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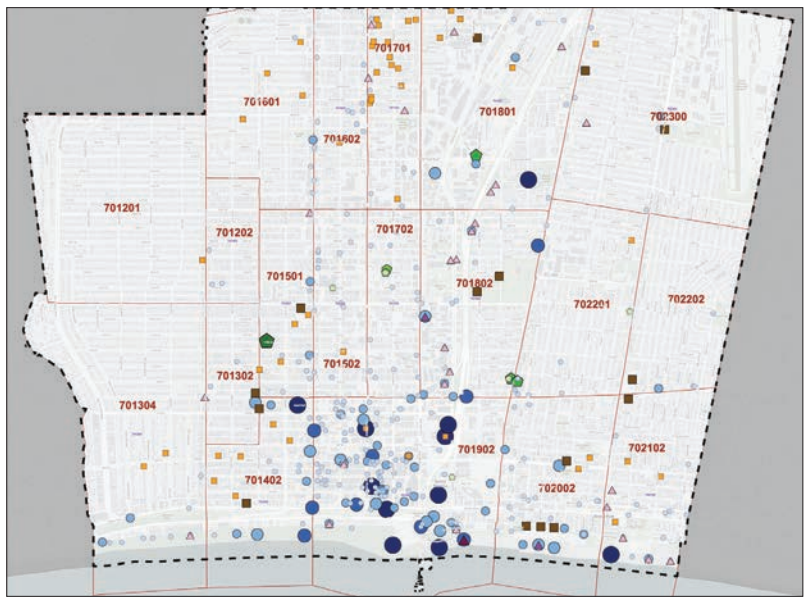
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On the night of Feb. 23, 2022, volunteers counted 807 people living homeless in Santa Monica, either in tents and makeshift shelters, vehicles, sleeping rough on the street, or within homeless shelters.

This year's homeless count numbers, the first to be released since 2020, show an 11-percent decline in the total number of homeless people tallied compared to the most recent data available. The 2021 count was canceled due to the pandemic.

In 2020, volunteers and Santa Monica city staff counted 907

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DENSITY: The vast majority of the homeless population are downtown.

Multiple drug deaths reported across Los Angeles

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Several drug deaths were reported across Los Angeles yesterday.

Officers with the Los Angeles Police Pacific Division said a homeless man discovered at the Venice Boardwalk Thursday morning died of an overdose.

The Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a call around 6:30 a.m. at Brooks Avenue and Ocean Front Walk.

A passerby discovered the body in or near the public restrooms, according to police.

Police said the man was discovered with a needle still in his arm and no identification.

In Downtown Los Angeles, three men were found dead of suspected drug overdoses involving fentanyl.

Officers discovered the dead men inside an apartment after police received a call about three unresponsive men late Wednesday, Los Angeles police said in a statement.

Fentanyl is a highly lethal drug that has been cut into heroin for several years, and more recently has been pressed into counterfeit pills

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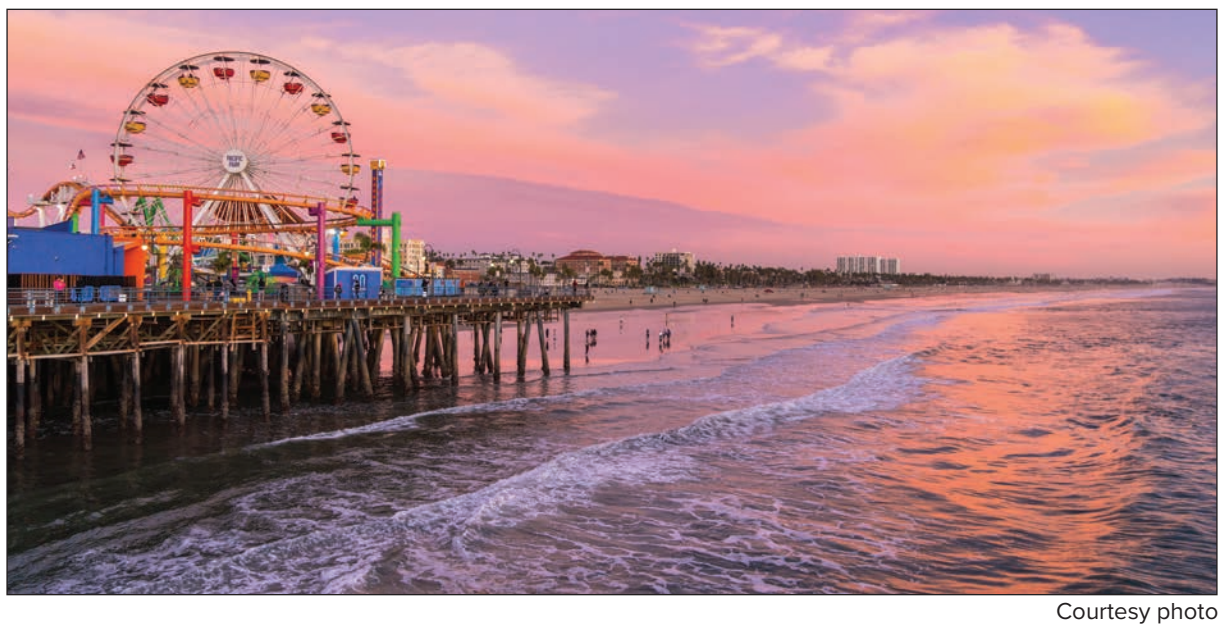
Tourist industry gradually bounces back yet yearns for international visitors

CLARA HARTER
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Santa Monica's 2021 tourism statistics painted a bright and sunny picture when compared to 2020, but remained nowhere near as hot as the 2019 numbers.

Visitorship rose by 72.5 percent last year, from 2.03 million visitors in 2020 to 3.5 million in 2021, yet reflected less than half of the 8.41 million visitors in 2019. So while total spending rose by 65.3 percent from around $453 million in 2020 to $750 million in 2021, it paled in comparison to $1.89 billion in 2019.

The main reason for this gap is the absence of international tourists, which reflected just 9 percent of visitors in 2021



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TOURISM: The Pier continues to be an attraction but it will still take years to recover from the pandemic.

compared to 51 percent of visitors in 2019.

However, Santa Monica's leadership sees brighter days ahead and believes that as the rest of the world emerges from the pandemic, the city will once again be a magnet for international travelers. An optimistic sentiment was shared by numerous tourism experts at Santa Monica Travel and Tourism's 13th annual tourism summit, which was aptly titled "Take on Tomorrow, Restoring a Vibrant and Thriving Santa Monica."

"The research shows and the trends indicate that Santa Monica is headed in the right direction after two very challenging years

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TOURISM

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trying to sustain and grow tourism in our city," said City Manager David White. "We continue to monitor current events and look optimistically toward an increase in visitors and a rebound for local businesses."

While international travel dropped precipitously during the pandemic, SMTT was able to recover some of the city's visitor base through a robust staycation and drive market advertising campaign. Now their attention is shifting abroad to try and recapture the foreign market, with a particular focus on the UK, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

"Bringing international travel back to Santa Monica is crucial to the overall recovery process in 2022 and beyond," said Albin Gielicz, Board Chair, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. "It's also incumbent on Santa Monica as a destination to continue to target the drive market and recapture the meetings and events business to support Santa Monica tourism."

Santa Monica's tourism trends reflect that of the broader state industry, which was a sentiment expressed by Caroline Beteta, President and CEO of Visit California, a nonprofit organization in charge of tourism advertising and strategy statewide.

"Our 2021 [statewide tourism] spending rose to 100 billion. That's the good news. It rose about 46% from last year, but… we have a ways to go since 2019, which represented about $145 billion in spending."

Beteta said that urban tourism centers, like Santa Monica, were particularly hard hit in the last two years due to their higher pre-pandemic ratio of international to domestic visitors and their near complete loss of business travelers.

"There is a jagged recovery going on in California where our urban core, our gateway cities, because of this lag in business and international [travel], need an extra boost," said Beteta. So we're investing another layer through the urban core, almost $7 million, as a matter of fact, doing two content series."

Both of these advertising series feature Santa Monica and are intended to bolster the marketing campaigns of SMTT. Misti Kerns, the President and CEO of SMTT, is also working on a taskforce with Visit California to help bring back the corporate meetings market to the city and state.

Visit California is also focused on magnifying its international campaigns in the coming year, with a focus on the UK, California and Mexico. In January the organization launched an $8 million marketing campaign in the UK designed to tap into pent up demand, Britons' desire for sunshine and their millions of dollars in travel credits.

"We expect that Santa Monica will continue to be one of the most popular destinations from a worldwide perspective. That means international visitors, they know the brand, they love the brand, they want to come here," said market research and tourism consultant Lauren Schlau.

The anticipated return of international travelers will depend on US travel policies, other countries' policies and the future of COVID.

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Clara Harter and SMTT

VISITORS: At the annual event, officials said the UK and Mexico are target markets for tourism.



DAILY POLICE LOGS

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Encampment 1700Blk Cedar St 12:19 a.m.
Battery 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:34 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 21st St / Delaware Ave 12:41 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:58 a.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 1:47 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1300Blk Ocean Ave 3:02 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 3000Blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:03 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:27 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 17th St / Olympic Blvd 5:48 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:10 a.m.
General Parking Problem 100Blk Georgina Ave 6:50 a.m.
Vandalism 800Blk Palisades Park 7:04 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 7:27 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 900Blk Washington Ave 7:59 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk 22nd St 8:21 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:32 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800Blk 21st St 8:37 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100Blk Fraser Ave 8:53 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000Blk Bay St 8:54 a.m.
Vandalism 1200Blk Montana Ave 9:05 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700Blk Montana Ave 9:17 a.m.
Encampment 200Blk The Beach 9:18 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 9:28 a.m.
Speeding 12th St / California Ave 9:37 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900Blk 12th St 9:45 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 5th St / Colorado Ave 9:50 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800Blk 4th St 9:51 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 2300Blk Michigan Ave 9:58 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 15th St 10:12 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 14th St 10:27 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 900Blk 10th St 10:37 a.m.
Overdose 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:52 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 14th St 10:53 a.m.
Battery 2300Blk 6th St 11:03 a.m.
Battery 1300Blk 15th St 11:40 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:06 p.m.
General Parking Problem 400Blk Arizona Ave 12:10 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 00Blk Pacific Ter 12:18 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 12:21 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600Blk Franklin St 12:43 p.m.
Fight 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:52 p.m.
Person Down 4th St / Pico Blvd 12:54 p.m.
Battery 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:54 p.m.
Expired Registration 800Blk 3rd St 1:03 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 9th St / Colorado Ave 1:07 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary 11th St / Carlyle Ave 1:16 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:21 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Appian Way / Moss Ave 1:23 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:27 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2100Blk Main St 1:38 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 1:49 p.m.
Battery 100Blk Broadway 2:03 p.m.
Vandalism 1300Blk Ocean Ave 2:13 p.m.
Fraud 1700Blk Pico Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Fraud 900Blk 17th St 2:23 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1500Blk Montana Ave 2:25 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:34 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 2:36 p.m.
Lost Property 2500Blk Broadway 2:40 p.m.
Runaway 2200Blk Main St 2:48 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 2:52 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 2:54 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk Pico Blvd 3:08 p.m.
Speeding 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:15 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:19 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300Blk 20th St 3:21 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:22 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 7th St / Montana Ave 3:24 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:26 p.m.
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Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Ocean Ave 10:12 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1800Blk 10th St 10:23 p.m.
Party Complaint 2700Blk Neilson Way 10:42 p.m.
Vandalism 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:00 p.m.

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Automatic Alarm 400Blk Broadway 1:12 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 7th St 2:39 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 7th St 3:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:24 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Montana Ave 3:24 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 3:32 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 3:46 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 6:31 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk Ashland Ave 7:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk Broadway 9:53 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Oak St 10:06 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 10:24 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800Blk 2nd St 11:09 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk 19th St 11:56 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16 AT 12:31 P.M.

Officers working the Downtown Services Unit responded to a call on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade. Dispatch advised that a subject was refusing to leave the location and had thrown things around and pushed a downtown ambassador. Upon arrival, officers detained the subject and spoke to the ambassador who had been assaulted. The victim relayed that the subject had become belligerent and had shoved him after the ambassador had asked him to leave the location due to his erratic behavior. Devon Godlock was arrested for assault.

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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FOR MANNY IT WAS MORE THAN A JOB

When I first met Jerry Rosenblum, he was 88. He had read my columns and wanted me to look at a memoir he had written. Ever resourceful, he found my number in the phone book and that's how we first chatted.

Jerry's manuscript was 450 pages and he hoped I would critique it. Jerry had no writing experience and his memoir was way too long. But, because of Jerry's irresistible salesmanship, we met I'm forever grateful we did.

Over that weekend I read Jerry's memoir and thus had to explain to him that it needed rewriting so as to develop a theme that would connect the vast unrelated anecdotes into a coherent story. Jerry said in an upbeat manner, "Well back to the drawing board." That was his infectious positive spin on life.

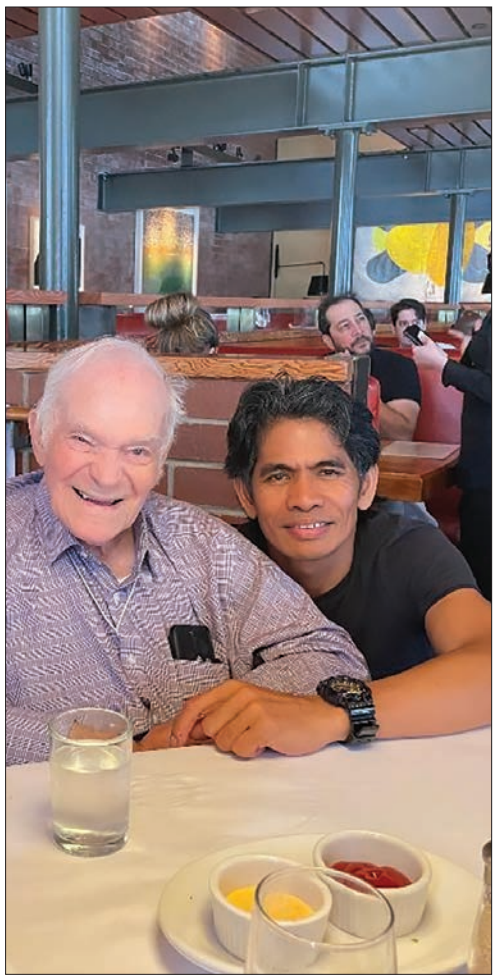
Years later Jerry and I finally collaborated on the memoir we titled "An Angel on My Shoulder" (My First 100 Years.) The "angel part" came to me because Jerry genuinely believed an angel had looked out for him during the tragedies in his life. As for the "100 years" it was an understandable goal because his mom lived to 102 but questionable because his father passed away at 42.

Jerry did in fact celebrate his 100th birthday and even saw Al Roker of the "Today Show" congratulate him on TV. Because of Covid, Jerry's celebration was held outside as his friends serenaded him with "Happy Birthday," Though Jerry had lost the ability to talk, he smiled broadly and gave a beautiful "thumbs up." (Two weeks later Jerry passed away but talk about a life well lived.)

The list of Jerry's high integrity, accomplished and loving friends is so long it would fill them column. They include his former classmates and professors from Emeritus College, the courses of which inspired Jerry and kept him forever young. But I will mention his best friend. If I was Jerry's biographer, Katie Miller, now 30, was his BFF and "adopted granddaughter." As Jerry put it often, "Katie added years to my life, and life to my years."

Because Jerry loved to sing so much, every year Katie would organize a karaoke birthday party, each year better than the next. Jerry was in heaven as he entertained the crowd and was brilliantly accompanied on the trumpet by his dear friend, Marcelo Olavarria.

While Jerry was such a life force to his friends, the reverse was also true. That brings me to Manny Colorado, Jerry's devoted, hard-working caregiver for the last six months of his life. Because of Jerry's essential goodness, for Manny it was far more than a job.



Marcelo Olavarria

LUNCH: Jerry Rosenblum and his caregiver Manny Colorado, enjoy lunch at Hillstone Restaurant.

Born and raised in the Philippines, Manny's indefatigable energy and upbeat demeanor made it possible that Jerry could live out his days in his own apartment and not in a lonely assisted living facility. Manny was so lovable that Jerry's friends befriended him and maintain contact to this day.

Having spent 50 years in the men's clothing business, Jerry was a meticulous dresser. When he was 99 and his body began to fail him, Manny always made sure that Jerry looked dapper. Manny kept the apartment spotless and the refrigerator well stocked. When I would visit Jerry, Manny sat in with us making it feel like a family gathering. And, without fail, as I would get ready to leave, Manny would put together for me a "care package" of delicious cookies and fruit, neatly packed in well sealed plastic bags.

Weather permitting, Manny would frequently take Jerry, who sat comfortably in his wheel chair, for walks down to Palisades Park to sit in the sun and watch the interesting passersby. Jerry's

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Happy Nurses Week



To our amazing nursing caregivers,

Through thick and thin, you've continued the legacy of Florence Nightingale.

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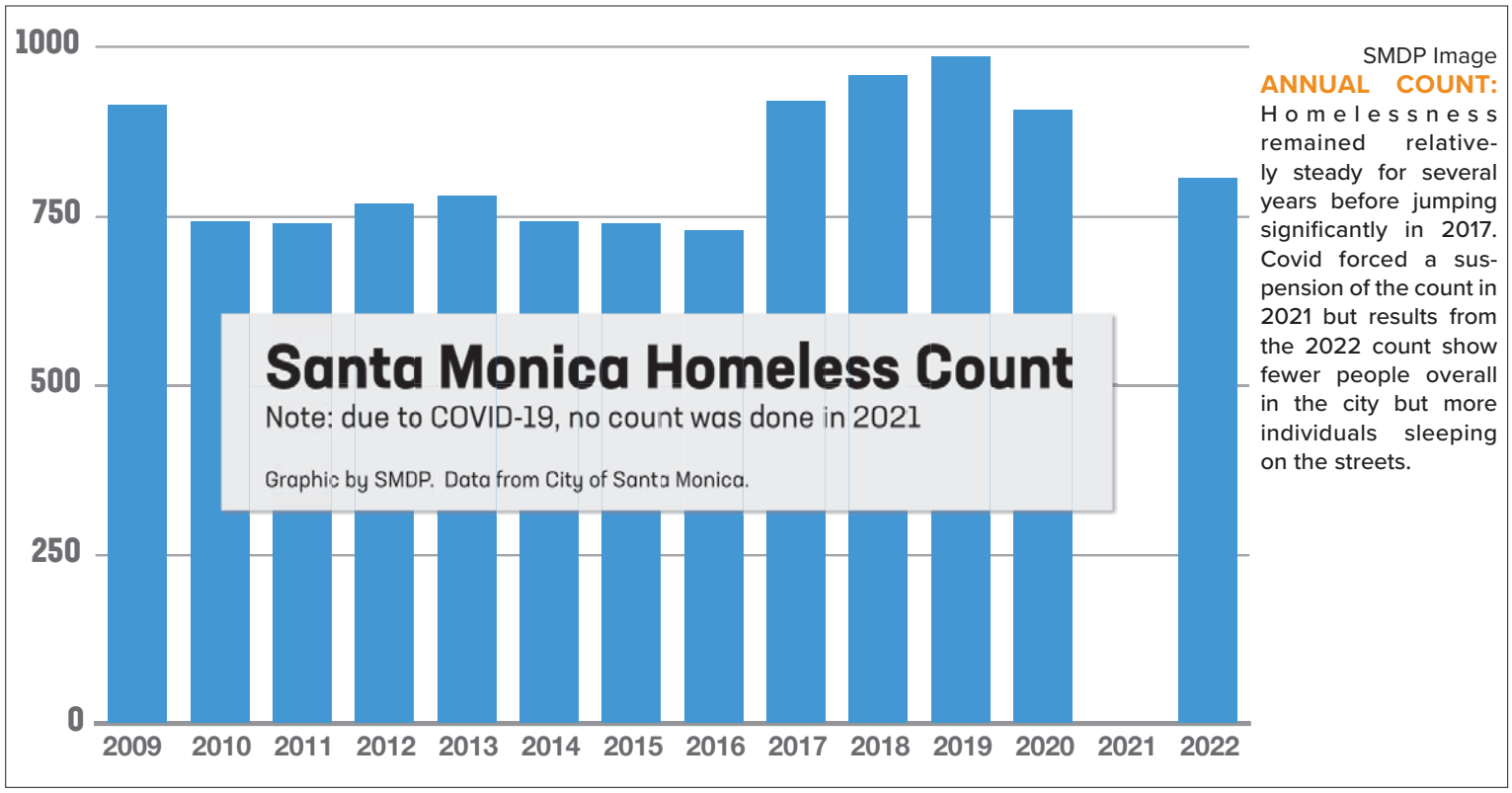
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ANNUAL COUNT: Homelessness remained relatively steady for several years before jumping significantly in 2017. Covid forced a suspension of the count in 2021 but results from the 2022 count show fewer people overall in the city but more individuals sleeping on the streets.

individuals in shelters or on the street overnight; in 2019, that number was 987 and in 2018, a total of 957 individuals were counted on Santa Monica streets and shelters.

The 2022 numbers are the lowest since 2016, when just 728 unhoused people were counted during the annual nighttime census. From 2016 to 2017, numbers jumped 26 percent and have stayed in the 900-person range until this year.

But there is a caveat to that 11-percent drop.

"We know this is directly related to the significant reduction of available interim housing beds locally, and this is due to COVID-related public health capacity constraints," Brian Hardgrave, a senior administrative analyst for the City's Community Services Department, said during a press briefing as 2022 homeless count numbers were released. In other words, shelters are operating below normal capacity due to COVID-19 safety restrictions. A City chart showed the sheltered population had dropped about 30 percent from 2020 to 2022.

At the same time, this year's numbers show a 36 percent increase in the number of homeless people sleeping in "vehicles/makeshift shelters" over the 2020 count, with 135 individuals found in those situations compared to 99 in 2020.

"What's important to note is that, while there was a significant local reduction in our shelter capacity, our coordinated strategies helped prevent a corresponding spike in our street count, or our unsheltered count," Hardgrave went on to say. "And we also think this is largely related to — directly related to — the significant increase in interim housing options throughout the county." Those included Project Roomkey, which offered hotel and motel accommodations for homeless people during the pandemic. Although Project Roomkey did not operate in Santa Monica, Hardgrave later said there was a smaller local version that housed about two dozen homeless people at one Santa Monica motel for much of 2020.

Santa Monica's success rate moving individuals from interim housing to permanent housing was nearly three-fold higher than the countywide rate in 2021, according to City data. For fiscal year 2020-21, 44 percent of unhoused people in interim housing through Santa Monica's human services grants program were moved into permanent housing, compared with 17 percent across LA County.

Total countywide homeless count numbers were not yet available; they are usually released in early summer. Without those data points, it is difficult to quantify how much of Santa Monica's 11 percent drop in local homelessness was reflected in an increase in neighboring communities.

Each year, municipalities across the country including Santa Monica send volunteers out to the streets to do a point-in-time count of people sleeping outdoors. The annual count is used to help allocate funding and services, as well as provide the federal government with as accurate a number as possible for the most desperate homeless people — those who are sleeping outside in the winter time. While Santa Monica conducts its own count, all areas of LA County are tallied under the umbrella of LAHSA, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

"Our work is showing really positive impacts, despite, you know — there's a lot of frustration and a lot of feelings about rises in homelessness," Santa Monica Community Services Administrator Maggie Willis said, later adding, "We must continue to keep our eyes on the long term prize, though, in order to have long term results."

Both Willis and Hardgrave acknowledged the community's growing frustration with the local homeless population, and the perceived disconnect between the count and residents' day-to-day experiences in some neighborhoods.

"We acknowledge that there are differences in the realities and the perceptions and experiences at night versus what folks are experiencing during the day," Hardgrave said. "In the same way that our Santa Monica Community swells during the day with workforce and visitors, we suspect the same will be true among people experiencing homelessness."

Hardgrave pointed out that the 2022 count was conducted at night, as it always is, and that, although some changes were made this year due to COVID-19, the basic methodology stayed consistent. This year, 250 volunteers participated in the February count.

A week before the City released its 2022 official homeless count numbers, local business owner John Alle, a vocal critic of the way local leadership has handled issues of homelessness downtown, began circulating numbers from a private count he conducted over two nights: one in November 2021 and January 2022. Alle said a total of 16 participants in teams of four replicated the City's count, coming up with a drastically larger number: about 2,300 homeless individuals each night. Alle said he worked with an accounting firm from Century City but declined to name the firm.

"The rules that we were told, for the City, is: don't get real close, and note if it's a sleeping bag or a tent and guesstimate," Alle said, describing why he believed his numbers were so much higher than the official count. "We got in their faces to find out … that's how we do it. Because I really wanted to know, so we kind of did it in a more dangerous way." Alle said his methods included providing crackers and water bottles to unhoused people before looking inside their tents and vehicles.

Alle's count focused on parks and the downtown area, which city staff said saw a 14 percent increase in homeless people compared to the previous count.

Next Wednesday, May 11, City Council will hold a special study session to discuss the 2022 homeless count numbers and what is being done locally to both prevent new homelessness and diminish the current homeless crisis.

"While homelessness is a complex regional issue that cannot be solved by any single community, Santa Monica has an extensive history of deep investments and coordinated efforts to prevent and address homelessness," a staff report for the Wednesday meeting described. "In March 2021, the City Council reaffirmed addressing homelessness as a top community priority. The City's continued strategic investments – with a focus on permanent solutions – have helped prevent a local increase in homelessness as demonstrated by the 2022 Homeless Count results. Nevertheless, the impacts of homelessness are felt sharply on our streets every day."

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DEATHS

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resembling prescription drugs. Experts link the drug to the rise in U.S. overdose deaths.

Last month, President Joe Biden's administration released its first national drug control strategy.

"Provisionally, in the 12-months ending October 2021, an historic 105,752 persons are predicted to have died from a drug overdose," the document said.

Synthetic opioids, including illicit fentanyl, were involved in 66% percent of these overdose deaths, it said.

Jamie Paige and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

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appreciative friends would often contemplate, "What would we do without Manny?" Thankfully we never had to wonder or worry.

Manny and Jerry's bond was a blessing. But well after Jerry's passing, Manny, understandably continues to miss his dear friend. He's also been unable to find such a rewarding, albeit difficult, job, though he continues to search. If anyone reading this knows of such a private party caregiver job in Santa Monica, trust me, Manny will seem like a God send.

Since Jerry left us, many things have changed that he would have loved. For example, he received a belated birthday card from President Biden. And, to which I say Mazel Tov, Katie and her boyfriend, Ricky, recently announced their engagement! Jerry dreamed of singing at Katie's wedding and even bought a new suit for the joyous occasion.

Lastly, Trader's Joe's, Jerry's favorite store, just opened across the street from his apartment. Some of his friends wonder if Jerry might have had a hand in these recent developments. So if, at Trader Joe's, you happen to see an unattended shopping cart moving inexplicably, please remind Jerry how much we love and miss him.

Manny is at (213) 539-1150 or Mannycolordao77@yahoo.com. Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com. Jerry's memoir, "An Angel On My Shoulder" is available at Amazon.com.

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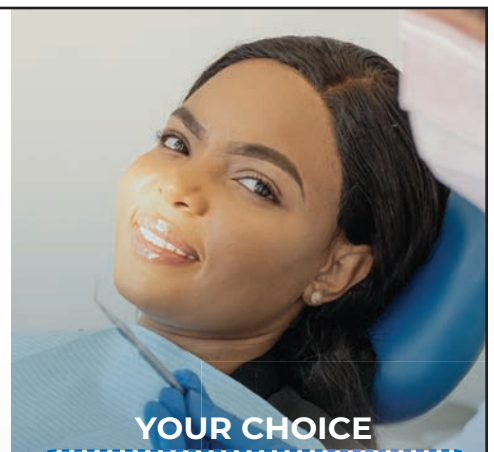
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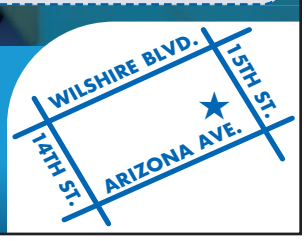
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6)

You'll find yourself in a position of power, no longer having to handle certain tasks, and yet, out of respect and exemplary character, you do whatever work you need to do for the good of the group. You prize learning over ambition and love over the trappings and definitions people impose on relationships. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 34, 22, 8 and 10.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The mind gets stronger in the same way muscles do -- through lifting. In today's case the work includes words and concepts, feelings, puzzles and a few logistical problems too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People are drawn to the comfort of your warmth. You don't need to fix anyone or provide structure or direction. To offer your acceptance and love will do more than you know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not that the other people don't do a good job, it's just that when it comes to impressing you, you're the expert. So what's it going to take? And if you knew you had to impress yourself and only you, what would you do next?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you're doing is inherently important. That means whether you make sure everyone knows this, or hide out and act in secret, it's just as essential. Right now, the work is what matters, not how popular it is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a teaching role. Wait before pointing out mistakes. The ideal way is for people to come to it on their own. Criticism can interfere with the learning process. A light touch is best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are generous and you'll give to those who genuinely need it. But you'll be turned off by those who ask for what they don't need or for what they could easily do for themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you are with people you adore, the most mundane happenings can seem like epic events. It's why you make it a point to keep meeting new people. It makes way for new adorableness to land in your world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If necessity is the mother of invention, desire is the father. You didn't get what you wanted, and now you want it all the more. You will apply great creativity to the pursuit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People concerned with proving their superiority are typically overcompensating for a deep sense of inadequacy. Align with the successful and laid-back types who live like we are all in this together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are gestures, and then there moves people make in the moment to get the attention or deal they want. Know the difference. Seek genuine support and true hearts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When we are good to ourselves, we are good to the ones who love us too. And if we cause ourselves harm, we also harm those we love. Do you need more reasons to delight yourself?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone from the old days is in the picture again. You might feel strange about the fact that they haven't been in the picture all along. Consistency matters to you. Actually, you're right to be somewhat guarded.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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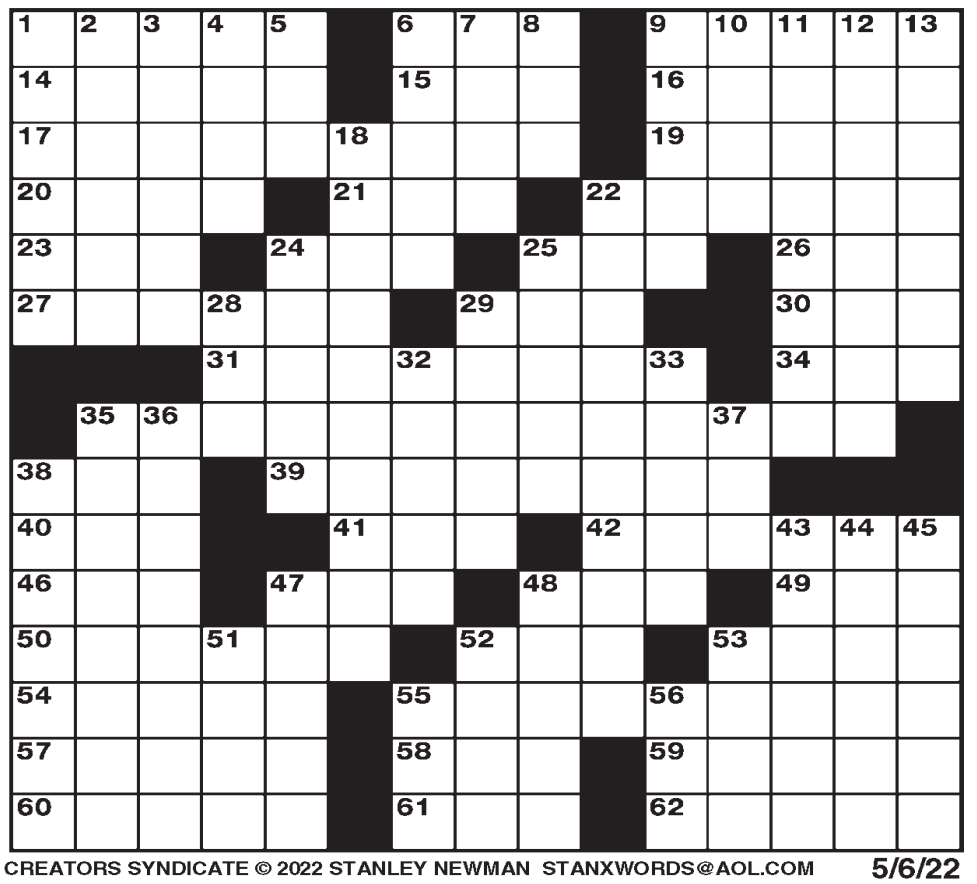
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Informal talk
6 Calypso derivative
9 Do a grocery clerk's job
14 Web browser for decades
15 Country quarters
16 Come apart at the seams
17 Start of a compliment to a colleague
19 Legendary siege site
20 Snowballs, for instance
21 Hamlet's difficulty
22 Bud for ages
23 Strong affinity
24 Narrow box on an application
25 Third qtr. starter
26 Poor Richard preposition
27 Nutritive
29 Stow (away)
30 Tom, in *Apollo 13*
31 *Camelot* character
34 Some, all, whichever
35 End of compliment
38 Prevailed
39 Falling off
40 JD's designation
41 Those with clout
42 Metaphor for advancement
46 Cooling power meas.
47 Norm, for short
48 One of the guy's
49 NASA excursion
50 Web server's creation
52 Someone Adam hadn't
53 Tori of tunes
54 Those opposed
55 Source of compliment
57 Sense ability
58 Toolbox poker
59 Secrets acquired
60 Sense ability
61 Work hard at
62 Formation fliers

DOWN
1 Vote for passage
2 Came into view
3 What Bryn Mawr has none of
4 Infamous Roman
5 SAT cousin
6 Cheyenne ally
7 Door opener
8 "Your point being . . ."
9 Hoops
10 Word sung on 1/1
11 French toast sweetener
12 John Glenn, in WWII
13 Ancient Greek astronomer
18 Place for a pimento
22 In hot water
24 Wows with one-liners
25 Minty drink
28 Lunch letters
29 They did it
32 Prompter's task
33 Costumes for several of the Bard's plays
35 Where Northeastern U. is
36 Ends a certain citation
37 Alternative to Eddie
38 Streamed video event
43 Break in rank
44 Brings to mind
45 Come to grips, so to speak
47 Walkway
48 Carol plant
51 Skirt of a sort
52 Whimper
53 Mighty fine
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56 Drilling hardware



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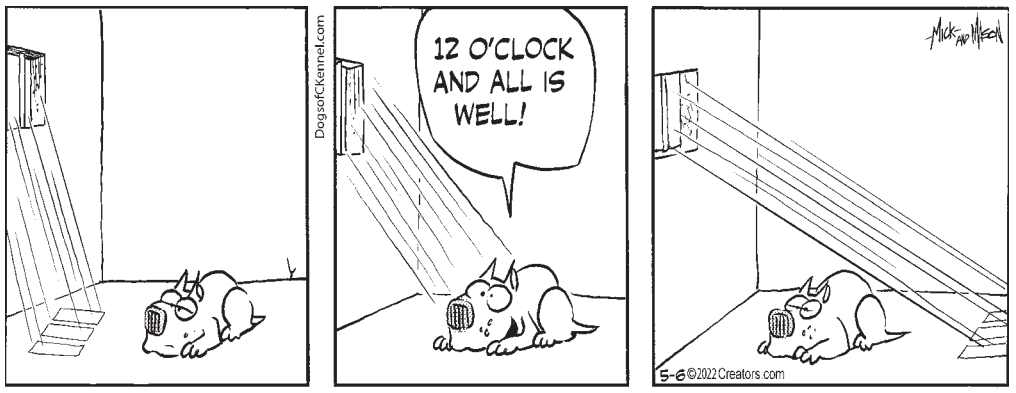
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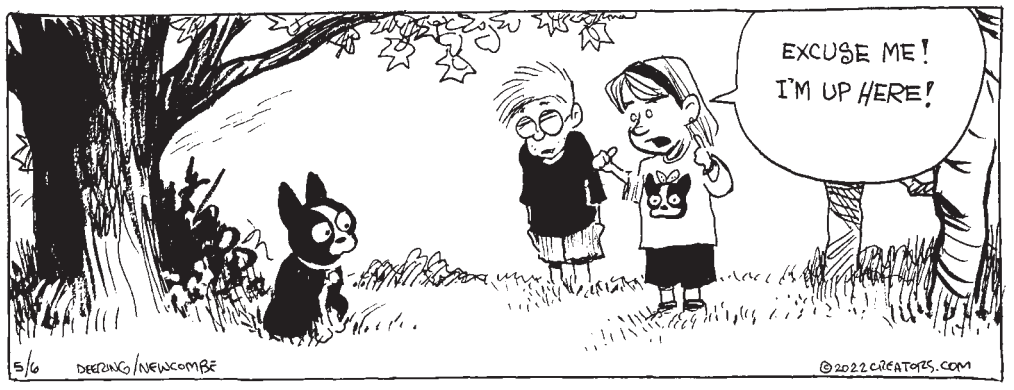
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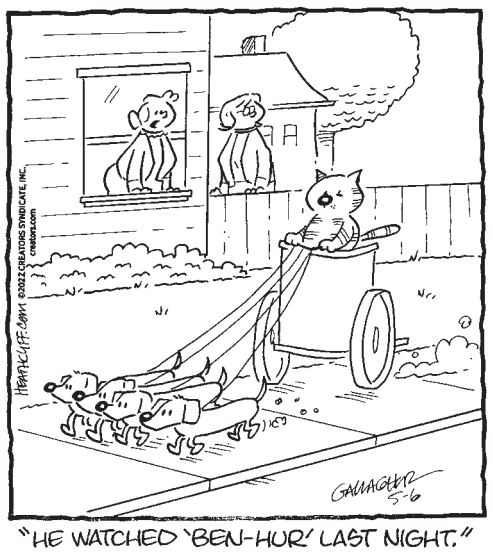
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"HE WATCHED 'BEN-HUR' LAST NIGHT."

Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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FRIDAY | MAY 6

CREATE TO DESTRESS WORKSHOP
Artist Carmela Morales will provide a workshop on Fridays during the month of May focused on personalizing a canvas bag using simplified embroidery. Each class will have a lesson for the first hour and an open workshop with casual conversation for the second hour. Mental health professionals will join some of the sessions and speak on mental well-being. This program is presented by 18th Street Arts Center in partnership with WE RISE 2022. Register at: 18thstreet.org/event/create-to-destress/2022-05-06/ 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

BROADWAY TO FREEWAY EXHIBIT
Visit Santa Monica's History Museum to discover how residents built Broadway into a flourishing community of color – and how the Interstate 10 freeway destroyed it in the 1960s. Featuring period photographs, advertisements, oral histories, and songs, the exhibition draws on the wealth of archival material collected by the Quinn Research Center, which is dedicated to preserving the history of African American life in Santa Monica. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St.

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE TOUR
Santa Monica Conservancy docents will be on hand to share the rich history of the Annenberg Community Beach House site from the 1920s into present day. Our free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis for individuals and groups of up to six people. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please wear a mask as it is required indoors at City of Santa Monica facilities. No reservations required. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

SATURDAY | MAY 7

FITNESS FEST AND CONSCIOUS MARKET
Free all level fitness classes all day on the Third Street Promenade. 10 a.m. Ritual Gym, 11 a.m. AKT Dance, 12 p.m. Exhale Santa Monica, 1 p.m. Training Mate, 2 p.m. Mayweather Boxing, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Comedy with Clarissa. Conscious Market is a collection of elevated brands that are for people who want more fitness, wellness and health in their lives through sustainable products, experiences and services. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1351 3rd Street Promenade.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MINDFULNESS STORYTIME WITH JULZ
Health and Wellness Coach Julz Kerr introduces mindfulness and the importance of being present through interactive stories, breathing exercises and activities for the whole family. For ages 3 & up. Space is limited. Register at bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
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SUNDAY | MAY 8

BROADWAY TO FREEWAY: LIFE AND TIMES OF A VIBRANT COMMUNITY
Visit Santa Monica's History Museum to discover how residents built Broadway into a flourishing community of color – and how the Interstate 10 freeway destroyed it in the 1960s. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th Street, https://santamonicahistory.org/

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
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MONDAY | MAY 9

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Pursuant to AB 361 signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, the public can only attend this meeting via teleconference* at: https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/sdcvvwkz or DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1 (415) 466-7000 (US), PIN 6739648# Agenda is online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/agendas/Landmarks-Commission/2022/20220509/a20220509.htm

SNOOZER'S STORYTIME ADVENTURES
Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft, and song. Access the program here: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists. 12 - 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY | MAY 10

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **62.4**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Respectable combo on tap across the region. Long period SW/SSW swell topping out at exposures as late season NW swell builds to a peak. Wind/conditions best in the morning.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	SW/SSW swell holding solid all day as NW swell mix continues for exposures. Wind/conditions looks manageable but not great for the AM.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 58.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/05/06	Fri	08:24 AM	0.32	L
2022/05/07	Sat	12:56 AM	4.28	H
2022/05/07	Sat	09:41 AM	0.45	L
2022/05/08	Sun	02:18 AM	3.96	H
2022/05/08	Sun	10:50 AM	0.44	L
2022/05/08	Sun	6:42 PM	3.53	H
2022/05/08	Sun	11:06 PM	3.03	L
2022/05/09	Mon	04:02 AM	3.82	H
2022/05/09	Mon	11:39 AM	0.38	L
2022/05/09	Mon	6:53 PM	3.83	H
2022/05/10	Tue	12:09 AM	2.49	L
2022/05/10	Tue	05:21 AM	3.87	H
2022/05/10	Tue	12:18 PM	0.35	L
2022/05/10	Tue	7:09 PM	4.21	H
2022/05/11	Wed	12:54 AM	1.84	L
2022/05/11	Wed	06:24 AM	3.98	H
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