm sick, I tend to hermit. I don't whine and complain. I just hide, like a dog that knows there's something wrong and doesn't want to show its weakness. I generally try to sleep my way through whatever is going on. This works so long as you don't have these coughing fits that take your breath away.

So I spent the weekend drinking a gallon of water a day – literally, taking drugs – the unfun kind – regularly, and watching anything on YouTube that didn't make me laugh because that would be too painful to do. Laughter is not always the best medicine it turns out.

Finally on Sunday I was in presentable enough condition that could be seen in public. It was time for some Jewish penicillin –Chicken Soup with Matzo Ball. It's just the right balance of carbohydrates, protein and salt to try to bring a person back to some semblance of homeostasis. When I'm sick, I need food that is sustaining but is not going to sit in my gut and make me feel worse. This is not the time for cheeseburgers and chocolate shakes.

The chicken soup wars of Jewish delis are a little known event. It doesn't seem like you could possibly be at war over a food, but delis are not just restaurants, they're cultural centers. And when all is said and done, you have to pick a side. There's the Izzy's Deli people. They love the celebrity factor, and the higher than high prices that go with it. Izzy's is a great deli. Perfect for late night coffee and cake. Great for early morning eggs. I adore the fact that it's open 24 hours. It's comforting to me to know there is always a place for my cravings.

Then there's Fromin's Deli. It's more homey. More Jewish Grandparents, fewer actors. To me Fromin's is comfort. It's reliable, always great food and the staff are lovely. I have many fond memories of meeting people there and sitting for hours over tea and bagels.

So when I'm sick, it's Fromin's Chicken Soup with Matzo Ball I need. On Sunday my friend Anne picked me up and we went straight to the source for what makes me better. I love the 1970s décor that dominates the dining room. It reminds me of the homes that I catered in as a young lad. I did many a tour as a cater-waiter for Jewish families in my hometown where Jewish Grandmas would hire me to serve and clean, and then feed me, and feed me, and feed me. I was a teenage boy – I could eat for days.

If you're sick, or know of someone who is, there's little to be done for them besides time, bed rest, and soup. So whether you're an aficionado of Izzy's or Fromin's, the answer is call in for a quart of the Jewish Penicillin, get the rye bread, and maybe throw in a couple of cookies or piece of cake, because this uncomfortable sickness needs some comfort food.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Local History

Editor:

I really enjoyed your articles about Mel Blanc's son Noel. (Giving Voice to Local History (part 1 and 2). I grew up at he beach in Ocean Park and my first real job was at P.O.P. or Pacific Ocean Park. I have written quite a lot of the beach history over the years in some local newspapers. I went to the Ocean Park Pier all the time. I read Noel's account of the old pier and would like to make a couple small changes.

The old pier went from Navy Street on the south in Venice to Ashland Ave. north in Ocean Park. At 1 Navy Street was the old Aragon Ballroom with Lawrence Welk. It later became the Cheetah Club with all the great rock and roll bands of the 1960's. That south part of the pier was called the Lick Pier although it was connected to the rest of the pier. The rest of the pier going north was all in Ocean Park including the entrance and exit.

The main entrance to the Ocean Park Pier was at Pier Ave. in Ocean Park. Pier Ave. was a great business street like Main Street. There is still vestiges of Pier Ave. east of Main Street. When the pier was transformed into P.O.P. in 1958 the old entrance at Pier Ave. was made into the exit. They built an amazing new entrance at the north end where the old Municipal Auditorium was. One of the big sea horses that adorned the front entrance is now in the Santa Monica History Museum.

As Mel Blanc used to say, "That's all folks!"

Marty Liboff
Santa Monica

FIRE

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dogs wouldn't have had a chance."

The dogs were not hurt before they were quickly brought outside to safety. It took 23 SMFD firefighters less than twenty minutes to put out the blaze, limiting most of the fire damage to the one apartment.

"Animal Control was out there and they found one of her neighbors who was going to watch out for the dogs until (the tenant) got back," Nulty said. Upon learning about the fire, the dogs' owner immediately turned around the car and returned home.

The smoke alarms inside the unit appear to be functioning properly. Investigators have not yet determined how the fires started.

Firefighters carry specialized equipment that have helped save family pets in the past. In Oct., firefighters found a dog panting under a desk inside a burning apartment by using a thermal imaging camera. That dog was one of at least two pets in 2017 to receive oxygen from a pet oxygen mask carried by SMFD. Those pieces of equipment were not necessary during the early morning rescue Monday.

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GORE

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unstoppable; but the pace of it is still something we have to choose."

In the documentary, even the conservative mayor of Georgetown, Texas, has recognized there is money to be saved in renewable energy like solar and wind. The CPA is on the way to converting his town to 100 percent renewable energy. Cost is his primary concern, not climate change.

In fact, affordability is driving demand for renewable energy around the world. The cost of a new solar power system has gone down by 70 percent, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA). That translated to big investments, as solar capacity grew more than any other form of power generation in 2016.

"Renewable sources of energy meet 40 percent of the increase in primary demand and their explosive growth in the power sector marks the end of the boom years for coal," according to the IEA's 2017 World Energy Outlook. In the United States, jobs in solar are growing 17 times the rate of jobs in other industries, according to Gore.

But even as market forces drive renewable energy, the United States continues to subsidize fossil fuels with about $20 billion each year, according to October estimates by Oil Change International. In the year since President Donald Trump took over the Oval Office, there has been a cascade of regulatory and policy changes that concern climate activists. Just last week the Interior Department announced plans to open most federal waters to oil leases.

When it comes to International policy however, Gore says the United States still has time to undo some of Trump's decisions, including his announcement the country would back out of the landmark Climate Accord. Because of timing issues, Gore said he believes whoever is elected (or reelected) in 2020 will make the ultimate decision on whether the United States withdraws from the Paris agreement.

Despite the positive developments in the renewable energy sector, Gore says the effects of climate change can be seen all around us.

"It's worse. It has been happening faster than they predicted," Gore said. "It is an existential threat to the future of human civilization."

In fact, in 2017 the cost of climate related disasters exceeded $300 billion for the first time in history, according to a report released Monday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The astronomic amount included wildfires in California, flooding caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Maria, and severe weather in the Midwest, as well as other disasters. Gore says several cities on the East Coast, particularly Miami, are at the greatest risk from sea level rise.

"We will have to manage an orderly retreat from some low lying coastal areas," Gore said.

Despite the tough talk from the former vice president, it was perhaps Santa Monica's Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Dean Kubani, who had the most inconvenient truth for the audience at the bike valeted, 'zero waste' event.

"We've done all the easy parts," Kubani said, when it comes to local initiatives to increase sustainability. "Our lives are going to have to change significantly."

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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 DECEMBER 27, AT ABOUT 5:41 P.M.

Officer responded to the area of 4th Street and Colorado Blvd regarding a robbery that just occurred. Officers spoke with the victim. The victim stated he was seated on a bench with his backpack on the ground next to him at the 300 block of Colorado Avenue when the suspect approached him. The victim did not know the suspect. The suspect was yelling at the victim and attempted to take the victim's backpack. The victim held on to the backpack and a fight ensued. The subjects were separated by an involved party. The suspect was able to take the backpack and flee. Several witnesses intervened and recovered the victim's backpack. Officers located the suspect at Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue. The victim was treated at the scene by SMFD Paramedics and transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. Dwayne Crawford, 35, homeless was arrested for robbery. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 310 Calls For Service On Jan. 8.

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

Auto Burglary 3300 block Pico 12:00 a.m.
Animal Incident 2500 block Colorado 12:03 a.m.
Loud Music 2600 block Main 12:42 a.m.
Grand Theft Lincoln / Washington 1:06 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1400 block Wilshire 01:18 a.m.
Speeding 1700 block Delaware 01:54 a.m.
Shots Fired 14th St / Ashland 02:55 a.m.
Vandalism 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 03:05 a.m.
Shots Fired 1200 block Hill 03:08 a.m.
Psych Hold 300 block Olympic 03:26 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1100 block Ashland Ave 03:38 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block Euclid 04:16 a.m.
Loud Music 26th / Broadway 04:34 a.m.
Speeding 200 block Santa Monica Pier 05:42 a.m.
Loitering 1200 block 4th 05:46 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block the beach 06:49 a.m.
Burglary 600 block Santa Monica 10:02 a.m.
Vehicle Stop 100 block Colorado 10:05 a.m.
Threats 600 block Wilshire 10:16 a.m.
Fraud Report 300 block Olympic 11:01 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1100 block of Lincoln 11:16 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block Palisades Park 11:58 a.m.
Petty Theft 800 block of 3rd 12:04 p.m.
Armed Robbery 2600 block of Lincoln 12:52 p.m.
Traffic Collision 2000 block Ocean 1:26 p.m.
Identity Theft Ocean Ave / San Vicente 2:32 p.m.
Trespassing 200 block Beach 2:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400 block of Pico 2:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision Lincoln / Interstate 10 3:13 p.m.
Battery 2000 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:55 p.m.
Burglary 2200 block 29th 3:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision 2900 block Main 4:31 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2300 block Main 4:56 p.m.
Hit and Run 1900 block Main 5:00 p.m.
Vandalism 2500 block Santa Monica 5:26 p.m.
Petty Theft 800 block 3rd 5:39 p.m.
Public Intoxication 500 block Santa Monica 7:09 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block Ocean Park 7:40 p.m.
Trespassing 2300 block Ocean Park 7:41 p.m.
Encampment 1100 block Lincoln 9:23 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 9:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 300 block Olympic 9:25 p.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 10:29 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 32 Calls For Service On Jan. 8.

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Emergency Medical Service 400 block Expo Line 12:27 a.m.
Trash Fire 2400 block Main 02:21 a.m.
Misc. Fire 17th / San Vicente 02:42 a.m.
EMS 700 block Hill 04:52 a.m.
EMS 1500 block San Vicente 06:42 a.m.
EMS 1800 block 18th 07:39 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean Front Walk 08:58 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Cloverfield 10:02 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 11:18 a.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 11:19 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block 4th 11:59 a.m.
EMS 900 block 7th 12:12 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Broadway 12:30 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Neilson 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 1:31 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:16 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Olympic 2:22 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 2:39 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1300 block 4th 4:27 p.m.
EMS 600 block 9th 5:08 p.m.
EMS 600 block Pico 5:55 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 7:28 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000 block 19th 7:29 p.m.
EMS 800 block 17th 7:56 p.m.
EMS 700 block Broadway 9:36 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Santa Monica 10:45 p.m.

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Draw Date: 1/5
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Draw Date: 1/6
4 15 21 24 39
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 13M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/7
6 8 12 20 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/7
MIDDAY: 7 3 7
Draw Date: 1/7
EVENING: 3 0 2

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Draw Date: 1/7
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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1. a naively romantic quality: There was stardust in her eyes.
2. (not in technical use) a mass of distant stars appearing as tiny particles of dust.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1989, a team of doctors at University of Chicago Hospitals implanted part of a woman's liver into her 21-month-old daughter – the world's first successful living donor liver transplant. The human liver is the only internal organ capable of regeneration. As little as one-quarter of an original liver mass can regrow back to full size.

Epitaphs

■ On a tombstone in a Ribbesford, England cemetery:

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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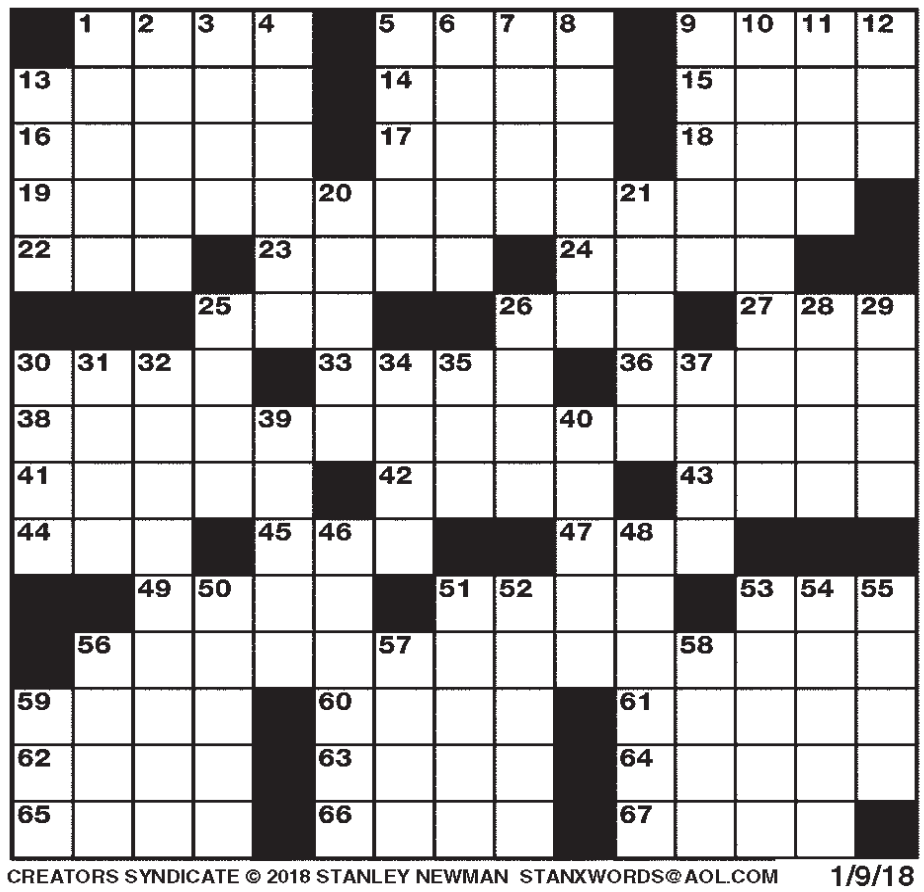
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Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 High-school support grps.
5 *Moby-Dick* captain
9 "Wherefore art __ Romeo?"
13 Satirical comedy
14 Additional
15 Gather up, as crops
16 Coral island
17 Necklace ornament
18 __ and crafts
19 Top-of-arm bones
22 Sugar amt.
23 Repairs, as a driveway
24 Vicinity
25 Dairy animal
26 "Let me see . . ."
27 Medicine-testing agcy.
30 Suffix for kitchen
33 Prime-time hour
36 Available from a keg
38 Has a chat
41 Language of a novel
42 Alan of *M*A*S*H*
43 Fearsome dinosaur, for short
44 Laugh, informally
45 Actor Gibson
47 Prosecutors: Abbr.
49 African poisonous snakes
51 Runs for one's health
53 Boxing result, for short
56 Gets very angry
59 Green citrus fruit
60 Toward sunrise
61 Informal eatery
62 Eden inhabitant
63 Otherwise
64 Lauder of cosmetics
65 Makes a wager
66 Congregate
67 Bratty talk

DOWN

1 Hiking trails
2 Scout group
3 Rights org.
4 Supply with merchandise
5 Cautionary traffic-light color
6 People tilling soil
7 Typical Saudi
8 Scene of great confusion
9 Make a swap
10 From now on
11 Meal for a mare
12 Increases, as an ante
13 With great speed
20 Daybreaks
21 Knight's metallic suit
25 Corp. heads
26 Follow, as advice
28 Bewildered state
29 Acme
30 Get a glimpse of
31 Drive-__ window
32 Prepared to deal with
34 Type like *this*: Abbr.
35 Stanley Cup org.
37 Shows a profit of
39 Short-term workers, for short
40 Police officer's shield
46 High regard
48 Incidental comments
50 Flower stalks
51 Legendary outlaw __ James
52 Eight-person band
53 Windshield colorings
54 Leg joints
55 Fairy tale monster
56 Stay out of sight
57 __ and hearty (in good shape)
58 *Mona* __
59 Scientist's workshop



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US hits record for costly weather disasters: $306 billion

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

With three strong hurricanes, wildfires, hail, flooding, tornadoes and drought, the United States tallied a record high bill last year for weather disasters: $306 billion.

The U.S. had 16 disasters last year with damage exceeding a billion dollars, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday. That ties 2011 for the number of billion-dollar disasters, but the total cost blew past the previous record of $215 billion in 2005.

Costs are adjusted for inflation and NOAA keeps track of billion-dollar weather disasters going back to 1980.

Three of the five most expensive hurricanes in U.S. history hit last year.

Hurricane Harvey, which caused massive flooding in Texas, cost $125 billion, second only to 2005's Katrina, while Maria's damage in Puerto Rico cost $90 billion, ranking third, NOAA said. Irma was $50 billion, mainly in Florida, for the fifth most expensive hurricane.

Western wildfires fanned by heat racked up $18 billion in damage, triple the U.S. wildfire record, according to NOAA.

Besides Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina all had more than $1 billion in damage from the 16 weather disasters in 2017.

"While we have to be careful about knee-jerk cause-effect discussions, (many scientific studies) show that some of today's extremes have climate change fingerprints on them," said University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd, a past president of the American Meteorological Society.

NOAA announced its figures at the society's annual conference in Austin, Texas.

The U.S. averages six of the billion-dollar weather disasters each year, costing a bit more than $40 billion annually.

The increase in billion-dollar weather disasters is likely a combination of more flooding, heat and storm surge from climate change along with other non-climate changes, such as where buildings are put, where people move and how valuable their property is, said Deke Arndt, NOAA's climate monitoring chief.

"Perhaps it is time to mandate urban development in a more resilient and sustainable manner given the increasing frequency of weather extremes, especially along the nation's coasts," Susan Cutter, director of the University of South Carolina's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute, said in an email.

The weather agency also said that 2017 was the third hottest year in U.S. records for the Lower 48 states with an annual temperature of 54.6 degrees (12.6 degrees Celsius) — 2.6 degrees warmer than the 20th century average . Only 2012 and 2016 were warmer. The five warmest years for the Lower 48 states have all happened since 2006.

Arndt said the U.S. — which has had above normal annual temperatures for 21 straight years — is showing the same warming effects as the rest of the world. The burning of coal, oil and gas emits heat-trapping gases that change Earth's climate.

This was the third straight year that all 50 states had above average temperatures for the year.

Five states — Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and New Mexico — had their warmest year ever.

Temperature records go back to 1895.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 9)

This solar return is an uptick in love and abundance. Winning teams will be part of the fun. What happens to your group in February will lift you all. You'll get to make your own schedule in April, and this will be a game-changer. The spring lets you create, innovate and play while getting paid. Sagittarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 20, 12 and 33.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You won't have everyone's approval, and frankly it would be weird if you did. You so have the blessing of all who matter in this, though — even if it's only you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You are wise. Wisdom can be practical — but often isn't. Wisdom can point to the popular choice — but often doesn't. Wisdom can provide comfort — but it also tolerates the very uncomfortable and uncertain realities of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's been a while since you fantasized about the future. You used to do this often and well! It's time to get back to that rich imagination of yours and apply it creating some magic for yourself in the weeks to come.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Everything feels better when you have a plan. It doesn't have to be a good plan. Even a janky, under-researched, unfeasible plan will give you the measure of purpose and confidence necessary to go one step further.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You want to make an improvement, and here's what will help. Plan the "ifs" and "thens": If this happens, then I'll do that. If that happens, then I'll do this. Decide in advance and set yourself up for success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
While you've been known to do excellent work in phases, you've neither the patience nor the time for that today. You'll throw it all down in the white-hot heat of one long frenzy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
When you muster up the courage to take a chance, that's something in and of itself. You needn't couple your daring with the added pressure of demanding that you succeed. Give yourself credit for starting. Starting is for the brave.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The best answer just might be "I don't know." That's the answer that lets many things be possibilities. A connection made in the afternoon will take a surprising and delightful direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You're in a community of people who are making the world a better place. You'll love your role in this. The group isn't always in agreement as to the best methods, but you'll come to a consensus today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Remodels and reorganization efforts can be funny this way: You often have to make a mess before you can make an improvement. When things get crazy, push through to the "after" picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You face life with a thoroughly optimistic outlook even when the circumstances do not obviously favor you and yours. Your calm, measured approach allows for smooth dealings all around.

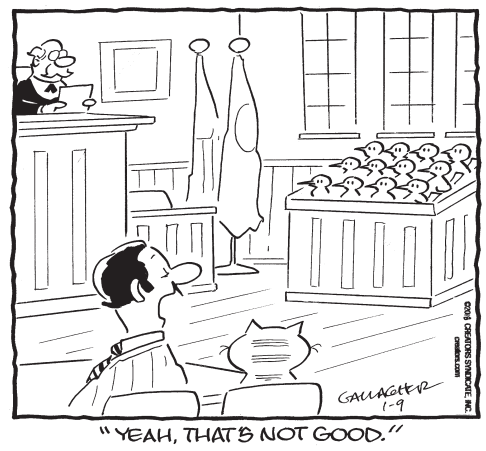
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Hesitation isn't always fear. Sometimes it's a function of prudence, intuition or wisdom. Maybe you sense you're not ready, and there's no shame in that.

Planetary Power Trio

It's a one-two punch of motivational mojo as the sun joins with Venus in Capricorn followed by a conjunction of Pluto two hours later. This planetary power trio in the sign of authority and big challenges lends confidence, clarity and a strong sense of purpose to the mission. "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right." — Henry Ford

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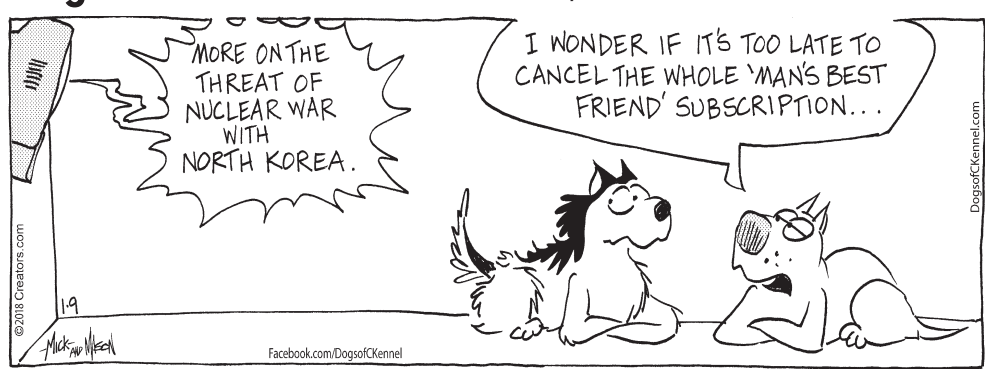
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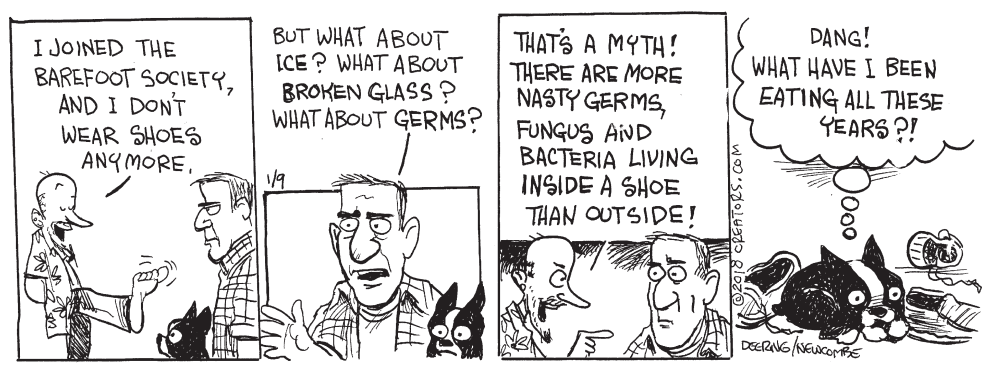
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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) Inviting Bids

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #18.10.ES-DSA#03-118507 Webster Elementary School – Parking Lot Project at Webster Elementary School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$1,700,000 - $2,200,000** and includes construction of improved drop off/pick up and parking configurations along Winter Canyon Road, a new parking lot along Civic Center Way, replacement asphalt within playcourts, site ramp improvements and other associated improvements. All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 3/1/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 1/22/18 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 2/15/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for pre-qualification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Job Walk:
Monday, 1/22/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:
Webster Elementary School – 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives outside the front entrance of the school.

Bid Opening:
Thursday, 3/1/18 at 2:00PM

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Appeal 17ENT-0861 of the Planning Commission's approval of Conditional Use Permit 17ENT-0075, Variance 17ENT-0147, & Fence/Wall Modification 17ENT-0148
2953 Delaware Avenue
APPELLANT: Nada Shamonki, Esq.
APPLICANT: Laila Taslim
PROPERTY OWNER: Untitled No. 1 School

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Conditional Use Permit 17ENT-0075, Variance 17ENT-0147 and Fence Modification 17ENT-1048 to allow the establishment of a Child Care and Early Education Facility for up to 20 children in the R1 (Single-Unit Residential) zoning district. The Variance request is required to allow one parking space in the front setback area and to provide only one loading space. The Fence Modification is required to permit a front yard fence height of more than four feet.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 AT 6:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Appeal, 2953 Delaware Avenue
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Elizabeth Bar-El at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at liz.bar-el@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free). Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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