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Boardwalk homeless interventions show promising progress







Clara Harter

VENICE: While homelessness persists on the Boardwalk, there are signs of improvement.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

While the media firestorm around the Boardwalk's homeless crisis raged loudly for months, a much quieter phenomenon is now underway — unhoused individuals are leaving the area.

No, encampments have not been cleared from the entire Boardwalk and, no there isn't a guarantee that people won't return once the intervention programs wrap up. But, a significant portion of Ocean Front Walk, from roughly 20th Ave to Brooks Ave, is currently devoid of tents and awash with vendors and street performers.

This movement can be chalked up to the highly publicized, and at times oppositional, interventions by L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and L.A. City Councilman Mike Bonin, with the latter's program having a significantly larger quantifiable impact.

Bonin's "Encampment to Home" program launched on June 27 and has secured $5 million from L.A. City Council to house 200 individuals living on Ocean Front Walk. On July 12, Bonin reported that 110 people had been moved indoors as a result of the program and estimated that there were around 100 individuals still sleeping on Ocean Front Walk.

After months of residents railing about the spiraling rates of crime, trash, and homelessness on the Boardwalk—and seeing little direct response from the City of LA—the movement of 110 people in two weeks is a shockingly rapid success.

Responding to the tidal wave of complaints, L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva cruised into town two weeks prior to the launch of Bonin's program and announced his intent to perform homeless outreach and clean-up the Boardwalk. He said the crisis on the Boardwalk was a direct result of public officials', including Bonin and Mayor Garcetti's, refusal to regulate public space.

Villanueva's appearance has been polarizing.

Many residents and business owners lauded his presence, not necessarily because they are personal fans of his platform or prior actions, but because he

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Resident defends home against unhoused burglar

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

When Yule Caise bought his son a little league baseball bat several years ago, he had no idea that he would one day be swinging it at a potential home invader.

But on July 7, when an unhoused individual charged towards his apartment door, Caise was very glad to have the bat in his possession.

The incident began around 4:30 p.m. when Caise heard two unhoused individuals rummaging through the trash in the alley behind

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Courtesy image

WINDOW: The suspect threw a bottle through the window of the victim's home.

Conservancy to talk about the history of food

KAILYN FORBES
Special to the Daily Press

The Santa Monica Conservancy's upcoming virtual silent auction, Plates in Places, is in honor of the city's food legacy and while it may seem like a deviation from their usual celebration of architectural heritage, admiring the people and places that enrich the Los Angeles community is part of their mission.

The conservancy is a grassroots non-profit organization founded in 2002 with an emphasis on the cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits of historic preservation. It recognizes the ongoing need for positive community-based interaction.

"It's not celebrating bricks and boards," said Tom Cleys, founding President of the Conservancy, in response to how the event supports the preservation of Santa Monica's inclusive history. "There are connections with the built environment, so it's somewhat indirect," he said. "It's celebrating community, celebrating culture."

According to the Conservancy, restaurants, bakeries, hotels and spirit vendors, both historic and emerging, are the heart of local neighborhoods, serving as gathering places and providing continuity, ultimately making the city feel like home. The outdoor lifestyle, along with its nourishing cuisine and farmers markets, is the embodiment of Santa Monica's food culture.

"Getting your food from a farmer is a good way to ensure not only tasty food but, you know, healthy food," said Laura Avery, former Santa Monica Farmers Market Manager, in a phone call last week.

Avery said the establishment of the downtown market in 1981 provided an opportunity to create a more meaningful relationship between chefs and farmers, limiting

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Police kill man carrying fake gun on Hollywood Boulevard

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Los Angeles police fatally shot a man Thursday who was carrying what turned out to be a replica handgun on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, authorities said.

A woman suffered a minor injury to her lower body, but the Los Angeles Police Department did not immediately know how she had been hurt. She was taken to the hospital.

Officers responded to Hollywood Boulevard around 11:20 a.m. following reports of a man walking around with a handgun along the Walk of Fame. At least one person reported seeing him pointing a gun at someone.

Officers arrived to find a man who matched the description and at least one officer fired their weapon.

The shooting occurred near the famed corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue, and less than a block from the Dolby Theatre, where the Oscars are normally presented.

Police did not say what prompted the shooting or whether any de-escalation methods were attempted first. The fake handgun was recovered at the scene.

"I'm just told that it appears to be exactly like a gun," said LAPD Detective Meghan Aguilar, a police spokesperson, during a media briefing at the scene.

It was not immediately clear how many officers opened fire, or how many times the man had been struck.

"Exactly what the suspect did with that handgun that led the officers to fire at him will be determined" by looking at videos and interviewing witnesses, Aguilar said.

The shooting caused bedlam on the busy street.

"People started scrambling, and there's kids crying and moms trying to get out of there and tourists confused, and then of course everyone's cellphones started popping out," witness Eddie Lopez told the Los Angeles Times. "It was wild."

"People started running around" when the gunfire erupted, witness Carlos Monroy told KTLA. Monroy said he saw police trying to resuscitate the man.

The man, whose name has not been released, was pronounced dead at a hospital. It appears he was in his 40s or 50s. No officers were hurt.

Detectives are interviewing witnesses to the shooting, as well as people may have been assaulted by the man before police encountered him.

Aguilar said police will look at body-worn camera footage, as well as surveillance video, that may have captured the shooting.

The incident takes place just eight days after the state attorney general announced new protocols that will send a team of investigators from the California Department of Justice to probe when a police officer fatally shoots an unarmed civilian.

The move comes after state lawmakers passed legislation giving the attorney general new responsibilities in the wake of George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis.

The attorney general's office did not immediately say if Thursday's incident would be considered under the criteria because the man was carrying a fake gun.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

DATE/TIME: Monday, July 19, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/xskagawk dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 1304765 #.

PROPERTIES:

- 21ARB-0098: 1342 Berkeley Street: BDCM 100% Affordable
- 21ARB-0099: 950 Berkeley: Single-Unit Dwelling
- 21ARB-0128: 1457 3rd Street Promenade: Sign & Facade
- 21ARB-0134 & 0135: 1401 & 1421-1425 Santa Monica Boulevard: Electric Vehicle Charging Facility, Sign Adjustment & Landscape
- 21ARB-0142: 1620 6th Street: Landscape / Dog Park

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting subject to time constraints. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 269 CALLS ON JULY 14

Grand Theft Just Occurred 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:43 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:02 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:16 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 2600blk 32nd St 3:24 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 1300blk 15th St 3:26 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 800blk Pier Ave 3:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 4:41 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 4:49 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:35 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 12th St 6:41 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Main St / Bicknell Ave 7:51 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2300blk Oak St 8:02 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2800blk Main St 8:03 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 7th St 8:03 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300blk 2nd St 9:04 a.m.
Fraud Report 1300blk 26th St 9:31 a.m.
Fraud Report 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Prowler Report 1000blk 25th St 9:56 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 9:56 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 2nd St 10:28 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2800blk Pico Blvd 10:43 a.m.
Burglary Report 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 10:46 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:05 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 400blk Washington Ave 11:42 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 28th St / Pico Blvd 11:50 a.m.
Death Investigation 600blk Pico Blvd 12:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2900blk Lincoln Blvd 12:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Burglary Now 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / California Ave 12:30 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Bay St 12:30 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 7th St 12:37 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:37 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2800blk Barnard Way 12:43 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1700blk 10th St 12:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500blk Wilshire Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 500blk Hollister Ave 1:48 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300blk Berkeley St 1:57 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 7th St 2:13 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300blk 26th St 2:20 p.m.
Person Down 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:47 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:53 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 200blk Santa Monica Pier 3:03 p.m.
Burglary Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl 3:14 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200blk 4th St 3:27 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Washington Ave 3:33 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Washington Ave 3:34 p.m.
Lost Property 1100blk 2nd St 4:01 p.m.
Fight 5th St / Arizona Ave 4:03 p.m.
Fraud Report 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:06 p.m.
Fraud Report 2300blk 29th St 4:17 p.m.
Found Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:27 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 4:31 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk The Beach 4:32 p.m.
Found Property 1200blk 2nd St 4:48 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:59 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:30 p.m.
Found Property 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:43 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk California Ave 5:49 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600blk The Beach 5:56 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:08 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk San Vicente Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Burglary Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:10 p.m.
Found Senile Person 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:53 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:26 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500blk 19th St 7:52 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 7:54 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk 20th St 8:58 p.m.
Found Person 1500blk Ocean Ave 9:00 p.m.
Arson 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:00 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300blk 19th St 9:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:35 p.m.
Person With A Gun 3000blk Main St 9:37 p.m.
Party Complaint 1100blk 2nd St 10:01 p.m.
Open Door 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 10:02 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Broadway 10:05 p.m.

Mask mandate returns to Los Angeles County

CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

Los Angeles County will again require masks be worn indoors in the nation's largest county, even by those vaccinated against the coronavirus, while the University of California system also said Thursday that students, faculty and staff must be inoculated against the disease to return to campuses.

The announcements come amid a sharp increase in virus cases, many of them the highly transmissible delta variant that has proliferated since California fully reopened its economy on June 15 and did away with capacity limits and social distancing. The vast majority of new cases are among unvaccinated people.

The rapid and sustained increase in cases in Los Angeles County requires restoring an indoor mask mandate, said Dr. Muntu Davis, public health officer for the county's 10 million people. The public health order will go into effect just before midnight Saturday.

"This is an all-hands-on-deck moment," Davis said during a virtual news conference.

He didn't fully detail what would be some exceptions to the mask rule but said, for example, people could still take off their masks while eating and drinking at restaurants.

Davis said officials will focus on education rather than enforcement. Handing out citations to people who don't comply is "not something we really want to have to do," he said.

Los Angeles County has been recording more than 1,000 new cases each day for a week, and there is now "substantial community transmission," Davis said. On Thursday, there were 1,537 new cases, and hospitalizations have now topped 400.

"The next level is high transmission, and that's not a place where we want to be," he said.

It comes after a winter where Los Angeles County experienced a massive surge in infections and deaths, with hospitals overloaded with COVID-19 patients and ambulances idling outside, waiting for beds to open.

Now, hospitalizations in California are above 1,700, the highest level since April. More than 3,600 cases were reported Thursday, the most since late February, but a far cry from the winter peak that saw an average of more than 40,000 per day.

Other counties, including Sacramento and Yolo, are strongly urging people to wear masks indoors but not requiring it.

"The drastic increase in cases is concerning — as is the number of people choosing not to

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Public Health Reopens Swim Areas Around Dockweiler State Beach and El Segundo Beach

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has reopened the following swim areas that were closed due to sewage discharge from the City of Los Angeles Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, after results from the ocean water samples collected over the last two days met State standards for acceptable water quality:

Beach # 110 - Dockweiler State Beach at Water Way Extension
Beach # 111 - Dockweiler State Beach at Hyperion Plant
Beach # 112 A - El Segundo Beach
Beach # 112 B - Grand Ave. Storm Drain

Following a sewage spill, Public Health collects water samples to determine bacteria levels. Public Health collected multiple ocean water samples for two consecutive days to determine if the water quality met State standards in the affected and nearby areas. In an abundance of caution, Public Health will continue to sample affected beaches through Thursday.

Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant discharged 17 million gallons of untreated sewage through their one and five-mile outlets which prompted the beach closures.

Public Health officials have notified lifeguards to remove beach closure signs after receiving the tests results confirming the beaches were safe to reopen. The Beach Water Quality webpage is updated to reflect the reopening.

Local nonprofit Heal the Bay said residents should still use caution when entering the water as there are four sites in the Santa Monica Bay that currently do exceed State standards and coming into contact with water at these locations could cause illness - it is unclear if these exceedances are due to the sewage spill, recent rainfall, or something else:

Topanga County Beach at the Topanga Canyon Lagoon
Will Rogers State Beach at the Santa Monica Canyon storm drain
Santa Monica State Beach at the Santa Monica Pier
Manhattan County Beach at the 28th Street storm drain

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the County's beach advisory hotline: 1-800-525-5662. Information is also available online at http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach/.

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Citywide

New Wave of Small Business Relief

The City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Chamber Foundation are partnering with Local Initiatives Support Corporation Los Angeles (LISC LA) to launch the Santa Monica Small Business Recovery Grants to support the Santa Monica's small business community. Eligible Santa Monica businesses are urged to apply from July 16 to July 30 for a $5,000 grant available at www.santamonica.gov/bizgrants. Early applications are encouraged.

The Santa Monica Small Business Recovery Grant will provide $5,000 grants to over 75 eligible small brick-and-mortar businesses located in the City of Santa Monica. Eligible businesses must have been in existence since September 4, 2019, and in current operation with an annual revenue under $2 million. Grant winners will be chosen through an online, randomized application system. Businesses that are located in low- and moderate- income census tracts will receive additional weighting. At this time, the grant is limited to for-profit businesses with existing storefronts in Santa Monica; future grants will be available for Santa Monica nonprofits later this summer. Home-based businesses are not eligible.

Funded by the City of Santa Monica's We Are Santa Monica Fund ($200,000), the Chamber Foundation ($25,000), American Rescue Plan Act funds ($200,000), individual donors, and local businesses and charitable nonprofits like Hulu, Optimum Seismic, Rotary Club of Santa Monica, and Santa Monica Place, over $440,000 has been raised to support our local business community. The Santa Monica Small Business Recovery Grant will be managed by LISC LA, a non-profit community development financial institution (CDFI). LISC LA also managed the distribution of over $100 million in grants to small businesses across Los Angeles County through the LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund in 2020 and 2021. Interested donors can contribute to the We Are Santa Monica Fund at www.calfund.org/wearesantamonica (Select "Business Recovery").

"We know that the last 16 months were a very challenging, unpredictable time for Santa Monica businesses. They adapted their operations to safely serve our community and did so with determination and grit," says Mayor Sue Himmelrich. "We are eager to support our Santa Monica businesses as they aim for recovery and I urge all Santa Monica small businesses to apply. These vital funds are the outpouring of a community-wide effort and we're grateful for every dollar contributed."

The small business grant program is part of the City's priority for an Equitable and Inclusive Economic Recovery and builds on existing economic recovery efforts including supporting vulnerable populations, advancing local business and neighborhood vitality through programs like outdoor dining, promoting safe indoor and outdoor spaces, and a robust communications and outreach effort.

"Santa Monica is a community that bands together and lifts one another up when times are tough. The Santa Monica Small Business Recovery Grants are another example of our caring community and our determination to support our vibrant business community survive after a devastating year," said Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Laurel Rosen.

"We applaud the City of Santa Monica for its commitment to revitalize its hard-hit small business community through this program," said Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, LISC LA Executive Director. "LISC LA looks forward to distributing this targeted economic relief to small businesses across the city and helping Santa Monica rebuild its commercial corridors."

Eighty-eight percent of the Santa Monica business community is comprised of small businesses. As California continues its reopening process, grants like the Santa Monica Small Business Recovery Grant are vital to equipping our small businesses for a successful recovery. Grant applications can be submitted through Friday, July 30. Businesses are encouraged to apply early. For more information, please visit www.santamonica.gov/bizgrants.

CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

Business Representatives Sought for SMC Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

Santa Monica College (SMC) is seeking applications for the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, which oversees the implementation of the bond measures that are funding capital improvement projects at the college: Measure S (2004), Measure AA (2008), and Measure V (2016).

The application deadline is Friday, July 23.

The vacancies are specifically for representatives of local business communities of Santa Monica and Malibu.

To qualify for appointment, an applicant must be at least 18 years old; must not be a college employee or official, and must not be a vendor, contractor or consultant to the college.

Visit https://www.smc.edu/administration/governance/citizens-bond-oversight-committee for more information.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JULY 11 SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT

SMPD officers were dispatched to a call of a burglary in progress. The information from the call stated that there was motion detected and video evidence of someone walking around inside a business located near the 1600 block of 11th Street. After arrival and clearing the building to ensure the subject of the call was no longer at the premises, officers located ransacked cabinets and doors that had been forced open. A witness at the location confronted the subject in the building and was unharmed and able to provide officers with a description of the individual. Devin Whiteside, a 31 year old male from Gardena, was arrested. Officers are seeking felony burglary charges. Whiteside remains in custody at the time of this report and is scheduled to return to court on July 16.

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the need for outside vendors and sellers.

"It was like this beautiful sort of back and forth, you know, between the chef and the farmer," she said. "I don't know who loves who more, the chef's love the farmers and the farmers love the chefs, but they're very happy that they're able to get together."

The week-long celebration of Santa Monica's culinary history will feature virtual panels of chefs, farmers and restaurateurs who have bridged the gap in the food market.

Avery's panel on July 25 at 3 p.m. will explore the impact of the farmers market on dining with the help of Chef Rich Mead of Farm House, Barbara Spencer of Windrose Farms and Peter Schaner of Schaner Family Farms.

Evan Kleiman, "the fairy Godmother of the L.A. food scene" and host of the popular KCRW radio show, will celebrate Santa Monica's food narrative with Raphael Lunetta, co-owner and chef of Lunetta, and pastry chef and co-founder of Tartine, Chad Robertson on July 18 at 5 p.m.

The silent auction, from Sunday, July 18 through Sunday, July 25, will also provide the chance to bid on exclusive culinary experiences, luxury accommodations, cooking classes, restaurant gift certificates, specialty foods, wine and more.

Participation in the auction and panels is free. Proceeds will provide essential support for the Conservancy's community programming and tours. For tickets and more information, visit www.smconservancy.org.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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MASKS
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get vaccinated," Sacramento County Public Health Officer Olivia Kasirye said.

The Los Angeles County decision came within hours of the University of California's announcement that students, faculty and staff must be vaccinated for the upcoming semester.

UC President Michael V. Drake said in a letter to the system's 10 chancellors that unvaccinated students without approved exemptions will be barred from in-person classes, events and campus facilities, including housing.

"Vaccination is by far the most effective way to prevent severe disease and death after exposure to the virus and to reduce spread of the disease to those who are not able, or not yet eligible, to receive the vaccine," Drake wrote.

He said the decision came after consulting UC infectious disease experts and reviewing evidence from studies on the dangers of COVID-19 and emerging variants like the delta strain.

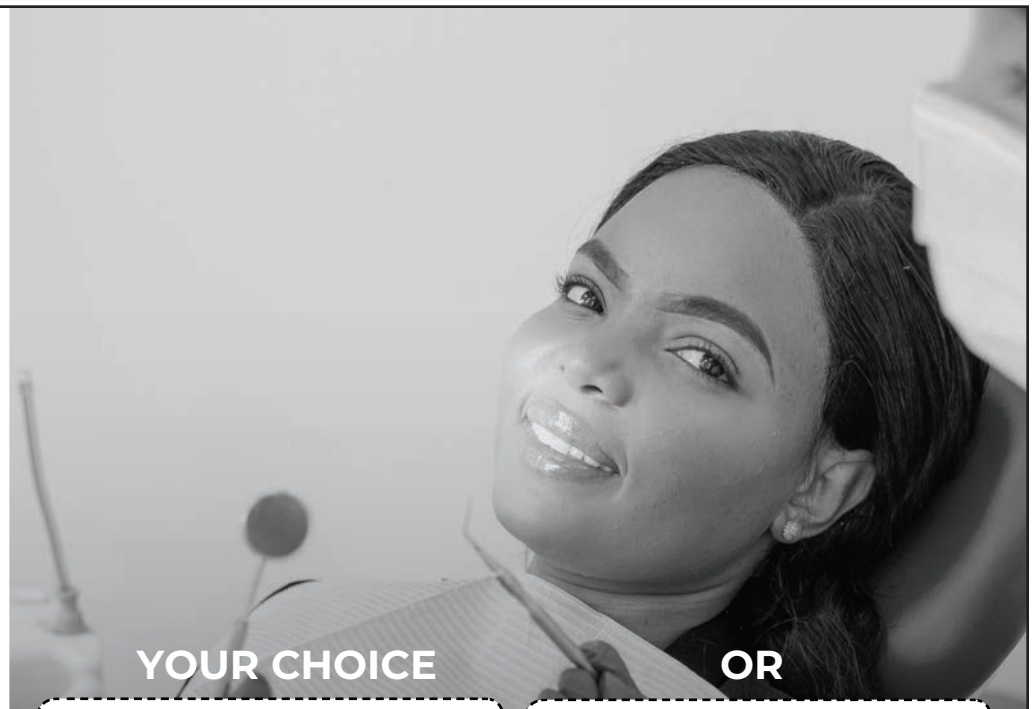
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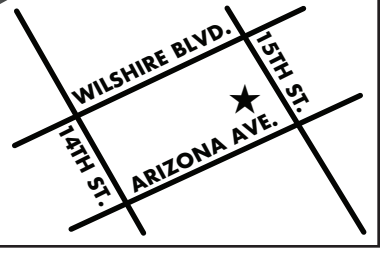


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California approves 1st state-funded guaranteed income plan

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Associated Press

California lawmakers on Thursday approved the first state-funded guaranteed income plan in the U.S., $35 million for monthly cash payments to qualifying pregnant people and young adults who recently left foster care with no restrictions on how they spend it.

The votes — 36-0 in the Senate and 64-0 in the Assembly — showed bipartisan support for an idea that is gaining momentum across the country. Dozens of local programs have sprung up in recent years, including some that have been privately funded, making it easier for elected officials to sell the public on the idea.

California's plan is taxpayer-funded, and could spur other states to follow its lead.

"If you look at the stats for our foster youth, they are devastating," Senate Republican Leader Scott Wilk said. "We should be doing all we can to lift these young people up."

Local governments and organizations will apply for the money and run their programs. The state Department of Social Services will decide who gets funding. California lawmakers left it up to local officials to determine the size of the monthly payments, which generally range from $500 to $1,000 in existing programs around the country.

The vote came on the same day millions of parents began receiving their first monthly payments under a temporary expansion of the federal child tax credit many view as a form of guaranteed income.

"Now there is momentum, things are moving quickly," said Michael Tubbs, an advisor to Gov. Gavin Newsom, who was a trailblazer when he instituted a guaranteed income program as mayor of Stockton. "The next stop is the federal government."

For decades, most government assistance programs have had strict rules about how the money could be spent, usually limiting benefits to things like food or housing. But a guaranteed income program gives money to people with no rules on how to spend it. The idea is to reduce the stresses of poverty that cause health problems and make it harder for people to find and keep work.

"It changes the philosophy from 'big brother government knows what's best for you,'" said state Sen. Dave Cortese, a Democrat from San Jose. "We've been very prescriptive with that population as a state and as counties go. Look at the failure. Half of them don't get their high school diplomas, let alone advance like other people their age."

But critics like Republican Assemblyman Vince Fong of Bakersfield say guaranteed income programs "undermine incentives to work and increase dependence on government."

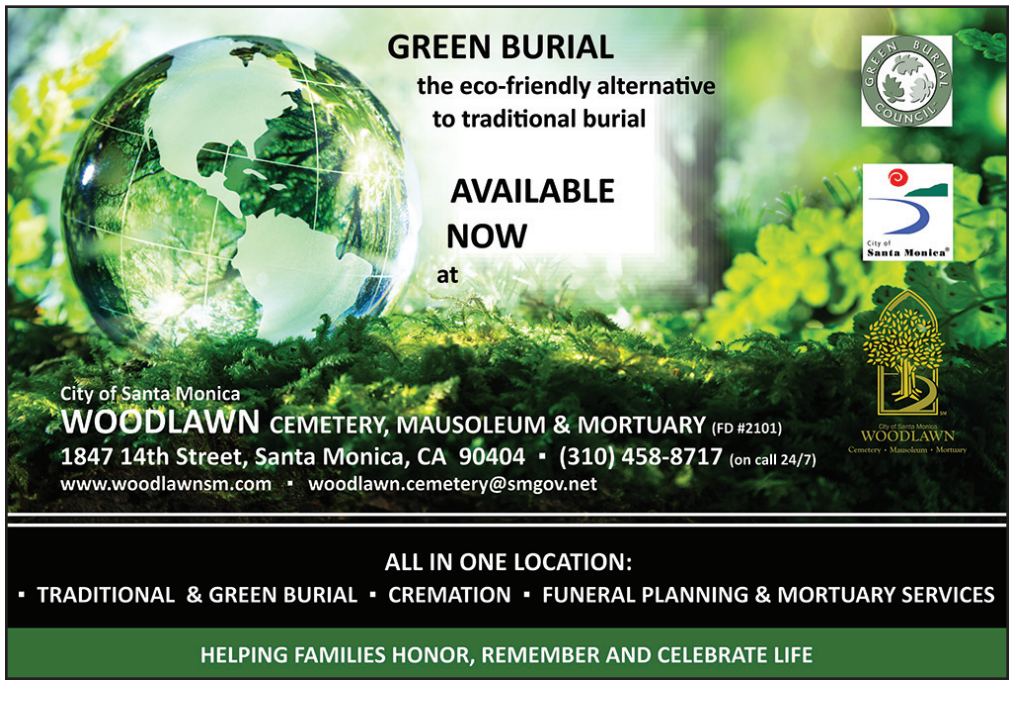
"We should be pushing policies that encourage the value of work," said Fong, who abstained from Thursday's vote. "Guaranteed income doesn't provide the job training and skills needed for upward mobility."

Guaranteed income programs date back to the 18th century. The U.S. government even experimented with them in the 1960s and 1970s during the Nixon administration before they fell out of favor.

But recently, guaranteed income programs have been making a comeback. Programs have been announced in New Orleans; Oakland, California; Tacoma, Washington; Gainesville, Florida; and Los Angeles — the nation's second largest city, which has a plan to give $1,000 a month to 2,000 needy families.

The state wants to target the money on programs that benefit pregnant people and young adults aged out of the foster care system to help them transition to life on their own.

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BOARDWALK

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appeared to be listening to their cries and taking action.

Many service providers and several elected officials have been highly critical of Villanueva's intervention. From their perspective, the presence of armed sheriffs deputies is disruptive to other ongoing outreach efforts. Villanueva's authority to intervene in Venice and his motivation for doing so have both been questioned.

Alison Hurst, the Executive Director of local service provider Safe Place For Youth, rejects the notion voiced by Villanueva that action was not being taken on the Boardwalk prior to his arrival.

"The plan (Encampment to Home program) is being made the focus now, but the work has been happening continuously all throughout the pandemic and before," said Hurst, adding that service providers have been moving people into the local Bridge Housing shelter and Project Roomkey beds for months.

Like many of Villanueva's critics, Hurst believes that homeless intervention is not the domain of law enforcement.

"I think that the difference in approach is really challenging," said Hurst, comparing Villanueva's action to Bonin's plan. "I do think that whatever services are available should all be working together, but I don't believe that that's what this is about, as the sheriff's deputies have not been historically working in this area and are not working collaboratively with different organizations."

The key criticism Bonin levied against Villanueva is that the homeless crisis must be solved with "housing not handcuffs".

However, Villanueva's deputies have not taken any enforcement action nor made any arrests. And, from a conversation with Lieutenant Geoffrey Deedrick, it does not appear that they have any intention to do so.

Deedrick heads LASD's Homeless Outreach Service Team, which Villanueva has deployed to the Boardwalk. HOST tackles encampments with a five step protocol: identification, assessment, outreach, posting, and clean up.

Identification and assessment has been complete and contact has been made with approximately 220 individuals, according to Deedrick. Outreach is ongoing, but due to the limited partnerships with local service providers, HOST is restricted in the range of services it can connect people to.

HOST has been working with the Salvation Bell Shelter in Bell Gardens and the Union Rescue Mission Downtown. There is no current plan for entering the posting and clean-up stages.

"The homeless encampment resolution protocol does not conclude until we can show that there is a bed for every single person," said Deedrick. "We have never said that we would sweep. Our whole thing here is basically intervention, not incarceration."

Villanueva vowed to clear the Boardwalk by July 4 and public officials raised the alarm that he would make arrests. Neither of these things have happened.

The HOST team has been working from the north end of Ocean Front Walk and connected several individuals to services. Bonin's outreach teams, lead by the Saint Joseph's Center, have been working from the South end and completed the brunt of the housing placements.

Saint Joseph's progress has not been without setbacks. The Boardwalk was divided into zones for cleaning up and Bonin's teams pushed back the date to clear Zone 5, between Navy St and Rose Ave, from July 9 to July 16.

Zone 4, between Rose and Dudley avenues is also scheduled to be cleared by July 16. Zone 3, between Dudley and Sunset avenues, will be cleared by July 23, while Zone 2, between Sunset and Park avenues, will be cleared by July 30.

Collectively the early efforts show promise. Previously cleared zones have been cleaned by LA Sanitation and Parks and Rec is now upholding no camping ordinances in these areas. Time will tell how lasting these changes will be.

"What I imagine is going to be happening is there will be a tremendous amount of folks housed with new resources, but there will still be a fair number of folks that are experiencing homelessness in our community," said Hurst. "And, like what always happens when they are moved around, they'll be in another area."

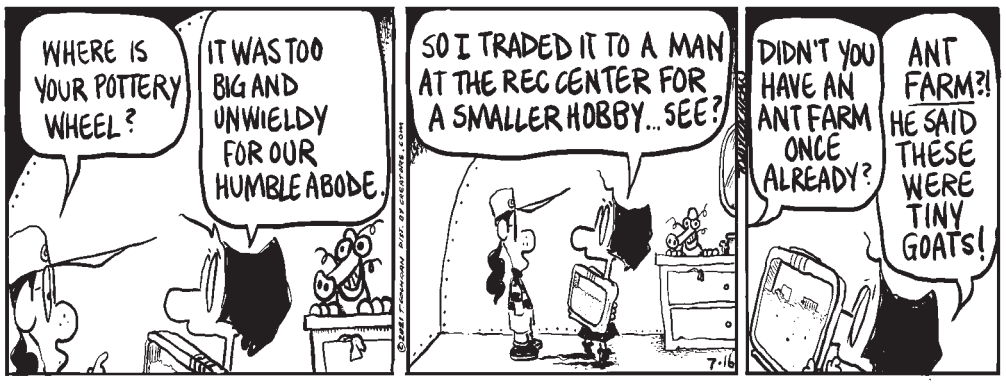
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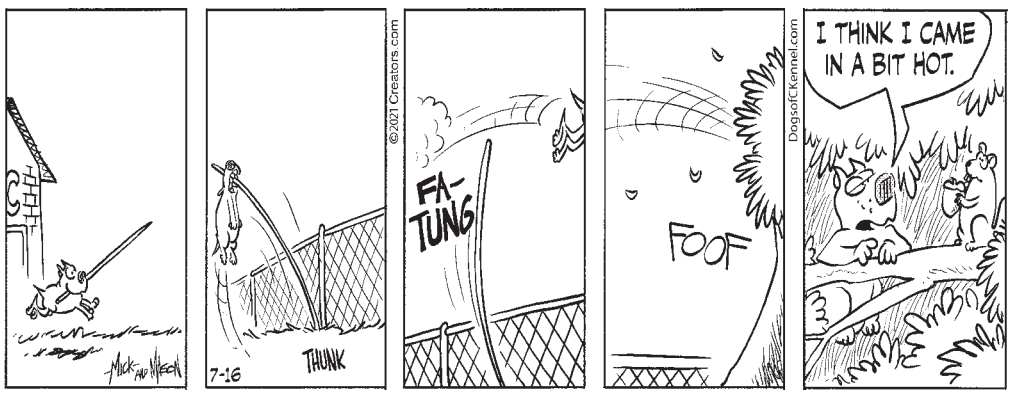
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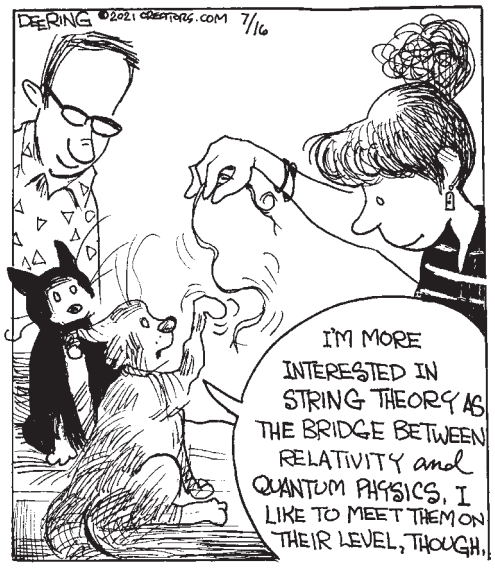
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"I'M BEING TOLD IT'S TIME TO HANG UP."

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 71.8°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SSW/S swell eases, SSE swell continues, starting to lose some juice in the afternoon. Find structure (reef, point) for best shape -- mid-morning low tide may drain those spots out a bit.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Leftover mix of SSW/S and SSE swells for what is likely to be smaller surf than was seen through the workweek. NW windswell up a touch for the combo spots. Should be clean enough in the morning.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

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2021/07/17	Sat	03:14 AM	3.62	H
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/13
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Jackpot: 117 M

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Draw Date: 7/14
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Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/14
6 15 18 19 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/14
EVENING: 6 5 4
Draw Date: 7/14
MIDDAY: 9 7 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/14
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 16)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though you sometimes resist authority, you also respect anything and anyone who can teach you. You'll drop all resistance to road signs, guides and instructions. Life is made easier by simply following the directions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your powers of observation are so dialed in that you're verging on the telepathic. Hearing what other people are thinking is not the hard part. The hard part is verifying your correctness in the matter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Boring the audience is a terrible sin in the world of entertainment and the norm of polite society. You'll liven things up with charm and snappiness, and employ acting skill, too, as you tolerate the long-windedness of others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who point out another person's faults are implying that, by comparison, they have fewer faults of their own, which is hardly ever the case, and even if it were, bringing attention to it is a big red flag-sized fault.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With multilevel awareness, you'll pick up on minute expressions of interest and make split-second decisions about whether to continue the entertainment, holding and leveraging the attention, or to dodge, hide from or redirect it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Used to a particular rhythm of external assurances, your ego is scared to step into environments where reception will be uncertain. Superstar move: Challenge yourself to care less about them and more about your purpose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can trust in your deeper knowing, even when it has yet to emerge to top layers of consciousness. You have goals that even you do not know about. Your being vibrates with an agenda you've only started to understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Changing yourself is challenging enough. Changing someone else is not only difficult but possibly futile. Even in the unlikely event that it works, your imposed change would be temporary and invite a backlash. Live and let live.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sleep, vitamins, sunshine, movement, the positive influence of optimistic friends and media... it's obvious what's good for you, and the one who inspires you to actually partake in good things is great indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Creativity is at a high. Keep striving to turn your inspiration and emotion into something concrete. People will like and resonate with the products of your expression.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll set up rules, systems and rewards aimed at building mental patterns. If anyone is going to change your mind, you want it to be you and not some tricky technology employed by a corporation to seduce and control you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is in your nature to extend whatever care is needed, and the more you notice the need, the more need there is to be noticed. Just be sure to care for yourself first and foremost.

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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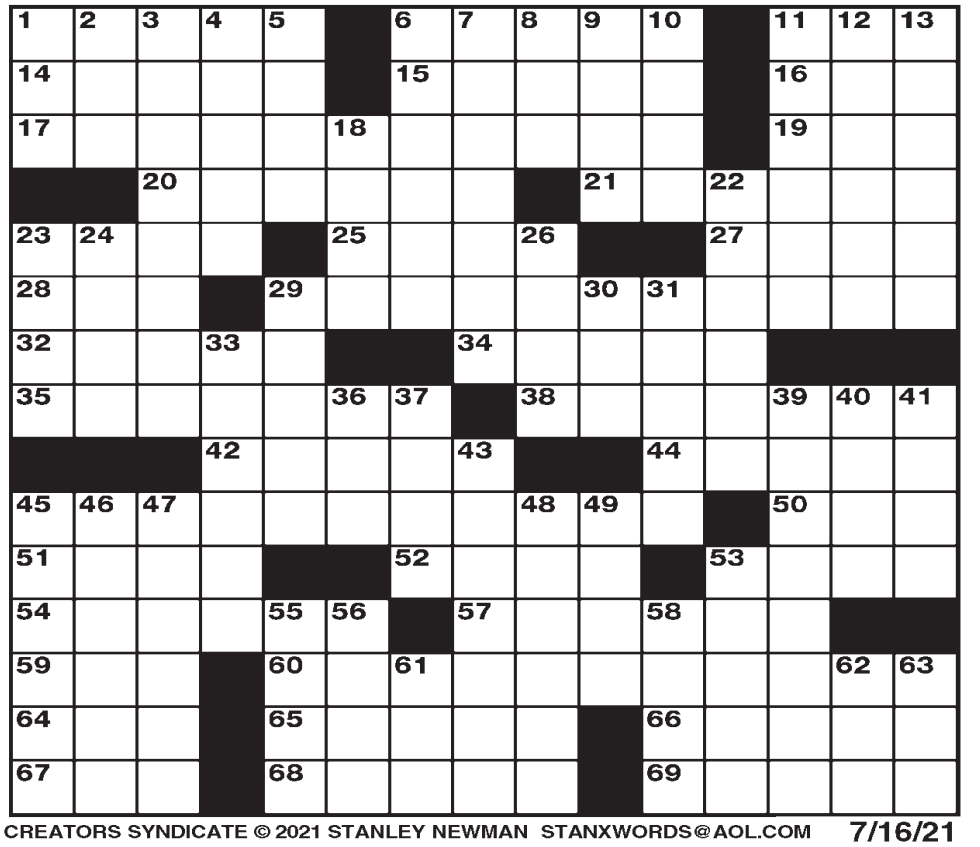
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Trepidation
6 Beat-era percussion
11 Casual concurrence
14 Gold Rush speculator
15 Intro to a 68 Across
16 Means for marine maneuvering
17 Astrological dozen
19 Employment
20 Base for some condiments
21 Masked athlete
23 Party with kalua pork
25 Sausage, for short
27 Lender's recourse
28 Wagering venue
29 Astronautical dozen
32 Ignore, as a captain's order
34 Polynesian nation
35 Prismatic displays
38 Small cutter
42 Emulate Pac-Man
44 Apt to blow up
45 Anatomical dozen
50 Mints holder
51 First Amendment supporter
52 Ramen ingredient
53 Ultimate height
54 Bit of some leis
57 Radio control
59 Around-the-block grp.
60 Legal dozen
64 Root word in Argentina
65 Colorful quartz
66 Skillful swivel
67 12/31, for short
68 Buzz heard in the office
69 What some beams are made of

DOWN
1 De-facto border of a sort
2 Capital before Brasilia
3 What coasters may protect
4 42% of Scrabble tiles
5 Ounce fraction
6 Modest eatery
7 Youngstowners, e.g.
8 <0, briefly
9 Group of goons
10 In that area
11 "Untrue!"
12 With not as much hassle
13 Dresses fussily
18 Mexican resort, for short
22 Chemist's base
23 Gentle tosses
24 School near Ciudad Juarez
26 Quaint "used to be"
29 Unproven stories
30 Basic film network
31 Is a slacker
33 Build up
36 Pal of Pooh
37 Two bands on some radios
39 Common clue for "flea"
40 City very close to Canada
41 Cat that sounds like sausages
43 In on
45 Benefactor
46 How sarcasm is delivered
47 "Maybe, gotta ask first"
48 Chemical close kin
49 Tree trunk, in botany
53 Sphere of influence
55 Cracked open
56 Japanese fish delicacy
58 Rules on fouls
61 Door buster
62 Exotic macaroni salad ingredient
63 Westernmost NL team, once



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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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Assess	Consequences	Flora	Rasp
Axes	Count	Gouge	Saws
Beam	Danger	Hard	Scorch
Birds	Dinghy	Interior	Snake
Blocks	Dozers	Jobs	Soft
Boat	Dry rot	Logs	Spruce
Broken	Eden	Mahogany	Timber
Burnie	Environment	Mills	Trim
Busy	Eucalypt	Mitre	Union
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HOMELESS

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his building. This is not an uncommon occurrence, but Caise said that the loud noises being made and indiscriminate throwing of items put him on edge.

He soon heard someone coming up his stairs and rushed to his door to see who was approaching.

"I look out the peephole and I see the individual that I saw in the alley," said Caise. "This guy is really big and I see him right at my doorstep. I can't quite make out what he's doing, but he's not selling girl scout cookies."

Caise bellowed loudly at the individual from behind the door telling him to leave and threatening to call the police, after which point the man disappeared from sight.

The family stores several possessions on their landing and Caise wanted to see if anything had been taken. He said he was also worried about the three children inside—his two teenage sons and a friend who was staying with them—and wanted to ensure the area was safe.

This is what led Caise to fetch the little league bat and cautiously open his door.

"All of a sudden this face pops up from the stairs kind of like Jack Nicholson in The Shining and I saw he looked like he was high. He caught me off guard because I didn't expect him to be on the stairs," said Caise. "As soon as he came toward the open door I hit him with the bat and clipped him pretty good. He then started cursing at me and calling me the N-word and everything."

Caise rushed inside and slammed the door, but the bolt was stuck. He called out for help and his son came and helped push it shut, while Caise called 911. The individual remained aggravated outside the building and started throwing things at the apartment, including a bottle that smashed through Caise's window.

The first SMPD officer arrived on scene within two minutes of the call, according to Sergeant Erika Aklufi.

The man and the other unhoused individual accompanying him were apprehended by the police while they were walking away with a canopy tent taken from Caise's landing.

The suspect was booked with misdemeanors for petty theft and vandalism as well as a felony charge for attempted residential burglary.

The DA refused to file the felony and the case has been passed to the City Attorney, who could file the misdemeanors and potentially a trespassing charge, according to Aklufi.

The suspect was released on July 10 and will be called into court once the City Attorney files charges.

No one inside the apartment was harmed, but the trauma of the incident and the potential fear of retaliation lingers. For Caise, a black man with two teenage boys, the racial slurs and police interactions remain on his mind.

"I was honestly nervous about this. In a different environment I'm keenly aware that things could not go my way and I'm here in an apartment with three boys of color. As an African American, in general, Santa Monica is better than most places," said Caise. "The thing that was totally ironic as I was getting hurled the N-word, is that the other person who had been with him was Black."

In this incident, Caise said the police were very helpful and responded to the call with impressive speed.

Violent crime is not currently on the rise in Santa Monica. In the first quarter of 2021, both robberies and aggravated assaults were down from Q1 of 2019 and 2020, according to data provided by SMPD.

Homelessness, however, is increasing all across LA County, including in Santa Monica.

"It is really surprising how much it (homelessness) has changed," said Caise. "When I walk down Wilshire now it smells like urine in certain places and I see people living on the street," said Caise. "I don't want this to change how I feel in terms of being a compassionate individual, but this is different; the encounters are different, and it's a different kind of desperation."

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INCOME

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The latter includes people like Naihla De Jesus, who was removed from her mother's custody at 17 and bounced between living with an aunt, a godmother and a boyfriend until landing in a transitional housing program.

She became ineligible for that program when she turned 24 last year, which normally would have ended her government assistance as a foster child. Instead, the taxpayers of Santa Clara County have been paying her $1,000 a month with no restrictions on how she can spend it, part of a guaranteed income program targeting former foster care children.

De Jesus is also caring for her 9-year-old brother as his temporary guardian while battling anxiety and depression. She said her condition made it hard for her to keep a job because some days she wouldn't have enough energy to get out of bed and wouldn't go to work.

Now, she has a full-time job as a client support specialist with the Bill Wilson Center, where she works with young people who are in situations like hers. She says she doesn't worry about money like she used to, choosing to save most of what she gets from the guaranteed income program. She used some of it to buy things for her brother, whose interest in expensive electronics grows as he gets older.

And she used the money to save for a down payment for her "dream car," a blue Subaru WRX.

"I'm proud of myself, of where I am," she said. "I don't have to stress and then isolate myself and overthink, 'Oh, I'm not going to have enough money to pay my rent or pay my phone bill."

Santa Clara County's program has cost the county $1.4 million so far. Participants get the money on a debit card, which they can use for purchases or to withdraw money from an ATM. County officials ask them to fill out surveys to monitor how they are doing, but they haven't completed a thorough analysis, said Melanie Jimenez Perez, who oversees the program.

An analysis of a guaranteed program in Stockton found full-time employment increased among participants after the first year of receiving the money.

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