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School District facing materials lawsuit

MADELEINE PAUKER
 Daily Press Staff Writer

Two parents are alleging some teachers in local public schools require students to purchase their own educational materials and are suing the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District with the help of a lawyer already embroiled in a lawsuit against the City of Santa Monica.

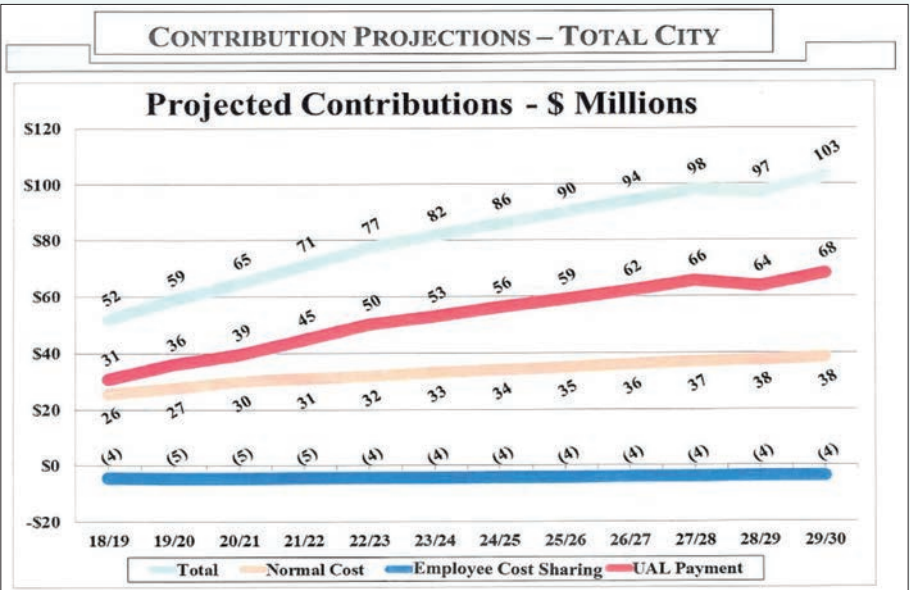
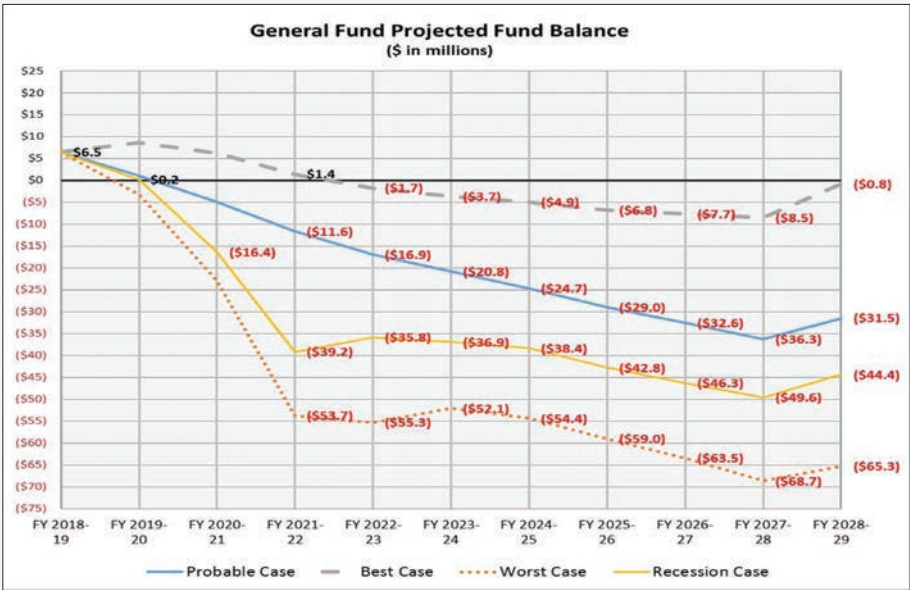
Gina de Baca and Vivian Mahl initiated the pending class action lawsuit and are represented by Kevin Shenkman.

Shenkman is the lead attorney for the plaintiffs in a California Voting Rights Act case against the City that claims its election system discriminates against minorities. Now, Shenkman is taking SMMUSD to court on the grounds that it discriminates against low-income families.

“In California, the Constitution guarantees that public school education be free

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Budget predictions warn of possible future cuts



BUDGET: Pension costs continue to be of concern for the City's budget and a recession would significantly damage Santa Monica's long-term finances.

MADELEINE PAUKER
 Daily Press Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica could lose between \$10 to \$40 million each year in the 2020s – even more if a recession hits in the new few years – if it doesn't cut services.

The City released a ten-year projection of its revenues and expenditures on Friday. It will start spending more money than it takes in by fiscal year 2020-2021, and by FY 2028-2029 it could lose up to \$50 million if a recession affects revenues. City Council will discuss the forecast and funding for certain programs on Tuesday.

The primary culprit is the City's unfunded pension liability, a \$467 million shortfall between the value of its pension fund and the amount it must pay out to former employees.

The Great Recession depleted the state's pension fund, CalPERS, and it still doesn't have enough money to pay retired employees after a decade of economic recovery. The City will likely adopt an accelerated repayment plan to

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Travel industry fears damage from a long government shutdown

DAVID KOENIG & CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
 Associated Press

America's busiest airport, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International, is a blur of activity on the best of days. But an extra layer of anxiety gripped the airport Friday, the eve of a three-day holiday weekend. The partial government shutdown — the longest ever — has thinned the ranks of federal workers who staff airport security lines. And some travelers had braced for the worst.

“I have a 3 o'clock flight, and I arrived at 10:15 a.m.,” Beth Lambert said while waiting to check in at a Delta Air Lines counter as her 5-year-old, Michael, rode around on his wheeled bag like a scooter. “We're going to be hanging out for a while.”

The scene at most of the nation's airports has so far been marked more by concerned passengers showing up early than by missed flights. Longer lines are evident at some airports. But delays resulting from a rise in federal security screeners calling in sick have been slight.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Jan. 19

Discover The Real Santa Monica

Walk along with a Santa Monica Conservancy docent and explore the fascinating history of Santa Monica. Learn about the visionaries who founded a small community by the Bay. The two hour tours are every Saturday at 10 a.m. departing from Hostelling International at 1436 Second Street. For reservations: dwt@smconservancy.org or by phone at 310-496-3146. \$10 per person. \$5 for Santa Monica or L.A. Conservancy members.

LEGO Club

Kids can have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 3 - 4:30 p.m.

CoderDojo Workshop

Teens can practice computer science and coding skills with volunteer mentors from the LA CoderDojo. Use laptops provided by the library or bring your own. Ages 11-17. Register at the Main Library. 3 - 5 p.m.

Manifesto Writing with Max King Cap

Manifestos feature concentrated writing that exists to challenge, draw attention, and provoke. Choose a position, a mantra, an oath—then spell it out on a single sheet of paper. 1450 Ocean, 1 - 3 p.m. Free. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/70751. or call (310) 458-2239.

Pico Teen Advisory Council Kick-Off

Teens can learn how you can volunteer and help plan teen services at Pico Branch with the Teen Advisory Council. Enjoy music, snacks, and activities, and meet the new Teen Librarian. No registration necessary. Pico Branch Library. 12 - 1 p.m.

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. Free. 1450 Ocean. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/70352 or call (310) 458-2239.

Sunday, Jan. 20

A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Join watercolorist and urban sketcher Timothy Kitz in a 6-week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels and drop-ins welcome. Timothy will share tips about both medium and technique while going through weekly demo exercises to hone your compositional vision, principles of color values, color mixing and brush work. The gorgeous views framed by the Art Lab's picture windows overlooking the ocean will provide ongoing inspiration. All basic materials will be provided, but students are encouraged to bring their own brushes, palettes and non-toxic colors. Palisades Park 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Happy Birthday Marion!

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. festivities, 2-4 p.m. film screening! Celebrate Marion Davies' birthday with the SM Conservancy docents. Annenberg Community Beach House.

Basic Hatmaking with Leslie Robinson

Join Milliner Leslie Robinson for this introductory hatmaking class. You will learn the fundamentals of blocking, shaping and trimming a wool felt hat, the perfect winter accessory. Returning students welcome - we'll cover more advanced techniques. Cost: \$60 + \$30 cash material fee payable to instructor Palisades Park 2 - 5 p.m.

Poetry & the Imagination 2.0 with Dinah Berland

What does it take to write poems with imagination? In this workshop, read a wide variety of poems by outstanding modern and contemporary poets, generate new work in response to prompts, and workshop edited poems. Also discuss the submission process and how to successfully present your work. Cost: \$90 2 - 4 p.m.

YA Authors Rachel Roy & Ava Dash in conversation with Robin Benway

Mother/daughter author team Rachel Roy and Ava Dash discuss their debut YA novel, 96 Words for Love, a romantic coming-of-age story based on a classic Indian legend, with National Book Award-winning author Robin Benway (Far From the Tree). A book sale and signing follows. Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor 2 - 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Beach
Come Out and Celebrate Marion Davies Birthday on January 20

Join the City of Santa Monica for Happy Birthday Marion! To celebrate Marion Davies, silent film actress, famed party hostess and original Beach House resident whose effervescent personality was likened to the “bubbles in a glass of champagne.” This annual celebration is an opportunity to gain insight into the life and times of Marion with Davies’ through writers, film historians, musicians and dancers.

What: Happy Birthday Marion! Hosted by the Santa Monica Conservancy, docents in vintage attire evoke Marion’s Hollywood circle to shine a light on the actress, and philanthropist at Davies’ 1928 Julia Morgan designed Guest House. Gold Coast era attire is encouraged. All ages are welcome to attend this free event, RSVP here. Parking is \$3 per hour or \$8 per day. **Where:** Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy, Santa Monica, CA 90402 **When:** Sunday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Cut a rug with dancers from Arthur Murray Santa Monica and music from LA Love Band, delight in sleight of hand with magician Tom Frank, and snap a vintage style photo of yourself.
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Gain insight into the life and times of Marion with Davies’ biographer Lara Fowler and film historians Marc Wanamaker and Michael Yakaitis.
- 1:30 p.m. – A bubbly birthday toast to cap the interactive event.
- 2 p.m. – Film historian Elaina Archer introduces the 1930 MGM film The Florodora Girl produced by and starring Marion Davies.

The Annenberg Community Beach House is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant. For disability related accommodations, please call Guest Services at 310-458-4904. The Annenberg Community Beach House at Santa Monica State Beach is operated by the City of Santa Monica. The Beach House is made possible by a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation, at the direction of Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with the City of Santa Monica and California State Parks. Additional funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. For more event information about this free event and to RSVP, please visit www.happy-birthdaymarion2019.eventbrite.com or call 310-458-4904.

SUBMITTED BY MIRANDA IGLESIAS, PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Downtown
MLK Celebration

Santa Monica College (SMC) and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition announce that Derric J. Johnson, the founding director of Crossroads School’s newly created Equity and Justice Institute, will be the keynote speaker at the birthday celebration for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebration will be held on Monday, January 21, at the SGI-USA World Peace Ikeda Auditorium, 525 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica.

The free event – one of the largest and most diverse celebrations of its kind in Southern California – is scheduled for 9 a.m. Immediately following the program, a Community Involvement Fair offering refreshments and informational displays by a variety of community organizations will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the nearby Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica.

This year’s celebration marks the event’s 34th anniversary and embraces the theme “Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere.” The multi-ethnic, interfaith program will include inspirational readings, speakers, music, and dance.

The program also features the presentation of education awards to local students and a Community Light Award to the Santa Monica College DREAM Program (smc.edu/dream). The SMC DREAM Program was launched in fall 2018, bringing under one umbrella resources and support services for “DREAMers” (undocumented students, as well as AB540 and DACA recipients). The program offers assistance with financial aid and educational planning, access to special events, workshops and various campus programs including, most recently, several DACA renewal assistance workshops. SMC also has an Undocumented Ally Program, for employees who want to be familiar with laws and services related to DREAMers; to date, more than 210 employees have taken the voluntary training.

The Jan. 21 event is presented by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, a nonprofit coalition whose mission is consistent with King’s legacy. Event co-sponsors are

the City of Santa Monica; SGI-USA; Santa Monica College; the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates); the RAND Corporation; Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows; CityTV-Santa Monica; Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council; and a number of other organizations, individuals, and corporate contributors.

Keynote speaker Derric Johnson has extensive experience in establishing and implementing youth-focused programs, including his work at the Alliance for Children’s Rights, the Community Oriented Correctional Health Services in Oakland, as senior deputy for public safety and justice in the Office of County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, and during his partnership with the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles.

In his new position as Equity and Justice Institute director, Johnson will oversee development of a groundbreaking K-12 social justice curriculum. He will also seek to find meaningful solutions to some of the challenges facing communities by creating partnerships with nonprofit organizations, supporting student and schoolwide community activism, and incubating new initiatives that will seek to have a positive impact locally, nationally, and internationally.

For more information about these and other related special events, please call 818-207-3934 or 310-434-4100.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, SMC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide
Santa Monica Public Library - Your 5-Star Library

For the ninth year in a row, the Santa Monica Public Library has earned the top five-star rating from Library Journal’s national rating of public libraries.

The Library Journal (LJ) Index of Public Library Service spotlights the “best of the best across America”. The Index offers an overall indication of how a library’s performance stacks up to peer libraries and provides guidance on how public libraries can better inform their stakeholders of achievements, service opportunities, and improve library awareness and funding.

Two prime per capita measures, circulation and visits, continue to establish Santa Monica Public Library as a star library. Other important factors are a welcoming facility with engaging programs, and collections with diversity and depth that appeal to the community. Technology and e-media are also important factors affecting scores.

“The Library seeks to meet community needs through the adoption of our Fine Free for youth initiative, pop-up library experiences, dynamic summer reading programs, interactive festivals and classes, and knowledgeable, friendly staff,” says, Patty Wong, Director of Library Services. “We look forward to piloting new initiatives, partnerships, and services to continue to offer five-star services and programming to the community.”

The 2018 ratings are based on 2016 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The LJ Index ranked 7,361 public libraries on the level of service they provide by evaluating per capita circulation of electronic materials, visits, program attendance and public Internet computer use. A total of 257 public libraries earned three, four, or the highest, five-star rating.

To learn more about Santa Monica’s five-star ranking read the full article from Library Journal.

For more information about the library visit one of Santa Monica’s five branch libraries or www.smpl.org.

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SANTA ANA
Southern California homicide victim ID’d after 31 years

A Southern California homicide victim who was a Jane Doe for more than 31 years ago has finally been identified.

The Orange County Sheriff’s Department says remains found on Aug. 30, 1987, were confirmed this month to be those of 20-year-old Tracey Coreen Hobson, who was living in Anaheim at the time she disappeared

The department credits the identification to breakthroughs in investigative genealogy techniques and a partnership with the nonprofit DNA Doe Project, a volunteer-run, forensic genealogy organization.

A passer-by discovered the remains in an unincorporated area near Anaheim. The only items recovered nearby were a red handkerchief and a length of cord.

The victim was determined to have been stabbed in the torso and her hands had been cut off.

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Your column here

By Greg Dill

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Keep your Medicare costs down

Most doctors accept Medicare as full payment for their services. But some accept it only for certain services, and others don't accept it at all.

What does this mean for you?

If you have Original Medicare, it means you should try to use doctors, hospitals, medical equipment suppliers, and other healthcare providers that participate or "accept assignment" in Medicare. Such providers have signed agreements to take Medicare as payment in full for their services.

If your doctor or other provider accepts assignment:

Your out-of-pocket costs may be less.

The provider agrees to charge you only the Medicare deductible and coinsurance amount, and usually waits for Medicare to pay its share before asking you to pay your share.

The provider has to submit your claim directly to Medicare and can't charge you for submitting the claim.

Some doctors and other providers haven't signed an agreement to accept assignment for all Medicare-covered services, but they can still choose to accept assignment for some services. These providers are called "non-participating" providers.

If your doctor or other provider doesn't accept assignment:

You may have to pay the entire bill at the time of service. Your provider is supposed to submit a claim to Medicare for any Medicare-covered services they provide to you.

The provider can't charge you for submitting a claim. If they don't submit the Medicare claim once you ask them to, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

In some cases, you might have to submit your own claim to Medicare using Form CMS-1490S to get paid back.

The provider can charge you more than the Medicare-approved amount, but there's a limit. Non-participating providers are paid 95% of the Medicare-approved amount. They can only charge you up to 15% over the amount that non-participating providers are paid.

The 15 percent limit applies only to certain Medicare-covered services and doesn't apply to some medical supplies and durable medical equipment.

Some doctors and other providers don't

want to enroll in the Medicare program at all. You can still visit these "opt out" providers, but they must enter into a private contract with you (unless you're in need of emergency or urgently needed care).

A private contract is a written agreement between you and a doctor or other provider who has decided not to provide services to anyone through Medicare. The private contract only applies to services you get from the provider who asked you to sign it.

If you sign a private contract with an opt-out doctor or other provider, keep in mind that Medicare won't pay any amount for the services you get from that provider, even Medicare-covered services.

You'll have to pay the full amount this provider charges you. You and your provider will set up your own payment terms through the contract.

If you have a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, it won't pay anything for the services you get. Call your insurance company before you get the service if you have questions.

Your provider must tell you if Medicare would pay for the service if you got it from another provider who accepts Medicare.

Your provider must tell you if he or she has been excluded from Medicare.

You can't be asked to sign a private contract for emergency or urgent care.

You're always free to get services not covered by Medicare if you choose to pay for them yourself.

You don't have to sign a private contract. You can always go to another provider who participates (accepts assignment) in Medicare.

Be sure to ask your physician or other provider if they are participating, non-participating, or opt-out. You can also check by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or by using Medicare's Physician Compare tool on www.medicare.gov.

You may want to contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to get free help before signing a private contract with any doctor or other health care provider.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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Could Dems' 2020 nominee be someone you've never heard of?

SARA BURNETT

Associated Press

At 36, Pete Buttigieg is just over the minimum age required to be president of the United States. Outside South Bend, Indiana, the Rust Belt community where he's been mayor since age 29, few people know his name. Those who know it struggle to pronounce it. (It's BOO'-tah-juhj.)

None of that has deterred Buttigieg — a Democrat, Rhodes scholar and Navy veteran known to most people as “Mayor Pete” — from contemplating a 2020 presidential bid against a crowd of much better-known lawmakers with more experience and more money.

He's among a number of potential candidates who believe the 2016 and 2018 elections showed that voters are looking for fresh faces and that the old rules of politics, in which lawmakers toil for years in statehouses or in Congress before aspiring to higher office, may no longer apply. They're benefiting from Democrats' fears about running another member of the party's old guard against President Donald Trump in 2020.

The group includes Julian Castro, the 44-year-old former San Antonio mayor, and Tulsi Gabbard, the 37-year-old congresswoman from Hawaii, who've already said they're running. Yet to decide is perhaps the biggest breakout star of the midterm elections, former three-term Rep. Beto O'Rourke, 46, who ran a tougher-than-expected race against Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. Rep. Eric Swalwell of California, a 38-year-old Iowa native, has also been spending time in the state with the nation's first caucuses.

They would provide several potential “firsts” in what's already shaping up to be an unusually diverse field. Castro could become the first Latino to win his party's nomination, while Buttigieg — who married his husband last year — would be the first openly gay nominee from a major political party.

“I think most people are thinking: ‘Why not?’ They think all the rules have been broken, that anybody can run,” said Buttigieg, who has said he'll announce his decision on whether to run for president soon. “I think some of the rules have been broken, but there's only one way to find out which ones.”

There's no question these relative newcomers face extremely long odds, running in a field that could include heavyweights like former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Also in the mix are more than a half-dozen U.S. senators.

Critics question whether people such as Buttigieg and Castro are entirely serious or whether they're trying to position themselves for a Cabinet position or maybe just trying to sell more of their books. (Castro's came out last fall; Buttigieg's is due for release next month.)

But these upstart candidacies aren't being ignored as they once would've been.

The 2018 election helped break that mold, as a diverse group of hopefuls — many running for their first political

office — fueled Democrats' takeback of the House. Turnout among voters ages 18 to 29 increased to 31 percent, its highest level in a midterm election in a quarter century, according to a Tufts University voting analysis.

Buttigieg raised his national profile when he left his day job to serve as a lieutenant with the Navy Reserve in Afghanistan in 2014, and again with an unsuccessful 2017 bid for Democratic National Committee chairman. President Barack Obama mentioned him post-2016 as a politician to watch. (U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, another possible 2020 candidate, was another.) O'Rourke used social media in 2018 to build a name — and raise millions — far outside Texas. Next month he'll sit for an interview with Oprah Winfrey.

“Certainly the results of 2018 made candidates like Pete (Buttigieg) think ‘There's a place for me in there,’” said Doug House, a longtime Democratic county chairman from Rock Island, Illinois, along the Iowa-Illinois border.

Buttigieg, who turns 37 on Saturday, says there's potential for younger voters to gravitate toward a younger candidate. He says he's also had strong support from older voters, who helped him easily win two terms.

Older voters were “a big part of how I got elected here,” he says while eating lunch at a cafe tucked inside South Bend's indoor farmers market, one of the sites he says have helped bring life back to the city of about 100,000 people. The city, which neighbors the University of Notre Dame, was hit hard by the decline of manufacturing, dating back to the closing of the Studebaker plant in 1963. Now that campus is home to a technology park.

His parents both worked at Notre Dame, but he left town to attend Harvard in part because he believed people who said there was no future in South Bend.

Buttigieg argues that, as a younger candidate, he brings a forward-looking view to politics and a personal awareness that the consequences of climate change or huge deficits will be more than theoretical.

“You just have a certain mindset based on the fact that — to put it a little bluntly — you plan to be here in 2050,” he said.

He talks about being part of a generation that's supplied most of the troops for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. And he says there are advantages to not being the star candidate right out of the gate.

“The longer you can go into this process without being famous, the more you can drive around in your Chevy and say ‘hi’ to people,” said Buttigieg, who drives a Chevy Cruze.

House got to know Buttigieg last year when the mayor filled in for Biden as speaker at an annual gathering of Illinois Democrats.

Afterward, people in the crowd of 3,000 “said time and time again they came to the event very interested in seeing an important, historic person in our party — Joe Biden — and what they saw was the future of our party,” House said.

Associated Press researcher Jennifer Farrar contributed to this report.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2019-20 Action Plan.

The Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2015. The City will notice and hold another public hearing prior to adoption of the FY 2019-20 Action Plan.

The 2015-19 Consolidated Plan is available online at <http://www.smgov.net/ccsgrants>, or you may request a hard copy from the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696.

Please send any written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by January 21, 2018. You may also present your comments verbally at the City Council meeting:

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
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BUDGET

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pay down its own CalPERS liability by 2033, which will save \$100 million in interest but still dramatically increase its annual expenditures. It has also made \$77.5 million in pre-payments on its debt.

Under an accelerated repayment plan, the City will spend \$6.2 million more than the revenue it generates from services and sales, hotel and property taxes next fiscal year. By 2025, that number will balloon to at least \$28 million and could even reach \$40 million in a recession. The gap will continue to widen until the end of the decade.

City staff are not revealing budget specifics until April but the report released Friday hints that the 2019-2021 budget, which Council will start work on at its Jan. 26 retreat, is going to include some cuts to services.

The report also outlines the solvency of various City funds, such as the Big Blue Bus, beach and pier funds. Many of them will fall into debt by the mid-2020s.

Reserves for the water and wastewater funds' will fall below recommended levels by 2021. The resource recovery and recycling (RRR) fund will be in the red by 2021 because China is not longer importing American trash. The City will

likely cover the shortfall by increasing solid waste rates.

The beach fund will not take in enough revenue to cover expenses by the late 2020s because demand for parking, a crucial source of money, will decrease even as more people visit the beach, creating additional need for maintenance, security and recreational programming.

Funds that will remain steady include the Big Blue Bus fund, which recently cut service by 5 percent and redirected it toward higher-demand areas, the community broadband fund and the cemetery fund.

The City's General Fund is also projected to remain fairly healthy after seeing rapid growth over the last six years as the country recovered from the recession.

The fund will grow at 2.3 percent annually during the 2020s, on average, after growing at four percent over the past three years as Santa Monica absorbs the impacts of the retail apocalypse on sales taxes. Tourism revenue will remain strong, while parking revenue will continue to fall because of the Expo Line and ridesharing.

City Council will meet on Jan. 22 in City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins no earlier than 6:30 p.m.

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LAWSUIT

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and the district has really disregarded that constitutional right by charging for P.E. uniforms, field trips, calculators and many other things," Shenkman said. "One of the plaintiff's daughters had to pay a couple thousand dollars for cheerleading uniforms and saw the devastation on the face of a student who didn't have the money."

If the case proceeds to trial, Shenkman will ask the court to require that the district provide all necessary educational materials and refund families for the materials they have paid for — which would be an eight-figure payout, he said.

District spokesperson Gail Pinsker said SMMUSD teachers, particularly high school teachers, often ask students or parents to supply materials, such as art supplies or lab equipment, that the state or district do not provide funding for. Teachers typically have plans to accommodate students who are unable to pay for materials, she said.

"We inform staff that they can only suggest materials, but every once in a while a well-meaning teacher might use the terminology 'required,'" Pinsker said.

Under a settlement the American Civil Liberties Union reached with the state of California in 2010, parents can challenge required fees through a 30-day complaint process and receive reimbursement from their school district if auditors conclude it charged illegal fees. SMMUSD follows this process, Pinsker said.

"We're happy on a case-by-case basis

to investigate those claims and if we find that was the case we would work with parents to make sure they get reimbursed," she said.

Shenkman said he has documents showing that SMMUSD teachers list for-purchase materials as required and that even materials not described as such are effectively required.

"The district is required to provide all instructional materials," he said. "If you go through calculus, a graphing calculator is required. You can't do calculus without one. If a student shows up in a classroom where the teacher doesn't provide graphing calculators and every other student has purchased their own calculator, that student has no choice. The teacher doesn't need to say a thing."

The case is still in the discovery phase and the plaintiffs are requesting the contact information of the parents or guardians of every student in the district. (Families can contact the district to deny the plaintiffs access to their personal information.) Shenkman will ask parents if they have documents from teachers that reference the required purchase of educational materials.

Pinsker said the plaintiffs have so far been unable to provide any such documents.

Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo will represent the district with Mark Bresee as the lead attorney. A judge will hold a hearing for the case on March 3 at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Downtown Los Angeles.

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ON JANUARY 10, AT ABOUT 3:42 P.M.

Officers responded to Chez Jay - 1657 Ocean Avenue regarding two subjects fighting in front of the bar. As officers arrived, one of the subjects involved fled and ran away eastbound through Tongva Park. The subject was located in the 1700 block of Main Street. The other subject/victim involved was located in the 1600 block of Main Street. Officers determined the victim, an employee with a medical marijuana delivery service, was delivering an order to a “customer” at the bar. As the victim was waiting for the customer, two male subjects approached him and one of the subjects handed him some bills that the victim immediately recognized as counterfeit. The victim told the subject that the bill were fake and a struggle ensued. Both subjects ran off and one was able to grab a container containing marijuana. The victim followed the subject that handed him the money. The subject was taken into custody. Jacob Kamondevo LeBlanc, 19, from Texas was arrested for robbery, forgery and appropriation of lost property. 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.

Burglary 1500blk 4th St 12:10 a.m.	Encampment 200blk the beach 12:48 p.m.
Panhandling 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:47 a.m.	Found property 1500blk Ocean Ave 12:58 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:20 a.m.	Vandalism 1900blk Colorado Ave 2 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper Neilson Way / Barnard Way 1:52 a.m.	Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 2:11 p.m.
Armed robbery 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 4:23 a.m.	Vehicle out of space 1100blk 7th St 2:13 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:26 a.m.	Vehicle blocking driveway 800blk 17th St 2:15 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk 10th St 6:51 a.m.	Oversize vehicle violation 2100blk 6th St 2:29 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:13 a.m.	Auto burglary 1700blk California Ave 2:29 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 9:04 a.m.	Auto burglary 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:57 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1500blk Colorado Ave 9:39 a.m.	Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2600blk Barnard Way 3:09 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2400blk 23rd St 9:41 a.m.	Traffic collision - unkn injuries 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:17 p.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 10:31 a.m.	Illegal weapon 600blk Kensington Rd 4:02 p.m.
Vandalism 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 10:39 a.m.	Burglary 2500blk Airport Ave 4:09 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 200blk San Vicente Blvd 10:43 a.m.	72 hour psychiatric hold 26th St / Olympic Blvd 4:09 p.m.
Battery 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:36 a.m.	Petty theft 1100blk Yale St 4:10 p.m.
Petty theft 2300blk Oak St 11:44 a.m.	Overdose 2400blk Beverley Ave 4:28 p.m.
Petty theft 400blk Broadway 11:48 a.m.	72 hour psychiatric hold 00blk Pico Blvd 5 p.m.
Vandalism 1900blk Colorado Ave 12:02 p.m.	Petty theft 2100blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:29 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 1800blk 14th St 12:06 p.m.	Exhibition of speed 200blk Santa Monica Pier 5:39 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:09 p.m.	Grand theft auto 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:40 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor Lincoln Blvd / Hill St 12:33 p.m.	Battery 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:44 p.m.
Loitering 1400blk 2nd St 12:47 p.m.	Traffic collision - unkn injuries 6th St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:47 p.m.
	Vandalism 3100blk 4th St 6:09 p.m.
	Auto burglary 100blk Hill St 6:36 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
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Emergency Medical Service 2900blk 3rd St 12:34 a.m.	Bld 10:54 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2600blk Broadway 12:45 a.m.	Automatic alarm 1000blk 4th St 11:01 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 1:01 a.m.	EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:06 a.m.
EMS 17th St / Pico Blvd 1:14 a.m.	EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:07 a.m.
EMS 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 a.m.	EMS 200blk 25th St 11:29 a.m.
EMS 400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:18 a.m.	EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:32 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Centinela Ave 4:59 a.m.	Automatic alarm 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:39 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200blk 2nd St 5:27 a.m.	EMS 1200blk Harvard St 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 5:33 a.m.	EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200blk 15th St 5:37 a.m.	EMS 100blk San Vicente Blvd 1:56 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 7:03 a.m.	Automatic alarm 1500blk 5th St 1:57 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2000blk Navy St 7:20 a.m.	EMS 700blk Idaho Ave 2:22 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3000blk Main St 7:22 a.m.	EMS 2100blk Delaware Ave 2:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:42 a.m.	Automatic alarm 1200blk 15th St 2:46 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 9:20 a.m.	Wires down 6th St / Grant St 3:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2800blk Santa Monica	EMS 2400blk Beverley Ave 4:28 p.m.
	EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:31 p.m.
	EMS 2500blk 6th St 5:47 p.m.

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Power#: 1
Jackpot: 129M



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Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 68M



Draw Date: 1/16
1 22 34 37 44
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 11M



Draw Date: 1/17
22 24 30 33 38



Draw Date: 1/17
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Draw Date: 1/17
EVENING: 8 0 7



Draw Date: 1/17
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:44.65

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1. performed merely as a routine duty; hasty and superficial: perfunctory courtesy.

2. lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; indifferent or apathetic: In his lectures he reveals himself to be merely a perfunctory speaker.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell
Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Dispatch

5 Key combo starter

9 What fills some shoes

14 Drive-thru directive

16 Flopped, funds-wise

17 Where to rise above it all

18 Name from the Latin for "woman in charge"

19 What surrounds

20 Ride for quite a while

22 Aid in getting a grip

25 *Membre du clergé*

26 Virginia delegate in 1776

27 Enthusiastic RSVP

29 Naval power since ancient times

30 First with regular inflight films (1961)

31 Cornucopia contents

32 Digital wallet no.

33 Expert posers

37 Bumper's extension

38 Real poser

39 EuroBonus carrier

40 What can be seen from Syracuse

41 First Maria in *The Sound of Music*

43 Ironclad designation

44 Single-use coffee containers

45 "Ancient" visitors in an A&E series

46 Determine a going rate

48 Brief hitch

49 Peaked

DOWN

1 Stage

2 Galsworthy's "universal refreshment"

3 Ox tail

4 Impositions

5 Use for the first time

6 Wooden platforms

7 They keep track records: Abbr.

8 Part of an office stack

9 Military band

10 Angstrom-diameter thing

11 Tennis pro who became a clothier

12 Mystery venue on wheels

13 South and Western Australia

15 Add GPS to a Model T, e.g.

21 Withdrawal from a deposit

22 Heartfelt feeling

23 Code covering continental shelves

24 "What a surprise!"

25 Troubles

28 Can't catch a break

29 When live NHL, NFL, MLB and NBA games might be watched

32 Refuse backup

34 ___ courtesy

35 John Glenn, in WWII

36 Data since the FDR era

40 Expressions of arguments

41 Mannered comeback

42 Amphibian expression

44 What a Persian cat's face resembles

47 Prototype-in-progress

48 Make cutbacks in

51 Certain surname sharer

52 Quasi-Italian intensifier

53 Designation in IRS forms

54 Spring-arrival celebration

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 19)

Your rational mind will become a servant to the amazing intuition that is your cosmic gift at the top of this solar return. Your understanding of what you need in relationships will deepen as will your ability to communicate it. You'll heal a bit of broken self-esteem, which leads to you making more money. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 40, 2, 10 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You want to change a bad habit. Certain cues trigger a chain of behaviors. If you can alter your environment to avoid that cue, this will be much easier than trying to change the avalanche of actions that follows the cue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your day will be filled with opportunities for a happy flow of feelings, but it will be up to you to make pleasure out of the circumstance. "To make pleasures pleasant, shorten them." – Charles Buxton

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Soon you'll be on the other side of this lesson. How will you know you're there? You'll no longer think about it. Just before the "over" phase of the healing comes is the "checking" phase when you think a lot about not thinking about it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The world defines you by what you do, but what you're seeing right now is all you haven't done. In today's case, you'll let that motivate you to step boldly forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You can be tougher than you think you're being. It's something to be aware of today as certain people around you are easily shaken and much more concerned with your approval than you'd think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The higher pursuits of the mind and spirit call to you today including philanthropy and education. It should be noted that these pursuits are possible to access through the smallest moments and most mundane activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're in the process of figuring out how to get along with someone who is very different from you. It's not about ignoring the differences, rather finding the common ground, which is a vaster territory than it first seems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

It's a day for replenishing your emotional fuel tank which you'll do with quality relaxation that may include getting together with people you care about for a truly fun evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're smart, sophisticated and because of these attributes, self-critical. One way to mute the voice of that inner critic is to throw yourself into the action. When you're busy handling things, the mental chatter goes quiet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Love is supportive. People who don't understand one another's trajectory can nonetheless respect and make room for it. Side note: Fire signs have what you need and will offer it up once they know you need it. Just ask!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

In the Chinese legend of the red thread, the gods tie a cord around the ankle of those destined to meet one another and eventually the tie, invisible to the human eye, brings souls together. Today's meeting has the feel of fate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Try thinking of things in terms of, "for me" or "not for me." It's simple, but the shift can be just the personal revolution that frees you from having to pass moral and value judgements all the livelong day, which is exhausting.

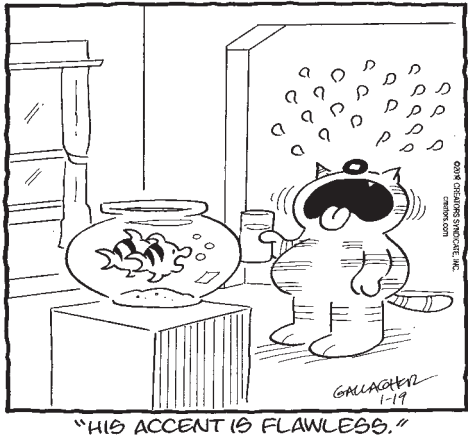
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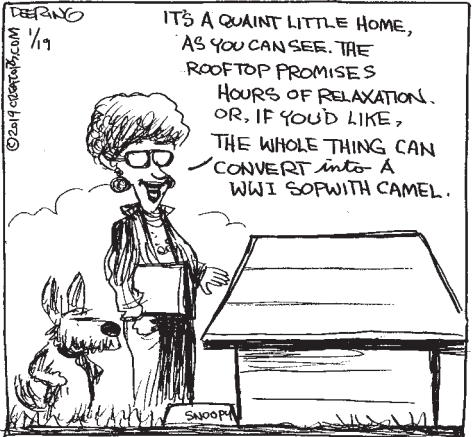
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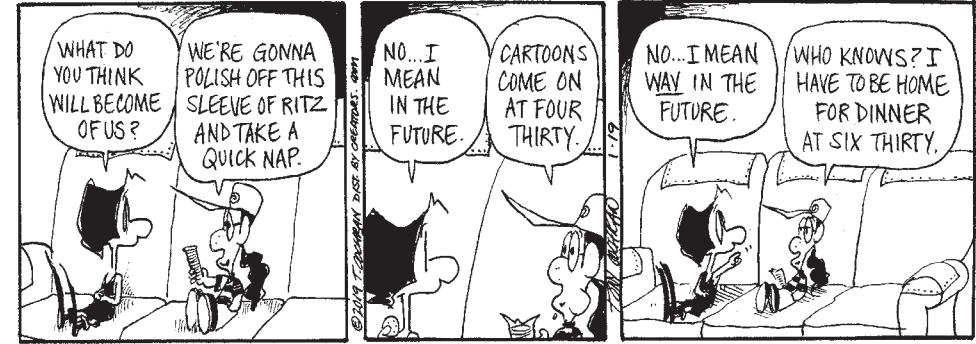
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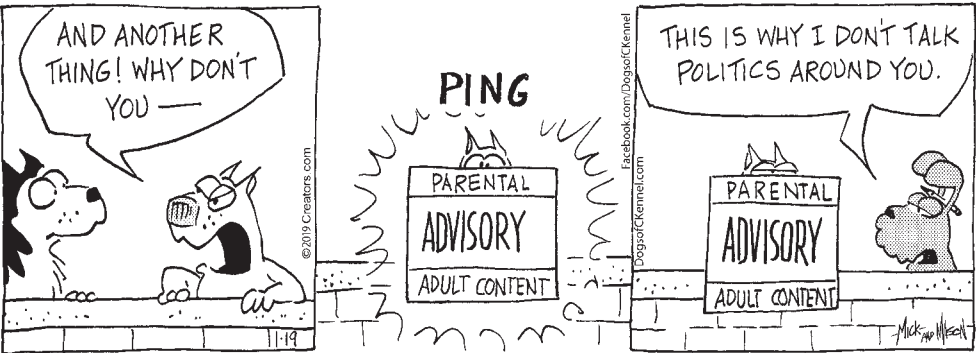
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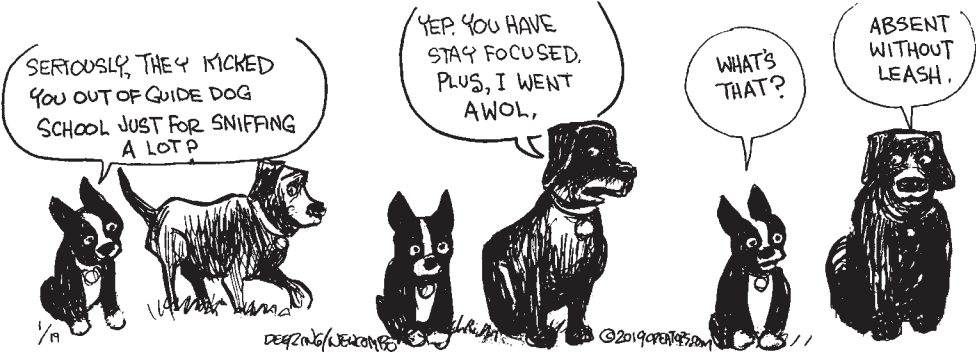
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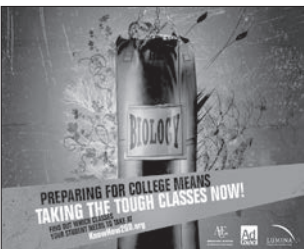
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TOURISM
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Yet concern is quickly growing. President Donald Trump and Democrats in Congress remain far apart over Trump’s insistence on funding for a wall along the Mexican border as the price of reopening the government. With the two sides trading taunts and avoiding talks, travel industry analysts and economists have been calculating the potential damage should the shutdown drag into February or beyond.

Airlines and hotels would suffer. So would parks and restaurants that cater to travelers. And, eventually, the broader U.S. economy, already absorbing a trade war with China and a global economic slowdown, would endure another blow.

The travel and tourism industries generate about \$1.6 trillion in U.S. economic activity — one-twelfth of the economy — and one in 20 jobs, according to the Commerce Department. Macroeconomic Advisers says it now expects the economy to expand at just a 1.4 percent annual rate in the first three months of this year, down from its previous forecast of 1.6 percent, because of reduced government spending during the shutdown.

America’s air-travel system will face its sternest this weekend, which coincides with Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, a federal holiday.

On Friday, the Transportation Security Administration sent a small team of extra screeners to beef up checkpoints at the airport in Newark, New Jersey, which has had among the longest lines in the country this week.

The TSA predicts it will screen over 8 million passengers between Friday and Monday, up 10.8 percent from last year’s MLK weekend. And it will do so with fewer screeners. On Thursday, the TSA said 6.4 percent of screeners missed work — nearly double the 3.8 percent rate on the same day in 2018.

A TSA spokesman said the agency was offering overtime to screeners for this weekend, though those workers wouldn’t be paid — for their regular pay or for overtime—until the shutdown eventually ends.

On top of potentially longer airport security lines this weekend, a blast of winter weather could snarl travel this weekend in the Midwest and Northeast.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, home to Delta Air Lines, has likely been the hardest hit airport. Delta said this week that the shutdown will cost it \$25 million in January because fewer federal employees and contractors will be flying. By contrast, United Airlines, which has a substantial presence around Washington, D.C., said it hasn’t felt much impact yet.

But the airlines fear that if the shutdown doesn’t end soon, more TSA agents will call in sick or quit. A shortage of screeners would cause security lines to swell. Air traffic controllers, who are also working without pay, say they, too, are short-staffed. If the controller shortage became severe enough, the government could restrict the number of flights, though some analysts think that’s unlikely.

“Luckily this is the low season — January is one of the weakest months of the year,” said Savanthi Syth, an airline analyst for Raymond James. “This spilling into February is a real concern. The risk is that the longer this drags out, it might cause some passengers to say, ‘I don’t want to deal with all the hassle, maybe I won’t take that trip.’”

Consumers are, in fact, taking a dimmer view of the economy, in part because of the shutdown. A measure of consumer confidence fell this month by the most in more than six years, according to the University of Michigan, which conducts the

survey. If Americans were to cut back on travel and other discretionary spending, it would weaken consumer spending, the U.S. company’s primary fuel.

Laura Mandala, who runs a travel and tourism research firm, said the shutdown might discourage international travelers, too.

“These uncertainties will result in fewer conferences being booked,” Mandala said, leading to “convention and hotel staff layoffs, reduced schedules, resulting in less income for workers to spend in the local economy.”

Hotels are starting to feel the impact, particularly in the Washington, D.C., region but also in other cities with substantial federal workforces, such as San Diego, which has a large naval base.

In the Washington area, including its nearby suburbs in Maryland and Virginia, hotel revenue plunged 26 percent in the second week of January compared with the same period last year, according to STR, a travel research firm. That’s much steeper than the 8 percent decline that occurred nationwide.

Michael Bellisario, an analyst for investment bank R.W. Baird, suggested that other factors accounted for the most of the nationwide drop but said the shutdown almost certainly played a role.

“In no way is the government shutdown a positive for hotel demand and travel,” Bellisario said.

If the shutdown lingers and people see more reports of long TSA lines on television news, “they will say, ‘Oh wow, traveling is hard,’ and that impacts the hotel industry,” said Jan Freitag, a senior vice president at STR.

For now, though, the most visible impact has been at airports. One of the seven checkpoints at Houston’s main airport has been closed all week and will remain so indefinitely, a spokesman said. Miami closed one concourse during the afternoons and evenings last weekend. On the other hand, officials at airports in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami said they weren’t experiencing any problems.

The problems would emerge if the shutdown persists, and the damage would extend to the private companies that operate airport shops and restaurants.

Mike Boyd, an airport consultant in Colorado, noted that a pullback in travel would be felt most in airports that are heavily dependent on government employees such as Reagan National Airport outside Washington, Manhattan Regional Airport in Kansas, near the Army’s Fort Riley, and Watertown International Airport in upstate New York, near Fort Drum.

Federal employees going without pay — there are about 800,000 of them, including 420,000 who are still working — are already suffering, of course.

“We still have to make sure our kids eat, make sure to have a roof over their head,” said Shalique Caraballo, whose wife is a TSA worker in Atlanta. “We sweat in private and don’t let the kids see the struggle.”

Some in the airline industry and even in Congress have suggested that longer TSA security lines could exert enough pressure on politicians to break the stalemate that is keeping the government shuttered.

Others have all but lost hope.

“I would love to think that politicians understand that travel and tourism is an incredibly important gear in the economy,” said Ninan Chacko, CEO of Travel Leaders Group, which owns and manages travel agencies, “but I don’t think that is really the rational discussion that is taking place in Washington.”

Koenig reported from Dallas and Rugaber from Washington. AP staffers Sarah Blake Morgan and Ron Harris in Atlanta and Cathy Bussewitz in New York contributed to this report.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

California governor skips historic mansion for suburban home

California’s new governor won’t be living in the historic governor’s mansion after all.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and his family moved into the remodeled 142-year-old Victorian mansion around the time he was sworn into office earlier this month.

But they plan to move to a \$3.7 million, six-bedroom house in a Sacramento suburb, The Sacramento Bee reported Friday, citing property records showing the family bought the home in Fair Oaks in December.

The house was purchased by a company registered to Newsom’s cousin, Jeremy Scherer, co-president of PlumpJack, a hospitality company founded by Newsom.

The 12,000 square-foot home is “more kid-friendly” for the four Newsom children, all under 10, said Newsom spokesman Nathan Click. The family plans to move, along with their two dogs and rabbit, once their new house is renovated in a few months.

A Realtor’s invitation described the Fair Oaks property as a “sophisticated Santa Barbara Montecito-styled home within over eight acres of park-like setting” including a wine cellar, pool, guest house and tennis court.

Click said the historic governor’s mansion will be used for public events and state business.

The Newsoms have been the first gubernatorial family with children to live in the mansion a few blocks from the state Capitol, even temporarily, since former Gov. Jerry Brown’s sister, Kathleen, lived there as a teenager while their father, Pat Brown, was governor in the 1960s.

Newsom and his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, initially had been undecided about moving to Sacramento from their home in Marin County near San Francisco, citing their concerns about uprooting their young children.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

California dries off after storms batter state for days

JOHN ANTCAZAK & JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

Thoroughly saturated and muddled California was drying out and cleaning up Friday in the aftermath of Pacific storms that dumped heavy rain and snow throughout the state.

For the first time in days sunlight poked through clouds trailing the latest weather system, which was impacting the Rocky Mountains region as it headed east.

The storms deepened the Sierra Nevada snowpack, a key part of California’s water supply, but officials warned of backcountry avalanche danger.

The drought-plagued state received rainfall totals that meteorologists termed “impressive” but the deluge also left muddy messes that kept some roads closed due to flooding and the danger of rock falls in canyons.

The state, however, avoided a repeat of the disaster that hit the community of Montecito a little over a year ago when a downpour on a wildfire burn scar unleashed deadly debris flows.

Lifting of evacuation orders allowed residents to return to various areas, including portions of Malibu scarred by a huge November wildfire that stripped vegetation from surrounding mountains.

“The potential for falling rocks, mud and debris flow still exists and residents should maintain good situational awareness when re-entering the area,” a city statement said.

A Malibu hiker was critically injured by a boulder on Thursday and more than a dozen people, mostly homeless were rescued from swollen Southern California rivers. At least six deaths were reported statewide during the stormy weather. Causes ranged from falling trees to traffic accidents.

Others narrowly avoided harm.

In Echo Park, a hilly neighborhood on the edge of downtown Los Angeles, Michael Osborne was asleep when a wall of mud came crashing into the home next door before dawn Thursday.

“I heard someone rummaging through

the recycling cans outside and then I just heard an enormous crash and multiple car-alarms went off,” the actor and filmmaker said Friday.

“It felt kind of apocalyptic,” he added. “It was pitch black and I had just woken up from the crash and I didn’t know what was going on.”

The mudflow blocked the front door of Osborne’s duplex and he and his upstairs neighbors had to force it open, but he said the home appeared otherwise undamaged.

The residence next door was badly damaged and authorities declared it uninhabitable. Osborne said the slide also left neighborhood gas and sewage lines exposed.

“As far as I know, our building is structurally sound,” he said.

According to the state Department of Water Resources’ daily hydrologic update, Sierra Nevada snow water content to date was 107 percent of average in the north, 102 percent in the central area and 99 percent in the south.

Multi-day rainfall totals topped 10 inches (254 millimeters) in places like Big Sur and the mountains of Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

The San Francisco Bay/Monterey office of the National Weather Service said that region was now at 85 percent to 90 percent of normal rainfall at this point in the season.

“A big improvement!” the office tweeted.

On a section of the Central Coast where runoff into local reservoirs is critical to water supplies the wet weather has helped lower its drought intensity rating from extreme to moderate. But officials said more rain is needed.

In Santa Barbara County, the Gibraltar Reservoir filled Thursday and began spilling water that flows to long-suffering Lake Cachuma, a much larger reservoir which was only at 35 percent of capacity, KEYT-TV reported.

“We’re still in a drought, it’s great to be getting this rain and we’re continuing to hope that maybe this will be the year that fills Cachuma,” Rebecca Bjork, city of Santa Barbara public works director, told the station.

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