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Pico planning process to encourage new businesses

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Pico residents are saying they want more cultural centers, gyms and restaurants in their neighborhood and fewer hotels and motels, liquor stores and car dealerships.

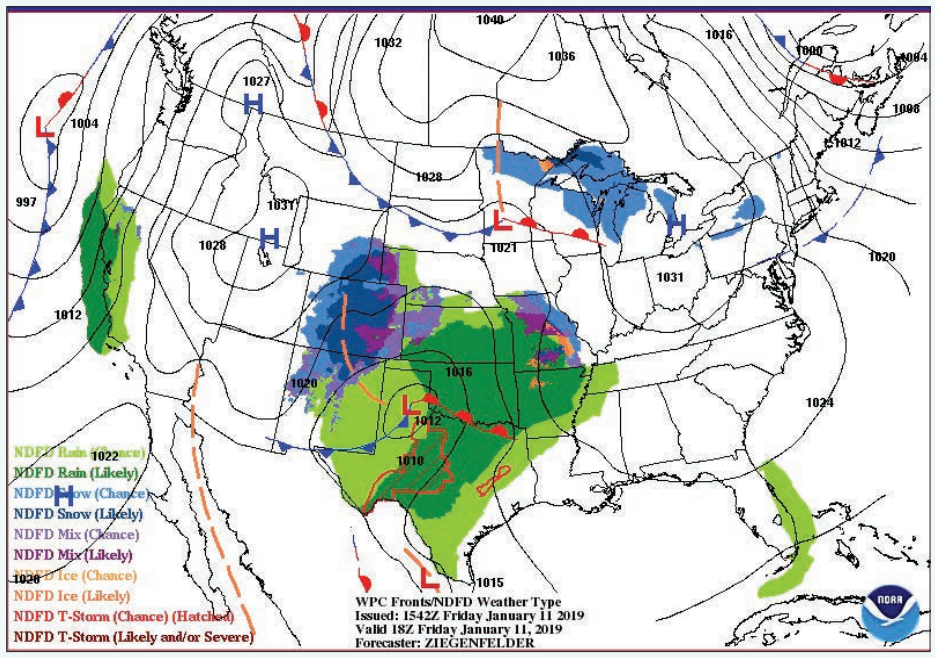
The neighborhood known as the historic center of Santa Monica's Latino community is rapidly gentrifying but still faces economic hardship. City Hall has been soliciting input from residents on what types of businesses they want to see on Pico Boulevard and is poised to start working on adjusting the area's zoning code to help those businesses open and succeed. Planning Commission will debate some changes at their upcoming Jan. 16 meeting.

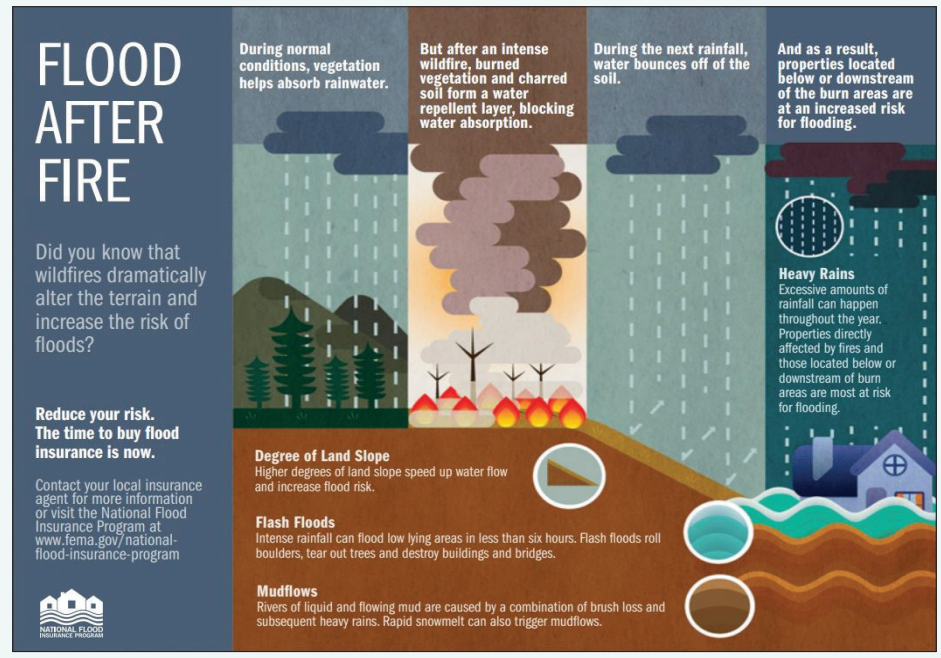
The City held two zoning workshops in September and November as part of the Pico Wellbeing Project. In addition to cultural spaces, fitness centers and small restaurants, attendees said they want medical clinics, childcare facilities and bars.

Staff say the changes made to Pico's zoning code will be relatively minor but should remove red tape for businesses trying to open and allow certain types of business to operate in larger spaces. More specifically, the City plans to

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Second set of storms roll into Los Angeles county





Courtesy images

WEATHER: Rain is predicted for much of the country in the coming days and officials are warning that mudslides could impact recently burned areas.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The National Weather Service has issued warnings for the Santa Monica area in anticipation of another winter storm.

Forecasters issued a Beach Hazard Statement for the local area through the weekend for elevated surf of 4 to 6 feet and strong rip currents across west facing beaches. The NWS said the surf will potentially increase in coming days and could require a high surf advisory.

The warning said conditions create an increased risk for ocean drowning and rip currents can pull swimmers out to sea. It said large breaking waves can wash unaware people off beaches and possibly capsize small boats near the shore.

"A Beach Hazards Statement is issued when threats such as rip currents ... longshore currents ... sneaker waves

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Silicon beach chamber orchestra brings the classics with a twist

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Daily Press Staff Writer

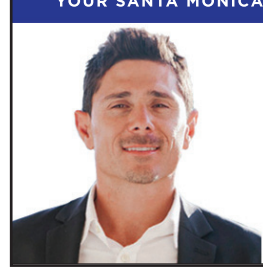
A chamber orchestra hopes to bring something new and old to audiences in Santa Monica this weekend.

Silicon Beach Chamber Orchestra kicks off their 2019 Chamber Music Series with a concert at St Paul Lutheran's church this Sunday, January 13. The goal of these shows, the Orchestra says, isn't just to entertain, but to broaden audience's horizon's while also developing a respect for the classics.

"The purpose is to integrate the European classical music with music or art that showcases some of the local flavors," Ting Li, Music Director Silicon Beach Chamber. "So we might have Klezmer, Chinese, or Japanese groups to

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Jan. 12

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market, also known as the Organic Market, opened in May 1991. As Santa Monica's second CFM, it had a different mission to fulfill. With the passage of the California Organic Foods Act of 1990, consumers were eager for more organic produce and another market for weekend shopping. The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets.2nd @ Arizona Avenue 8:00am-1:00 pm.

Kitchenware Percussion Group with DaEun Jung

Join Studio Resident and choreographer DaEun Jung and assemble a percussion set out of kitchenware. Explore variation of rhythm in a small group and learn basic percussion skills and patterns. Cost: Free! Register online or call 310.458.2239. Palisades Park 11:00am-12:30pm.

Meet Me At Reed - Family Fun

Come by to play, meet neighbors, and connect. Supervised games and activities led by Santa Monica Community Recreation, kid-friendly entertainment by special guests and community partners, and a selection of food trucks will rotate weekly. Rain may affect programming. Call (310) 458 - 8300 to find out about rain delays or cancellations. Reed Park 1133 Seventh st 2:00pm-4:00 pm.

Roseate - Pop-Up Exhibit by Laura Darlington

View the Camera Obscura with rose-colored glasses! Projected through a tinted filter, rosy visions of reality are forecast by the apparatus and illuminated in an opti-mystic exhibition. Works of photography and sculpture will be on view. Presented concurrently with Laboratory of Synchronous Planes, an experimental augmented reality workshop with Selwa Sweidan.

Sunday, Jan. 13

Beach Walk & Sketch

Sketch the natural wonders of SM Beach with the LA Audubon Society. Binoculars, drawing boards and newsprint will be provided, or bring your own easy to carry sketching tools. Please RSVP at https://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/public-events.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-11:00 am.

Is This Amerikkka? BLACK YOUTH SPEAK OUT

CRJ's January 13 workshop will feature discussions that examine youth engagement in social justice activism using visual and written expression. Potluck supper at 6 p.m. and program starts at 6:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg. 2200 Virginia Ave. Child care provided

Monday, Jan. 14

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House Sand & Sea Room 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Just for Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop

Bring your smartphone or tablet and get small group help to get you started with using your device. *NOTE: The workshop will be held in the Community Meeting Room. Main Library Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor 4:00pm-5:00 pm.

College Affordability: Financial Aid and FAFSA

An in-depth discussion of the types of financial aid and how to make college affordable. Includes a detailed review of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CCS Profile. Presented by Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling. Grades 10-12. Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor 7;00pm-8:30pm.

Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting

Monthly Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting. Administration Conference Room near Computer Commons. Main Library Multiple Locations 7:00pm-9:00 pm.

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. The Commission normally meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber City Hall 7:00pm.

Main Library Book Group

This long-running book discussion group, which is always welcoming to new members, alternates between fiction and nonfiction on a month-to-month basis. The January title is Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See. Main Library. Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor 7:00pm-8:30 pm.

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ORCHESTRA

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open the concerts and then play classics for the second half… It's a powerful way of bringing together cultures and generations."

This weekend's concert will feature several different compositions via many different instruments, the highlight of the evening being an improvisational segment performed by pianist Feng Bian.

"He will pick up notes from the audience and make it his own work," Li said. "It'll sound incredible."

Li hopes the Orchestra's repertoire can bring in crowds young, old and in between. The idea to clash styles in a concert with a small, experimental orchestra was born three years ago in Georgia.

Li says she had a much smaller version of the orchestra in her head, a small group of classically trained musicians bouncing between genres. While Georgia provided Li with a well-established music community, she wondered, why not take this idea West?

"I didn't know many people in LA," she said. "But I've always wanted to promote local arts. Chinese music, some new blood, new style of music... I wanted this chamber to play classical music and new-concept music. We're in LA. There're film composers, jazz musicians, conservatory musicians... I wanted to bring that together."

She began to meet like-minded musicians and eventually became acquainted with the Silicon Beach Arts Council, who provided her a database of musicians to contact.

Still, she needed a space where herself and the orchestra could practice. A friend recommended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Santa Monica. Not the most conventional choice for an experimental orchestra, but as it turns out, a house of holy that lifts the voices of worshippers is a perfect space — acoustically — to perform.

"I'm amazed by the sound and how it projects in the building," Li said. "The color of those sounds is incredible."

Silicon Beach Chamber Orchestra had a few shows late last year to gauge community reaction, and while audiences are still finding the orchestra, the ones who have experienced a performance are enthusiastic.

"We've had around 50ish people each time, but each person was so curious afterwards," Li said. "About the different instruments, curious about the musicians… We would say that makes this a success."

For more information, visit http://siliconbeacharts.com/

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA ANA

Jury decides to strip Mongols biker gang of trademark logo

Federal prosecutors say a California jury has decided the Mongols motorcycle gang should be stripped of its trademarked logo.

Jurors in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana on Friday found that the government could seize control of the group's trademark.

The jury previously found the Mongol Nation, the entity that owns the image of a Mongol warrior on a chopper, guilty of racketeering and conspiracy.

Prosecutors argued the Los Angeles-area based group is a criminal enterprise responsible for drug dealing and murder and the logo was at the core of the gang's identity.

A lawyer for the group says the club doesn't tolerate criminal activity and kicks out bad members.

The first-of-its-kind ruling is intended to prevent members from wearing the cherished patches.

BRIAN MELLEY, ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

US flu season poised to be milder than last year's harsh one

It's early, but the current flu season is shaping up to be gentler than last winter's unusually brutal one, U.S. health officials said.

In most parts of the country, most illnesses right now are being caused by a flu strain that leads to fewer hospitalizations and deaths as the kind of flu that dominated a year ago, according to officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vaccines also work better against it, said the CDC's Dr. Alicia Fry.

So is the U.S. in for a milder flu season?

"If (this strain) continues to be the predominant virus, that is what we'd expect," Fry said.

Last season, an estimated 80,000 Americans died of flu and its complications – the disease's highest death toll in at least four decades. In recent years, flu-related deaths have ranged from about 12,000 to 56,000, according to the CDC.

The CDC has no estimate of deaths so far this season, partly because it's so early. Flu usually takes off after Christmas and peaks around February.

On Friday, the CDC released its regular weekly flu update, showing that it was reported to be widespread in 30 states last week, up from 24 the week before.

THE HEALTH AGENCY ALSO RELEASED NEW ESTIMATES OF HOW THE FLU SEASON IS PLAYING OUT. IT SAID:

–About 6 million to 7 million Americans have become ill since flu season kicked off in the fall.

–About half were sick enough to go to see a doctor.

–Roughly 70,000 to 80,000 have been hospitalized.

The CDC usually doesn't make those estimates until a flu season is over, but researchers have been working on the model for nearly a decade and believe it is sound enough to use while the season is still going on, officials said.

Because the model is new, CDC researchers said they aren't able to compare those estimates to previous flu seasons.

Last season, an estimated 49 million Americans got sick from the flu, 23 million went for medical care and 960,000 were hospitalized.

Some doctors and nurses were anxious going into this flu season, considering how bad last year was, said Dr. James Steinberg, chief medical officer at Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta.

But so far it hasn't been nearly as severe. "It seems more like a typical flu season," he said.

MIKE STOBBE, AP MEDICAL WRITER

OAKLAND

Judge: Women could lose birth control coverage under rule

A U.S. judge said Friday that a "substantial number" of women would lose free birth control coverage under new rules by the Trump administration that allow more employers to opt out of providing the benefit on religious and moral grounds.

Judge Haywood Gilliam made the comment at a continuing hearing over California's attempt to block the rules.

The changes set to go into effect on Monday would allow more employers, including publicly traded companies, to opt out of providing no-cost contraceptive coverage to women by claiming religious objections. Some private employers could also object on moral grounds.

Gilliam previously blocked an interim version of those rules – a decision that was upheld in December by an appeals court.

The case is before him again after the administration finalized the measures in November, prompting a renewed legal challenge by California and other states.

Gilliam was not expected to rule immediately.

At issue is a requirement under President Barack Obama's health care law that birth control services be covered at no additional cost. Obama officials included exemptions for religious organizations. The Trump administration expanded those exemptions.

The rules "protect a narrow class of sincere religious and moral objectors from being forced to facilitate practices that conflict with their beliefs," the U.S. Department of Justice said in court documents.

The states argue that millions of women could lose free birth control services, forcing them to seek contraceptive care through state-run programs and leading to unintended pregnancies.

Attorneys for California and the other states said in court documents the new rules were similar to the interim measures. One difference is a suggestion in the new rules that women can seek contraceptive coverage through federal family planning clinics for low-income people, according to the states.

The states say that would be an inadequate replacement for the contraceptive coverage many women currently have.

SUDHIN THANAWALA, ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO

Mom of Navy vet held in Iran worried her son won't survive

The mother of a U.S. Navy veteran who has been held in Iran since July says she's worried her son who was undergoing cancer treatment will not survive the detainment.

Joanne White issued the statement through a family spokesman Friday. Spokesman Jonathan Franks says 46-year-old Michael White went to Iran to visit his girlfriend, whom he had met online.

His mother doesn't know why he was detained and has been unable to communicate with him.

She says her son worked as a cook for the Navy and left the service about a decade ago. She says he's not a spy. He recently worked as a janitor.

White says that besides cancer, he has other medical issues and should be released so he can get help.

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Ready for the New Year

After a busy holiday season, the Santa Monica Lions are ready with more projects in 2019.

The deadline for all grant applications to the SM Lions is February 1. To access the application and guidelines go to http://bit.ly/lionsgrants. Potential grantees must be 501 (c)(3) organizations and serve the Santa Monica or Westside communities. Grants range in size from $500 - $2000. Only completed applications with ALL supporting documentation will be considered. If you have any questions, please contact Susan DeRemer at santamonicalion@gmail.com or (310) 442-9513.

Once again it is time for the Lions Student Speaker Contest. This year's topic is "Freedom of the Press: What Does It Mean?". High school students interested in participating should contact their English or debate team departments or SM Lions at santamonicalion@gmail.com to get more information. This is a great opportunity to add to your college resume and earn scholarship money from the Lions Student Speaker Foundation. The winner of the first level, the Club Level, receives $100, with the amount increasing as you progress through the levels. Zone winners receive a $150 scholarship, Region winners receive a $250 scholarship, District winners receive a $4,500.00 scholarship, Area winners receive a $6,500.00 scholarship and the winner of the Multiple District Four Contest receives an additional $10,000.00 scholarship. The Santa Monica Club Level contest will be Thursday, February 21 at noon, at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

On February 2, we are participating in a District Service Project, hosting a meal for families living at the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House while their children receive treatment at one of our local children's hospitals. This is truly an amazing experience, as you provide not only food, but a much needed distraction for the families. The event is from 5 – 8:30 p.m. and the LA House is located near Sunset Blvd. and Vermont Av . If you would like to join us, please contact Susan at santamonicalion@gmail.com or 310-442-9513. It is an experience you will not forget.

To learn more about Lions Clubs International and the Santa Monica Lions, you are welcome to attend a lunch meeting on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month . Please contact to Yoriko Fisher at santamonicalion@gmail.com to RSVP for lunch . Our meetings are held at the Elks Lodge at 1040 Pico, Santa Monica from 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

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GOP lawmakers sure disaster funds will not be used for wall

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Associated Press

Republican lawmakers expressed optimism Friday that the Trump administration would spare billions of dollars in unspent disaster relief funds earmarked for areas including hurricane-pounded Puerto Rico as they search for money to build the president's promised border wall.

Backlash Friday was swift to news that the White House had directed the Army Corps of Engineers to comb through its budget, including $13.9 billion in emergency funds that Congress earmarked last year, to search for potential funding as President Donald Trump continues to weigh signing a national emergency declaration to build the wall without Congressional signoff. The details were spelled out by a congressional aide and administration official familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R-Fla., tweeted that acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney had "assured Texans that he understood the deep concerns about using Harvey relief funds for the border" during a meeting with newly sworn-in Republicans Friday.

Crenshaw told The Associated Press the White House was "still looking at the legal options," but was "very sympathetic" to concerns raised by him and other members of the group.

Republican Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas also told reporters Friday after his talks with the White House: "I feel confident disaster relief dollars will not be tapped."

The Army Corps request was the latest sign that the administration is laying the groundwork for a possible emergency order as negotiations between Trump and congressional Democrats to reopen the partially shuttered government have ground to a halt. Trump is demanding billions for his wall that Democrats won't give him. In the meantime, hundreds of thousands of federal workers are missing paychecks Friday.

Trump on Thursday gave his strongest public indication yet that he is leaning toward an emergency declaration as he traveled to the Texas border to continue to press his case for the wall.

But his tone was more measured Friday as he told reporters he was holding out hope Congress would make a deal.

"Now the easy solution is for me to call a national emergency. I could do that very quickly," he said. "But, I'm not going to do it so fast because this is something Congress should do and we're waiting for the Democrats to vote."

The wall was the central promise of Trump's presidential campaign, and supporters of the declaration strategy have been arguing to the president that an emergency declaration is his best option available to end the shutdown, giving him political cover to re-open the government without appearing to cave on the wall. Trump, they argue, then would be able to tell his supporters that he did all he could to fight for the wall, even if his order is stalled or blocked by the courts.

Nearly $14 billion in emergency disaster relief funds have been allocated but not yet obligated through contracts for a variety of projects in states including California, Florida and Texas and in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico that have been ravaged by recent hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters, according to the aide familiar with the matter.

The money funds a variety of projects, mostly flood control to prevent future disasters.

Defense Department officials have also been combing data on more than $10 billion in military construction projects to determine how much of that money might be available for use on the wall as well.

And the administration has also been looking at other pots of money, including asset forfeiture funds, two congressional Republicans told the AP Friday.

But Republican and Democratic lawmakers raised immediate concerns over shifting funds that have already been approved by Congress for projects in states across the nation.

Officials in Puerto Rico called the proposals "unacceptable" as the island struggles to recover from Hurricane Maria, the Category 4 storm that hit more than a year ago and caused more than $100 billion in damage.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello said the wall should not be funded "on the pain and suffering" of U.S. citizens who have faced tragedy after a natural disaster.

And Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, Puerto Rico's representative in Congress, said the idea amounts to "playing with our pain and hope."

"To use this now as a political football is not what U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico deserve," she said.

But even some Republican lawmakers uneasy about the idea of pulling money from Army Corps projects saw few alternate options. One said the phone calls coming into his office were overwhelmingly in favor of Trump's border wall.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, has been in conversations with the White House on a trio of legislative alternatives. But he said those options seem less likely now without Democratic backing for some money for Trump's border plan.

Unless Republicans and Democrats compromise, he said, "I fully expect him to declare a national emergency."

Meadows, who speaks frequently with Trump, sees the emergency declaration as the "last tool" the president has.

"Most conservatives want it to be the last resort he would use," Meadows said. "But those same conservatives, I'm sure, if it's deployed, would embrace him as having done all he could do to negotiate with Democrats."

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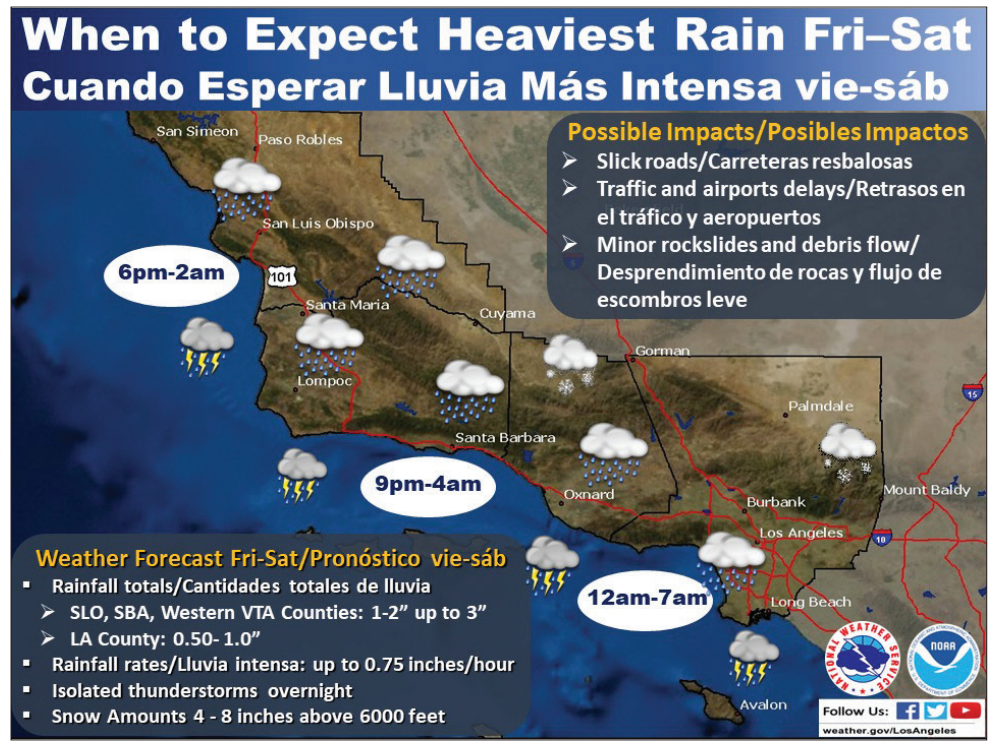
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and other hazards create life-threatening conditions in the surf zone. Swim near a lifeguard," said the statement. "If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don`t swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help."

The NWS also issued a small craft advisory for the region and a gale warning for the waters north of Los Angeles County.

"A Small Craft Advisory means that hazardous sea conditions will exist for small craft. Inexperienced mariners ... especially those operating smaller vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions," it said.

Officials said the weather could trigger more mudslides in burn areas.

The County of Los Angeles urged residents to prepare for potential flooding and mudslides ahead of the upcoming storms. They said residents affected by recent fires, like the Woolsey Fire, should be especially cautious at this time.

"With a series of storms expected to reach Los Angeles County later this evening, members of the public need to be aware of the flood risk for their homes and communities and prepare accordingly," LA County Public Works Director Mark Pestrella said. "Recent burn areas, including those affected by the Woolsey, Creek and La Tuna fires, are highly susceptible to mud and debris flows. Residents are advised to monitor local news outlets, avoid driving through moving or ponded water and report storm-related emergencies to (800) 675-HELP (4357)."

L.A. County residents can call (800) 675-4357 to schedule an appointment or identify a location to get free sandbags.

Sandbags are available in Malibu at local fire stations (Station #70 - 3970 Carbon Canyon Rd, Station #71 - 28722 Pacific Coast Hwy, Station #88 - 23720 Malibu Rd, Station #99 - 32550 Pacific Coast Hwy, and Zuma Beach Lifeguard Headquarters - pre-filled sandbags available)

Officials said residents should stay away from flood control channels, catch basins, canyons and natural waterways, which are susceptible to flooding during periods of heavy rain.

Residents should check on neighbors who might need aid and gates should be left open to prevent mud from blocking entryways.

"As part of its storm preparation plan, the City continues to monitor storm conditions and crews are patrolling and clearing roads of rocks and debris, clearing storm drains and culverts to prevent flooding, placing temporarily concrete k-rails to prevent flooding and debris flows, and has pre-placed heavy equipment at areas sensitive to flooding and debris flows," said an release from the City of Malibu. "Sheriffs Volunteers On Patrol (VOP) assist with patrolling City streets and reporting issues. The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Staff is on standby and the EOC will be activated if conditions warrant."

LOCAL FORECAST:

SATURDAY: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 10am, then a chance of showers. High near 63. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

SATURDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming east southeast in the morning.

SUNDAY NIGHT: A 20 percent chance of rain after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

MONDAY: A 50 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.

MONDAY NIGHT: Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Breezy.

TUESDAY: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.

TUESDAY NIGHT: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

WEDNESDAY: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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PICO

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ease the process for gyms to come into the neighborhood and remove the ban on bars, clubs and lounges.

The code that currently determines the mix of businesses on Pico also governs Main Street, Montana Avenue and part of 26th Street, said Peter James, the City's principal planner. It treats those areas as small, walkable districts and therefore bans hospitals and clinics, bars and medium-scale retail.

"Pico is three miles long and has some very large properties," James said. "It should be treated differently than Main and Montana and 26th."

The code also makes it difficult for gyms to open without paying for a conditional use permit (CUP) and providing a significant number of parking spaces.

For example, residents who attended a zoning meeting in November proposed that the large building an auto parts shop previously operated in be turned into an indoor playground, but the developer would have needed to pay $20,000 for a CUP and provide more than 30 parking spaces, James said.

"People are really interested in having gyms near where they live, and that should absolutely be part of the neighborhood land use pattern," he said.

Another idea that residents supported is also currently banned under the code: a commercial kitchen akin to Mama's Tamales in MacArthur Park, a nonprofit where residents with Central American roots serve up different types of tamales.

"Pico has tremendous ethnic variety, and there's a lot for the community to offer for folks interested in taking a peek inside of the cultures represented there. One of best ways to do that is through food," James said. "There's a rich history at Virginia Avenue Park of people getting together for meals and cooking together at the Thelma Terry Center and we want to expand that opportunity to other parts of the boulevard."

Not everyone thinks the changes will necessarily benefit the community, however.

Oscar de la Torre, co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association, has long criticized the City for making top-down decisions about Pico and said he thinks it has again excluded residents from the process.

"While there might be good things the City is proposing, I know from experience when they do these planning exercises and residents come up with 10 good ideas, the City will only select three good ideas they want to see happen," he said. "Residents are not in control of the process."

Some residents have also expressed concerns that tweaking Pico's zoning will make traffic worse, James said he doesn't anticipate that happening. He did say, however, that staff will need to look at how the changes might impact the gentrification the area is undergoing.

"It's a very limited number of changes to the existing land use table that just moves a couple of uses people say they want into the permitted category and allows uses people like to grow a little bit," he said. "I don't think there will be a traffic impact in any way."

Staff will present more in-depth plans to the Planning Commission in February, James said.

The Jan. 16 meeting will be held at City Hall, 1685 Main St. at 7 p.m.

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SURF FORECASTS

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high
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While officers were at 3rd Street and Broadway assisting other officers on a radio call for service, a female walked up to officers and told them a subject was following her and was in fear for her safety. The female pointed out the male subject to officers. Officers spoke to the subject and determined he was on probation for fraud. Officers searched the subject and recovered a bankcard belonging to another person , receipts of recent purchases using the card and a prescription bottle with pills issued to another person. The subject was taken into custody. Alfonso Flores, 45, from Culver City was arrested for Identity theft, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1800blk 20th St 3:47 a.m.
Fight Main St / Pico Blvd 4:54 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 4th St / Marine St 5:43 a.m.
Fight 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:09 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:21 a.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 1700blk 15th St 7:27 a.m.
Death 2300blk Ocean Ave 8:30 a.m.
Auto burglary 800blk 4th St 8:34 a.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor 14th St / Pico Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Found senile person 2800blk Neilson Way 9:15 a.m.
Petty theft 2200blk 3rd St 9:30 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1700blk Stanford St 9:45 a.m.
Petty theft 2200blk 3rd St 9:54 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1400blk 2nd St 10:19 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 10:24 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 800blk 2nd St 10:48 a.m.
Petty theft 1600blk the beach 10:52 a.m.
Person with a gun 300blk Civic Center Dr 11:06 a.m.
Bike theft 2000blk Main St 11:16 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:30 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 20th St / Ocean Park Blvd 11:41 a.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 11:49 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 2nd St / Idaho Ave 11:56 a.m.
Indecent exposure 100blk Colorado Ave 12:04 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd St / Colorado Ave 12:04 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 900blk 4th St 12:10 p.m.
Trash dumping 1700blk 9th St 12:13 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1300blk 7th St 12:15 p.m.
Fraud 1700blk 4th St 12:18 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:32 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 22nd St / San Vicente Blvd 12:44 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Olympic Dr 12:58 p.m.
Malicious mischief 2400blk 26th St 1:07 p.m.
Identity theft 2200blk Colorado Ave 1:24 p.m.
Petty theft 1700blk 14th St 1:28 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:53 p.m.
Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 2:03 p.m.
Encampment 900blk 11th St 2:25 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Centinela / Bundy 2:30 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 4th St 2:43 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 2:43 p.m.
Fight 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:44 p.m.
Malicious mischief 2900blk Highland Ave 3:01 p.m.
Malicious mischief 1100blk 12th St 3:04 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:24 p.m.
Battery 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:26 p.m.
Arson 1100blk Alley 15 3:37 p.m.
Trash dumping 1500blk Wilshire Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk 15th St 3:47 p.m.
Domestic violence 1300blk 6th St 4:40 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Emergency Medical Service 1600blk Appian Way 1:24 am
EMS 900blk 3rd St 1:44 am
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 4:54 am
Automatic alarm 1500blk California Ave 8:10 am
EMS 1100blk 6th St 8:18 am
EMS 2300blk Ocean Ave 8:33 am
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 8:36 am
Automatic alarm 3000blk Main St 8:59 am
EMS 1300blk 20th St 9:39 am
EMS 1500blk 4th St 10:48 am
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 11:22 am
EMS 800blk 4th St 11:44 am
Structure fire 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:04 pm
Automatic alarm 1500blk 7th St 12:10 pm
EMS 1200blk 15th St 12:13 pm
EMS 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:44 Pm
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 1:42 pm
EMS 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:49 pm
Trash/dumpster fire 1100blk 15th St 3:40 pm
EMS 900blk Pico Blvd 3:46 pm
EMS 26th St / Washington Ave 3:50 pm
EMS 1000blk 11th St 4:06 pm
EMS 500blk California Ave 5:41 pm
Trash/dumpster fire 2900blk Main St 6:07 pm
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:48 pm
EMS 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 7:08 pm
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:43 pm
EMS 2300blk Ashland Ave 8:23 pm
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 9:32 pm
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 10:03 pm
Carbon monoxide alarm 2400blk 34th St 10:33 pm
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 11:01 pm

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/9
6 19 37 49 59
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 96M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/8
13 26 29 38 64
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 50M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/9
3 28 29 43 44
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/10
7 8 23 35 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/11
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 1/10
EVENING: 5 9 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/10
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:45.52

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terraform
1. to alter the environment of (a celestial body) in order to make capable of supporting terrestrial lifeforms.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Curtain Calls

■ In 2009, a Nebraska woman named Diana Durre agreed to rendezvous with a Wyoming couple interested in buying a couple of her homebred Yorkshire terriers. They planned to meet beneath the "big Taco Bell sign" in the town of North Platte, Nebraska. Durre arrived early and parked her pickup truck beneath the 75-foot sign. It was very windy, and the sign's pole snapped at a welded joint 15 feet above the ground. The sign fell on top of Durre's truck's cab, killing her. The Yorkies survived. The Wyoming couple arrived after the accident.

MYSTERY REVEALED

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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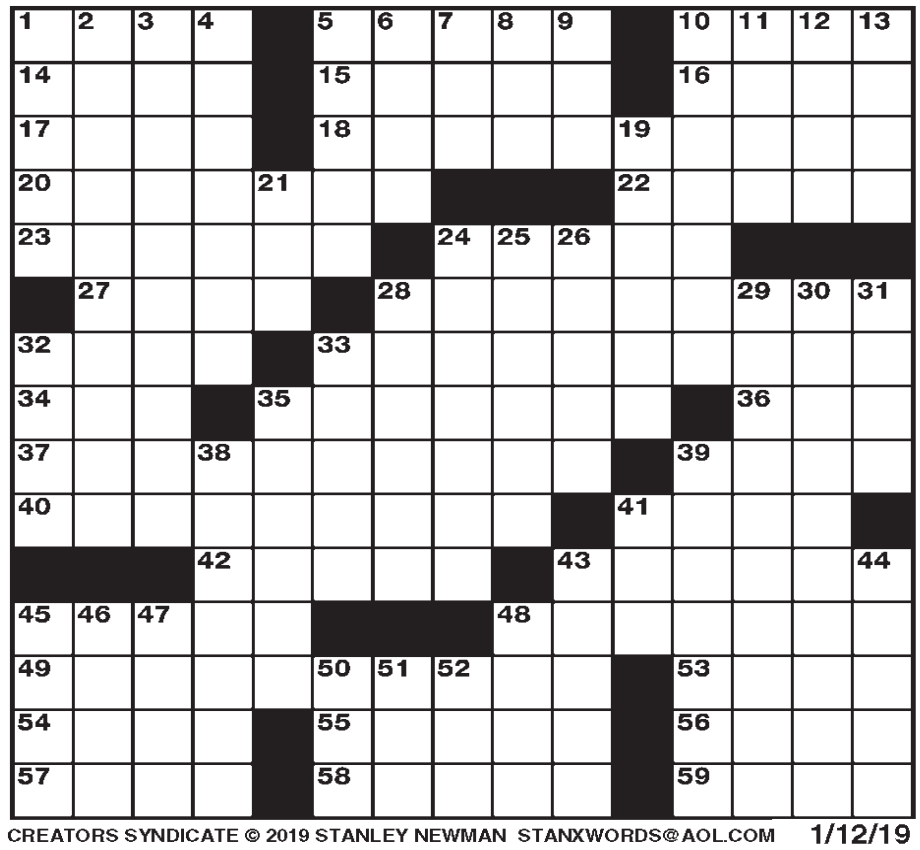
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Spiraling hieroglyphs
5 Take in
10 Provider of Wimbledon coverage
14 Discredit
15 Goodyear Airdock locale
16 Kettle Corn __ (2018 yellow-and-white debut)
17 Avenger's common accessory
18 Where Washington was first inaugurated
20 "Big blue"
22 Smithsonian GeoGallery specimens
23 Pretend one is 1?
24 For which venom is a metaphor
27 Toads, to 1 Across
28 Managing without, at last
32 Without __
33 One making a grand exit?
34 It may be self-directed
35 Some stamp-pad inkers
36 Fashion derived from a rock subculture
37 Dean's scene
39 Mouth off, maybe
40 Having locked up
41 Common ending meaning "prosperity"
42 It ends up as lead
43 Water in Florida's state song
45 A quarter from now
48 Flips, for instance
49 Send elsewhere, in a way
53 Gorges are carved over them
54 Moratorium
55 Region of Cabernet Franc
56 Find irrevocably
57 Noticing things
58 Holders of musical saws
59 Course in mythology

DOWN
1 Princess Margaret Stakes venue
2 Entertainment named for their original sponsors
3 They're fantastic
4 Insubstantial
5 Senior in Williams' English class (1989)
6 Intact
7 Address since 1994
8 Deity wearing a rayed crown
9 Spinning center
10 Undermine
11 Circle of action
12 About 10 minutes of silents
13 Nursery supply
19 Sacred objects, from the Ojibwa
21 Good with devices
24 Galapagos sunbather
25 Wash as a prospector might
26 __ go
28 "Count on me!"
29 Lead-in to radio silence
30 Stag counterpart
31 Cursed royal, possibly
32 About 4.2 millimeters
33 Not candid
35 Out-of-towners?
38 Grammar police, for instance
39 They may carry a lot of weight
41 A.A. Milne served in it
43 *Boléro* trio
44 It's between Suffolk and Kent
45 Hiking obstacle
46 "I think and __ to several subjects": Shak.
47 Cast piece
48 "Catch!"
50 Family
51 *"Je désapprouve"*
52 Cast piece



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 12)

In the past, you both failed at and succeed in doing very difficult things, which made you resilient and prepared you for the next three months of... nary an external challenge! You must therefore ambitiously create your own, a most satisfying pursuit, though not at all easy. But don't worry; the fortunes will lavish you in their favor. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 8, 6, 18 and 37

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
In order to take care of other people, you have to first take care of yourself, which is what you'll be doing with a healthy swath of your day. If something makes you feel cared for, then do it. There's really nothing too frivolous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
When your heart and brain are out of sync, there's a jagged energy pattern represented in your day. So unify your mental and emotional states and make a conscious choice to come from love to smooth out your own way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Those who bring out your playful, lighthearted, creative side are people you need in your life for the long term. They'll strengthen your resilience. You'll be healthier for knowing them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
There's power in anger and a practical use for fear, so you wouldn't want to eradicate those feelings from your life. But a little goes a long way. The antidote for fear and anger is gratitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
When you think about the great art of the world, much of it is focused on small details – sunflowers, animals, the sky, food on a table and the like. If all you get excited about is the big things, you're going to miss most of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your mental, emotional and spiritual muscles need a workout just like the muscles in your body do. Once you fix yourself to a purpose and live it boldly, these faculties will engage and begin to get the exercise they need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Just as movies are better when the casting director gets things right, and companies run better with skilled workers in jobs that utilize those talents, your personal life improves with the right people in the right roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Is what you're asking of yourself reasonable? Would it be polite to require it of a family member? Is it more than you'd ask of your best friend? Be kind to yourself. Be fair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A smile can mean a lot of different things. It can mean the interaction is over. It can be an invitation, or a dare. You'll get a wide variety of smiles to read today, to the point where you might consider yourself a connoisseur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Because so much private information is made public through social media, people feel like they know one another when they don't. Public image is never the whole person. Avoid mistaking the person for their homepage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Before you can hunker down and get to work, certain things have to be in place. You need a full tummy, a rested body and a mind that's not racing to solve some personal problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You don't have to be religious to recognize that there's a power in love. Rituals that center around love will channel that power very effectively today, regardless of individual belief systems.

Lunar Heat Charges Atmosphere

Most luminaries we know about don't have an atmosphere, so their temperatures can vary extremely. Our moon, for instance, varies from lunar day to lunar night by hundreds of degrees. The hotheaded Aries moon asks that you consider your own personal atmosphere, and how it locks in the emotional weather around you.

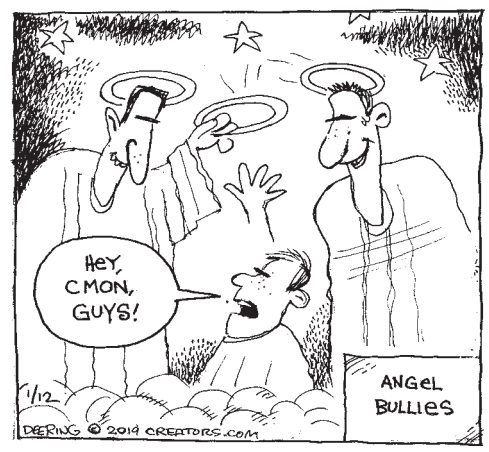
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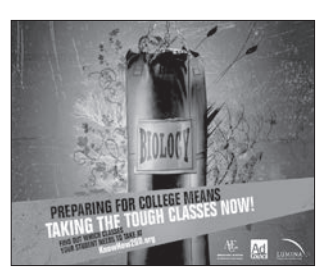
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How's the US economy doing? Shutdown makes it harder to say

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AP Economics Writer

The partial shutdown of the U.S. government has begun to make it harder to assess the health of the economy by delaying or distorting key reports on growth, spending and hiring.

Government data on home construction and retail sales, for example, won't be released next week because staffers who compile those reports have been furloughed. The retail sales report provides a snapshot of consumer spending, which fuels more than two-thirds of the economy. With Macy's and Kohl's having said Thursday that their holiday sales were weaker than expected, a broader gauge of retail spending would have provided important clarity.

In addition, the next report on the economy's overall growth, set for Jan. 30, won't be released if the shutdown remains in effect. Even if the government has fully reopened by then, federal workers won't likely have had enough time to produce the scheduled report on the nation's gross domestic product.

Not all agencies are closed. Congress approved funding last year for the Labor Department, so the government's next monthly jobs report will be released as scheduled on Feb. 1. But it's unclear how long the department will be able to issue jobs reports — the most closely watched barometer of the economy — after that.

Though the economy remains healthy in most respects, there are rising concerns that growth could slow or even stall in coming months. The trade war between the United States and China, which has helped depress global growth, is likely slowing business investment. The stimulus from the Trump administration's tax cuts is expected to fade.

And borrowing costs have risen since the Federal Reserve raised short-term interest rates four times last year. Before rebounding this week, stock markets had plummeted roughly 16 percent from their peak Oct. 2.

Many economists increasingly see the shutdown, should it persist, as a drag on the economy. Michael Feroli of J.P. Morgan has downgraded his forecast for growth in the first three months of 2019 because of the shutdown. He now expects the economy to grow at a 2 percent annual rate, down from his previous estimate of 2.25 percent.

The shutdown is costing the economy about $1.2 billion a week, according to Standard & Poor's. Some of that loss will be regained after federal workers eventually receive back pay for the time they missed. But many government contractors won't be made whole. And lost business — such as scheduled hotel stays from trips to national parks that won't be taken — may not be made up.

Fed officials are now stressing their flexibility on rate hikes, emphasizing that they will be patient and their policy "data dependent." By this, the Fed means that the government's latest readings on hiring, inflation and growth will factor heavily in its rate decisions. Yet much of that data will now be unavailable — to the Fed or anyone else.

"For us, one of the biggest effects of the shutdown has been around data," Raphael Bostic, president of the Fed's Atlanta regional bank, said Wednesday. "We're worrying about that."

Even some reports that are released on schedule are likely to be distorted by the shutdown. For example, the January jobs report may show an artificially high unemployment rate and low employment figure. That's because up to 380,000 federal employees who aren't working or being paid during the shutdown — but who will return to work afterward — could be counted as unemployed for January.

If so, that would raise the unemployment rate by 0.2 percentage point, estimated Ben Herzon, an economist at Macroeconomic Advisers, a forecasting firm. And the monthly job count could decline by 380,000 if the shutdown continues through the end of January, Herzon said. That could push the monthly job figure into negative territory.

If all the federal workers eventually receive back pay, as occurred after previous shutdowns, then the January jobs report would later be revised to restore those 380,000 jobs, according to the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Future jobs reports could be jeopardized, too, if the government remains shut down. The Census Bureau conducts the monthly surveys that the BLS uses to calculate the unemployment rate. Census is part of the Commerce Department, which remains closed during the shutdown.

The BLS wouldn't say whether data collection will continue beyond January if the shutdown continues.

A business journalists' organization on Friday urged "all parties" to end the shutdown, saying it is "deeply troubled" by delays in release of the economic reports.

"Timely access to data about the United States economy is critical to decision-making by our nation's businesses and consumers," the Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing said in a statement. "The continued partial shutdown is disrupting the vital flow of information."

Some economic reports have already been missed. They include a monthly report on factory orders that was scheduled for Monday. That report typically provides insights into how much U.S. companies are spending on large equipment.

Inflation data will also be affected: The consumer price index was released Friday morning as scheduled, because it was prepared by the Labor Department. But the Fed's preferred inflation gauge is published by Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, which is closed.

And because the Agriculture Department is closed, future reports on wholesale prices and import prices won't include farm-related data, the BLS said Thursday.

A report on the number of people seeking unemployment benefits, considered a nearly real-time reflection of layoffs, is still being published. But it could be distorted by the shutdown: Nearly 5,000 federal employees sought benefits two weeks ago, according to the latest data available, roughly five times the usual figure.

And only a portion of the government's report on productivity, or output per hour worked, will be released Feb. 6, the Labor Department said. That's because that report requires data on the growth of GDP, the broadest measure of the economy.

Even after the government fully reopens, weeks will likely be needed before all the postponed reports can be prepared and released.

"It may take some time to get a 'clean' read on the economy," economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch said Thursday.





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