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REPORT:

Conflicting California mudslide warnings issued

Associated Press

In the days before mudslides devastated California neighborhoods, officials released conflicting evacuation orders that left some hard-hit neighborhoods out of the warning zone, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office had posted on its website and on Facebook a list of voluntary and mandatory evacuation areas for the coastal town of Montecito, the Los Angeles Times reported.

A separate map on the county's

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Matthew Hall

REPORTERS

Local students learned the basics of news writing on Jan. 23 as part of a monthly workshop organized by the Santa Monica Library. The Kids Writers Group rotates writing styles each month. For more information on youth programs, visit https://smpl.org/kids.aspx or call the Main Library at (310) 458-8600.

LA's only children's museum moving to Santa Monica Place



Matthew Hall

MOVING: The cooking school will have to move to a new location.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Zimmer Children's Museum announced plans Tuesday to leave Museum Row in Los Angeles for Downtown Santa Monica. When it opens late 2018, the museum is expected to attract 250,000 visitors a year to the third floor of Santa Monica Place, according to a press release from Macerich, which owns the mall.

"We're just delighted that the Zimmer found a place that will work in Santa Monica for their long term vision," said Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. CEO Kathleen Rawson. "They're going to be here a long time."

Rawson said leadership at Los Angeles's only children's museum

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Homeless Count hits the streets tonight

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

More than 200 Santa Monicans will take to the streets tonight to conduct the annual Homeless Count.

The annual count helps provide scope to the homeless problem and arms City Hall with numbers that can be used to receive funding from the federal government for social services.

The local count is part of the national Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Survey mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY EXTENDING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SECTION 4(F) DEMINIMIS FINDING, FOR THE SANTA MONICA PIER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given that the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) for the proposed Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project in the City of Santa Monica **has been extended to 5:30 p.m. March 15, 2018.**

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED: The City of Santa Monica, in cooperation with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to reconstruct the structurally deficient Santa Monica Pier Bridge to meet current seismic standards. The bridge extends west from the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier in the city of Santa Monica. The proposed project entails demolition of the existing structure and construction of a new bridge at the same location. The replacement bridge would have the same alignment as the existing bridge and be approximately the same length; therefore, it would have the same slope (i.e., approximately 10%) and would not be ADA compliant. To rectify this condition, a route would be provided south of and parallel to the bridge and also on the south side of the pier sign. Two options are being considered to provide ADA-compliant access. Option A includes a straight path with a 5% slope and either one or two elevators, an escalator, and/or stairs; Option B includes a fixed structural walkway with a series of curved ramps and landings. Three alternatives were developed to address the reconstruction of the Pier Bridge: Alternatives 1, 2, and 3.

Alternative 1 would demolish the existing bridge entirely, provide a new wider bridge located in the same alignment of the existing Pier Bridge, and construct a temporary vehicular bridge on Moss Avenue connecting Appian Way to the pier deck parking during construction. The replacement bridge would be approximately 490 feet long and approximately 64 feet wide, approximately 30 feet wider than the existing bridge. The additional width would provide space for an ADA-compliant route, two designated bicycle lanes, and a wider sidewalk to serve the volume of pedestrians at the pier safely. During construction, pedestrian access from the Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue intersection would be provided by a temporary bridge.

The replacement bridge under Alternative 2 would be the same as under Alternative 1 but with a different location for temporary vehicular access during construction that would rely upon a temporary vehicle ramp from Parking Lot 1 North. Under Alternative 3, two new bridges would be constructed. The existing bridge would be replaced with a new bridge that would be between 34 and 40 feet wide; the alignment would be in the same location as the existing alignment. This replacement bridge would be designed primarily for pedestrian and bicycle use, as well as ADA-compliant access, but would also provide access for emergency vehicles. Alternative 3 proposes to build a second permanent bridge on the Moss Avenue. New permanent Moss Avenue bridge would be the new permanent location for the vehicle access to the Pier and Pier parking lot. Alternative 3 has been identified as the Locally Preferred Alternative because it meets all of the project needs, provides for better long-term multi-modal access to and from the pier, eliminates the need for vehicles to access the pier deck parking lot by turning across a segment of the pier with heavy pedestrian and bicyclist use, and is the most cost-effective of the build alternatives.

WHY THIS NOTICE: A draft EIR/EA has been prepared by the lead agencies to determine the potential for environmental impacts due to the proposed project. This notice is provided to inform you that (1) the City of Santa Monica and Caltrans have prepared a draft environmental impact report/environmental assessment (EIR/EA), which describes potential environmental impacts of the Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project, and (2) invite you to review the draft environmental impact report/environmental assessment and submit any comments you may have on the document and the project to the lead agencies.

ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR/EA analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project including: Air Quality, Construction Effects, Cumulative Impacts, Relocations, Utilities, Emergency Services, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Water Quality/Stormwater Runoff, Geology/Soils/Seismicity, Cultural Resources, Paleontology, Biological Environment/Resources, and Traffic/Transportation/Circulation. The proposed project could result in unavoidable significant adverse impacts to traffic under Alternative 3 (increased congestion at some local intersections).

EXTENDED PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A public review period is being provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR/EA. The initial 65-day extended comment period started on December 11, 2017 and was set to close at 5:30 p.m. on February 13, 2018. **In response to comments received during the comment period, the City extends the comment period for an additional 30 days. Therefore, the total public review period will be 95-days from December 11, 2017 to end at 5:30 p.m. on March 15, 2018.** Written comments should be sent to:

Selim Eren, P.E., Civil Engineer
City of Santa Monica, Civil Engineering Division
1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Email: pierbridge@smgov.net

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:
The draft EIR/EA and related documents are available for public review at the following locations:
- Caltrans District 7, 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012;
- Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90401;
- Montana Avenue Branch Library,1704 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403;
- Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405;
- Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405 and
- Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

This draft EIR/EA document may also be viewed and downloaded at the following websites: www.dot.ca.gov/d7/env-docs and www.smgov.net/smpierbridge

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, January 24

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market
Fresh seasonal produce sold direct from California farmers. Some nine thousand food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Yoga
All levels welcome. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Computer Class: "Appy Hour" at Ocean Park
Bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop and get individualized help in small groups to get you started with using your device. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

Happiness Room
Come visit SMPL's mobile pop-up Happiness Room, dedicated to all kinds of resources, visuals and interactive features (including virtual reality) on happiness, joy, calm, positivity, flow, gratitude and meditation. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Concert: Bossa Nova & the Jazz Influence
In this cool evening concert, the Angelo Metz Quartet presents a repertoire exemplifying the influence of jazz in the Brazilian musical style of Bossa Nova, and explores its incorporation into the American Jazz songbook. Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Beach=Culture: 'Four Million Angels'
"Four Million Angels" takes a look at the people who fill the streets of Santa Monica on a sunny day. The artists in this exhibit make work that reflects a passionate interest in the people of Los Angeles and speaks of our universal experiences. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, January 26

Citizenship Classes
An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Instructors help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Yoga
All levels welcome. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Caldecott Award Celebration
Celebrate the Caldecott Medal, which recognizes the most distinguished American picture book for children. Read a Caldecott book, sketch a Caldecott-inspired drawing, then frame it! Refreshments provided. Fairview Branch Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Market Beat
The Malibu Senior Center is hosting a free lecture, "The Market Beat," from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The lecture, facilitated by Kal Klatte, will offer insights into the resulting changes in the US dollar value, interest rates and commodities. Join the discussion with like-minded people who want to learn, educate, have fun and invest better. This informal discussion group will meet at Malibu City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room. For more information call the Malibu Senior Center at (310) 456-2489 ext. 357.

Ocean Park History
Local historian, Richard Orton is giving a 45 minute, free lecture on the colorful 150 year History of Ocean Park. With pictures. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 1 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

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Los Angeles County

Federal Disaster Assistance For Fire Victims

State and Federal Disaster Assistance Programs are now available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for eligible homeowners, renters and business owners in Los Angeles County who suffered damages or losses due to the December 2017 Creek, Rye and Skirball wildfires.

"A recent amendment to President Trump's major disaster declaration of January 2, 2018, made at the request of California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., means that residents in our County and neighboring counties can now access individual disaster assistance from FEMA," stated Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Sheila Kuehl. "We encourage anyone who sustained wildfire damages due to the recent Los Angeles County area wildfires to register for assistance immediately."

Individuals can register for disaster relief by either visiting www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may call 800-621-3362. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., local time, seven days a week. During the registration process, applicants should be ready to provide the following information: Social Security number of one household member, address of the damaged primary residence, description of the damage, information about insurance coverage, a current telephone number, an address where they can receive e-mails, and a bank account with routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

"Our region pulled together to protect people and property during the Creek and Skirball fires. We are grateful that no lives were lost, and want to be certain that the road to recovery is as clear as possible for households and businesses that suffered losses," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Partnerships with Federal, State, and County emergency management organizations are helping us make sure that financial assistance gets to the right places – so that Angelenos affected by the wildfires can get relief as quickly as possible."

Disaster assistance can include State and FEMA grants, and low-interest loans from SBA.

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) Grants are designated for homeowners and renters who sustained uninsured damage or underinsured losses to their primary homes, vehicles and personal property. These grants may help pay for temporary housing (including rental or lodging expenses), emergency home repairs, personal property losses, and medical, dental and funeral expenses caused by the disaster. IA grants are not taxable income and will not affect eligibility for any Federal, State or County benefits, such as Social Security, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance.

SBA disaster loans are available to businesses and private non-profit organizations to assist with working capital needs as a direct result of the disaster. Businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

Disaster loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates can be as low as 3.385 percent for businesses, 2.5 percent for private non-profit organizations and 1.75 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial circumstance.

SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

More information about SBA disaster loans can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955.

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Gay couple sues US for denying citizenship to 1 twin son

A gay Los Angeles couple is suing the U.S. State Department for not recognizing one of their twin sons as a citizen.

Andrew and Elad Dvash-Banks filed the discrimination suit Monday in Los Angeles federal court.

The couple says the U.S. government has failed to recognize their Canadian marriage and one of the 1-year-old fraternal twins born there. Each boy was conceived with sperm from a different father and born by the same surrogate mother minutes apart.

The State Department only granted citizenship to Aiden, who DNA tests showed was the biological son of Andrew, a U.S. citizen. The other son, Ethan, who was conceived from Elad's sperm, was denied citizenship. Elad Dvash-Banks is an Israeli citizen.

The State Department said it doesn't comment on pending litigation.

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COUNT

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Urban Development for all communities that receive federal funds for homelessness programs. The results have a direct impact on the amount of federal funds allocated to homeless programs nationally and how those funds are distributed.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is the nation's largest count of homeless individuals and families, covering almost 4,000 square miles.

The Santa Monica count is conducted entirely by local volunteers and while the City has struggled to find enough volunteers in years past, volunteer registration closed for this year's count more than a week before the actual count.

The results from last year found more people living on the street in Santa Monica than at any time since the City started conducting a yearly count of the homeless in 2009. Last year's count found 581 people sleeping on the street or on the beach, up nearly 40 percent from the previous year. The number of people living in shelters and institutions rose 9 percent year over year, from 312 to 340 in 2017.

Los Angeles County reported a similar increase.

Santa Monica has struggled to adapt to the rising tide of homelessness but City Hall recently announced plans to tackle the problem including new bring a "C3" outreach teams. The team members will be assigned to specific areas in the city to identify vulnerable individuals and engage in interventions to get them into stable housing. Police, Fire and library employees will be receiving additional training in the next year on how to best deal with homeless individuals and connect them with supportive services.

Results from the 2018 count will be released later this year.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

1318 Lincoln Boulevard. Development Review 16ENT-0102. Development Review Permit (16ENT-0102) to allow a new five-story (50 feet), 33,710 square-foot, mixed-use building with 3,437 square feet of ground floor commercial space, 43 residential units, and a three-level subterranean parking garage designed to accommodate 101 automobile and 83 bicycle parking spaces. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.40.020, a Development Review Permit is required for any project exceeding the maximum Tier 1 limits of 3 stories/39 feet in height and a 1.5 FAR for a property in the MUB zoning district. [Planner: Scott Albright] **APPLICANT: WNMS Communities. PROPERTY OWNER: NMS 1318 Lincoln, LLC.**

1650 Lincoln Boulevard, Development Review 16ENT-0073 and Parcel Map 16ENT-0167. Development Review Permit 16ENT-0073 and Tentative Vesting Parcel Map 16ENT-0167 to allow a new five-story, 50-foot high, 69,346 square foot, mixed-use building with 98 residential units and approximately 7,025 square feet of ground floor commercial tenant space, and a three-level subterranean parking garage designed to accommodate 210 automobiles and 173 bicycles. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.40.020, a Development Review Permit is required for any project exceeding the maximum Tier 1 limits of 3 stories/39 feet in height and a 1.5 FAR for a property in the MUB zoning district. [Planner: Scott Albright] **APPLICANT: WNMS Communities. PROPERTY OWNER: 1650 Lincoln NMS, LLC.**

Zoning Ordinance: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to begin a preliminary discussion of potential policy issues that have arisen since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance in July 2015 through its implementation. This initial public hearing is intended solely to begin a preliminary discussion of these Zoning Ordinance policy issues for analysis and review at future Planning Commission hearings. No recommendations will be made to alter the existing Zoning Ordinance standards during this preliminary discussion. Formal consideration of these policy issues including recommendations to the City Council will occur at a future date to be determined. [Planner: Tony Kim]

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Francie Stefan at (310) 458-8341. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, #10R, and #18 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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

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CLARE Foundation and The Matrix Institute on Addictions Vote to Merge

After a thorough financial, legal and operational due diligence process, two Los Angeles nonprofits dedicated to recovery from substance misuse – CLARE Foundation and The Matrix Institute on Addictions – have voted to merge. The new nonprofit entity will provide

- Detoxification
- Residential and Outpatient Treatment for Substance Misuse
- Behavioral Health Services
- Prevention
- Research
- Training to increase treatment capability

With combined locations in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, CLARE and Matrix are positioned to deepen and expand their impact with the powerful combination of recovery treatment, prevention, behavioral health support, research and training. The mission remains to ensure everyone has access to these lifesaving services, regardless of ability to pay.

"The CLARE and Matrix families truly complement each other," says CLARE Foundation CEO, Dr. Lisa Steele. "Each organization brings vital expertise to treating the whole person in recovery – and their families. CLARE has a 50-year track record of treating substance misuse for thousands of clients. The Matrix Institute has been recognized by the Surgeon General for their internationally-known, evidence-based practices, outpatient treatment, training and research. Together, we can save more lives through recovery with a full spectrum of treatment for clients, research that contributes to our understanding of this devastating disease and training to increase our capacity to treat addiction."

"We approached CLARE because we admired so much of what they do in the recovery community," says Matrix Institute on Addictions Co-Founder Jeanne Obert. "Both organizations have long and respected histories in the field, locally, nationally and internationally. Together, we look forward to sharing much more about the new programs and the capabilities this merger will bring to the communities we serve."

CLARE Foundation and The Matrix Institute on Addictions will spend the next several months focusing on facilitating a successful integration.

ABOUT CLARE FOUNDATION

Founded in 1970, CLARE Foundation is a nonprofit organization providing cost-efficient, effective and compassionate treatment, recovery and prevention services for alcoholism, substance abuse, and behavioral health treatment to individuals, families and the community. Each year, CLARE impacts over 10,000 people through assessment, treatment and referral services. On the web at www.clarefoundation.org

ABOUT THE MATRIX INSTITUTE ON ADDICTIONS

The Matrix Institute is committed to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by alcohol and other drug use through treatment, education, and research. The treatment model The Matrix Institute developed – The Matrix Model - has been acknowledged by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) as an effective and scientifically-based outpatient approach. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has listed the model on its National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). On the web at www.matrixinstitute.org

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER MAU DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS, CLARE FOUNDATION

SAN DIEGO

San Diego declares end to Hepatitis A emergency

San Diego's public health emergency for Hepatitis A has ended, officials declared Tuesday, after no new cases of the liver-damaging virus were reported in the past month and no deaths since October.

Officials vowed to continue efforts to keep the illness under control.

On Sept. 1, authorities declared the emergency to fight the worst epidemic of its kind in 20 years in the U.S. It killed 20 people and sickened 577 people between November 2016 and October 2017.

Officials vaccinated more than 100,000 people, installed scores of hand-washing stations and cleaned streets with a bleach solution to contain the virus that lives in feces.

"New outbreak activity has leveled off to near zero," said Wilma Wooten, San Diego County public health officer. "The sustained vaccination, sanitation and education efforts we undertook will continue and we will remain vigilant to make sure that the outbreak activity doesn't return."

Three giant tents opened to temporarily house hundreds of homeless people, the most affected population.

The outbreak spread to at least three other states.

While the Hepatitis A cases have eased, San Diego now is battling thousands of cases of flu. The county is among the hardest hit in California and in the nation this season.

A total of 142 flu deaths have been reported through Jan. 13, 2018, the highest ever since the county began tracking it about 20 years ago. The previous deadliest flu season was in 2014-15, when 97 deaths were reported.

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Time Is Up

IN SANTA MONICA

If I may appropriate that to local issues. No more making deals with the devil. When you hold back and wait until after you have lost something precious, chances are good you won't get it back.

2017 was certifiably horrible. I will not forget. We lost much that is dear, especially as Americans. 2018 could easily be worse. But not if I have anything to say about it. And I'm optimistic.

This past Saturday I marched, with millions of others. Estimates of the crowd in downtown LA ranged from 300,000 to double that. The focus of last year's march was outrage over the illegitimate election of a man so many considered unfit to hold that high office, and his shameless antifeminism. This past year we've seen the dangerous results for women and girls, but this march also celebrated the dawning of a new era of hope for real equality for women especially in the workplace, especially to be free from sexual violence, harassment and discrimination. Time's up!

It was also a protest against the staggering number and range of policies and reversals enacted by this pretender to the throne in that year since the last march, that so many feel are un-American and reprehensible. AND — a clarion call especially to women and to people of color, to run for office, and to vote, in unprecedented numbers. It seems already to be gaining great momentum.

That's where it comes home to Santa Monica. I am not going to run for office, I am not going to change my gender or race. But I am henceforth wearing my Henry Rollins heavy boots. ("My optimism wears heavy boots and is loud." — H.R.)

I'M FINISHED

I've had it. With getting sucked in, to arguing piecemeal issues on the wrong premise with disingenuous or willfully ignorant people who have carefully hidden agendas. That's like trying to negotiate with Jello, like trying to catch the wind.

You say you want to help solve our "housing crisis." (It's an affordability crisis — completely different solutions.) But with your plans to pack even tighter an already overcrowded, too-dense Santa Monica, you are either sincerely misinformed or intentionally a tool of moneyed interests that will profit from what you espouse. Profit. Immensely.

Say it. Santa Monica is already packed to the gills. (We'll need them — we're about to be squeezed into the sea.) Where else do you have an already-dense 94,000 residents in 8.4 square miles, then throw in some 150,000 plus visitors per day? Something that rarely gets noted by overdevelopment apologists.

There's our gridlocked traffic. Our water shortage. Airport use. Election process. The role of Santa Monica College in our community. Our bloated, overpaid staff. Use of our Civic Center. Our many overdevelopment issues. Our schools. Frivolous, extravagant spending of our tax dollars. Tourism. Crime. Disappearing diversity. The homeless. Zoning. Policing. Unpunished wrongdoing by City Council members and staff. Biased media. The list seems endless, the chances of change remote, because big, big money influences everything, especially elections, and is so hard to overcome. Measure LV, grassroots, imperfect but adjustable, and needed, saw $1.5M come flooding in to squash it, and all the resultant dirty tricks that kind of money can buy.

BUT WE SHALL OVERCOME

I, for one, will not be dissuaded, will not shrink from the daunting task. What else can we do, really, but get angry and get moving. Organize, inform, get out the vote.

Seize the power of truth. Start calling stuff what it really is. No more patience for obfuscation and bullpucky. Start calling campaign contributions bribes. Start calling the string of people who don't live in Santa Monica but preach before the City Council and get listened to, stooges for developers. Call out Unite Here Local 11 union for being only concerned with lobbying for the biggest buildings possible that offer union wages, no matter what the consequences to the city (that few of them live in).

If someone champions diversity and keeping Santa Monicans in their homes by building more more, more housing so that some small portion of it can be designated "affordable," ask them what all the other consequences are of that strategy, for those people and all the others who already live here. Ask them how many units we have to build here before the price begins to drop. Really, get a number, I'd love to know, because no one has answered that question yet. They can't, because the demand here is almost unlimited. It's LA, it's the beach.

When someone says we must do our part for this "housing crisis," tell them fiercely we already have. We have for years exceeded the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) guidelines. Compared to LA County figures, Santa Monica has been building way more units per thousand residents. Why all the hue and cry in Santa Monica, you have to ask yourself? What about Santa Clarita, Lancaster, Palmdale? Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Gardena? Why isn't there a Forward Beverly Hills? — they don't build squat for their share of the crisis. Why is Forward only making noise in Santa Monica? Ask yourself. Ask them. And the candidates they're grooming for City Council this next election. Ask them if they have noticed we have borders that limit us, and one of them is an ocean.

Ask the developers of tall, wide, dense new condo and apartment buildings why they keep talking about how "green" their buildings are, how much more efficient for water and waste, but not about the simple math that 50 units in the space where there once were five is 45 more drains on our limited water and waste facilities, traffic, schools and everything. Any kindergarten kid can do that math, but our City Council and planning department keep buying it. (Right. They know.)

Tonight — last night as you read this — our City Council decides if it's OK to inject a business that few or none of the neighbors want into a quiet residential neighborhood. By even considering this, who is the CC representing?

Time to look at everything here in a new, brutally honest light. Before it's too late.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: Can district voting save us? Take the big money out of politics enough to elect people who really want to represent their neighbors? I say it's certainly worth a try.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke." — Will Rogers (of Pacific Palisades)

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MUDSLIDE

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website showed a larger voluntary evacuation zone that included homes not covered by the sheriff's list.

Of the 21 people killed in the mudslide, at least a dozen lived in areas that were covered by the county's evacuation map but not included in the Sheriff's Office warnings, according to records reviewed by the newspaper.

County officials acknowledged the discrepancy while emphasizing the many other measures taken to warn residents of the approaching storm — including emails, social media alerts, press releases and deputies going door to door in some areas.

"Regrettably, however, also 30 hours prior to the storms arrival, I approved a press release and Facebook that had discrepancies with the western boundary of our intended voluntary evacuation area," Robert Lewin, San Barbara County's director of the Office of Emergency Management, said in a statement.

Officials emphasized that all those who died were in a voluntary or mandatory evacuation zone and that the warnings probably saved more lives.

Questions remain about whether a broader evacuation warning would have made a difference. Officials estimated that only 15 percent of the residents in the mandatory evacuation zone left the area.

Authorities lifted some evacuation orders and advisories on the western edge of Montecito starting at midday Tuesday. Utilities may still be out and a "boil water" notice remains in effect, officials said.

Large swaths of the hillside enclave remain evacuated as crews continue to remove mud and boulders and rebuild drainage pipes and power lines. Officials said over the weekend that it would be a gradual process getting residents back into homes.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared Monday a "Day of Remembrance of the Montecito Mudslides" and ordered flags flown at half-staff over the state Capitol.

A 17-year-old boy and 2-year-old girl remain missing.

Meanwhile, the state senator representing Montecito introduced legislation Tuesday that seeks to ensure that insurance companies cover damages from the mudslide.

Democratic Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson said some insurers are being noncommittal about whether they'll cover mudslide claims for customers who don't have optional flood insurance.

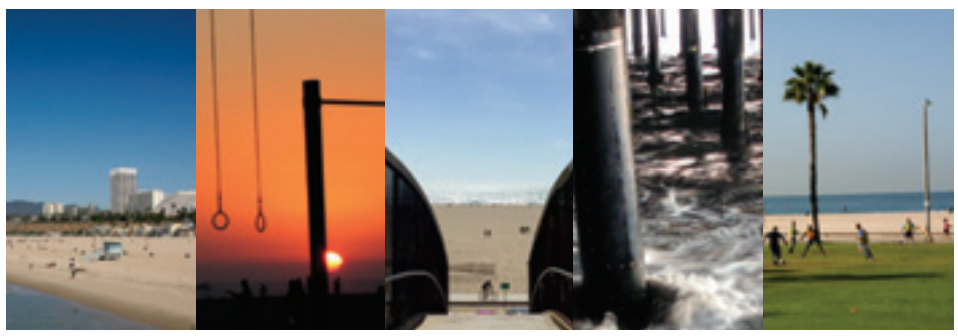
Jackson's bill, SB917, would require insurers to pay for losses from mudslides triggered by wildfires or other covered disasters.

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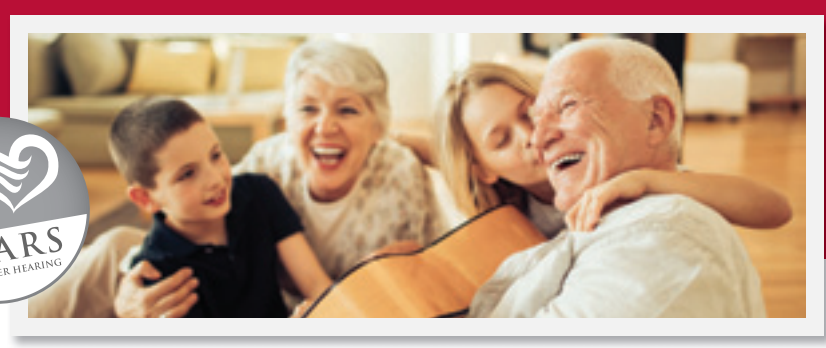
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MUSEUM

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was initially in talks to join the city-owned development called The Plaza at 4th and Arizona but needed to leave their current location faster than the private/public project is moving forward. They will move into the former market space on the northeast corner of Santa Monica Place and the current tenant, The Gourmandise School of Sweets and Savories, will move to a new location in the mall.

"Children's museums are fabulous places for the community to take advantage of," Rawson said. "This one in particular has a really important mandate that they are really trying to shape young minds into being part of the broader community."

The Zimmer offers classes and public programs in arts, music and movement, cross-cultural exchange, school readiness, early childhood education and languages. The museum's new location will feature a new, expanded experience and a curated museum shop, according to Macerich.

The museum will be neighbors with some of Santa Monica's most expensive stores: Tiffany and Co., Louis Vuitton, Tory Burch, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom and Barneys New York, among others.

"This innovative use of space at our high-performing, award-winning Santa Monica Place is part of how we are redefining what a sophisticated retail property brings to the community," said Art Coppola, Chairman and CEO of Macerich.

The museum is contracting new designers and architects to draw up plans for the new space, which is double the size of the current museum on Wilshire Boulevard, promising to release renderings in the coming months. The Zimmer began as a 600 square foot play space inside the Westside Jewish Community Center more than a decade ago. It became an independent nonprofit organization in 2006, redefining its mission to serve all children in Los Angeles through on-site programs an its outreach program, youTHink.

"Partnering with Macerich is a step forward for our children's museum as a cultural institution," said the museum's CEO Esther Netter.

About 50,000 people visit the Zimmer on Museum Row. YouThink reaches about 3,000 students in Los Angeles area public schools, providing art, leadership and community opportunities for middle and high school students.

Rawson says it will become an important anchor to the mall that balances shopping, The Pier and restaurants.

"It adds a richness to the overall variety of experiences downtown that I feel is very complimentary."

Admission to the current location is $8 for adults and $5 for children ages two through 17. Grandparents visit for free on Tuesdays. A glance at this week's calendar shows toddler classes in Farsi, French and Spanish, a 'Sensational Splash!' class for babies under 18 months and preschool prep. Membership costs $109 and allows unlimited admission for two adults and their children a year, plus discounts on classes and camps.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON JANUARY 12, AT ABOUT 1:22 P.M.

While patrolling the area of 1600 Ocean Avenue, officers saw a subject known to them from previous contacts at the entrance to the Santa Monica Pier. Officers were aware the subject was on probation for assault with a deadly weapon. Officers contacted the subject and learned the subject had an outstanding "No-Bail" warrant for his arrest out of Sana Monica. Earl Darnell Love, 44, from Santa Monica, was booked for the warrant.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 372 Calls For Service On Jan. 22.

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

Trespassing 1200 block 6th 12:17 a.m.
Encampment 2000 block The Beach 12:52 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 1:24 a.m.
Panic alarm 1700 block Berkeley 4:08 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 2nd 4:29 a.m.
Indecent exposure 200 block Bicknell 4:41 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block Santa Monica 5:14 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1000 block California 6:15 a.m.
Assault 1500 block 2nd 6:49 a.m.
Encampment 1300 block Yale 7:16 a.m.
Public intoxication 1700 block Lincoln 8:16 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Main 8:48 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 18th 9:03 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Wilshire 9:33 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2900 block Delaware 9:33 a.m.
Bike theft 400 block Colorado 9:41 a.m.
Burglary 2600 block 33rd 9:48 a.m.
Burglar alarm 400 block Strand St 10:34 a.m.
Bike theft 1500 block 2nd St 10:36 a.m.
Fight 7th / Olympic 10:48 a.m.
Battery 1400 block Euclid 11:15 a.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 11:28 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 10th 11:33 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 2200 block Wilshire 11:35 a.m.
Identity theft 2800 block Exposition 11:40 a.m.
Fight 1800 block Lincoln 12:20 p.m.
Burglary 700 block 12th 12:22 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 12:26 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Pico 12:40 p.m.
Burglary 800 block Wilshire 12:44 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Pico 12:46 p.m.
Burglar alarm 600 block Pier 1:08 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 18th 1:10 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block Ocean 1:16 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Arizona 1:50 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block 22nd 3:15 p.m.
Indecent exposure 3100 block Wilshire 3:30 p.m.
Bike theft 800 block 9th 4:01 p.m.
Grand theft 100 block Santa Monica Pl 4:33 p.m.
Public intoxication 2300 block 23rd 4:55 p.m.
Burglary 700 block 12th 5:00 p.m.
Fraud 1900 block 22nd 5:34 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 6th 5:39 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block 28th 7:48 p.m.
Trespassing 100 block Bay 8:36 p.m.
Person with gun 2700 block Main 9:00 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1000 block Montana 9:45 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block Raymond 9:52 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Olympic 9:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 32 Calls For Service On Jan. 22.

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Emergency Medical Service 1200 block 6th 12:46 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 11th 1:48 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Lincoln 2:18 a.m.
EMS 600 block 9th 4:03 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2800 block Colorado 6:49 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 7:46 a.m.
EMS 6th / California 7:52 a.m.
EMS 500 block 12th 9:19 a.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 10:28 a.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 10:49 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 12:32 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield / Pico 12:46 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 12:56 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:04 p.m.
EMS Appian / Seaview 2:32 p.m.
EMS 2000 block California 2:59 p.m.
EMS 2000 block California 3:05 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield / 26th 3:14 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Wilshire 3:39 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pico 3:42 p.m.
EMS 6th / Colorado 3:56 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 4:11 p.m.
Structure fire 1500 block 9th 5:09 p.m.
EMS 600 block 14th 5:18 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Franklin 6:37 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block Broadway 6:49 p.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 7:36 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Neilson 7:42 p.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 8:02 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block Palisades 8:30 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1200 block 15th 8:56 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 1/20
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Power#: 3
Jackpot: 92M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 1/19
3 17 23 49 66
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 63M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 1/20
16 22 25 41 44
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/22
2 10 15 22 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/23
MIDDAY: 0 3 9
Draw Date: 1/22
EVENING: 9 3 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/22
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:46.92

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maladroit

1. unskillful; awkward; bungling; tactless; lacking in adroitness: to handle a diplomatic crisis in a very maladroit way.

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Observation

■ "If people let the government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as the souls who live under tyranny."

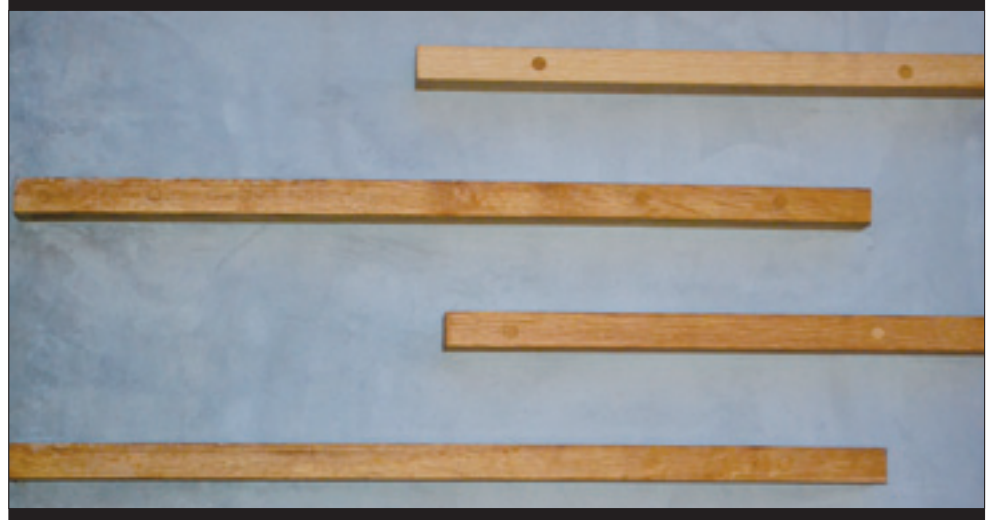
■ —American founding father and U.S. president Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826). Reportedly, among Jefferson's favorite foods were waffles, chocolate, macaroni, Parmesan cheese, figs, raisins, almonds, mustard, vinegar, oil and anchovies and French cuisine.

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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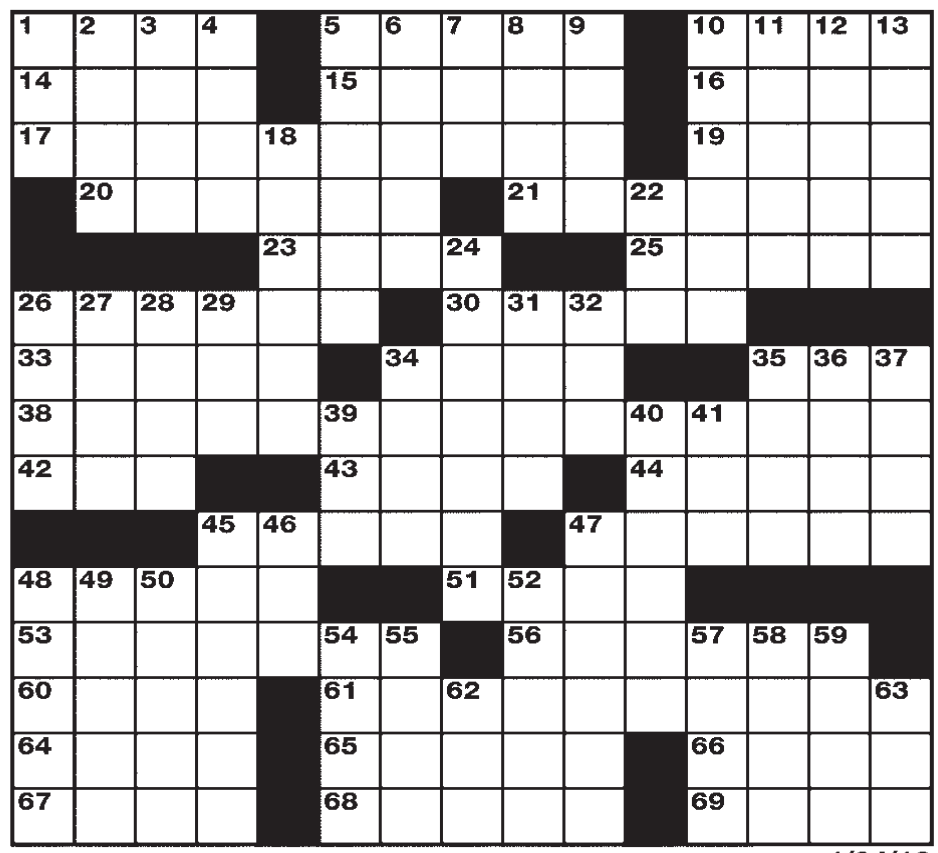
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Colosseum locale
5 Greeting at a luau
10 Sound of a comics punch
14 Biblical paradise
15 Red __ (Snoopy's pilot foe)
16 Stereo system
17 Best-selling 1920s 34 Across
19 Dry as a desert
20 Dwell
21 Casino employees
23 Hamilton's bills
25 French cap
26 Customary ways
30 Barbecue residue
33 Give the slip to
34 Assembly line product
35 Passports, for short
38 Uninteresting to a particular person
42 Collector's goal
43 Back in the old days
44 Banisters
45 Participant in a sprint
47 Poetry selections
48 Make off with
51 Male deer
53 Finny swimmer with whiskers
56 Numerous
60 Border on
61 Gridiron gadget
64 Network junction point
65 Climbing plants
66 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
67 __ the line (obeyed)
68 Homophone of the puzzle's theme
69 Y-shaped intersection

DOWN
1 Boxing official
2 Fragrance
3 "A __ technicality!"
4 Wraps things up
5 Dwellings
6 Filled (with)
7 Raw mineral
8 Grasp
9 Pay (up)
10 Largest mammals
11 Personnel person
12 In flames
13 Central point
18 Pot holder with a thumb
22 "Honest" prez
24 Pieces of a tea service
26 Group in a coop
27 Skin-cream additive
28 Intrude, with "in"
29 Altar vow
31 Leave speechless
32 Move like a bunny
34 Tennis great Arthur
35 ". . . but you know how __"
36 Proofreader's mark
37 Fresh talk
39 List-shortening abbr.
40 State south of Seattle
41 At a great distance
45 Traveled like Huck Finn
46 __ Baba
47 Small suitcase
48 Barely sufficient
49 Off-limits
50 Piano practice piece
52 Helps oneself to
54 Satirical routine
55 Home to honey handlers
57 Pre-weekend shout
58 *Beetle Bailey* dog
59 Cause of goosebumps
62 Espionage org.
63 Moose cousin



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 24)

You'll accomplish much by thinking positively and strategically and then acting on what you plan. You really do need a mentor, though, to keep you on track. Seek qualified candidates now and by March you'll be on a plan you can stick to. You'll be celebrating major success milestones in April and August. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 31, 20 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Of course you have more power than you are exercising, but you wisely weigh the consequences of each action. True influence isn't about what you can get people to do; it's about what you can inspire them to want to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The absence of a person can be a presence — a presence so strong it dominates the room, the hour, the talk and the feeling of the day. This is how humans can transcend the apparent laws of space and time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You'll be the one with the cool news soon enough. Today you'll get a chance to practice reacting to the cool news of others. In a way, you're modeling the reaction you'd like to get when it's your turn to be the messenger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Setting yourself up for success will be a matter of casting the right people in the right roles of your life. You need someone to impress, someone to learn from and someone to cheer you on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll talk on a number of broad topics and make people laugh, too. But your secret to relating to people is not in expressing yourself exceptionally well; rather, it is in observing exceptionally well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
If it's true that the external circumstances somehow exist to balance and harmonize what's going on inside you, you should be able to change your interior world through a rearrangement of your environment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
It is your desire to be a delight to others. You won't have to do too much to achieve this effect — maybe slightly more than your usual self-care and making an effort to put yourself in their presence. That's it!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
"How my achievements mock me!" said one character in a Shakespeare play. It's also the sentiment of everyone who's ever done something remarkable and been daunted by the prospect of repeating it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Because you know yourself well, you will see the world with greater accuracy. You can take your strengths and failings out of the equation and try for an unbiased view, to whatever extent that is possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Plant your affection and something will grow. Maybe it won't be what you expected. Every location is different, and some ground is more fertile than other ground. But something will come of it.

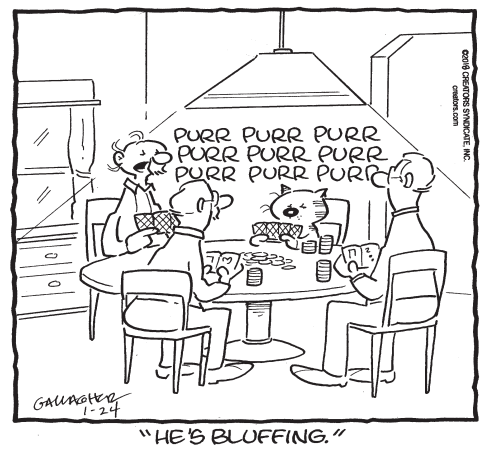
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
To think deeply into seemingly shallow things is the tendency shared by poets and storytellers, mystics, inventors, designers and pied pipers of all sorts. Caution: Some frivolous wastes of time really are just that. Be discerning.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You can't learn what you already know. This is why you might have to kick around some of the beliefs and stories inside your head to see how sound they really are. Believing in untrue things can prevent future learning.

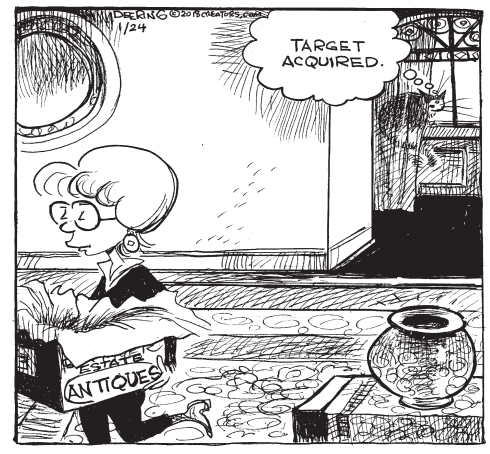
Mercury and Pluto Conjunction

You can't see your own face. The mirror shows you a representation that's limited in dimension. A picture shows you an even flatter, static version. Your brain fills in quite a lot, but ultimately others experience your face, your presence and your being in a way that you can only glimpse. And glimpse you will with this lineup of Mercury and Pluto.

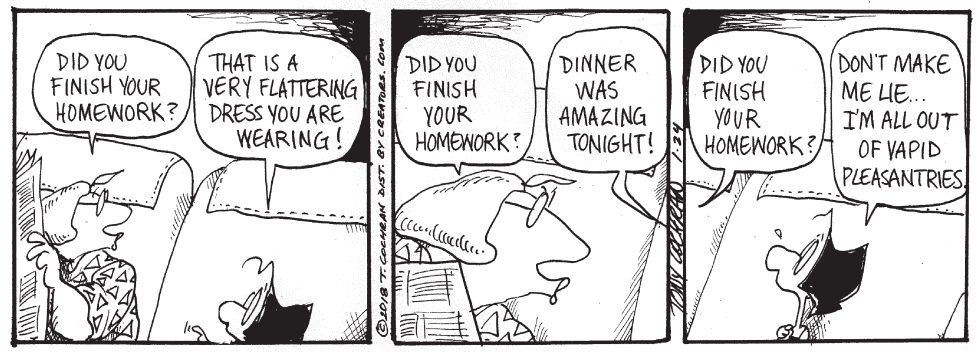
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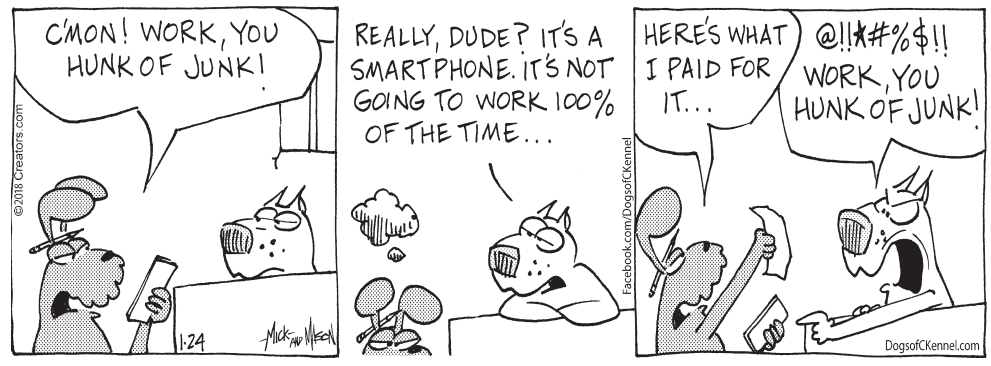
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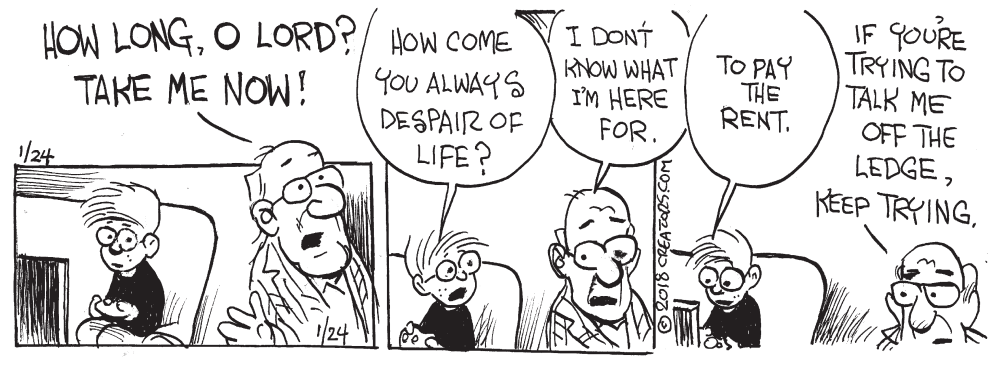
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