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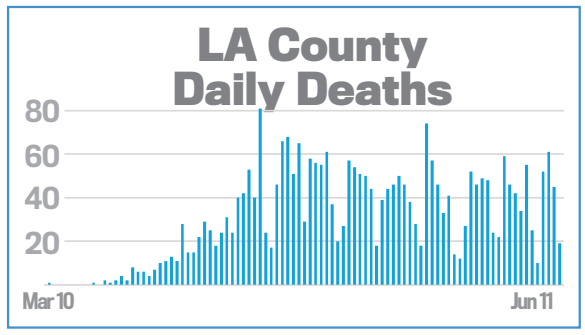
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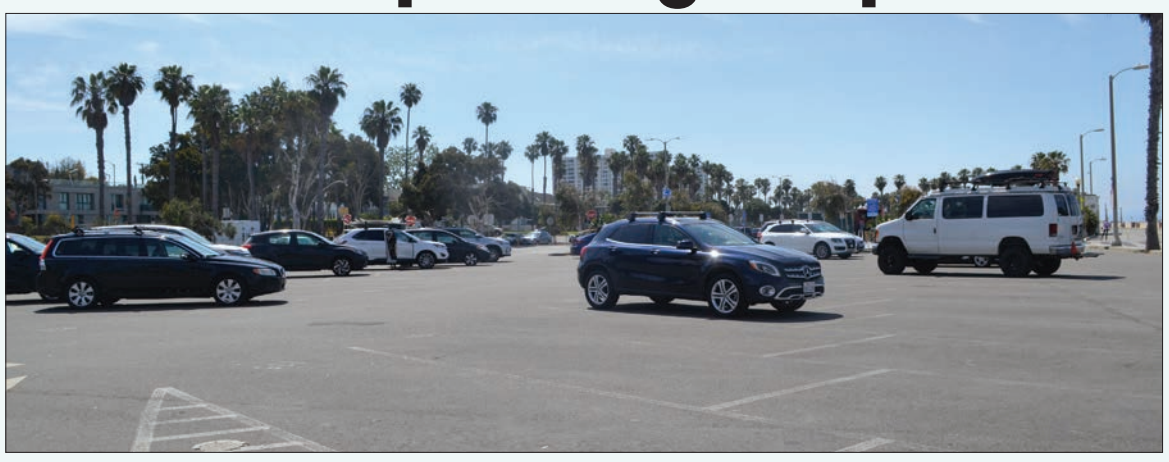
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Beach parking reopens



Matthew Hall

OPEN: One beach lot is already open and others are expected to reopen by July 4.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Beach parking lots will reopen in the coming weeks and locals eager to access the surf already have more options.

City officials have begun reopening metered parking along Ocean Avenue between Pico and Bicknell. Beach lot 4 South is also open for both short-term and day parking.

More parking is good news for long-time surfer Luca Bentivoglio who lives on 26th Street. He said the lack of parking has been an issue for local surfers who can't just walk to the beach and that beach access is an important resource for all residents.

"What struck me the other day,

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Santa Monica homeless population shrinks by 8%



Matthew Hall

CAMP: Homelessness declined in Santa Monica according to the count.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's homeless population fell by 8% this year, officials announced Friday.

The 2020 homeless count, which was conducted in January, found 907 people experiencing homelessness in Santa Monica, down from 985 counted in 2019. About 600 were unsheltered and 300 were living in shelters or institutions. The number of people counted on the beach and in downtown Santa Monica decreased by 14% in 2020 following a 19% decrease the previous year.

The city's homeless population grew by 3% in 2019 and 4% in 2018 after jumping 26% in 2017.

In contrast, the city and county of Los Angeles both recorded a

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Homelessness deepens in Los Angeles County, jumps 13%

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

The number of homeless people counted across Los Angeles County jumped 12.7% over the past year to more than 66,400 and authorities fear that figure will spike again once the full impact of the coronavirus pandemic is felt, officials said Friday.

The majority of those experiencing homelessness were found within the city of Los Angeles, which had a 14.2% increase to 41,290, according to Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority data.

The rise came a year after the previous tally also found a 12% jump in the county with one of the nation's highest concentrations of residents living on the streets. California has an estimated 150,000 homeless people, the most in the U.S.

The crisis is visible in downtown Los Angeles, where hundreds of

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Prowler 2500blk La Mesa Dr 1:52 a.m.
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Prowler Just Left 2900blk Kansas Ave 3:19 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:58 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:31 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:00 a.m.
Person With A Gun 600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:55 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800blk Broadway 7:33 a.m.
Identity Theft Unknown 9:26 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:38 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1000blk Broadway 9:39 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 2000blk Broadway 10:02 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2100blk Ocean Ave 10:09 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 1400blk 21st St 10:38 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk Michigan Ave 10:41 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500blk 4th St 10:42 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:59 a.m.
Identity Theft 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 3000blk Delaware Ave 11:11 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1900blk Main St 11:58 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 7th St 12:04 p.m.
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Auto Burglary Report 500blk Raymond Ave 12:28 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 16th St / San Vicente Blvd 12:30 p.m.
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Critical Missing Person 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800blk Hill St 3:05 p.m.
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Fight 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:14 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2500blk Barnard Way 3:14 p.m.
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Grand Theft Auto Report Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 9:44 p.m.
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Wires Down 2500blk Euclid St 9:55 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 5th St 10:19 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 3000blk Delaware Ave 11:11 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:13 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica College to Provide Emergency Assistance Grants

Santa Monica College is providing emergency assistance grants to SMC Nursing Program students experiencing serious financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The First Response Fund – created by the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) in partnership with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – provided $4,545 to be used for the grants, with additional assistance from the SMC Foundation.

Second-year nursing student Cecilia Sevilla, who received a $500 grant, said the money "is going to be a big help to cover bills for utilities and groceries for me, my mom, and my little brother. It's been difficult trying to look for jobs." The first in her family to attend college, she said she chose SMC because, when she was researching nursing programs that were affordable, "it kept coming up as the best. What I really appreciate is the way SMC and the people here, like Michelle Aragon, are such a great support to us students." Ms. Smith plans to finish her studies at SMC, then transfer to earn a BSN [Bachelor of Science in Nursing] at either CSU Fullerton or CSU Long Beach.

"The funding provided to nine of SMC's nursing students is a testament to finding solutions to bridge the incredibly challenging employment gap so many of our students are facing," said Lizzy Moore, SMC Foundation President and Dean of Institutional Advancement. "We are grateful to FCCC for making this opportunity available at such a critical juncture in our nursing student's academic journey."

"Thank you to Lizzy Moore and the Santa Monica College Foundation for facilitating this process," said SMC Associate Dean of Health Sciences Eve Adler. "This is a great help to the hardworking students in the Nursing Program who look forward to completing their education and joining their colleagues on the front lines of this pandemic."

Students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 were identified through a survey created by Health Sciences counselor Ana Montes de Vegas. Housing insecurity, food insecurity, and loss of income were some of the areas the survey covered. Students were chosen to receive grants based on their level of need for direct aid.

The First Response Fund was the first one established from the Campaign for Relief and Recovery through the California Community Colleges to "support students, families, and communities affected by COVID-19. The fund's purpose is two-fold: to help students who are facing adverse financial impacts of COVID-19 with their ability to stay enrolled and complete their CCC education, while also helping address California's pressing need to advance students in specific health care fields into its health care system."

The Santa Monica College Nursing Program, approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), prepares students for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse. SMC students completing the program are encouraged to transfer to a college offering BSN programs.

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HOMELESSNESS

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people live in makeshift shanties that line entire blocks in the notorious neighborhood known as Skid Row. Tents regularly pop up on the pavement outside City Hall. Encampments are increasingly found in suburban areas under freeway overpasses.

January's annual homelessness count came before the COVID-19 outbreak paralyzed the economy and pushed scores of people into unemployment — many of whom were already spending nearly half their earnings on rent in a city with a severe shortage of affordable housing.

"These are folks who are one missed paycheck, one family tragedy, healthcare crisis, car accident — whatever it is — away from losing their housing," Heidi Marston, the homeless services authority's new director, said this week.

It's estimated that the county needs more than a half million new affordable housing units to meet current demand, according to a 2020 report by the California Housing Partnership.

Los Angeles County instituted a moratorium on evictions amid the pandemic. Marston fears that many more people will be homeless when it expires at the end of June.

If there's one bright spot among the bleak figures, Marston said, it's that the coronavirus is forcing officials to get better at moving people inside rapidly. Some 6,000 homeless residents have been sheltered since the outbreak began, she said.

More than half of those were moved into hotels under Project Roomkey, a state program established to get those most vulnerable to COVID-19 off the streets temporarily. The rooms are reserved for people age 65 and older and those with existing medical conditions.

The number of those sheltered amid the pandemic is so far less than half the stated goal of 15,000, and county officials have conceded the process was more complicated than anticipated.

Black people make up 34% of those experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County, despite representing just 8% of the overall population, according to the data.

"Homelessness is without question a byproduct of racism," Marston said.

The crisis can't be dealt with on the streets without also confronting systemic bias in criminal justice, zoning policies, lending practices and child welfare, said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The county's Homeless Services Authority said it helped nearly 22,770 people move into permanent housing during 2019 — a pace that would have helped rapidly end homelessness if economic pressures had not simultaneously pushed thousands more out of their homes.

"Every day we're helping 207 people find housing, only to have them replaced by 227 new individuals who fall into homeless. That's every single day," Ridley-Thomas said.

To reduce homelessness, communities must overcome resistance to the placement of housing and shelters, Marston said.

"We need folks more broadly to say yes" to allowing facilities and services in their neighborhoods, she said.

Of those counted who became homeless for the first time in 2019, the majority cited economic hardship as the primary cause, the authority said. The second most commonly named reason was unstable social networks.

Four years ago, Los Angeles voters approved a tax hike and $1.2 billion housing bond to make a decade's worth of massive investments to help solve the homeless crisis. That bond money has been committed to build more than half of the 10,000 new housing units planned countywide over 10 years.

Elise Buik, CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, called the measure a down payment. But she said additional strategies were required, including an infusion of private funding. Buik also urged state lawmakers to pass a bill that would require residential properties in some areas to include 20% affordable housing.

Officials estimate 41% of people experiencing homelessness in the county are mentally ill or coping with substance abuse problems.

"City Hall is not reacting to this on any kind of emergency scale. And it is an emergency on our streets," said Estela Lopez of the Downtown Industrial Business Improvement District. "Sometimes I think those of us downtown are the only ones not numb to the scale of the problem."

The Skid Row area is "the front line" for homelessness in the city, where violence is common, drugs are prevalent and the smell of human waste permeates the air, she said.

The district's business members, mainly fish and produce vendors, pay additional property taxes for on-demand power-washing of sidewalks and a private security force that mediates disputes and clears people congregating at business' front doors and loading docks.

The Los Angeles County count found a 19% increase in homeless youth, defined as those 18 to 24, and a 20% jump in people 62 or older.

About 67% of all people on the streets of metro Los Angeles are male, around 32% are female, and about .4% identify as transgender or gender non-conforming.







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Failed us

Today, like thousands of other people, I signed a petition to have Santa Monica Police Chief, Cynthia Renaud removed from office. The events of Sunday, May 31st, during which downtown Santa Monica was looted and ransacked, revealed that both she, her department, and the entire City Council were woefully unprepared for the events that day despite the volume of chatter on social media and the events in downtown LA the day before.

Our City Council and the police chief failed us; we watched in despair as looters pillaged and burned our local businesses. Our city leadership exhibited a lack of moral courage, a lack of backbone when we needed them most; they made a binary decision to contain peaceful protesters and allow businesses to be destroyed instead of preparing for what they knew was coming and doing the hard and good work to protect both. Why would small businesses want to remain in Santa Monica if the government won't protect them?

Good policing is a tricky balance and in recent days we have been reminded that there is still a lot of work to do in our country to make sure that people of color can live free of police brutality and that protecting and serving means protecting and serving all residents. However, the other side of the pendulum is no policing at all and that seems to be the choice Chief Renaud and the City Council have made.

Not only does Chief Renaud need to step down but the entire City Council needs to be recalled. We have had enough of their glossy platitudes.

Santa Monica has some of the highest paid government officials in California and yet we are broke and bankrupt. Santa Monica has seen year-over-year increases in crime and homelessness both of which the city has addressed with steering committees and meetings but without the bravery that real solutions require. We have developed a hugely expensive and super green government service building and funded an almost $800,000,000 climate change initiative but have continued to allow our most vulnerable citizens to suffer on our streets. Santa Monica has created a regulatory environment where affordable housing is almost impossible to build because the cost of development is approximately $1,000 per foot or roughly $700,000 per unit. City officials often recite their support for the underserved but in a city where apartments can cost upwards of $5,000 per month and where the City Council has spent millions of our taxpayer dollars appealing a California Voting Rights Act lawsuit judgment, their token chants ring hollow.

We must demand more than this! We need to stand in solidarity as Santa Monica renters and owners, dig our fingernails into the dirt, and do the hard work to create the future we deserve.

Andrew Browning, Santa Monica Resident

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMC Emeritus Student Art Exhibition 2020 Online Opening Celebration June 25

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Emeritus Art Gallery is pleased to present its annual SMC Emeritus Student Art Exhibition 2020 Online starting June 25. This year, the group exhibition will be presented at smc.edu/emeritusgallery and feature 160 works created by 91 student artists in SMC's noncredit Emeritus program for older adults.

A free, live Zoom Virtual Launch Event will be held online from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25. A link at smc.edu/emeritusgallery takes guests directly to the exhibition's opening reception.

The opening reception will be hosted by Emeritus Associate Dean Dr. Scott Silverman and Emeritus Art Gallery Curator Jesse Benson, who will highlight and discuss a selection of individual artworks. Several of the exhibiting artists will also hold brief discussions about their work.

To see the artworks online at any time after 5 p.m. on June 25, viewers may go to smc.edu/emeritusgallery and click the Emeritus Student Art Exhibition 2020 Online link, available 24 hours a day. The link takes viewers directly to the exhibition album on a Facebook page that is open to public viewing (Facebook account not necessary).

"I'm incredibly proud of our brilliant student artist community at Emeritus for not only accepting the challenge of an online exhibition, but welcoming it as an opportunity for growth," said Benson. "Because of the students' willingness to embrace change, we have been able to develop new exhibition possibilities that will supplement our in-gallery experiences in the future. The conceptual and technical advancement of these artists continues to unfold exponentially."

"Even though we can't gather in person to appreciate the art produced by our wonderful Emeritus students, the Emeritus Student Online Art Exhibition gives us a chance to still enjoy their art, from the comfort of our own homes," said Silverman. "An added benefit is that it will give Emeritus and our students a chance to share this art to a broader audience that has not previously had a chance to visit the Gallery."

SMC's widely praised Emeritus program – founded by Santa Monica College in 1975 as a noncredit program to serve the lifelong learning interests of older adults – offers more than 120 noncredit adult education classes and special programs that serve more than 3,000 students each year.

More information is available by visiting smc.edu/emeritusgallery or calling (310) 434-4306.

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Library Announces 2020 Santa Monica Reads Selection

2020 marks the eighteenth anniversary of Santa Monica Public Library's annual community reading program, Santa Monica Reads. During COVID-19, we are living in unprecedented times. The need for libraries and community connection is more important than ever. Popular with local residents and visitors, the program invites everyone to read and discuss the same book at special events and book discussions. This year, all Santa Monica Reads events will be held virtually. They are pleased to announce The Library Book by Susan Orlean as the 2020 selection. Santa Monica Reads is part of Santa Monica Reads All Summer and runs from Monday, June 22 through Monday, September 7.

The Library Book re-opens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history while paying homage to all public libraries. The book presents an intriguing history of the city of Los Angeles, as well as the Central Library fire. In 1986, the fire reached 2,000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. It destroyed 400,000 books and damaged 700,000 more, shutting the library down for seven years. To this day, the mystery of whether the fire was arson still remains. An award-winning journalist and New York Times best-selling author, Orlean presents a uniquely engaging story.

They will be hosting special events and discussions virtually on topics that The Library Book brings to the fore: local history, civil service, democracy, and wellbeing. Sign up for the Library's annual Santa Monica Reads All Summer program to join a community of readers. The Library Book is available in several formats from the Santa Monica Public Library or can be purchased at a local or online bookseller. Access free e-books and e-audiobooks through the Libby app, with a Santa Monica Public Library card. For more information, go to SMPL Online. Santa Monica Reads is sponsored by the Santa Monica Public Library and the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library.

JOIN ORGANIZERS FOR THESE FREE SPECIAL EVENTS AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

Author Talk: Susan Orlean on The Library Book - In her bestselling book, Susan Orlean re-opens the unsolved mystery of the Los Angeles Central Library fire, the most catastrophic library fire in American history, while simultaneously paying homage to public libraries and their impact on individuals, communities, and society. Join them for this virtual presentation and discussion about the essential role libraries play in our lives. Saturday, July 25 at 2 p.m. Live via BlueJeans at tinyurl.com/ybgcbgyt

The Architecture of Los Angeles Central Library - Join organizers for a discussion and visual presentation on the architectural history of the Los Angeles Central Library. Learn about the unique history of the building and the role the 1986 fire played in its redesign. Panelists include Kenneth Breisch, Associate Professor of Architecture at USC; Margaret Bach, founding member of the Los Angeles Conservancy; and Stephen Gee, author of Los Angeles Central Library: A History of Its Art and Architecture. Saturday, August 15 at 2 p.m. Live via Zoom at tinyurl.com/ya93wcn7

Santa Monica Reads book discussions are hosted by trained discussion facilitators. Discussion participants are encouraged to share their thoughts about The Library Book and its themes or are welcome to simply listen and learn more about the book.

Saturday, July 11 at 11 a.m. Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/y9ddwvq4

Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. Montana Branch Book Group - Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/y72gvumk. Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 will also be discussed.

Tuesday, July 21 at 4 p.m. Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/ycts8u6f

Wednesday, August 5 at 11 a.m. Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/ydbene6f

Monday, August 17 at 7 p.m. Main Library Book Group - Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/y9wtpj86

Saturday, August 29, at 2 p.m. Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/y7nl3352

Thursday, September 3, at 4 p.m. Live via Zoom; register in advance at tinyurl.com/ybo5k98j

For more information about these free, public programs call Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org/SMReads.aspx. Due to COVID-19, the Santa Monica Public Library is temporarily closed until further notice. Please check back regularly about our status, as we hope to re-open soon. Library services are currently available 24/7 at SMPL Online. Contact a live person, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for general questions, reference and research-related questions by email at reference@smgov.net or call (310) 458-8600.

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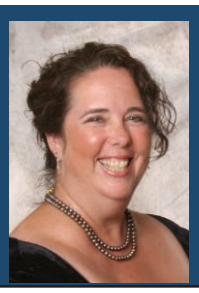
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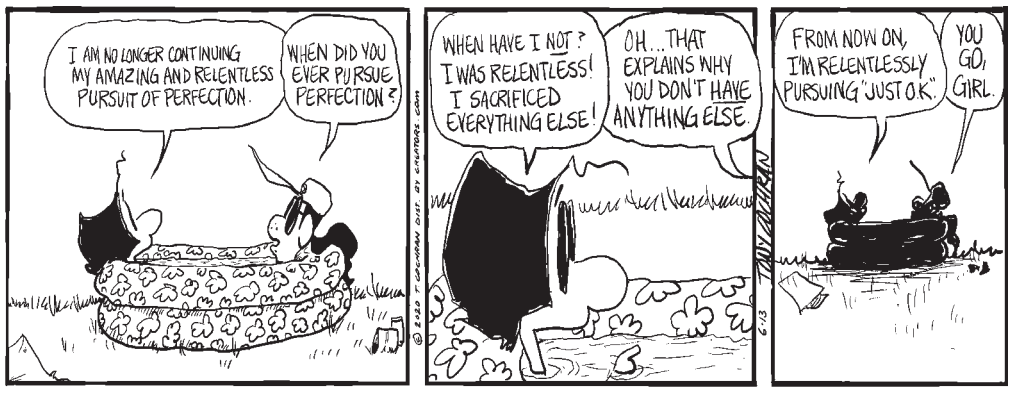
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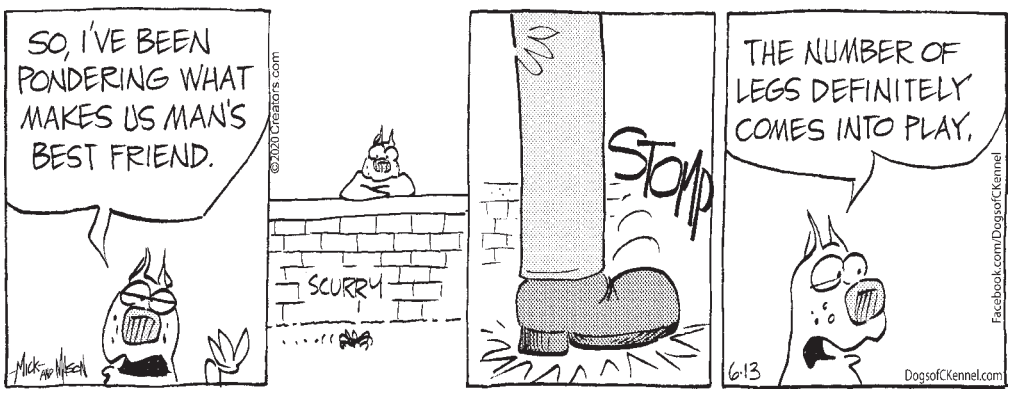
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WATER TEMP: 63.9°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder hight
S swell continues. Small NW windswell joins in.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
S swell eases. Small NW windswell eases.

WEATHER

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/13	Sat	03:49 AM	3.60	H
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2020/06/14	Sun	12:10 AM	2.19	L
2020/06/14	Sun	05:15 AM	3.36	H
2020/06/14	Sun	11:27 AM	1.18	L
2020/06/14	Sun	6:19 PM	4.64	H
2020/06/15	Mon	01:02 AM	1.63	L
2020/06/15	Mon	06:30 AM	3.27	H
2020/06/15	Mon	12:05 PM	1.45	L
2020/06/15	Mon	6:48 PM	4.94	H
2020/06/16	Tue	01:43 AM	1.07	L
2020/06/16	Tue	07:33 AM	3.30	H
2020/06/16	Tue	12:40 PM	1.68	L
2020/06/16	Tue	7:15 PM	5.25	H
2020/06/17	Wed	02:19 AM	0.55	L
2020/06/17	Wed	08:25 AM	3.37	H
2020/06/17	Wed	1:13 PM	1.87	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:06/10
10 33 41 52 54
Power#: 18
Jackpot:20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 06/09
1 5 9 10 23
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 06/10
3 11 20 25 46
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/11
10 15 17 21 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 06/11
Evening: 4 2 4
Draw Date: 06/11
Midday: 9 0 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 06/11
1st: 7 - EUREKA
2nd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 4 - BIG BEN
RACE TIME: 1:48.66

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 13)

You'll soon make a speech. Not long ago, you wouldn't have been able to do this. It's a sign that you've arrived in some way. August will feel like a fantasy. There's a reunion in early 2021. You'll get even better at listening well, a superstar habit that will build relationships and lead you to money time after time. Scorpio and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 18, 40, 20 and 3.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though you have much to teach, you also possess an innate ability that came via your birthright and is nontransferable. You will now appreciate the value of this gift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a role in the happiness of others, and you'll definitely see smiles to today. Of course, the contentment you have the most power over is your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're more aligned than ever. Your intention for these minutes reflects your goals for the next five years, and you'll measure your every action against these aims.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People want what they want, not what others think they should want. You're tuned in, looking for clues about what's really going on. Don't be afraid to ask direct questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You try to consume nutritious foods, and it goes the same way with media. Seek that which feeds your mind and emotional self. Exposing yourself to the wrong things makes you feel icky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Anticipate your diversions and schedule them. If you can check your voicemail, email and social channels but once or twice a day, then the rest of your day will be much more productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll honor the tradition, follow the recipe, conform to the expectation -- and then flip it on its ear. It's that flourish and twist that captivates your crowd and keeps them coming back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The items you choose to adorn your living space with are meaningful to you and meant to be looked at -- except the ones that aren't. You'll think better as you weed out the visual distractions keeping you from your work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You focus on solutions, not problems. You accept responsibility for the success of a project and deal with challenges as they come. However small an achievement may be, it's something to build on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a takeaway from every interaction. If your residual feeling is consistently great around someone, make an effort to spend more time together. And if you consistently feel lowered by someone, heed the sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are people you know who have been in powerful positions and have gotten used to a certain level of respect, which they don't always get anymore. But you remember, honor and pay what's due.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The culmination of your experience has brought you here, but this isn't the pinnacle. You'll keep learning and forming the attitudes that help you move forward.

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

2	7	1	8	3	4	9	6	5
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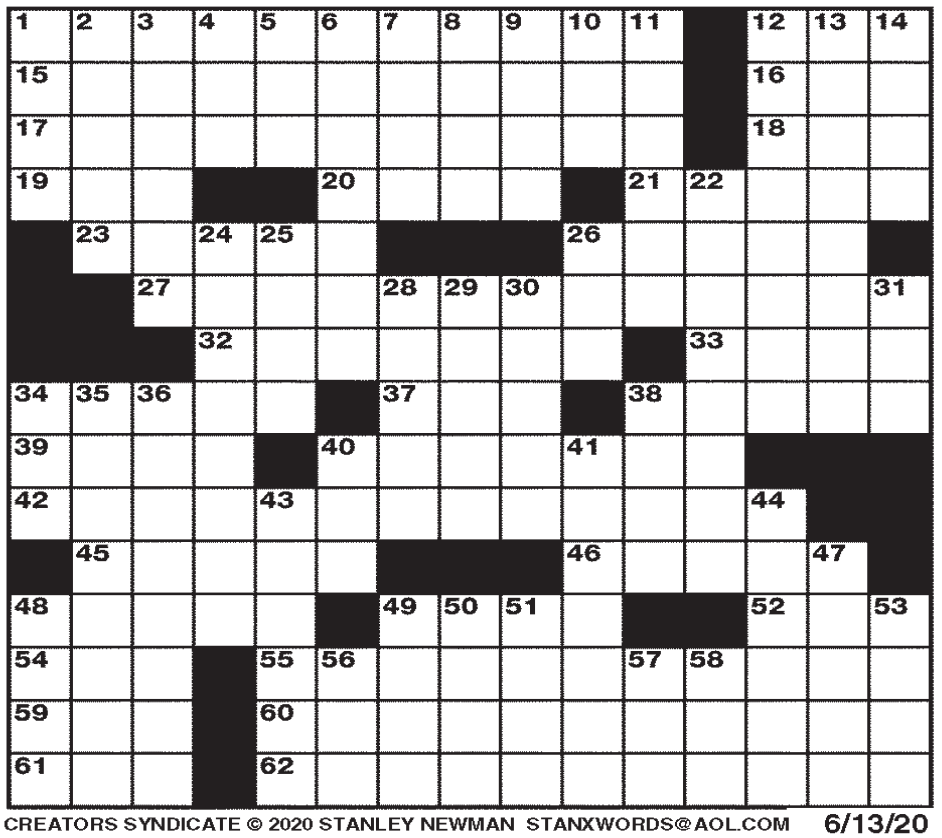
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Reunion remark
12 Birthday Brights seller
15 Fixed
16 Villainous comment from O. Henry
17 Source for Vermeer's blues
18 33 Across function
19 Sierra Club starter
20 *Societé d'__* (Canadian Crown corporation)
21 *The Right Stuff* actor or role
23 Name on the 2002 Hip-Hop Hall induction list
26 Growing thing
27 Warrior's cast iron
32 What Lysol lacks
33 Skip button pioneer
34 Union capital
37 Some shots, for short
38 Half a hyphenated haven
39 Half of New Delhi
40 Inherited
42 Savor a prospect
45 Traditional fur trader
46 Public-notice metaphor
48 What scrubbers may work on
49 Compacted group
52 Post-win ritual
54 "Yes"
55 Sushi staple
59 Orchid product
60 Credibility assessment tool
61 Shaq's first NBA team
62 Public OK

DOWN
1 Device for trapping
2 Give force to
3 Sketch
4 Henry Louis Gates, circa 1971
5 Comic Con costuming
6 Fiber biz
7 "__ in shirt-sleeves" (Thomas Wolfe's term for a yes-man)
8 Mediterranean port
9 Get edgy with?
10 It's not good
11 Dudley Do-Right cartoon sounds
12 Already brought up
13 "Outrageous!"
14 Not working
22 Built like the Eiffel Tower
24 John the Baptist opponent
25 Large gathering
26 Group with a crossed-club logo
28 Composed, as an intricate tale
29 Without value
30 Won't stand for
31 Biodiesel source
34 Hip replacement?
35 Highly toxic garden flower
36 Kerosene antecedent
38 Donald Duck greeting
40 Rounded up
41 Three-line poems
43 Clash
44 Hand signal
47 Didn't stop
48 Lima preceder in the NATO alphabet
49 Generated
50 Brit's public outdoor pool
51 Any Wagnerian masterwork
53 __ ways
56 Muffin __
57 Student center
58 Airer of Noir Alley films



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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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Cafe	Link	Satin	Toys
China	Make	Scissors	Tube
Clay	Models	Sewing	Turn
Creates	Oils	Show	Vice
Daub	Papier mache	Skill	Video
Draw	Paste	Spin	Weave
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
I'd rather be sailing

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HOMELESS

FROM PAGE 1

roughly 13% increase in homelessness in the 2020 homeless count. More than 66,000 people were experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County in January, about 41,000 of whom were living in the city of Los Angeles.

Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown attributed the decrease in homelessness to the city's investment in its C3 and HMST outreach teams, which help people on the streets connect to housing and other services, as well as rental and legal assistance programs that keep people in their homes.

"The local numbers contrast with regional increases, and make clear that Santa Monica's street-based outreach model for persons experiencing homelessness does work," McKeown said in a statement. "Santa Monica can be proud of our progress, but there is much hard work yet to be done."

The data predates the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore does not measure its impacts on homelessness or reflect efforts such as Project Roomkey or eviction moratoriums that local governments have taken to help the homeless and at-risk renters during the pandemic.

"We've yet to see the impacts of COVID-19 and economic challenges, but Santa Monica's eviction moratorium and ongoing commitment to leverage state and federal funding for housing assistance will keep local residents from being forced onto the streets," McKeown said.

An estimated 82,955 people throughout the county fell into homelessness in 2019, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) officials said. More than 52,000 "self-resolved" out of homelessness and the county rehousing system placed 22,769 into permanent housing — twice as many placements compared to 2015. More than 700 permanent supportive homes opened in 2019 and 2,360 more are scheduled to open in the next 12 months.

The number of homeless people in the county who had temporary shelter increased by 27% since last year to 18,395. The city of Los Angeles' "A Bridge Home" program, which aims to build homeless shelters in each City Council district, helped shelter nearly 3,500 more people in Los Angeles alone — including more than 150 in Venice.

But because median rent in L.A. County is nearly half of median income and continues to rise, county officials said they are unable to keep people from falling into homelessness even as the system becomes better equipped to connect people on the streets with temporary or permanent housing.

An average of 227 people become homeless in the county every day even as 207 people exit homelessness, according to a county report. L.A. County would need 509,000 affordable homes to meet current demand, according to the county report.

Two-thirds of adults without shelter were homeless for the first time in 2019 and 59% cited economic hardship as the cause, according to 2020 homeless count data. Nearly 7 in 10 unsheltered adults became homeless while living in L.A. County.

Officials said systemic racism affecting employment, healthcare and housing is reflected in the homeless population, with Black people four times more represented among people experiencing homelessness than in the county population overall.

LAHSA executive director Heidi Marston said the county must dismantle systemic racism, build more affordable housing, and transform its foster care, healthcare and criminal justice systems to stop them from pushing people into homelessness.

"We can settle for nothing less than ending homelessness for those who experience it and stopping it before it begins for anyone else," she said.

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BEACH

FROM PAGE 1

I was coming out of Bay street and there were like two or three SUV's with mothers and kids in the car and they were truly desperate for a meter. Those kids should be able to get to the beach."

Bentivoglio has been living in Santa Monica for more than 20 years and learned to surf in his native Venezuela. At age 64, he said he is fine to carry a board a couple of blocks but he appreciates having easy access to the showers and he buys an annual pass for the beach lots to facilitate his morning paddle.

He said the mass closure of beach parking was unintentionally elitist and impacted more than just surfing.

"The beaches should be for everyone," he said.

City Spokeswoman Constance Farrell said parking will open in stages over the next few weeks with all parking hopefully open by July 4.

She said restaffing the lots requires some additional time as attendants have to be retrained on handling customers during the time of Covid and workers must be provided with enough protective equipment to safely handle the transactions with beachgoers.

"Operationally, the reopening will begin tomorrow with the meters being unbagged," she said. "We'll remove the bags for all beach meters that have been bagged."

Santa Monica's beach lots were closed as part of the countywide beach shutdown to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The county of Los Angeles reopened some lots earlier this month and the City of Santa Monica decision adds to the gradual reopening of the county. However, the Santa Monica Pier will remain closed pending orders from the County as part of their ongoing health orders.

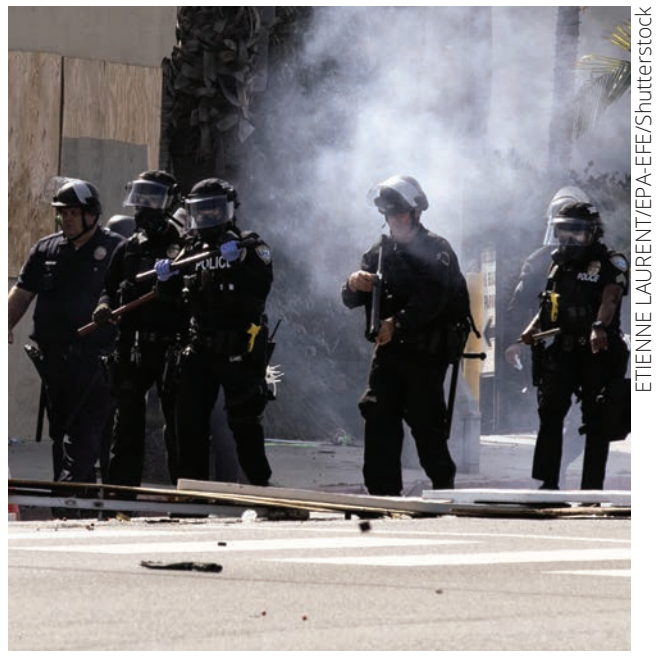
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Peaceful demonstrators took to the streets for a meaningful protest on Sunday, May 31 to demand justice for George Floyd and the countless racist murders of Black people by law enforcement. They were subsequently met with a violent response by Santa Monica Police, who fired tear gas and rubber bullets upon them without warning and prior to curfew.

COWARDICE IN PROFILE:





Photo op. From left to right: Police Chief Cynthia Renaud, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg, Councilmember Greg Morena, and Ceremonial Mayor Kevin McKeown exploit a protest for a meaningless photo op on June 4. Just the day before, in her first media interview following the mayhem, Dilg gave an "A" to SMPD's response to the events of May 31 -- which included violence toward peaceful demonstrators while our business district was overrun by criminal looters.

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