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Santa Monicans clean up after looters hit downtown stores

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People descended on downtown Santa Monica carrying brooms, dustpans and trash bags the morning after looters hit dozens of downtown stores during a protest against police violence Sunday.

Community members came out early Monday morning to clean up debris and scrub graffiti, as well as just to take a look at the destruction. City crews began boarding up storefronts Sunday night and worked early in the morning to clean streets and remove graffiti.

About 100 members of the National Guard stood throughout the city carrying rifles, and officials bumped up the Monday curfew to 1:30 p.m. through 5:30 a.m. Tuesday citywide.

Santa Monica Chief of Police Cynthia Renaud said police will be erecting barriers around shopping districts in the city. Reports of another protest at 4 p.m. Monday caused businesses throughout the city to board up their storefronts.

Hundreds of people gathered downtown Sunday to protest the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and call for an end to police violence against African Americans, joining protesters in nearly 150 cities across the United States.

Protesters walked peacefully from Montana Avenue along Ocean Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier and back toward Montana, where police prevented them from moving east.

Some individuals did not return to Montana and lingered by the pier, and many who were prevented from moving east on Montana walked back toward the pier.

By 2 p.m., a group of looters began breaking into stores as protesters continued to peacefully demonstrate on Ocean and in several other areas downtown.

As police blocked off the Third Street Promenade, looters hit stores inside Santa Monica Place, the downtown Vons, REI Co-op, and jewelry and clothing stores. Looters also targeted some businesses on Main Street and Lincoln Boulevard.

Police tried to disperse protesters after the city enacted a 4 p.m. curfew. Some protesters threw rocks and bottles at officers and police fired rubber bullets and tear gas at demonstrators.

By 7 p.m., police began arresting protesters and looters, and the National Guard arrived later in the evening.

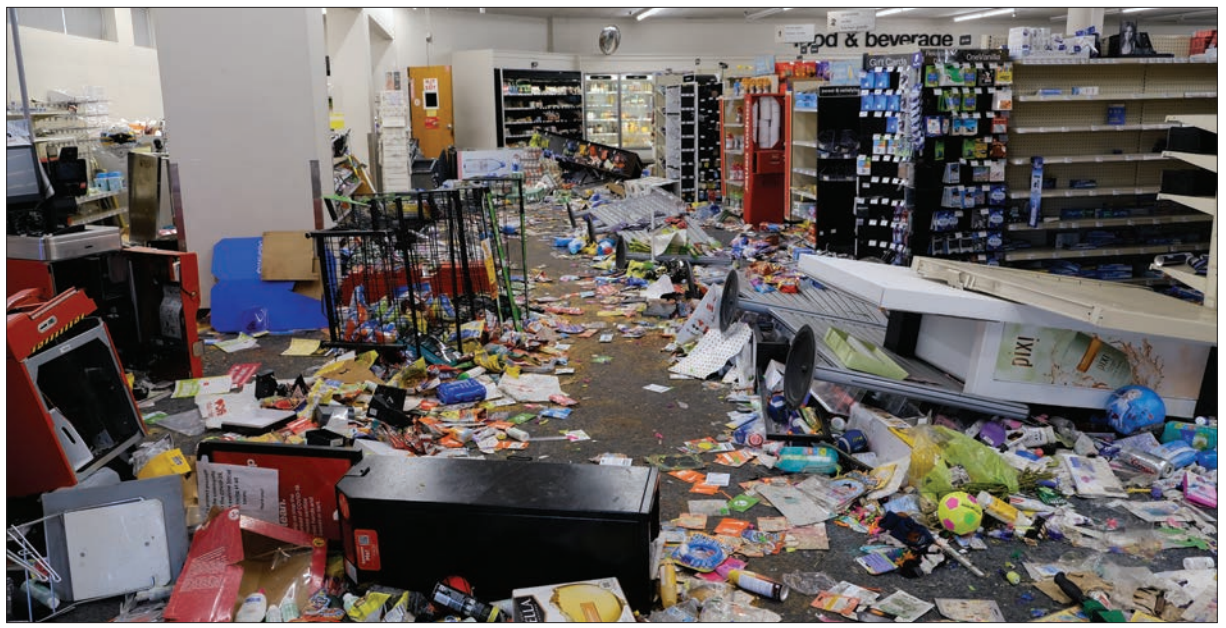
Some Santa Monica residents criticized the way SMPD handled the situation, saying that the department could have directed officers away from protesters to stop people from looting.

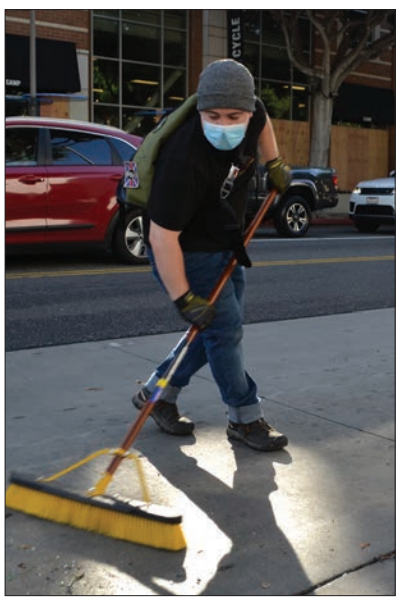
Renaud said Monday morning that more than 400 people had been arrested and more than 95% do not live in the city. They were charged with looting, violation of curfew, burglary and assault.

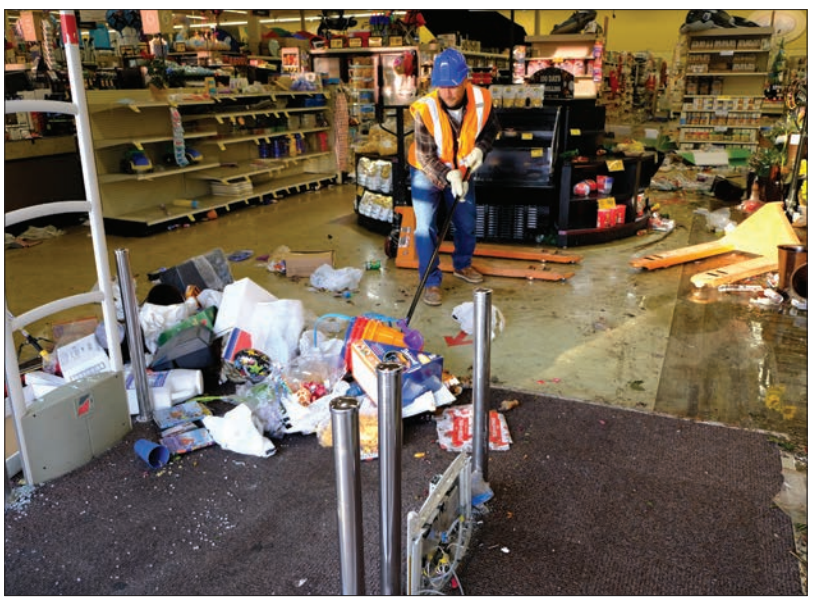
She did not say how many were still in custody, but that some have been released and are collecting their belongings.

She added SMPD has been

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AFTERMATH: Locals took to the streets early Monday morning to clean after a day of looting and protest. Downtown Santa Monica and Main Street were the worst hit areas.

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"C-7"license,** on the following: **Bid #20.15.SMS.M – Districtwide Elementary School Security Camera Project at sites within both Santa Monica & Malibu.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$2,300,000.00 - $2,500,000.00** and includes the installation of video surveillance cameras and all associated pathways, cabling and storage appliances for the expansion of the District's existing video surveillance system and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 6/23/2020 no later than 2:00 PM. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 6/9/2020 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

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Los Angeles County Announces 22 New COVID Deaths

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 22 new deaths and 978 new cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Sixteen people who died were over the age of 65 years old and six people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65 years old. Twenty-one people had underlying health conditions including 15 people over the age of 65 years old and six people between the ages of 41 to 65 years old.

To date, Public Health has identified 55,968 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 2,384 deaths. Ninety-three percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 2,200 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health) 41% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 28% among White residents, 17% among Asian residents, 12% among African American residents, 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races. Upon further investigation, six cases reported earlier were not LA County residents. As of today, 6,528 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (12% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. There are 1,357 people who are currently hospitalized, 28% of these people are in the ICU and 18% are on ventilators. Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for nearly 612,000 individuals and 8% of people testing positive.

Public Health continues tracking the number of positive cases and deaths among healthcare workers related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. Public Health has confirmed 39 people who died from COVID-19 worked in a healthcare setting; 27 people who died worked in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, six people worked in hospitals, one person worked in a correctional facility, one person worked in home health, one person worked in a laboratory, and one person worked in an outpatient facility. For one health care worker who passed away, their workplace setting is not specified. A total of 5,398 confirmed cases of COVID-19 occurred among healthcare workers and first responders; this is an additional 537 new cases reported since the previous week. Six percent of healthcare workers with COVID-19 have been hospitalized. Forty-five percent of cases are among nurses, though cases have been identified among a range of occupational roles, including caregivers, people who work in administration, physicians and medical assistants. Sixty percent of these cases reported a known source of exposure, and 79% of healthcare workers with known exposure reported being exposed in a healthcare facility. Healthcare workers who are positive worked at 26 different occupational settings, with the vast majority of cases among healthcare workers from skilled nursing facilities and hospitals.

"This is a very difficult time in our communities, and there are many people who are experiencing the profound sorrow of loved ones who have passed away from COVID-19. We are deeply sorry for your loss. Please know we think of you every day," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We join the many voices who are coming together in anger, frustration and protest around the murder of George Floyd. Coming together to demand justice is critically important, but we ask that, while you are out with others, please wear cloth face coverings, and practice physical distancing. Let's work together to prevent our peaceful protests from resulting in more transmission of COVID-19. Please care for and protect the people around you."

Public Health supports the need for LA County residents to exercise their first amendment rights. There is, however, risk that these gatherings can become super-spreader events where a great deal of transmission of the COVID-19 virus can occur. Everyone engaging in peaceful protest should always wear a face covering over their nose and mouth and keep six feet apart from others not in your household.

The current Health Officer Order, Safer at Work and in the Community, allows for in-person dining at restaurants and hair salons to reopen once the establishments are able to implement the required distancing and infection control directives. The Health Officer Order specifically requires businesses to follow the COVID-19 infection control protocols. As such, restaurant and hair salon owners and operators must complete and implement these protocols prior to reopening. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals are still required to remain closed.

Higher-risk businesses remain closed.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

The best protection against COVID-19 continues to be to wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, self-isolate if you are sick, practice physical distancing, and wear a clean face covering when in contact with others from outside your household. People who have underlying health conditions remain at much greater risk for serious illness from COVID-19, so it will continue to be very important for the County's vulnerable residents to stay at home as much as possible, to have groceries and medicine delivered, and to call their providers immediately if they have even mild symptoms.

Santa Monica has 281 cases.

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What's the Point?

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Shining Lights On A Dark Night

My phone was buzzing most of the afternoon as the reports poured in from the various news stations about the protests and the looting. Friends were asking if I was okay, and expressing their horror and concern.

The day started off as another gorgeous weekend day, one that was supposed to be about the reopening of the city, the return of life to a sense of normal. I was happy seeing the local businesses return to work. As I drove around I saw people in restaurants for the first time in weeks. Waiters and waitresses were starting to be self-sufficient again. People seemed to be relieved, and dare I say happy to be out.

As the protesters congregated on Ocean and Montana, I stopped by to take some pictures, feel the energy and gauge the crowd. It was a moment in history that would be important for me to note. I didn't want to ignore it. When I arrived there were about 200 people chanting slogans, the police were staying a respectful distance, all 12 of them on motorcycles.

The crowd was a typical Santa Monica group of moms and dads, young couples and the occasional old rebel hippie. I was taken aback by the presence of children holding signs, kids as young as 5 or 6 were there and I questioned if they even knew what they were doing. As a father lingered around the fringes with his 4-6 month old child on his chest it struck me that this was no place to take baby.

Ignoring the always possible dangers of large crowds, the current COVID19 pandemic would seem to me to have been reason enough to avoid being out with baby in a large crowd.

After about 15 minutes I moved on to see what else was happening around town and it was all very quiet.

Until it wasn't.

Midafternoon the streets erupted with those who wanted to do mischief. There were taggers and looters and the chaos broke out. The news cameras recorded it and shared it with the unending stare of the media. It was brutal to watch as stores were plundered and lives were destroyed by the unthinking mob.

I was at my friend's home, as we watched our sleepy city by the bay, become a beaten and battered victim. At one point the news cameras trained on a fire at 4th and Santa Monica. It was Sake House engulfed in flames.

"Oh NO! I was just in there. Oh that poor guy. To survive the past three months and then this" cried out my friend Paul.

Yep. Exactly.

Devastating to watch. For anyone who is their own boss, like me, watching someone's business be destroyed is painful, we have a visceral reaction to the loss. The number of lives that were being impacted by this one act of violence, is tremendous. From the staff who will now have no work, to the vendors who are losing money, the landlord who will likely lose a long term tenant, all because someone was acting out.

The frustration and anger that are behind the looting, the plundering, destruction of property and businesses is something that all too many feel, and thankfully only a few act on. I'd like to believe that the looters were just acting out of selfish self-interest, but I don't know what that gets me. I also don't know what the looting and plundering got them.

Will this change minds? Will this help with race relations? No. I know it won't bring back the George Floyds, the Ahmaud Arbery, Trayvon Martin, James Byrd Jr., and countless others. This seething anger does not change police policies. It doesn't change the mind of the bigot, in fact it confirms their thinking, and reinforces their racism.

And yet, there are moments of astounding humanity in the chaos. As we watched the news, the neighborhood erupted with shouts and screams – the corner liquor store, Star Liquors, was under attack and the neighbors were having none of it. Some roving band of looters had broken the windows and a few locals who were in and out that store, sometimes daily, were there to put a stop to the carnage.

They formed a wall of defense as the owner, Ramon, was called so that he could come down and deal with the mess. He'd been there for years, liked and loved by those who were his customers. It was reported that one of the defenders looked at a roving looter and said, "Don't you even think of attacking this place!" His response, "Oh no, we know Ramon, we wouldn't hurt his place."

As day became night, I grabbed a camera and my press credentials and drove around. What I saw was hurtful and heartening. I was hurt when I saw the broken windows of the phone store at Lincoln and Pico, graffiti on the CVS and the police standing guard. But as I drove along Pico, I saw that the driveway to the Chevron was blocked with cars, and a crowd of people was guarding the store. Neighbors were protecting local businesses.

On Broadway there was a burned out car that some hooligans were busy jumping on and taking their pictures with, and literally 180 degrees behind it, was Ladd's Liquor where more locals were guarding the store. This became a theme for me, I drove throughout the city to find groups of neighbors, protecting that which wasn't theirs from those who would destroy it.

It was a dark night, but there were many spots of light.

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Mass gatherings, erosion of trust upend coronavirus control

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Protests erupting across the nation over the past week — and law enforcement's response to them — are threatening to upend efforts by health officials to track and contain the spread of coronavirus just as those efforts were finally getting underway.

Health experts need newly infected people to remember and recount everyone they've interacted with over several days in order to alert others who may have been exposed, and prevent them from spreading the disease further. But that process, known as contact tracing, relies on people knowing who they've been in contact with — a daunting task if they've been to a mass gathering.

And the process relies on something that may suddenly be in especially short supply: Trust in government.

"These events that are happening now are further threats to the trust we need," said Dr. Sandro Galea, dean of the Boston University School of Public Health. "If we do not have that, I worry our capacity to control new outbreaks becomes more limited," he said.

Government officials have been hoping to continue reopening businesses, churches and other organizations after months of stay-at-home orders and other infection-prevention measures. But health experts also hoped that any reopening would be accompanied by widespread testing, contact tracing and isolation to prevent new waves of illness from beginning.

Over the past week, protests sparked by the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pinned a knee to his neck, have involved thousands of people gathered tightly together in large crowds in more than 20 cities nationwide.

It's unclear if the protests themselves will trigger large new outbreaks. The protests were outside, where infections don't spread as readily as indoors. Also, many of the protesters were wearing masks, and much of the contact was likely less-hazardous "transient" moments of people moving around, passing each other, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

But, still, experts worry that public efforts to contain the disease in the future could be undermined.

In Los Angeles, the city's mayor announced Saturday that COVID-19 testing centers were being closed because of safety concerns related to violent protests. Testing in Minneapolis will be affected because some of the clinics that provide the service have been damaged in the protests, according to a city government spokesperson.

Reduced testing could "be giving the virus another head start," Schaffner said.

And contact tracing, which is only just getting going in several states, is an even bigger concern. It involves people who work for or with health departments asking intimate questions about where a person has been and who they've been talking to — and getting full, truthful answers in return.

"In this current environment which has enhanced or brought forth a mistrust of governmental authority, it might make them disinclined to speak with anyone in government," Schaffner said.

That is especially true in black communities trying to cope with episodes of police violence and longstanding frustrations with how they have been marginalized and mistreated by people who work for government agencies. And those are the communities that have been hardest hit by the coronavirus in the U.S. and most in need of public health measures to help control it.

Protests in Salt Lake City that drew several thousand people are a setback for contact tracers already struggling to contain the spread of the coronavirus, said Tair Kiphibane, infectious disease bureau manager for the Salt Lake County Health Department.

She became concerned as she watched hundreds of protesters go by her downtown Salt Lake City office Saturday afternoon where she and her staff were working another weekend day after seeing increases in COVID-19 cases last week.

She sent contact tracers home three hours early Saturday as protests grew violent near the office. She expects further increases in cases because so many people were close to one another during the protest. Tracing the web of infected people that may have been exposed will be daunting since protesters likely won't have names and phone numbers for many of the people they were around.

"It is going to make it so much harder," Kiphibane said. "It could be anybody. They don't know most of those people ... It is just too many people."

In a press conference Saturday, Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington used the term "contact tracing" when describing an investigation into arrested protesters there. He said the goal is to "see if there are crime or white supremacy organizations that have played a role" and "to understand how do we go after them, legally," Harrington said.

But Harrington's use of "contact tracing" by law enforcement may complicate the job of health workers as they try to track the virus's spread, some experts said.

"That was an abuse of the word 'contact tracing.' That is not what contact tracing is," said Dr. Tom Frieden, former director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

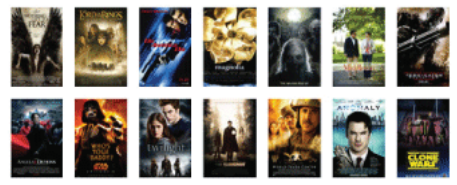
"Contact tracing is a service to patients and their contacts to provide services for patients and warning for contacts. It has nothing to do with police activity. Nothing," said Frieden, who is now president of Resolve to Save Lives, a nonprofit that works to prevent epidemics.

Galea said he hopes many people will separate in their minds the contact tracing done by public health workers from crime investigations by the police. But, he added, "I do think sometimes it's difficult to make a distinction when you feel marginalized by, and targeted by, the entire government."

Associated Press writer Brady McCombs contributed to this report in Salt Lake City.

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COVID-19 drug trials happening at local hospital

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A local hospital has been participating in clinical trials to evaluate whether new drugs can successfully neutralize coronavirus.

Providence Saint John's Health Center recently received approval to begin three new clinical trials to treat COVID-19, adding to three other trials the hospital's John Wayne Cancer Institute has been participating in for the last several weeks.

Institute executive director Dr. Steven O'Day said oncologists around the world who have previously used immunotherapy to treat cancer are now using their expertise in immunology to research COVID-19 treatments.

O'Day said the institute's research is targeting both the virus itself and patients' exaggerated immune response to the virus.

Saint John's has been involved in clinical trials of remdesivir, which O'Day said may help patients recover from COVID-19 more quickly. Other antiviral drugs, however, have been ineffective.

O'Day said the hospital has also been testing sarulimab, which targets the protein that causes severe inflammation in the lungs of COVID-19 patients. About 20% of COVID-19 patients require hospitalization, he said.

"In 20% of patients, on day four to six of the illness, there's a transition where the virus goes from the upper respiratory tract to the lower respiratory tract," he said. "When it's deep in the lungs, it causes scarring and damage."

The hospital is also involved with clinical trials of a potential vaccine made by Novartis and has been using convalescent plasma to treat some patients.

Now, Saint John's is opening a study with Regeneron on a drug with antibodies that can neutralize the main protein in SARS-CoV-2, O'Day said.

"Hopefully, we can eventually get people on antibodies before they get to a much sicker situation," he said.

Saint John's has also been experimenting with alternatives to ventilators.

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LOOTERS

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monitoring social media posts that indicate that some people are advertising protests as looting opportunities.

Nine fires that were set during the looting were put out, including one that destroyed downtown restaurant Sake House, Renaud said.

Calling Sunday one of the most devastating days in Santa Monica's history, Mayor McKeown said he felt the peaceful protest against institutional racism that began at noon was betrayed by "opportunistic and organized criminals." She said the damage done to businesses has created further economic challenges for the city as it recovers from the pandemic.

"We know better than to let the looters obscure the message of the protesters, who have indeed been heard," he said. "What a small and selfish criminal element has done instead is to bring our community more closely together. We will support our local businesses to recover from this."

Shaun Broyls, who came from Burbank to help clean up Santa Monica Monday morning, said he was embarrassed to watch people use the protest as a chance to break into stores.

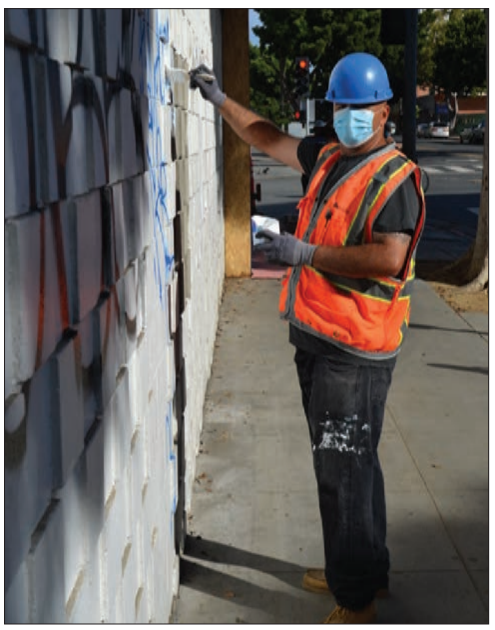
"To see people out doing things that were, quite frankly, embarrassing made me want to come out and do something positive," Broyls said. "If you look outside the looting, the protests were exactly what they needed to be ... people seemed to be sticking to the message and why they were out there."

At a news conference Monday morning, Mayor Pro Tempore Terry O'Day said the city shares in the grief and outrage in the killing of George Floyd and the many other black men and women killed by police.

"Santa Monica is a community that stands in solidarity with the outcry for change and the need to end systemic racism," he said. "But let's be loud and clear: looting and arson are the work of opportunists hijacking a vital message and movement."

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MONDAY MORNING: With the National Guard keeping watch at key locations throughout the city, Santa Monicans came out to clean and repair damage from the Sunday looting. City Hall established at 1:30 p.m. curfew throughout the city Monday to deter additional confrontations. Local officials are facing tough questions about their response to the looting given the pattern of looting following protests and specific warnings about looting that were posted online.

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The Broad Stage hopes to hold live performance this Fall

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SMDP Staff Writer

The Broad Stage's 2020-2021 season of in-person theatrical performances are set to begin this January, but officials of the famed theater said Thursday they hope to hold one outdoor, physically distanced event this Fall that will complement its upcoming pairings of online and in-person programming.

Santa Monica College announced in early May it would continue to keep its campus closed through the Fall, so leaders of The Broad Stage intend to begin its in-theater season in January and, in the meantime, will present a "robust" set of programs online starting in July through its streaming portal The Broad Stage At Home.

The upcoming season will be the first held by The Broad Stage since Rob Bailis became Artistic and Executive Director in June 2019. And while the scheduled performances are still some time away, Bailis said Thursday he announced the schedule this week partly due to precedent but also in an effort to provide hope to locals in need.

"I think it's really important that people in a very difficult moment have something hopeful to look forward to," Bailis said, mentioning this is also a time when organizations like The Broad Stage are talking to members about what they can expect for the coming year. "So part of it is just precedent but it's mostly about wanting to say, 'We're listening to you. We're with you. We know you want to be hearing from us as regularly as you can and we're trying to share that information as quickly and as effectively as we can."

Though the upcoming season has been described as modified in scope due to the COVID-19 crisis, Bailis is still optimistic that it will pave the way to "a new artistic vision" that is at the center of the organization's future. But first, he is busy trying to ensure The

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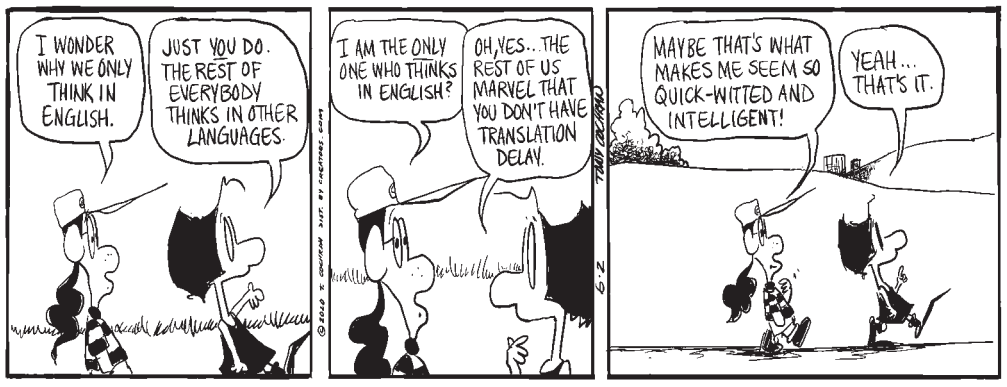
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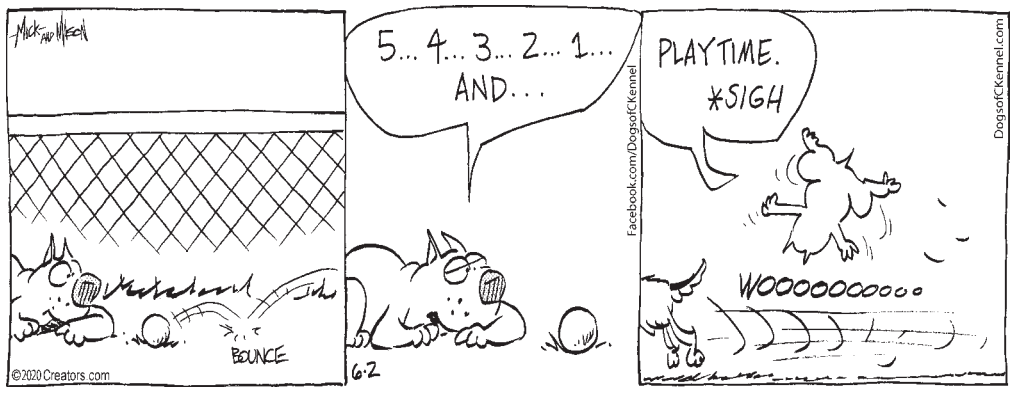
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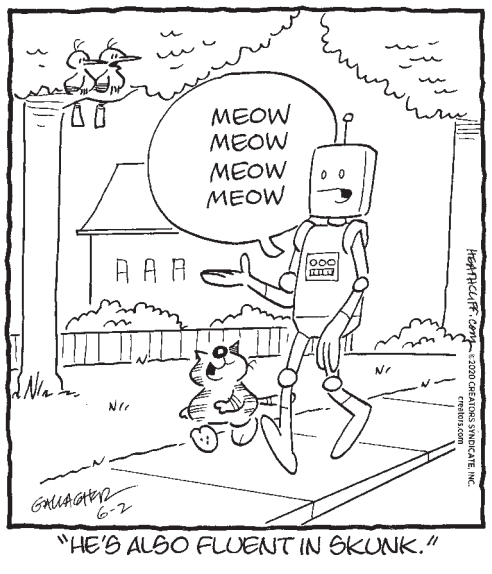
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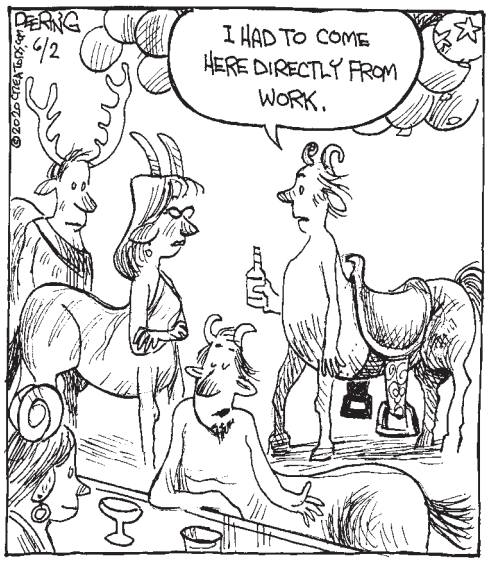
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Strange Brew

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WATER TEMP: 63.5°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Long period SW-SSW swell up a little further -- strongest further west in the region. Smaller NW energy.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Modest, long period SW-SSW swell. Small NW energy.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Thursday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your finger just happens to be on the pulse of what's cool. The more impressive you are, the less you care about impressing anyone. People will envy your style anyway, though.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your first instinct may be to proceed as though your heart is fragile and in need of protection. Then again, your heart may surprise you with a strength and resilience that only emerges when it's tested.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll do things that make you feel insecure, and what's even more remarkable is that you'll do this on purpose. To build character, strength and solidity requires that you find where the weaknesses are and shake things up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like an expert poker player who is wise to the fine art of bluffing, you detect untruths, which gives you an edge. There may be an advantage to going along with the ruse for a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People know what to do with people who appear to think and behave in familiar ways. So conformity makes people comfortable. For you, there's quite a lot that takes priority over other people's comfort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The story of the world begins with a word. So does the story of you, the tale of today, the one about the future. Words are the beginning. Nothing becomes something as soon as you start talking about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't want the kind of friends you have to try too hard with. You'll experiment to find just the right way to let people know who you are, where you've been and what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People say they're doing nothing when, of course, that's impossible. They're doing nothing worth mentioning, maybe, and what you choose to mention or omit will be the secret to your brilliant charm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are so many deep layers and implications to the state of mind called boredom that some neuroscientists have begun to specialize in boredom and study it exclusively. Your boredom will be a kind of passageway today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In order to do a good job, you'll have to manage your feelings and responses. This emotional labor is the hardest part of a job or relationship and should not be given away for free.

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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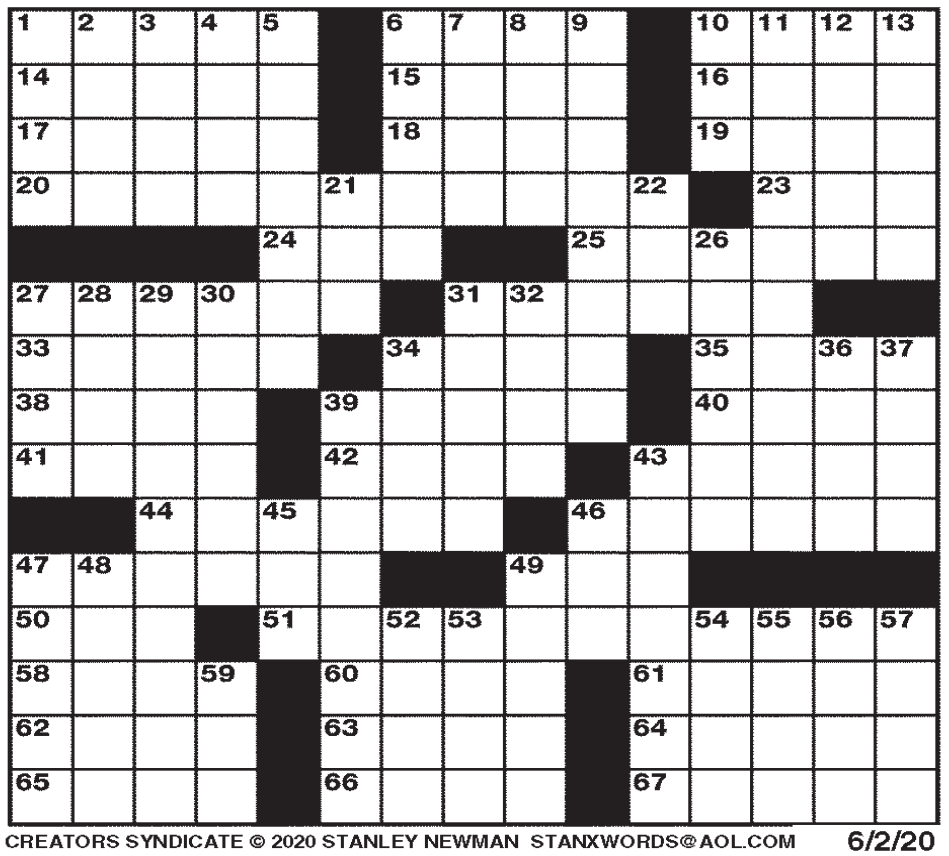
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Newsday Crossword

VISION QUEST by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Film industry award
6 Halloween face covering
10 Barbecue rod
14 Not as good
15 Vampire novelist Rice
16 Yes-__ question
17 Overact
18 Hang around
19 Bat one eye
20 Clairvoyance
23 Sweater neck shape
24 Boot tip
25 "Doggone it!"
27 Judge's order
31 Choose
33 Measuring stick
34 New Haven university
35 Snaky swimmers
38 Press, as a shirt
39 Ships' steering wheels
40 Big jump
41 Blog entry
42 Cheerios grains
43 Reach by plane
44 Coarse in one's talking
46 Most dishonorable
47 Onion relative
49 Plop down on a chair
50 Not feeling well
51 Opinion
58 Anything edible
60 Farm's wheat or corn
61 Long firearm
62 "Wherefore art __ Romeo?"
63 Pod in Cajun cooking
64 Lesser of two __
65 "Oh, for Pete's __!"
66 "Be that __ may . . ."
67 Bother persistently

DOWN
1 Has debts
2 Nonspecific amount
3 Gator's cousin
4 Regarding
5 Come back in
6 En __ (as a group)
7 Prefix for virus
8 Minor obstacle
9 Openings in doors
10 Mother of piglets
11 Detective for hire
12 Toward the center
13 Minor memento
21 Fawn's mother
22 Off-__-wall (unconventional)
26 Big batteries
27 Slow faucet leak
28 Money in France
29 More careful inspection
30 Leased car or home
31 Seasoned like pretzels
32 Shade trees
34 "Uh-huh"
36 Back muscles, for short
37 Dalmatian mark
39 Wintertime drink
43 Like skim milk
45 __ apart (shred)
46 Life story, for short
47 Birthday party pile
48 Luau greeting
49 Mar. 17 honoree
52 Annoys
53 "Me neither"
54 "Long live," in Mexico
55 "__ ain't broke . . ."
56 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
57 Toward the sunset
59 Payable now



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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LA has seen racial uprisings, many not shocked by new round

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

When violent protests over the death of George Floyd, a black man pinned down by a white Minneapolis officer, reached Los Angeles, people of color expressed heartbreak but not necessarily surprise — they had seen it nearly 30 years ago during the Rodney King riots.

On April 29, 1992, thousands in the city's largely minority south side took to the streets after an all-white jury acquitted four white police officers of attacking King, a black driver, after a traffic stop. The outcome outraged a community that watched video of King being beaten with police batons, shot with stun guns and stomped on.

By the time order was restored, rioting had spread across much of LA for five days, leaving more than 60 people dead, over 2,300 injured and $1 billion in property damage. Smoke enveloped the city after hundreds of buildings burned to the ground.

The losses are far higher than in protests over Floyd's killing that have swept the nation for days, devolving into people setting buildings and police cars on fire, smashing their way into stores and hurling rocks and bottles at officers. Police have responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and thousands of arrests, many of them in LA.

Kerman Maddox was a young radio reporter who lived just a block from one of the flashpoints in the 1992 riots.

"I had a chance to see a lot and observe a lot, and I was hoping I would never see that again," said Maddox, who is black.

But he also thought he'd never see another video recorded by a bystander as violent as the one of King's beating, Maddox said. Not until he watched footage of white Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin pressing a knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

"I still have a hard time seeing that," said Maddox, who's a public affairs consultant.

He said the chaotic protests it triggered did not entirely surprise him, soon after white men were arrested in May in the February killing of black Georgia jogger Ahmaud Arbery and other incidents.

"The problem is this is 2020, Rodney King happened almost 30 years ago and a lot of people see this stuff is still going on," Maddox said. "You're upset, and you're angry, and you're perplexed because you're trying to figure out what do we have to do for this to end."

To see Los Angeles erupt in chaos for the second time in her life has been devastating, says Aurea Montes-Rodriguez, executive vice president of the Community Coalition South Los Angeles. As a high school student, she had to walk past burning buildings and looters after her school abruptly suspended bus service during the 1992 riots. The experience inspired her to dedicate her career to public service after earning a master's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

"I felt that what I was seeing on TV the first night and when I walked through the fires the second day was a civil unrest by people who were fed up believing that the legal system, that the justice system, was going to work for our community," she said on the 25th anniversary of the King riots in 2017.

That's still the problem, she said Sunday, not only in Los Angeles but in other U.S. cities.

"I'm deeply concerned and heartbroken that this is happening in our city, and worse, that it's happening in different parts of the country because our elected officials refuse to hear or see the devastation that families are hearing and experiencing," Montes-Rodriguez said.

Civil rights scholar Jody Armour has noticed that people of color now protesting are often joined by white people, something he didn't see during the 1992 uprising.

That could be an indication, he says, that more white people, realizing black people were not exaggerating when they spoke of the dangers of driving or walking while black, have begun to develop an empathy and to stand with African Americans against oppression.

"Racial discrimination today isn't the old KKK racism, but racism of indifference," says Armour, a black University of Southern California professor who has written and lectured on racial justice, criminal justice and the rule of law. "You're not motivated by racial animus or spite, you just don't feel the pain of the out-group members as you do for your in-group members."

Still, he cautioned real change has never been easy and is often violent, from the Civil War to the 1960s civil rights movement.

That it has taken this long to get to that point is especially frustrating to Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who was 13 when the Watts riots erupted near her home in 1965 after white officers got into a scuffle with a drunken driving suspect in the city's racially segregated Watts neighborhood. More than 30 people were killed.

While there were substantial efforts to rebuild communities after both uprisings, she said Sunday that it's clear that "despite what we have done, what has still not changed is the systemic racism that we're seeing across the country as it relates to the interaction between law enforcement and unarmed black men."

She said she's encouraged that several police chiefs have spoken out against Floyd's death. In New Jersey, for instance, Camden County Police Chief Joe Wysocki joined protesters in a march.

"I think that's where it has to start, we have to reform throughout this country our police departments," said Hahn, who is white and whose late father, Kenneth Hahn, was a revered figure in the largely black community he represented on the county Board of Supervisors for 40 years.

"I'm 68 years old," she said ruefully. "My hope is to see in my lifetime a real change. So that I don't go through one of these again."

BROAD STAGE

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Broad Stage will be able to present the world premiere of the mobile, theatrical chamber opera Birds In The Moon to residents live at an outdoor venue.

"Much of the problem with coming back into theaters isn't just the audience; it's also the safety of the artist, the safety of the crew, the safety of the staff. And if you've ever been backstage to the theater, then you know it's very hard to physically distance," Bailis said.

"The thing that gives us the most hope is the way this set is designed, though," Bailis added, detailing how the opera would allow for performers, technicians and all who are involved on the set to maintain a safe physical distance while the performance is in action. "And because it will be done outdoors, we can actually physically distance the audience and still have them be able to enjoy the full experience."

The only question that remains to be answered between now and September is what will the exact location be.

"We're thinking first and foremost about public parks as the right partners for this particular work of art," Bailis said, "because it will arrive, literally, as a giant shipping container that opens up into this very visual world, so it's a perfect piece to do kind of in a parking lot or in a park."

No matter where it's held, though, the free performance will surely be a treat to those who attend, which is something that can be said for all of the upcoming performances this season, according to Bailis, who invited residents to view the entire schedule of the upcoming season by visiting the website: thebroadstage.org/.

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DRUG TRIALS

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Pulmonogist Dr. Terese Hammond said ventilators exert pressure on the lungs and can sometimes damage them. She said the hospital is increasingly turning to ECMO machines, which pumps and oxygenates a patient's blood outside the body, allowing the heart and lungs to rest.

"We still use ventilators, although we know they can be very harmful to the lungs of COVID-19 patients and so try to use other therapies as much as we can before we put them on ventilators," Hammond said.

She said Saint John's is approaching a 50% survival rate for patients who require ECMO machines.

The hospital has a responsibility to help patients outside its affluent Westside catchment area, she added.

"Community hospitals don't always have the resources to have access to these treatments," she said.

But O'Day said he hopes hospitals will be able to rely less on ECMO machines and ventilators in the coming months.

"Now that we have an antiviral with some benefit, and anti-inflammatories and plasma, it's our task to identify the 20% who need more help before they crash and need ventilators," he said.

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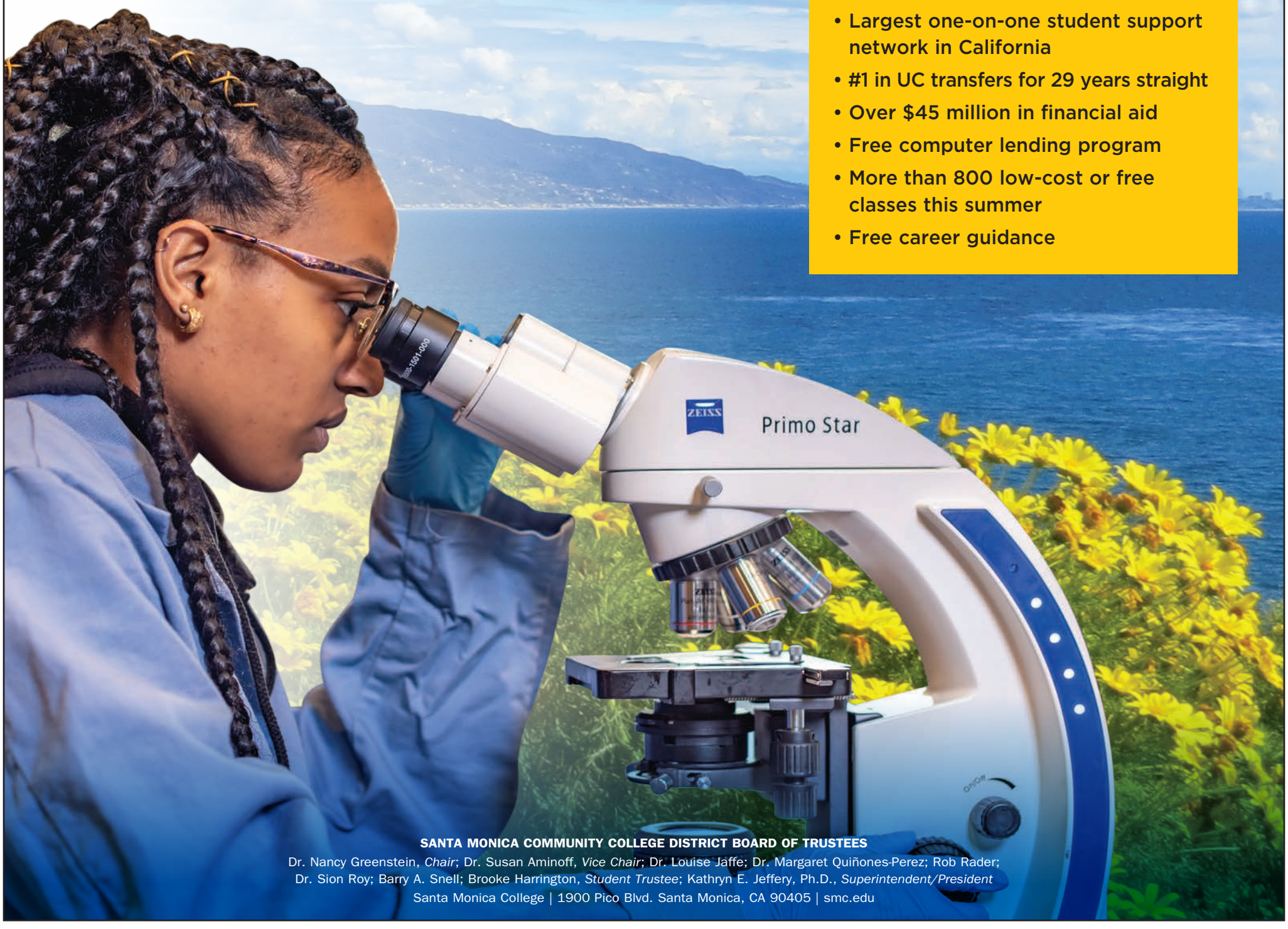
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