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Bus routes face more changes after commuters find other rides

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Big Blue Bus took a hit last year, losing 12 percent of its overall ridership, according to a year-end performance report on fiscal year 2016-2017. While ridership has declined across agencies in Los Angeles County, local analysts say the biggest competition in Santa Monica came from the Expo Line. BBB routes that run parallel to light rail lost 1.5 million passengers year over year, accounting for 46 percent of ridership loss system wide.

"While BBB had been losing ridership in the prior year due to other forces, the rate of ridership loss increased immediately after the rail line opened," the report says. Bus ridership was down 4.6 percent the previous year, according to data from fare boxes.

The report also blames changes in demographics, income, car affordability, low gas prices and Uber and Lyft, for declining ridership.

The report anticipates the new California gas tax that went into effect in November will encourage more riders, as well as the new $1.10 fare on TAP, a Lincoln Boulevard bus-only lane and better lighting at bus stops. The BBB is also looking to get signal prioritization in both Santa Monica and Los Angeles this year.

"Finally, the Expo Line is carrying over 64,000 daily riders, depositing tens of thousands of potential bus customers in our service area, many of whom are slowly finding their way to our new Expo feeder lines" says the report.

Ridership numbers were good for bus lines that provided subsidies for students and gave them

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Crews struggle to clear California highway after mudslides

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Crews working around the clock cleared boulders, trees and crushed cars from all lanes of U.S. 101, but California officials still weren't sure Monday when the key coastal highway might reopen after being inundated during mudslides that killed 20 people.

Much of the water on the roadway near the devastated town of Montecito had receded by Sunday, allowing workers to use bulldozers and other heavy equipment to push away solid debris that was still several feet deep.

"It is not until you can see the damage with your own eyes that you can come to understand the magnitude of the incident, the response that is necessary, but most importantly the impact to the citizens and families of Santa Barbara County," said Jim Shivers, a spokesman for the California Department of Transportation.

Four people remained missing after the mudslides were triggered Jan. 9 by a powerful storm that swept in from the Pacific and dumped a deluge on mountain slopes that had been burned bare by a huge wildfire in December.

Search and rescue operations ended over the weekend, and authorities transitioned to recovery. The move allows officials to release resources that were no longer needed and slow the search to a safer pace, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said.

At least 65 homes were destroyed and more than 460 others were damaged. The name of each victim was read aloud during a vigil Sunday

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SMC Hall of Famer and civil rights activist returns to speak on MLK Day



Kate Cagle

SPEAKER: **Tommie Smith was the main attraction at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.**

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Almost 50 years after Tommie Smith thrust his fist into the air at the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City, silent protests are once again dominating the news.

As he addressed the audience inside World Peace Ikeda Auditorium on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Smith did not mention Colin Kaepernick, the football player who ignited a political firestorm with his decision to kneel during the National Anthem to protest racial injustice.

However, he discouraged his listeners from taking a back seat to history.

"I did not throw a rock and hide my hand so don't sit in the back row and miss the opportunity of an open forum," Smith said in a broad speech that touched on faith, hope and unity.

Smith was just 24 years old when he broke the 20-second barrier on the 200-meter sprint, claiming Olympic gold in just 19.83 seconds. The moment that followed became one of the



most iconic moments of the 1960's: as the National Anthem played, Smith and bronze medalist John Carlos bowed their heads and raised black-leather fists into the air.

Looking back, Smith said he was "blessed…to stand at a time when standing for social and racial equality was not a safe indul-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, January 16

Movie: The Big Sick (2017)

Pakistan-born comedian Kumail Nanjiani and his wife Emily Gordon drew on their real-life story to write this moving romantic comedy. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cuentos para Pequeños/Spanish Story Time

Para niños de 2-5 años de edad (For children 2-5 years of age). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Malibu Locals Lunch at The Sunset Restaurant

The Malibu Senior Center is offering a chance for locals to meet each other. Enjoy lunch at The Sunset Restaurant at Westward Beach in Malibu while socializing with fellow locals on Tuesday, January 16 at 12 p.m. Please call the Malibu Senior Center to RSVP (310) 456-2489 ext. 357. Email malibuseniorcenter@malibucity.org for more information.

Wednesday, January 17

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

The Past, Present, and Future of Fair Housing

The Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office will present an event celebrating the past, present and future of fair housing that will feature a blockbuster panel of three speakers: U.S. Senator (ret.) Fred Harris, the last living member of the 1967-68 Kerner Commission who voted for the Fair Housing Act of 1968; Chancela Al-Mansour, Executive Director of the Housing Rights Center; and Director Kevin Kish, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH). Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Registration ends 1/17/2018 at 5 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor, 4:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Malibu Senior Center's January Luncheon

Join the Malibu Senior Center for the January Luncheon on Thursday, January 18, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of good food and great entertainment with your friends at the Senior Center. Tickets are $2 with advance RSVP and $3 at the door. Please RSVP to the Malibu Senior Center at (310) 456-2489 ext. 357. Email malibuseniorcenter@malibucity.org for more information.

Friday, January 19

Crafty Kids - DIY Snow Dough

Make your own snow dough to play with and form your own creations. Montana Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Future floods will be in mind as California town rebuilds

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD & CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

After power and drinking water return, and cleanup crews haul away the last of the boulders and muck that splintered homes like a battering ram, the wealthy seaside hideaway of Montecito, California, will start rebuilding with the possibility of another catastrophic flood in mind.

Though parts of the town of about 9,000 were spared, the debris flows leveled entire blocks as they killed at least 20 people last week. Sewer lines were ruptured, fire hydrants sheared off, power lines downed.

While an aggressive cleanup could mean Montecito will welcome visitors again in weeks, the rebuilding of infrastructure and hundreds of homes will be measured in months and years. It offers a chance to reimagine aspects of a town that has favored slow growth over the runaway development closer to Los Angeles, 90 miles (145 kilometers) down the coast.

Telephone and electrical lines could be moved from poles to underground conduits. A micro-grid for solar power would increase self-sufficiency.

Also looming are questions about how to protect the town against future disaster. Is it time to install culverts and storm drains to siphon floods like other Southern California cities have built? Or to require that properties capture storm water for future use rather than let it cascade to the Pacific Ocean?

"Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy like this to have an opportunity," said Sheldon Yellen, CEO of disaster recovery firm Belfor Property Restoration. "You can pretty well bet that they will all be looking at every way possible."

More ambitious proposals would run up against twin realities: Major infrastructure costs major money, and Montecito has traditionally favored a natural aesthetic to maintain its character. What's more, the flows roughly tracked creeks that cut from the mountains to the ocean, and those creeks are typically on private property.

Even in high-cost coastal California, the unincorporated community stands apart. A home is far more likely to sell for over $10 million than under $1 million. It sits on the "American Riviera," an area around Santa Barbara known for its Mediterranean climate and architecture reflecting its Spanish colonial past.

Montecito means "little mountain" in Spanish, and it was the foothills of the coastal range that crowd the town toward the ocean that gave way early last Tuesday. Recently burned by California's largest recorded wildfire, the hillside couldn't absorb a heavy rainstorm punctuated by an epic downpour of nearly an inch in just 15 minutes.

The resulting torrents of mud, boulders and uprooted trees deposited several brown veins at least 100 yards wide through leafy green neighborhoods. More than 60 homes were destroyed and more than 450 others damaged, Santa Barbara County officials said.

It was the worst disaster of its kind in the U.S. since 2014, when a hillside in Washington state gave way, killing 43 people. Debris removal took nearly six months near the community of Oso, an area far humbler than Montecito, where Hollywood celebrities live, play and get married.

The tremendous volume of debris covering houses outside Oso meant many buried properties were never cleared. Instead, crews contoured the new mounds to encourage natural drainage to a river below, then seeded the earth with ground cover to limit erosion.

The stabilization process took about three months and cost around $8 million, said Matt Zybas, solid waste director in Snohomish County.

While residents in Montecito, with 3,200 households, have the capital to rebuild, few will do it with the help of flood insurance.

Just 58 buildings have coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program, according to Edith Lohmann, an insurance specialist with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency. Though the number of Montecito homes insured outside the government program was unavailable, it is the dominant source of flood coverage nationally.

Critics also complain the town is typically slow to permit new construction.

"We're going to make it a lot easier than normal to rebuild," said Das Williams, the Santa Barbara County supervisor whose district includes Montecito.

Because the small commercial center of cafes and boutiques was not devastated, Williams hopes tourists will be able to return within weeks.

In rebuilding, the town will have to wrestle with how much of a down payment it is willing to make against future disasters. Discussion about new infrastructure often focuses on "shovel ready" projects.

"Mother Nature for better or worse has already done the shovel aspect in much of our community," said Charles Newman, vice chairman of the Montecito Planning Commission.

Still, there may be a limited appetite to require that homeowners install devices to catch water, especially when balanced against the need to return to normalcy.

"Requiring it might be an obstacle at this time, psychologically and otherwise," Newman said.

Local government could explore a new storm drainage network. Montecito has relied mainly on its creeks for drainage, said Tom Fayram, deputy public works director in Santa Barbara County.

And then there are the huge scars on the hillside, which could be stabilized by reusing the boulders that tumbled through town.

But even with improvement, catastrophic mudslides still would overwhelm the town, Fayram said.

"I would say it is impossible to create any drainage system to address the event that happened last Tuesday," he said. "In places I stood, the debris flow was 15 feet over your head. It was not water. It was a slurry, with rocks that are over your head and trees. This is not a drainage system issue. This is a debris flow of the likes we have never seen."

Michael Balsamo contributed from Santa Barbara, California. Pritchard reported from Los Angeles.

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night attended by thousands of people.

"We all know someone who has been affected by this," said Bethany Harris, who brought her two young sons to mourn. "We will heal together."

Crews have made it a priority to clear debris basins and creek canals before another rainstorm hits the area.

Long-range forecasts gave the crews less than a week before the next chance of rain — and potential new mudslides — although the precipitation was expected to be light. Another storm system could move in two days later.

Officials hoped to have an estimate Monday about when U.S. 101 would reopen, Shivers said.

Meanwhile, Amtrak added additional cars to its route between Santa Barbara and points east as travelers increasingly relied on rail service to get around the closure.

With many surface streets also shut down, the only other ground route into the Los Angeles area — located 90 miles (145 kilometers) down the coast — was a series of smaller mountain highways that add more than three hours to the trip.

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 #.

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Mandatory Job Walk:
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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Asian Box Befuddles Me

SUNDAY WAS A ROUGH DAY FOR ME. IT started out with a memorial for a 34 year old friend of mine who decided to take his own life. Suicide is a painful event for those left wondering what they could have or should have done. For me, my friend William B. Gurk was a young man I loved, and I will always wonder what I missed and if I could have stopped this tragedy from happening. I'd known him for years and we'd been through his ups and downs with women, jobs and the joys of life in Los Angeles. He was dearly loved by many and his loss will be felt by me forever. The memorial was at a beach up the coast, right at sunset and I was emotionally drained afterwards.

On top of the emotional nature of the day, I am still living with this ghastly chest thing that everyone has, which means that I don't want to cook, I don't want to eat too heavy and I lack the brain power I normally possess. Sunday night was just one of those nights where I was too beat to put out any effort so I figured I'd head over to the Whole Foods on Pico, grab a box of noodles at Asian Box and call it an early evening.

I would think that a restaurant would want their customer to have an easy time ordering. In many ways it's the key to the success of many a fast food chain like In-N-Out - they have burgers, fries and shakes. That's it. Limited menu - easy to order fast production. Asian Box is the exact opposite of this. They have a "make your own" plan, pick the rice or noodles, pick your favorite protein then choose from a bevy of veggies, and sauces. And they have a selection of pre-defined house combinations.

Maybe it was because I'm still in a bit of a mental fog from this sickness, or maybe since I was hungry my brain was operating slowly, or maybe because the menu is too complex I couldn't figure out what to order so I just defaulted to a Chicken Curry without reading what was really in it since there were a dozen different things that go into this meal. So was I happy with this meal? Mostly. It was fine. The kitchen made it to the specifications of the company I'm sure. Was it really what I wanted? No.

I couldn't figure out what I really wanted, because there were too many choices. I know, I know, there are starving people in the world, but the reality is this - too many choices makes it hard for the buyer to decide and they will default to either NO choice, or you have to give them something easy to choose.

For a successful entrepreneur the answer must always be to ease the buyer into a smooth choice. If there are too many options, the consumer will shut down, and the sale will be lost. It is better to have a single, clear, message than to have too many possibilities for turning the buyer off.

A confused mind chooses nothing. To increase your sales rate, make your message cleaner and tighter with fewer options. I have this same problem when I head to Swingers and their gigantic menu. I usually just default to a couple of items that I've had before and then I don't have try to weigh all the options. It's either falafel plate, eggs, or a cupcake. I like the cupcake.

Like Henry Ford said, "They can have any color they want - so long as it's black." - He sold a lot of Model Ts that way….

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Enrolling Next Year's Kindergarteners in SMMUSD

Elementary schools throughout the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will be welcoming resident parents of incoming Kindergarteners to tour the schools and find out more about enrolling their children for the 2018-19 school year. The events are planned for February 2018 with dates for each school posted online.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten Round-Up, as the yearly event is called, is an opportunity for Santa Monica and Malibu parents of children entering TK or Kindergarten next year to meet the principal of their neighborhood school, visit classrooms, and begin the registration process for the 2018-19 school year.

Please plan to attend the school assigned for your residence. Kindergarten is offered at every school, however, TK is not. Your neighborhood school will provide you information at the Round-Up regarding availability of TK at that school, or the school serving the neighborhood.

SMMUSD offers TK or Bridges TK at McKinley, Webster, Rogers, Cabrillo, Grant, Edison and Roosevelt. Both TK programs offer an excellent opportunity for students who have birthdays in a certain range to begin a program that prepares them for kindergarten. Bridges TK is a neighborhood program that is SMMUSD-aligned, STEAM-enhanced and Reggio-inspired.

Resident parents will need to bring with them: their child's birth certificate, health records, and verification of residence in Santa Monica or Malibu. For more details and examples of verification documents, please visit the registration page online.

All parents need to be aware that SMMUSD strictly adheres to birthdate ranges for admission to preschool, TK and kindergarten. This is based on California Education Code. To learn where your child will be placed regardless of years of preschool, please see the enrollment guidelines online.

Please contact your neighborhood school with any questions. Visit the school locator at www.smmusd.org to determine your neighborhood school.

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Their combined $50,000 match will run from January 16 to 31, coinciding with the final weeks of the Ed Foundation's annual parent fundraising campaign. "Being a philanthropic partner in our local community is one of our core values," said Ellis O'Connor, Asset Manager of MSD Capital, Fairmont Miramar's parent company. "We are very proud to continue our partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation to help shape the lives of the future leaders of our community."

All funds raised in the Ed Foundation's annual campaign support staff and programs at the 16 Santa Monica-Malibu public schools, ensuring all students benefit from a vibrant education.

"We are committed to building stronger communities where we live and work," said Steve Solk, President of Consumer Banking for CIT. "We are pleased to support the Ed Foundation, which funds beneficial programs for local children and schools such as arts and STEM education, so students can develop the critical skills important to their development and future success."

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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 JANUARY 7, AT ABOUT 1:41 P.M.

While patrolling the 1500 block of Palisades Park an officer saw a subject he recognized as having a Court Ordered Stay Away from the area. As the officer pulled up, the subject began to walk away. The officer ordered the subject to stop but he continued to walk away ignoring the officer. The officers caught up with the subject and took him into custody. The subject was transported to SMPD Jail for booking. Jesse Ramierz-Perez, 21, from Los Angeles was arrested for a Court Order Violation and resisting arrest. Bail was set at $ 10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 342 Calls For Service On Jan. 14.

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

Auto burglary 3200 block Urban 12:05 a.m.
Party complaint 900 block Franklin 1:14 a.m.
Hit and run 200 block Santa Monica Pier 1:23 a.m.
Missing person 2900 block Lincoln 1:44 a.m.
Fight 200 block Marine 2:11 a.m.
Hit and run 1800 block Lincoln 3:50 a.m.
Battery 1500 block Beach 6:15 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1200 block 4th 7:45 a.m.
Encampment 3200 block Airport 8:46 a.m.
Lewd activity 2200 block 26th 8:51 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 22nd 9:01 a.m.
Trespassing 900 block Pico 9:29 a.m.
Prowler 2500 block 22nd 9:38 a.m.
Indecent exposure 6th / Wilshire 10:31 a.m.
Lewd activity 6th / Wilshire 10:45 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block Olympic 11:41 a.m.
Public drinking 800 block Bay 11:50 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Olympic 11:52 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block 22nd 12:16 p.m.
Speeding 800 block PCH 12:40 p.m.
Loitering 1100 block Lincoln 1:32 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block Euclid 1:48 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd St Prom 2:11 p.m.
Death investigation 2100 block Ocean 2:28 p.m.
Lewd activity 4th / Bay 2:32 p.m.
Burglar alarm 500 block Euclid 2:47 p.m.
Traffic collision 400 block Pico 3:13 p.m.
Person down 19th / Broadway 3:30 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean / Pico 3:35 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd St Prom 3:36 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2900 block Arizona 3:45 p.m.
Fight 1300 block Lincoln 4:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 2nd 4:09 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block Oak 5:43 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block Ocean 6:48 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1300 block Wilshire 7:06 p.m.
Shots fired 800 block 18th 7:31 p.m.
Sexual assault 300 block Santa Monica Pier 7:38 p.m.
Battery 500 block Colorado 8:06 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Montana 8:25 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln / Wilshire 8:37 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block Wilshire 8:38 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Ocean 9:46 p.m.
Party complaint 1000 block 2nd 10:33 p.m.
Traffic hazard Lincoln / Olympic 10:47 p.m.
Party complaint 600 block Georgina 11:09 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block Cloverfield 11:33 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 11:38 p.m.
Loud music Main / Pier 11:42 p.m.
Vehicle stop Lincoln / Strand 11:51 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 38 Calls For Service On Jan. 14.

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

Emergency Medical Service 700 block Broadway 12:22 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Main 1:28 a.m.
EMS 2000 block California 1:59 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1800 block Olympic 3:14 a.m.
EMS 700 block 9th 5:30 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 8:01 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1900 block Stewart 8:36 a.m.
EMS 200 block Montana 9:05 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 10:54 a.m.
EMS 900 block Montana 10:55 a.m.
EMS 1200 block PCH 11:00 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 11:22 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 12th 11:26 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block Wilshire 11:37 a.m.
EMS 2600 block 28th 12:07 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 6th 12:18 p.m.
EMS 4th/ Ocean 12:45 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Ocean 1:19 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 31st 2:05 p.m.
Outside fire 2800 block 2nd 2:13 p.m.
EMS 600 block Strand 2:22 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:39 p.m.
EMS 2100 block 7th 2:47 p.m.
EMS 400 block Pico 3:10 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Princeton 4:15 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 4:43 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 5:13 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Pico 6:19 p.m.
EMS 400 block Broadway 6:31 p.m.
EMS 400 block Santa Monica 6:42 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Yale 7:31 p.m.
EMS 900 block 21st 7:50 p.m.
EMS 500 block 19th 8:04 p.m.
Elevator rescue1300 block 2nd 8:36 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:51 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Main 9:22 p.m.



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Draw Date: 1/12
17 18 33 46 60
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 50M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/13
3 24 28 33 40
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 15M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/14
13 23 25 31 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/14
MIDDAY: 7 1 4
Draw Date: 1/14
EVENING: 3 0 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/14
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:42.81

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Medical History

■ This week in 1952, a dense smog descended upon London, England that would last four days, causing at least 4,000 deaths and transportation chaos as visibility was reduced to a few hundred yards. Freshening winds and a rise in temperature eventually dissipated the fog. Most deaths occurred among the elderly, the very young or those with medical problems. The primary cause of the smog was pervasive coal burning.

Body of Knowledge

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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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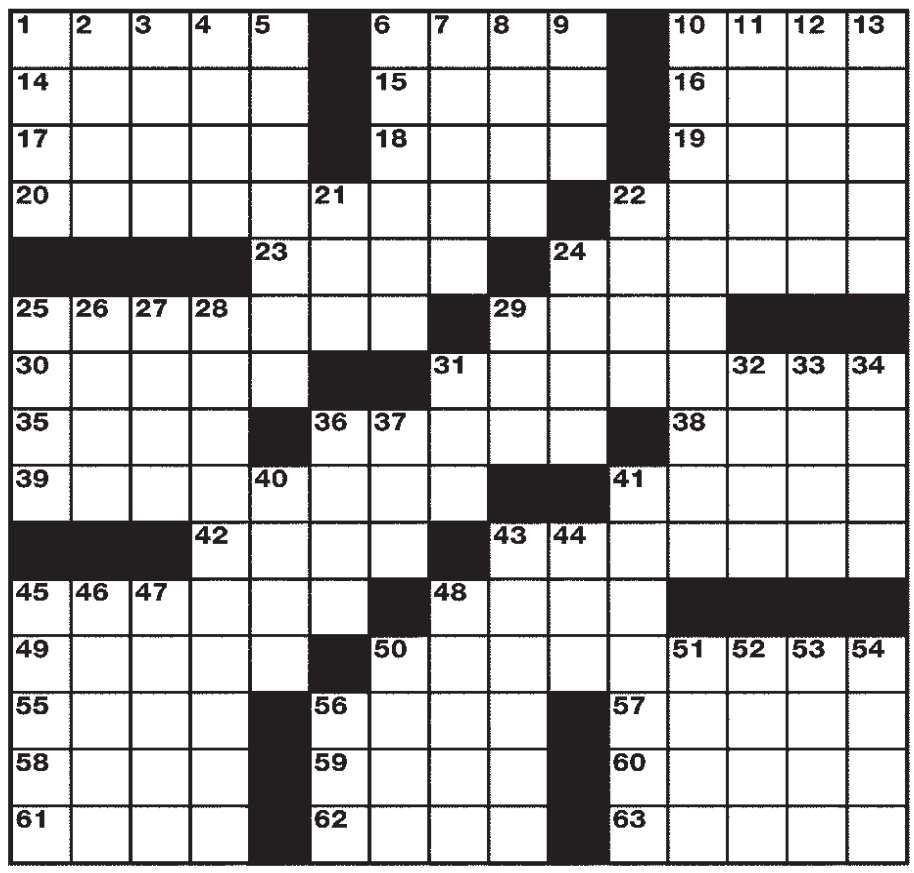
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Upper-level storage area
6 Shoestring
10 Big coffee dispensers
14 Lacking tact
15 Clarinet's cousin
16 Uncluttered
17 Big stringed instrument
18 Fabric from sheep
19 How take-out orders are placed
20 Not to be trusted
22 Monastery resident
23 Layer of paint
24 Defective
25 Portion, as of a talk show
29 Police arrest, informally
30 Capital of France
31 Ship's window
35 Rival of Hertz
36 Opinion piece
38 Blast __ the past
39 Traffic-stopping signal
41 Visitor
42 Slight advantage
43 Auto dealerships
45 Pilfers
48 Just okay
49 Insincere flatterer
50 Not to be trusted
55 Prefix meaning "against"
56 Lean to one side
57 "I feel the same way"
58 Potato covering
59 __-done (steak specification)
60 Merits
61 Install, as curtains
62 __-bitsy
63 Put on clothes

DOWN
1 Alphabet start
2 Bird's nest location
3 After-bath powder
4 Castaway's home
5 Options
6 Lean, as cuisine
7 More or less
8 Chilly
9 Slippery fish
10 Not to be trusted
11 Lubricate again
12 Bother persistently
13 Tale
21 2,000 pounds
22 Quickly
24 Great anger
25 Prepare for a boxing match
26 Roof overhang
27 Electric power system
28 Not to be trusted
29 Constrictor snake
31 Seattle clock setting: Abbr.
32 Best-selling sandwich cookie
33 Needing directions
34 CPR experts
36 Gatherings from henhouses
37 "Steady as __ goes"
40 In an aimless way
41 Made tidy, as hair
43 Expensive
44 Campfire residue
45 Secret supply
46 Toy truck brand
47 Dine at home
48 Window ledges
50 Weight loss plan
51 Come closer to
52 Raison d'__
53 Boys in the family
54 Soft throw
56 Prefix for light



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16)

You'll build up stores of the good things: love, knowledge and wisdom, as well as practical supplies, savings and funds marked for fun. It's not always easy. You'll sweat and stress some as you get more organized and create structures that can keep this whole thing moving along in the right direction. Viva abundance! Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 39, 1 and 7.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
As those skilled in the art of marketing know well, there are many ways to position a single product. What you present today will seem exciting, fresh and new, not because it is, but because you are the one presenting it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you can figure out how to settle in to this moment and be fine with all that's going on inside of it, you'll be instantly free to manage external circumstances in a way you couldn't when you were fighting with reality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
As for plan A, that was so long ago, when you wanted to be a rock star/space traveler/teacher/fireman... and maybe some of that worked out, but the alphabet is really long, so just relax and pick another letter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Certain friends are more possessive than others. They see your attention as an all-or-nothing proposition. But it's not! You've a gracious way of spreading it around. If they give you half a chance, you'll prove that today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Great orators move people, change lives, rally nations to war and bring souls to God. Passion, vision and a strong voice are all the equipment needed — the same equipment you have today. What do you want to do with it?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You already know what could go wrong. It has before! But it won't again if you use what you've learned to anticipate those instances and devise a plan for handling them before they happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
When you're groggy in the morning or tired after a long day your willpower will be depleted. Make it easy for yourself to succeed by anticipating your needs in those crucial moments and setting yourself up for the best outcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Complaining is fine for some situations, but you like to show up with solutions instead. If you don't have a solution you won't even bother rocking the boat, because there's so much else to focus on that's going right for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your word choices will matter. They could be the difference between closing the deal and not. You won't use euphemism or hyperbole: You'll use the specific right word to describe how you feel and what you'll do.

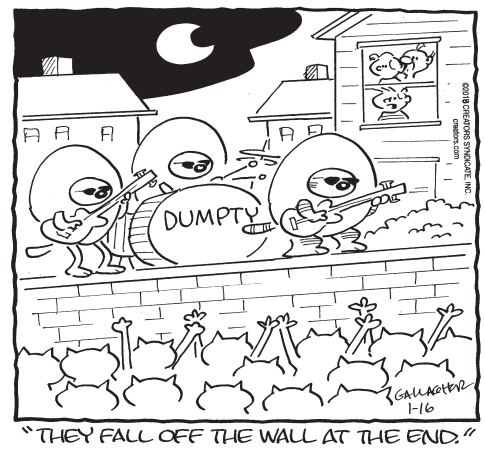
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This will be an upbeat and extremely productive day for you. Keep track of what's working and what you like, too, so you'll remember to do more of it even when you're in a different kind of mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
When you improve yourself through reading you'll acquire rather easily what others had to learn the hard way. Of course, you have to apply what you read or it won't stick. Do this as soon as possible.

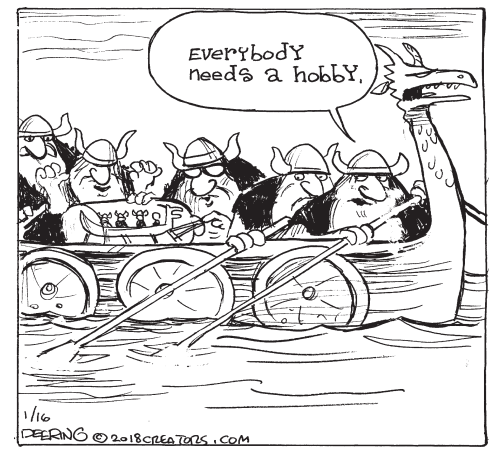
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
It's said that laughter is the best medicine, though medicine has gotten to be such a dicey proposition that laughter might not appreciate the comparison. Anyway, you're on a quest to get more natural joy flowing through your life.

New Moon Magic
The first new moon of the year is an ambitious Capricorn influence that's among the most industrious of omens. This is practical magic at its best. It's the right intention dropped into the best machine, setting the big, glorious clockwork in motion. If you know the "what" but not the "how," that's mighty fine. Get moving and it will be taken care of.

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AWARD: **Housing provider Step Up was given an award for their work with at risk communities.**

MLK

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gence. Especially on a globally magnified stage." He called it an S.O.S., a "stand of silence." Much like Kaepernick today who spent 2017 as an unsigned free agent after his silent protests, Smith and Carlos were booed and then suspended by the U.S. Olympic Committee. At the time, sports writers complained the two men had politicized the games.

Smith went on to play football: three seasons for the Cincinnati Bengals. Ten years later, the only man to hold an astonishing 11 world records at the same time became a Santa Monica College professor and coach. Smith coached young athletes here for nearly 30 years before retiring with his wife to Georgia in 2005. He is now in the SMC Sports Hall of Fame.

Back in Santa Monica for his MLK day speech, Smith told the audience to fight against "social ignorance."

"Don't forget that a difference in opinion or understanding strengthens your platform to contribute," Smith said.

Five local students were presented with education awards by the Westside Coalition: Isabel Cortes (Culver City High School), Emma Fabros (Culver City High School), May Kono (Santa Monica High School), Malaysia Long (Lawndale High School) and Andrew Rodriguez (Susan Miller Dorsey High School).

The Chair of the Human Relations Council, Dr. Karen Gunn, presented Step Up with the Community Light Award at Monday's program for "enacting the spirit of Dr. King by serving community members experiencing mental health issues."

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition was founded in 1986 in partnership with the City, SMC, Westside Interfaith Council, NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch, and other organizations. Their mission state is "to educate adults and youth, to inspire community participation, and to promote the ideals of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for understanding, knowledge and healing."

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BBB

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access to areas with expensive or restrictive parking, like UCLA. In fact, UCLA students rode 14 percent more trips in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 than they did the year before.

"BBB has the opportunity to expand these types of relationships through the new to Blue Business program, and is making overtures to area employers," the report says.

Route 44, which takes SMC students from the Expo Line to the college, is also a success, with the number of passengers per mile hitting 150 percent of the system average.

Because of declining ridership, BBB officials are analyzing routes to eliminate inefficiencies.

ROUTES LOOKING AT POSSIBLE CHANGES:

Route 5: BBB has reached out to Century City businesses to try and save this route, which has lost ridership because commuters have switched to the Expo Line to get as far as Palms before hopping on a bus service or boarding LA Metro 704 Santa Monica Boulevard Rapid Service.

"Without a bold ridership presence at Century City, this route may not be sustainable," the report says.

Recommendation: eliminate.

Rapid 10: Many Santa Monicans continue to use this route to get to jobs in Downtown Los Angeles, some walking from their homes to the bus in the morning and then back at night. However, the Expo line has dramatically cut the number of Angelinos using the line to go the other direction. The route's ridership is down more than 50 percent.

Recommendation: keep but adjust east to west route.

Route 15: This route has among the lowest value for the system, costing much more to run than it gets in fares. It runs north and south, connecting Sunset Boulevard and S Barrington Avenue to Bergamot.

Recommendation: eliminate weekend service.

Route 16: This new route connects Venice High School, SMC Main Campus, SMC Center for Media and Design, Bergamot arts center and the Water Garden. Ridership is low but growing.

Recommendation: keep, monitor and encourage SMC to eliminate a shuttle service that competes with the line.

Routes 41/42: The BBB estimates 80 percent of SMC students use this service to get to campus from the 17th Street Expo stop if it arrives within five minutes of them getting off the train. The report estimates combining the two routes to use the same stops, thus upping the frequency, will boost ridership more than 20 percent.

Recommendation: keep and combine but possibly eliminate weekend service.

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