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Volunteers tally homeless population

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Lynne Thomas, Jennifer Cowan and Suzy Herbert methodically recorded the location of each person they saw bedding down Wednesday night in Tongva Park.

"If there's anything I can possibly do to help, it's this," said Thomas, a longtime Santa Monica resident who co-runs The Lobster, an upscale restaurant across the street from the park. In the 10 years since she has been participating in the city's annual homeless count, she has seen the homeless population grow by a third to just under 1,000 individuals.

Thomas, Cowan and Herbert were joined Wednesday by more than 300 volunteers who conducted a point-in-time count of individuals sleeping outside, in encampments and in cars within Santa Monica's 8.3 square miles as part of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Officials also counted those spending the night in shelters, hospitals and jails.



Madeleine Pauker

COUNT: Accompanied by a police officer, Jennifer Cowan, Suzy Herbert and Lynne Thomas count the homeless in Tongva Park.

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Involuntary manslaughter charges filed after fight

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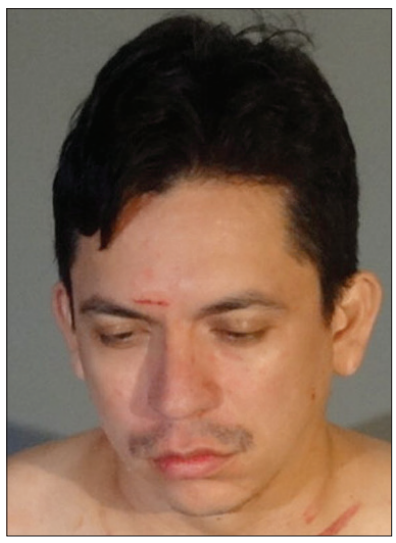
A Santa Monica man has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with a Jan. 19 death.

Jaime Francisco Bertrand was arrested on Jan. 20 on a murder charge but the District Attorney's office filed an Involuntary Manslaughter case against Bertrand during his court hearing on Jan. 22.

The arrest stems from a fight and death that occurred on the 1100 block of 14th Street.

According to SMPD, officers were called to the scene of a fight at about 8 p.m. on Sunday night where one individual had fallen unconscious.

"Officers and Fire began CPR on the unconscious individual (victim) however they were unable to revive him," said Lieutenant Candice Cobarrubias. "As of now, what we know is that there was a physical altercation between two individuals inside the home and as a result, one of the individuals passed away."



JAIME FRANCISCO BERTRAND

As of Thursday, Bertrand remained in jail on $25,000 bail.

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Firebomber facing 10 charges

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The District attorney has filed ten charges against a Santa Monica man who is accused of throwing several firebombs into the streets last weekend.

Korie Paul Schmidt has been charged with seven counts of possessing a destructive device, one count of possessing destructive device materials and two counts of possessing explosive devices with intent to destroy property.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, officers received calls of a person throwing Molotov cocktails throughout the weekend and at about 3 p.m. on Jan. 19 they were told the suspect was near Santa Monica Blvd and Pico Blvd.



KORIE PAUL SCHMIDT

"On Sunday, Officers spotted a car matching the description in the area of Centinela and Pico," said Lieutenant Candice Cobarrubias. "A traffic stop was conducted and evidence was found inside the vehicle that tied the subject and this vehicle to the suspect who was seen throwing Molotov cocktails."

The Sheriff's bomb squad was called to the scene due to the disheveled nature of the car but the vehicle was eventually deemed safe.

There was speculation that the suspect was targeting McDonald's because the devices were thrown in the area of the fast food restaurant," said Cobarrubias. "There is no correlation between the two."

Schmidt is currently being held on $1,650,000 bail.

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Department of Mental Health to host Town Hall Saturday

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In an effort to improve mental health services and offerings in the local area, the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health and Mental Health Commission are collaborating to host a community event this Saturday that will allow residents a chance to share how the department can better suit their needs.

The day-long stakeholder summit will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, located at 1210 4th Street in Santa Monica. The event is expected to feature a multitude of resource tables and informational presentations, including a breakdown of the Department of Mental Health's strategic plan by director Jonathan Sherin.

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Friday, January 24

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Fireside at the Miles - Bruns Collective with Kevin Baché

Lead by drummer Jason Bruns this 8-piece ensemble boasts a virtuosic 3-piece horn section, a highly versatile rhythm section, and powerful lead vocals by singer Kevin Baché [bah-shay]. Their music, while rooted in the jazz tradition, is influenced by a variety of genres. They recently concluded their second japan tour and closed out the "Jazz at LACMA" 2019 season. Their last two albums charted in the Top-10 and aired on 300+ radio stations including K-JAZZ. 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bruns-collective-with-kevin-bache-fireside-at-the-miles-tickets-84648673461

Saturday, January 25

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Mental Health Town Hall

The Department of Mental Health in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission will hold a stakeholder event to educate and inform and hear from community members on how to improve the landscape of mental health services in West Los Angeles. Multiple sessions throughout the day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 4th Street. Visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/service-area-west-la-town-hall-tickets-88900067495 for more information.

Nathalie Kramer: California Authors - Literary Reading

Nathalie Kramer will be hosting her first literary event with four California writers, Dinah Lenney, Andrew Tonkovich, Lisa Alvarez, and David Preizler. They will read from their California-based prose, which engages a sense of place and its relevancy in their work. Annenberg Community Beach House, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Read & Play

A story time for the very young, followed by play activities designed to cultivate key developmental skills. Fairview Branch Library 3:30 - 5 p.m.

RE/SIGHT: Our Family History

Not sure where to begin to preserve your family's history? Panelists, Carolyne Edwards, a Santa Monica native who launched the Quinn Research Center with her husband Bill Edwards, and Arianne Edmonds, a fifth generation Angeleno and founder of the JL Edmonds Project, will share their personal journeys with family archives. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resight-our-family-history-talk-with-carolyne-edwards-arianne-edmonds-tickets-89649176099 3 - 4:30 p.m. Main Library.

Travel Through High School with College in Mind

College counselor Nick Soper and teen therapist Kristine Tye of TeenLAUNCH will help students and parents map out priorities for each year of high school as they prepare for college. Students will be encouraged to picture the future beyond college to help influence their life-planning now. Grades 8-12 and Parents. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SAT Pre-Course Practice

This guided workshop by Study Smart Tutors outlines all of the important information you need to know about the SAT test so you can prepare correctly, reduce your stress, and get your best score. Registration required. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park. Register by calling (310) 458-8684 or via email at pbuser@smgov.net

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Malibu Seeks Public Input on Wildfire Protection Plan

The City of Malibu will host two public workshops on February 20 and 22 and conduct an online survey to get community feedback as part of the development of the citywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

"The Woolsey Fire was a critical wake-up call to put our wildfire preparedness into overdrive," said Mayor Karren Farrer. "I am proud of the numerous actions the City has taken to enhance wildfire preparedness since then. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be another huge advance, so it's really important that everyone in the community give their feedback at the workshops and on the survey."

A CWPP is a community-based plan focused on identifying and addressing local hazards, risks and vulnerabilities from wildfire. It provides a roadmap of action items to help the community prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from wildfires. It may also help the City qualify for state and federal funding opportunities to ultimately implement the plan.

The workshops and the survey will ensure that the CWPP addresses the unique characteristics, needs and values of the community. They are also meant to give community members the opportunity to understand and participate in the process of developing the CWPP.

The workshops are identical. One will take place Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m. at Malibu City Hall (23825 Stuart Ranch Rd, Malibu, CA 90265). The second workshop will be on Saturday, February 22 at 10 a.m. at Malibu City Hall.

The City will conduct an online survey in February to gather community input on how to become more resilient to wildfires as part of the development of the CWPP. The survey also enables those unable to attend the public workshops to give their input.

The development of this CWPP is defined in Title I of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA), passed by Congress in 2003 and is funded through a CAL FIRE Community Fire Prevention Grant. The City has commissioned a consulting firm to help complete the Plan.

A CWPP handbook and other information are posted on the City's Wildfire and Fire Safety web page at www.MalibuCity.org/FireSafety. The survey will be announced on the City website and social media channels and a link to the survey will be on the Wildfire and Fire Safety web page. Once activated, the survey will be available at www.MalibuCity.org/WildfirePlanSurvey. No RSVPs required. For more information, call Fire Safety Liaison Jerry Vandermeulen at 310-456-2489, ext. 387 or email FireSafety@MalibuCity.org.

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No Coronavirus cases in Los Angeles County

Officials sought to ease fears about a new virus spreading among travelers in China this week by confirming the disease had not reached Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) hosted a press briefing to provide an update on the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), and the interagency work being done to identify and assess travelers who may have been exposed to the virus.

"A significant number of resources across Los Angeles County are focused on protecting the public's health at large," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "To date, there have been no reported coronavirus cases in LA County and currently the risk of local transmission is low according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will keep everyone informed as more information becomes available. We are urging the public to remain calm, as it is very unlikely that they are at risk of contracting this virus," she added.

The CDC announced the first case in the United States on January 21, 2020. Recently, hundreds of cases of pneumonia associated with a novel coronavirus in Wuhan City have been identified.

Public Health will continue assisting the CDC to ensure that travelers who may have visited Wuhan City that have a fever or respiratory illness symptoms are appropriately screened, tested and receive care. Travelers who have visited Wuhan City who are not ill upon their arrival to the LA County are advised to contact a healthcare provider and seek care if they become ill while here. While there is no cure for this virus, hospital partners and clinical providers are able to test and care for ill travelers to minimize transmission and treatment for symptoms.

Health care professionals have been reminded to use meticulous infection control practices at all times. Public Health will continue to provide updated information about the diagnosis and management of cases of novel coronavirus to health care providers and all hospitals in the County in an effort to identify and contain any future cases.

Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning that they cause infections that usually exist exclusively in animals but can be transmitted to humans. However, some coronaviruses are also able to be transmitted from person to person, like SARS and MERS, while others are not.

While there is no specific cure for infections caused by the novel coronavirus, hospital partners and clinical providers are able to provide care for symptoms caused by the infection. Symptoms include: Fever, Cough and Difficulty breathing.

People who have traveled to Wuhan, China since December 1, 2019, could have been exposed to the virus. Seek medical care if you traveled to Wuhan and develop a fever and fever or respiratory symptoms within 14 days of your return. We want to underscore that there is no need to exclude anyone who has traveled to or from Wuhan City, or China in general, unless they are symptomatic, at which time they should seek a medical evaluation.

There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with this novel coronavirus, and investigations are ongoing in China and at least five other countries.

For more information about 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), visit our website at http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov, or call 2-1-1.



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VOLUNTEERS

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The federal department of Housing and Urban Development requires jurisdictions across Los Angeles County to collect the data, which is released each spring, to receive federal funding for homeless services. Locally, officials use the count to decide how to allocate resources, said Alisa Orduña, the city of Santa Monica's senior advisor on homelessness.

The city launched the C3 Team in spring 2018 to work with homeless individuals downtown because past count data showed that the city's chronically homeless population was concentrated in the area, Orduña said. The 2019 count recorded a 19% decrease in the number of people sleeping on the street downtown.

The citywide population grew 3% to 985 individuals, which followed a 4% increase in 2018 and a 26% increase in 2017. Last year, the county population grew 12% to 58,986, although experts say the tally is an undercount of the total number of people without stable housing.

Orduña said she hopes the results of the 2020 count reflect the city's efforts to help different local agencies work together to connect people experiencing homelessness to services and housing.

Last year, the Big Blue Bus trained drivers to advise homeless individuals about services, the library system hired two full-time social workers and the city launched a new C3 Team focused on the beach, Orduña said.

In January 2019, the city partnered with Akido Labs to create Project Connect, an internal app that police officers, firefighters, paramedics and service providers — and soon, library and public works staff — use to share real-time information about homeless individuals.

"A public works employee might see a homeless individual waking up in the park. At 10 a.m., our library services officers might talk to him. At 4 p.m., one of our public service officers in Reed Park might encounter him. At 7 p.m., someone might see him lying down on the sidewalk and call the fire department," said City Manager Rick Cole. "Until we had this app, none of that was connected."

Orduña said new resources in the city of Los Angeles may also have impacted Santa Monica's homeless population. The city has added 500 new shelter beds over the past year through the Bridge Home program, opened its winter shelters earlier in the year, expanded safe parking programs and linked more individuals to case management services, she said.

"I'm hopeful that we'll see a significant shift in the proportion of people who are sheltered and unsheltered, even if the total numbers don't change much," Orduña said. "This year, I think it's more about looking at the nuances and measuring whether the dollars we're investing are starting to make an impact in the areas they were intended to, rather than just looking at the overall count."

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Honest Abe or Lyin' King?



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PRESIDENT: Abraham Lincoln ended slavery, Donald Trump may end democracy.

Since the GOP controlled Senate Impeachment Trial appears to be profiles in cowardice, something caught my eye about the inexplicable one-way loyalty Trump receives. A November, 2019, Economist/YouGov Poll revealed that 53% of Republicans consider F.I. ("Forever Impeached") Trump to be a superior president to Lincoln. (Quoting John McEnroe, "You can't be serious!")

One of Trump's most devoted sycophants is Fox TV host Lou Dobbs. According to F.I. Dobbs said Trump is a better president than Reagan. At one of his raucous Nuremberg-type rallies, Trump went a step further claiming Dobbs included George Washington. (Trump and Washington do have a connection in that George reportedly could not tell a lie and, having told 16,000 in three years, Donald clearly can't tell the truth.)

As for a comparison to Lincoln, Trump often cites the soaring stock market. But the market came about twenty years after Abe's death. (By the way, percentage-wise, the market grew more under Obama and unemployment fell further!)

I thought a valid comparison might be each president's oratory. One of Lincoln's most famous speeches was the emotionally moving Gettysburg Address, which I've juxtaposed to some of Trump's more "unique" commentary.

Given at the site of the tragic battle, the Gettysburg Address begins, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." (I'd be willing to bet Trump doesn't know what "four score and seven years" adds up to and he's proved over and over he definitely doesn't know what "liberty" means.)

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that nation might live." (Trump has said, "We got more money. We got more brains. We got better houses and apartments. We got nicer boats. We're smarter than anybody.")

Back to Lincoln at Gettysburg, "But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate — we can not consecrate — we can not hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." (About the U.S. military Trump has said, "We train killing machines.")

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." (I think Trump might say, "It depends on who the people are and how much money they donated to my campaign.")

Often at danger to himself, Lincoln visited many of the war zones. At the bloody battle of Richmond, Lincoln and his son Tad visited the still smolder ruins of the South's former Capital. On November 11, 2018, marking the 100 year anniversary of the armistice that ended WWI, Trump skipped a visit to a cemetery for fallen American soldiers because even a drizzle plays such havoc with his cockamamie hair.

Whereas Lincoln hopefully spoke of preserving the union for future generations, Trump thinks more "short term." When discussing the economy, Trump noted the debt would reach a critical mass only after his second term. "Yeah, but I won't be here," the president said with a sick smile.

If you're suffering from three years of Trump fatigue, Google "Transcript Gettysburg Address." It only takes three minutes to read and it might just restore your faith in our

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In a rather unusual and delightful twist, what you invest in will bring you both momentary and long-term fulfillment. This seldom happens! What a pleasure to not have to expend willpower on the things that are good for you because your attractions handle the whole deal. Health, wealth and vitality are yours. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 1, 44 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships are a two-way loop. Just as you toil with your powers of perception to present your best self and build the relationship, the other person toils similarly to receive your ideas and meet your expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Psychologists refer to the "integrated self" like it's possible for an infinitely complex creature in an equally complex environment to be fully united in thought, emotion and action. All we can do is our best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Avoid those who can't take a joke and won't give one. The humorless lack subtlety of thought, are risk-averse and worst of all are apt to spread the soul-sucking disease of seriousness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though thoughts may whiz by in an unintelligible blur, the emotion you're feeling is evidence of their content. Slow down, rewind, investigate. Chances are those sadness-producing thoughts aren't even true.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll ruminate over an exchange. Sure, in the greater scheme of things perhaps this exchange is meaningless with results of no real consequence, and yet somehow it also means everything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get to choose with whom you spend time. Most people take the best of the ones they see around them, sampling from but a few hundred of the 7 billion people on earth. You'll have luck casting a much wider net.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People worth their salt will foul up just like the rest, but they'll own up to their mistakes and try to make amends. Anyone who tries to brush errors under the rug is a potential danger source.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Word of the day: pantisocracy – a utopian social order in which all are equal in status and responsibility. The group won't get there. None ever has. But anything you can do to shore up differences will be appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are invisible tethers that hook you into certain people and endeavors and keep your rapt attention there though there is so much else you could pay attention to if you wanted. Why? See if you can figure it out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As for these thoughts that you'd rather not have, you don't have to flee them, battle them or bottle them. Avoid feeding them like an ugly little pet. Try distraction. Not everything has to be turned into an emotional journey.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are no longer afraid of the thing that used to keep you from love. Take a moment to acknowledge the growth and really absorb what it's like to be here... because you're about to have another spurt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll go on unselfconsciously just doing you. What you believe is simply the right thing to do in the moment will be heroic and deeply moving to someone else.

New Moon Readiness Program

The new moon in Aquarius asks, "What have you done for humanity?" You don't have to devote your life to the downtrodden to make a difference. And if you raised millions to help a cause... would it? Try this one: "Be a good human being, a warm-hearted, affectionate person. That is my fundamental belief." – Dalai Lama

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: You shouldn't always have to earn your fun or pay for it down the line. There are people who just want to see you smile. TAURUS: Beauty depends on mostly order, and a drop of chaos. GEMINI: You'll get more attention than you're comfortable with – an interesting test of your limits. CANCER: The truth can only be processed in small doses. LEO: Desire will be the most important factor in the success of a love affair. VIRGO: Someone is giving you gorgeous propaganda. It's safe to eat up, as long as you're not fooling yourself. LIBRA: No one is the one, but many are one of the ones. SCORPIO: You'll offer enough to satisfy both need and greed. SAGITTARIUS: You're a true original. You'll change what people come to expect about love. CAPRICORN: You don't have to suffer for anything, not art, not spirituality, not love. AQUARIUS: The tests of love are a battery of short little one-question quizzes spaced out over the semester. PISCES: You find the tenderness in your own heart first and then find it the heart of another.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Does the ocean peacefully lap the shore, or does it strike the sand interminably and intolerably? Much depends on one's commentary, of which the best choice is probably none at all. The cosmic couple suggested by the moon and sun is Pisces and Aquarius, a folding of feeling into thought that will fair better when both go soft, internal temperatures set to warm with a one-word inner directive: Relax. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

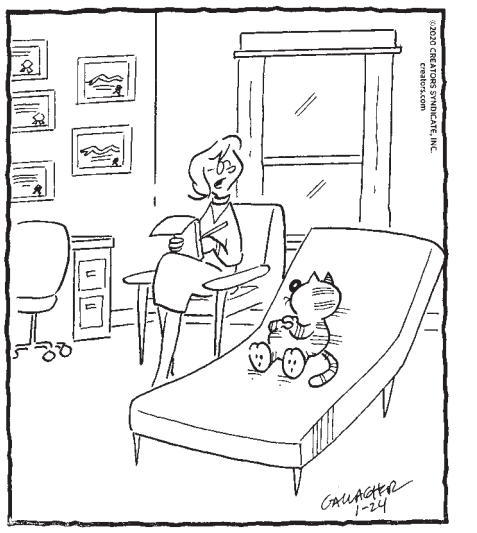
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Heathcliff

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"YOU BLAME ALMOST EVERYTHING ON FLEAS."

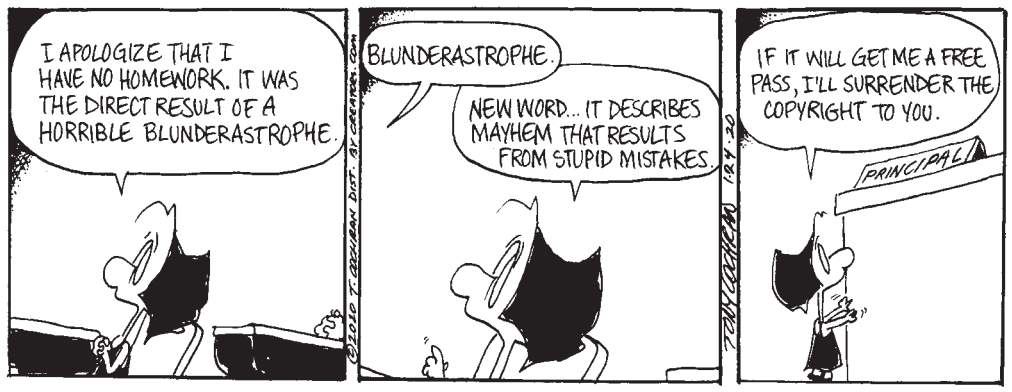
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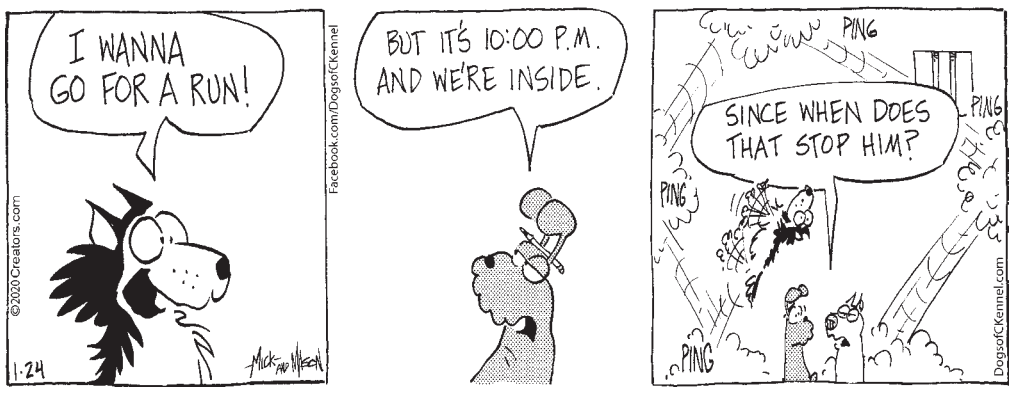
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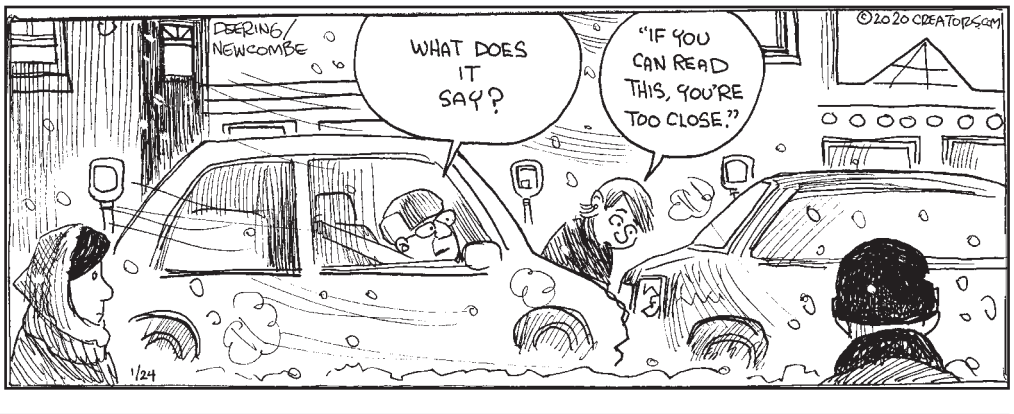
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Draw Date: 01/22
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Draw Date: 01/22
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 01/22
1st: 06 - WHIRL WIN
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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.5°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Old WNW swell drops. New WNW swell due in the late PM at exposures. Deep mid morning high tide, negative low in the late afternoon.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
New WNW swell builds in and peaks. Deep high tide mid morning.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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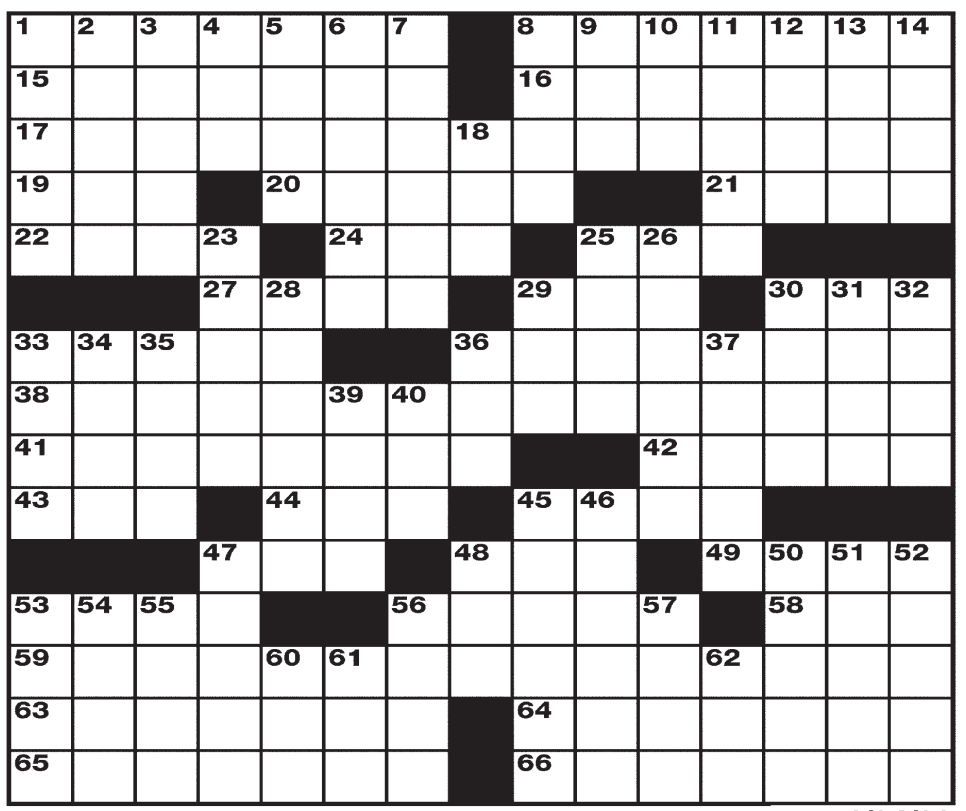
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Two-Oscar actor who once roomed with two-Oscar Hackman
8 Meanderings
15 Court order
16 Keyboarder's base
17 Part of a villainous visage
19 *Dancing With the Stars* panel name
20 Poetic feet
21 A spring season
22 "Graphic" group
24 *Moby-Dick* social call
25 Some heads of households
27 Writer Hubbard
29 What powers some mice
30 NLCS overseer
33 Liquids sold in liters
36 Offered in a store
38 Is begrudging of
41 Part of a nation's sovereignty
42 Made smoother
43 Mdse.
44 Guinness center
45 Bicentennial president
47 FM station stock, maybe
48 Keats subject
49 Vocalized
53 Java Sea setting
56 Stock up on
58 Spend, with "out"
59 Minestrone morsels
63 Triple, for instance
64 Well-liked things
65 Film plots
66 Overpowering exaltation

DOWN
1 *"Aquí se ___ español"*
2 Having premiered first
3 Fire starter
4 Today, for short
5 Early 11th-century date
6 Cheese not from 53 Across
7 Artist in a Boxing Hall of Fame
8 The object at hand
9 *Monarque mâle*
10 "___ dreaming?"
11 Keeps hidden
12 Part of Ontario's border
13 Chop source
14 *M*A*S*H* star
18 Cloud computing giant
23 Eurasian ethnic group
25 NFL coaching great Levy
26 Letter closer
28 Sent regrets, say
29 Powersports participant
30 Rockets' intrastate rivals
31 Electrified
32 Broad st.
33 What red tape may cause
34 Augustan Age poet
35 Cable service options
36 Broad st.
37 Rerun's respites
39 Some shuttles
40 IPO principals
45 New England milkshake
46 How some homes are built
47 Focus of any *Ocean's* film
48 Fault caller
50 Dominant, as dogs
51 What collars cover
52 Sondheim's second Broadway show
53 Wide-area alerts
54 Much ado about not much
55 ___ facto
56 Certain bldg. units
57 Restoration locations
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Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk Harvard St 6:54 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 8:09 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 7th St / Colorado Ave 8:26 a.m.
Fight 500blk Olympic Blvd W 8:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk 9th St 8:49 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:50 a.m.
Burglary Report 2300blk Arizona Ave 8:56 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk 21st St 9:01 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2400blk 25th St 9:11 a.m.
Burglary Now 900blk 9th St 9:13 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400blk 26th St 9:34 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 18th St 9:57 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 10:12 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:33 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900blk Palisades Park 10:40 a.m.
Fraud Report 3000blk Olympic Blvd 10:44 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 a.m.
Lost Property 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:57 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 4th St 11:06 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 11:07 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 200blk Ocean Ave 11:09 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300blk 18th St 11:35 a.m.
Battery Report 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:49 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk Washington Ave 12:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk Broadway 1:00 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:09 p.m.
Elder Abuse 200blk Montana Ave 1:31 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 300blk Colorado Ave 1:57 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk 10th St 2:07 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 700blk Broadway 2:15 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1800blk 7th St 2:16 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 2:19 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1100blk Idaho Ave 2:32 p.m.
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Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 3:25 p.m.
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TOWN HALL

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Sherin said in an interview Thursday that he originally sought to start hosting stakeholder summits about two years ago with the intention to invite a more diverse set of opinions into L.A. County's mental health discussion. He hopes the new strategy will more thoroughly and regularly engage the communities who are serviced in department's eight service areas.

"Mental health has been put in the closet as a field forever and now — all of a sudden — mental health is part of everything," Sherin said, so the department is trying to figure out how to best get resources to anyone out there who is suffering from short-term trauma, long-term trauma, addictions or other complications.

"And it's really important to have these quarterly summits because we need to hear from the public about what is going on, what's going well, what's not going well, and, maybe most importantly, what does the community want from the department," Sherin added. "Because at the end of the day, our communities and the people who we serve are the engineers who guide the direction of the department."

Stacy Dalgleish, Vice Chair of the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission (District 3), agreed, stating a recent [article about elementary school bullying](https://www.smdp.com/claim-alleges-smmusd-employees-ignored-incidents-of-physical-and-verbal-abuse/185132) is exactly why the Mental Health Commission holds quarterly town halls around the county.

"We need to know residents' mental (and) behavioral health needs, especially those that are not currently being provided," Dalgleish said. "I hope students and parents will take advantage of the opportunity to give public comment. Our children and youth are counting on us."

Those who opt to attend the town hall can expect Sherin to kick off a discussion about the department's strategic plan around 9:15 a.m. Then, after a 30-minute lunch break, attendees will be able to share their opinions during the town hall portion from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Later in the afternoon, the topics will get more technical as officials dive into budgetary and administrative matters.

"I don't know how many people are going to show up but we're trying to develop communication channels that will bring new voices in," Sherin said. "I got a lot of people who are really energized and enthused for what's to come."

Residents who are unable to attend Saturday's summit can join by phone by dialing 323-776-6996 and using the conference ID: 757019729.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

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democracy that's disappearing right before our eyes.

If Trump were to read it, which is a big if given his bizarre reading difficulties. Has he always had dyslexia or are we witnessing cognitive deterioration? For example, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters Philip Rucker and Carole Leonning wrote in their bombshell book "A Very Stable Genius," on camera Trump was unable to read a simple section of the Constitution. In a temper tantrum fit he shouted, "It reads like a foreign language book!"

No, Mr. President, it's the Constitution, which you seem set upon destroying. Like your many bankruptcies, may you fail and return to doing Pizza Hut commercials.

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