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Growing homeless camps contrast with West Coast tech wealth

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS & GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

In a park in the middle of a leafy, bohemian neighborhood where homes list for close to $1 million, a tractor's massive claw scooped up the refuse of the homeless - mattresses, tents, wooden frames, a wicker chair, an outdoor propane heater. Workers in masks and steel-shanked boots plucked used needles and mounds of waste

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Train hits, kills pedestrian near 17th Street Station

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Metro Expo Line train hit and killed a pedestrian late Sunday night near the 17th Street Station, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

Officers found the body while responding to a call for service around 11 p.m., Sunday Nov. 5.

The conductor did not see he had hit a pedestrian and continued westbound to the 4th Street Station before realizing what had happened, according to police.

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Dozens saw Ocean Avenue shooting but so far no arrests

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The gunmen arrived on a party bus.

They brought about two dozen friends and at least six guns with them, according Lt. Saul Rodriguez with the Santa Monica Police Department. Bartenders were making their last call when the group mingled in Palisades Park near the Pier early Saturday morning.

A second party bus parked a few car lengths in front of their driver had also stopped at the park before wrapping up a birthday party. About thirty friends from Compton had enjoyed an evening on Ocean Avenue and were making a stop by the bathrooms before heading home.

The argument between the two groups started with just words but just as bars were closing and streets were filling up again at 1 a.m., shots rang out.

Dozens of bullets flew through the air.

Among her friends, DeOmmie de la Cruz ran back onto the bus. Her mom told local television stations she was helping people get to safety when the gunmen aimed at the windows, shooting the 28-year-old single mother.

It was chaos along the coast as the bus driver stepped on the gas, fleeing the barrage of bullets and heading straight to the police station.

By the time he got there, de la Cruz was fighting for her life. She later died at the hospital.

"Senseless gun violence robbed me of a daughter and my granddaughter of a mother," de la Cruz's

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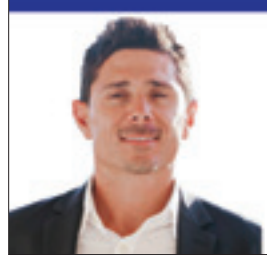


PARTY ON THE PIER

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Mattel's Party on the Pier was held over the weekend and raised money to support UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital. See Page 3 for more information.


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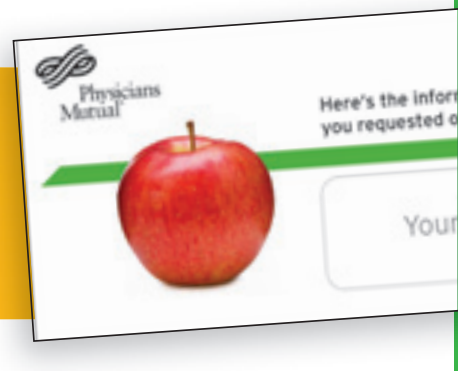
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What's Up Westside

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Tuesday, November 7

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As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. This program is part of the Santa Monica Eats! series. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

New Short Fiction Series reading

Join the New Short Fiction Series in their 21st season for stories around the journeys, disruptions and human stories of immigration. Works by local authors are read by local actors. Authors are present - get a book signed! Readers include acclaimed spoken word artist Sally Shore, co-founder and Executive Director of Lit Crawl L.A. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 – 8 p.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

Ocean Park Film Series: Platoon (1986)

Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this movie, written and directed by Oliver Stone, about a young recruit in Vietnam who faces a moral crisis when confronted with the horrors of war and the duality of man. (Film runtime: 120 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8

Montana Mystery Book Group: The White Cottage

suspects when he was found shot at the White Cottage. Chief Inspector Challenor and his son Jerry had to look deep into everyone's past-including the dead man's before they could be sure who had pulled the trigger. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards, Center, 1527 4th St, 7 p.m.

Fairview Teen Advisory Group

Are you looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group, help improve teen services at the library, and earn community service credit. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Poets & Writers Literary Roundtable

Poets & Writers, the nation's largest nonprofit organization serving creative writers, convenes Literary Roundtable Meetings in different parts of California and select cities outside the state. These meetings are open to people from all areas of the literary community writers, teachers, editors, and organizations that host literary events to exchange ideas, news, and resources. It's also a chance for P&W staff to share information about the Readings & Workshops program, which helps to provide fees to writers who give public readings and/or teach creative writing workshops. More info at pw.org. 1450 Ocean, Free, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. RSVP appreciated directly to Poets & Writers at rw-west@pw.org.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Not Your Mother's IUD: a look at modern day long-acting contraceptive devices

UCLA Health OB/GYN Dr. Amy Stoddard will provide information on next-generation IUDs and contraceptive implants currently on the market, and discuss why they are safe and effective choices for young women. Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Auditorium at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, 1250 16th Street, Santa Monica. Event is free, but RSVP to 800-516-5323

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier

18th Annual Mattel Party on the Pier supports UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital

More than 65 young influencers and celebrities greeted fans and took photos with them in the interactive selfie station and volunteered at game booths stocked with toys donated by Mattel. Celebrity guests, buzzing about the #MattelPOP fun throughout the day on Instagram and Twitter, included: Ruby Rose Turner ("Fuller House"); Rico Rodriguez ("Modern Family"); Cerina Vincent and Ariana Greenblatt ("Stuck in the Middle"); Nadia Turner (Model); Forest Wheeler ("Fresh Off the Boat"); The Royal Twins (Social stars); Francesca Capaldi ("Dog With a Bone"); Brooke Butler and Rush Holland (Brat's Chicken Girls); Raini Rodriguez ("Austin & Ally"); Hayley and Annie LeBlanc (Youtube Stars); Cody Veith ("Walk the Prank"); and more.

Adult stars also played for the cause, including Brooke Burke-Charvet, Tia Mowry, Audrina Patridge, Tiffani Thiessen, Tori Spelling, Tammin Sursok; and many others.

Guests enjoyed the Power of Play area, sponsored by the Goldhirsh-Yellin Foundation, where kids enjoyed complimentary glitter tattoos and hair braiding compliments of Skechers, Yoobi arts & crafts, as well as a fun custom cookie-decorating station sponsored by Ralphs/Food 4 Less. The VIP area, hosted by the Toys "R" Us Foundation, featured a delicious lunch donated by Wolfgang Puck Catering, music and dance contests, and complimentary reusable Mattel Party on the Pier gift bags filled with exclusive goodies. All attendees were treated to unlimited rides and game booths with toys donated from Mattel for the fun filled day!

"Mattel Party on the Pier is our annual, signature fundraising event and a truly special day for the children who experience our care, their families, and all who attend. For the past 18 years, this event has generously supported and made a real difference in our ability to provide world-class care for children," said Dr. Sherin Devaskar, physician-in-chief of Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

Generous attendees made good use of TEXT TO DONATE at the event. Supporters nationwide can still donate by texting MattelPOP17 to 24700 through end of this week, to help provide funding to launch high-priority programs and innovative discoveries that benefit boys and girls being treated at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital and beyond.

Net proceeds from ticket sales and monies raised from #MattelPOP benefit UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital. Mattel Party on the Pier has provided unrestricted funding to launch high-priority programs and support innovative research discoveries that benefit children being treated at UCLA and around the world. Recent support has been directed towards clinical trials for teen and young adult patients in the pediatric hematology/oncology division, the development of new therapies for pediatric patients suffering from leukemias and lymphomas, and to support research in pediatric cancer predisposition and precision medicine.

For more information on the event, please visit www.partyonthepier.ucla.edu/. For more about UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, please visit www.uclahealth.org/mattel.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Thailand Woos Film Industry As Bidslate Disrupts Distribution

THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN FILM MARKET has been heavily attended based on my personal experience of almost running over people! Seems like they're everywhere talking, striking deals and headed out for canapés and giant shrimp.

Last Thursday night was Thai Night AFM 2017 and over 100 people assembled on what I'll call the "Sunset Deck" at the JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot for giant shrimp, hand passed appetizers and the opportunity to see Her Royal Highness Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi preside over a cultural display of Thai creativity and inventiveness. The evening was hosted by the Thai Ministry of Commerce to showcase the film industry in Thailand. The Royal Government wants to make their country the leading regional center for film production and post-production.

Pretty people circulated and made small talk and probably a few deals, while we waited for the Princess to arrive. Overall it was a lovely event, and the type of community gathering that creates friendships and networks that foster business.

It could become a rare occurrence if the level of distribution disruption I saw at this year's market continues. There is a huge uptick in the number of the digital distribution companies, and the entire industry model is changing rapidly as companies like Distribber make it easier for filmmakers to go direct to market for filmmakers. There is a newish company on the scene that's also making it easier for filmmakers to go straight to the distributors.

Bid/Slate was founded five years ago and is now in a position for maximum growth. Roland Rojas and I spoke on Sunday about the future of film distribution and his company. I met him because my friend and mentee Rain Bennett has a film on Bidslate.com for sale. "Rain and I met at the Hip Hop Film Festival where he was moderating a panel I was on. We just clicked and when he started talking about his film Raise Up! I thought it was an ideal movie for our platform. Raise Up! tells the global story of urban street workouts. As a documentary it covers health & fitness, and tells a human story that everyone can relate to" said Rojas.

Bennett licensed most of the right to Raise Up! to Red Bull Media earlier this year, however there were several markets and channels still held by him. Bennett told me, "When Roland and I were chatting in New York, he suggested that my film might be a good fit for the educational markets of middle and high schools. I checked to make sure I had the rights, and I did. Having the ability to carve out the educational market and go direct to the distributors for my film is a huge benefit to me as a filmmaker."

When I interviewed Jason Brubaker from FilmmakingStuff.com we discussed how most filmmakers don't think about the distribution models until after the movie is made and how hard it is at that point for them. Bennett said, "I struggled with who to get it in front of, and how? Bid/Slate makes that a lot easier for me to reach buyers for the Video on Demand, DVD sales and special screenings."

We are living in times of great turmoil – which is not necessarily bad, it's just change. We're seeing it with taxis, restaurants and now the movie distribution model. The level of industry disruption is unknown yet. But, I did meet Ramar Chan Hanarkan from South Africa who is "bringing Bollywood to Hollywood" as he put it. When I queried him if he would like to use the Bid/Slate model, he enthusiastically replied, "Absolutely! If I could travel less, and be more productive I'd love that."

Could Bid/Slate be the killer of the American Film Market? Maybe. Is Uber killing taxis or just changing the way we think about them? Has Postmates killed restaurants? No, and it's unlikely that all restaurants will go out of business – after all where would we go on dates? But it has dramatically changed the business model and could Bid/Slate do that for film distribution? Anything is possible right?

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WINNER

HOMELESS

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from the underbrush.

Just a day before, this corner of Ravenna Park was an illegal home for the down and out, one of 400 such encampments that have popped up in Seattle's parks, under bridges, on freeway medians and along busy sidewalks. Now, as police and social workers approached, some of the dispossessed scurried away, vanishing into a metropolis that is struggling to cope with an enormous wave of homelessness.

That struggle is not Seattle's alone. A homeless crisis of unprecedented proportions is rocking the West Coast, and its victims are being left behind by the very things that mark the region's success: soaring housing costs, rock-bottom vacancy rates and a roaring economy that waits for no one. All along the coast, elected officials are scrambling for solutions.

"I've got economically zero unemployment in my city, and I've got thousands of homeless people that actually are working and just can't afford housing," said Seattle City Councilman Mike O'Brien. "There's nowhere for these folks to move to. Every time we open up a new place, it fills up."

The rising numbers of homeless people have pushed abject poverty into the open like never before and have overwhelmed cities and nonprofits. The surge in people living on the streets has put public health at risk, led several cities to declare states of emergency and forced cities and counties to spend millions - in some cases billions - in a search for solutions.

San Diego now scrubs its sidewalks with bleach to counter a deadly hepatitis A outbreak that has spread to other cities and forced California to declare a state of emergency last month. In Anaheim, home to Disneyland, 400 people sleep along a bike path in the shadow of Angel Stadium. Organizers in Portland lit incense at a recent outdoor food festival to cover up the stench of urine in a parking lot where vendors set up shop.

Homelessness is not new on the West Coast. But interviews with local officials and those who serve the homeless in California, Oregon and Washington - coupled with an Associated Press review of preliminary homeless data - confirm it's getting worse. People who were once able to get by, even if they suffered a setback, are now pushed to the streets because housing has become so expensive.

All it takes is a prolonged illness, a lost job, a broken limb, a family crisis. What was once a blip in fortunes now seems a life sentence.

"Most homeless people I know aren't homeless because they're addicts," said Tammy Stephen, 54, who lives at a homeless encampment in Seattle. "Most people are homeless because they can't afford a place to live."

AMONG THE AP'S FINDINGS:

— Official counts taken earlier this year in California, Oregon and Washington show 168,000 homeless people in the three states, according to an AP tally of every jurisdiction in those states that reports homeless numbers to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. That is 19,000 more than were counted two years ago, although the numbers may not be directly comparable because of factors ranging from the weather to new counting methods.

— During the same period, the number of unsheltered people in the three states - defined as someone sleeping outside, in a bus or train station, abandoned building or vehicle - has climbed 18 percent to 105,000.

— Rising rents are the main culprit. The median one-bedroom apartment in the San Francisco Bay Area is significantly more expensive than it is in the New York City metro area, and apartments in San Francisco are listed at a higher price than those in Manhattan.

— Since 2015, at least 10 cities or municipal regions in California, Oregon and Washington - and Honolulu, as well - have declared states of emergency due to the rise of homelessness, a designation usually reserved for natural disasters.

"What do we want as a city to look like? That's what the citizens here need to decide," said Gordon Walker, head of the regional task force for the homeless in San Diego, where the unsheltered homeless population has spiked by 18 percent in the past year. "What are we going to allow? Are we willing to have people die on the streets?"

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With alarming frequency, the West Coast's newly homeless are people who were able to survive on the margins - until those margins moved.

For years, Stanley Timmings, 62, and his 61-year-old girlfriend, Linda Catlin, were able to rent a room in a friend's house on their combined disability payments.

Last spring, that friend died of colon cancer and the couple was thrust on Seattle's streets.

Timmings used their last savings to buy a used RV for $300 and spent another $300 to register it. They bought a car from a junk yard for $275.

Now, the couple parks the RV near a small regional airport and uses the car to get around.

They have no running water and no propane for the cook stove. They go to the bathroom in a bucket and dump it behind a nearby business. They shower and do laundry at a nonprofit and buy water at a grocery depot. After four months, the stench of human waste inside the RV is overwhelming. Every inch of space is crammed with their belongings: jugs of laundry detergent, stacks of clothes, pots and pans, and tattered paperback novels. They are exhausted, scared and defeated, with no solution in sight.

"Between the two of us a month, we get $1,440 in disability. We can't find a place for that," he said. "Our income is (about) $17,000 ... a year. That puts us way out of the ballpark, not even close. It might have been enough but anymore, no. It's not."

A new study funded by the real estate information firm Zillow and conducted by the University of Washington found a strong link between rising housing prices and rising homelessness numbers. A 5 percent rent increase in Los Angeles, for example, would mean about 2,000 more homeless people there, the authors said.

Nationally, homelessness has been trending down, partly because governments and nonprofit groups have gotten better at moving people into housing. That's true in many West Coast cities, too, but the flow the other direction is even faster. And on the West Coast, shelter systems are smaller.

"If you have a disability income, you make about $9,000 a year and renting a studio in Seattle is about $1,800 a month and so that's twice your income," said Margaret King, director of housing programs for DESC, a nonprofit that works with Seattle's homeless.

"So everybody who was just hanging on because they had cheap rent, they're losing that ... and they wind up outside. It's just exploded."

Nowhere is that more evident than California's Silicon Valley, where high salaries and a tight housing market have pushed rent out of reach for thousands. In

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CAMPS

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ever-shifting communities of the homeless, RVs and cars cluster by the dozens in the city where Google built its global headquarters and just blocks from Stanford University.

Ellen Tara James-Penney, a lecturer at San Jose State University, has been sleeping out of a car for about a decade, ever since she lost her housing while an undergraduate at the school where she now teaches four English courses, a job that pays $28,000 a year. Home is an old Volvo.

"I've basically been homeless since 2007, and I'm really tired," she said. "Really tired."

She actually got her start in the high tech industry, before being laid off during the tech meltdown of the early 2000s. Like many who couldn't find work, she went to college, accumulating tens of thousands of dollars in student debt along the way.

Now 54, she grades papers and prepares lesson plans in her car. Among her few belongings is a pair of her grandmother's fancy stiletto pumps, a reminder to herself that "it's not going to be like this forever."

Increased housing costs aren't just sweeping up low-income workers: The numbers of homeless youth also is rising.

A recent count in Los Angeles, for example, found that those ages 18 to 24 were the fastest-growing homeless group by age, up 64 percent, followed by those under 18. Los Angeles and other cities have made a concerted effort to improve their tallies of homeless youth, which likely accounts for some of the increase.

One of the reasons is the combined cost of housing and tuition, said Will Lehman, policy supervisor at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. A recent study by the University of Wisconsin found that one in five Los Angeles Community College District students is homeless, he said.

"They can pay for books, for classes but just can't afford an apartment. They're choosing to prioritize going to school," Lehman said. "They don't choose their situation."

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Michael Madigan opened a new wine bar in Portland a few years ago overlooking a ribbon of parks not far from the city's trendy Pearl District.

Business was good until, almost overnight, dozens of homeless people showed up on the sidewalk. A large encampment on the other side of the city had been shut down, and its residents moved to the park at his doorstep.

"We literally turned the corner one day ... and there were 48 tents set up on this one block that hadn't been there the day before," he said.

Madigan's business dropped 50 percent in four months and he closed his bar. There are fewer homeless people there now, but the campers have moved to a bike path that winds through residential neighborhoods in east Portland, prompting hundreds of complaints about trash, noise, drug use and illegal camping.

Rachel Sterry, a naturopathic doctor, lives near that path and sometimes doesn't feel safe when she's commuting by bike with her 1-year-old son. Dogs have rolled in human feces in a local park; recent improvements she's made to her small home are overshadowed by the line of tents and tarps a few dozen yards from her front door, she said.

"I have to stop and get off my bike to ask people to move their card game or their lounge chairs or their trash out of the way when I'm just trying to get from point A to point B," she said. "If I were to scream or get hurt, nobody would know."

For Seattle resident Elisabeth James, the reality check came when a homeless man forced his way into a glass-enclosed ATM lobby with her after she swiped her card to open the door for after-hours access. After a few nerve-wracking minutes, the man left the lobby but stayed outside, banging on the glass. Police were too busy to respond so James called her husband, who scared the man away and walked her home. The man, she believes, just wanted to get out of the rain.

A neighborhood pocket park has become a flashpoint, too: When James took her 2-year-old grandchild there, she saw people injecting heroin.

"I'm not a NIMBY person, but I just think that we can do so much more," said James, who founded an activist group called Speak Out Seattle last year. "I wanted to do something that was effective, that brought frustrated people together to find solutions. We're spending a lot of money to house people and we're getting a bigger problem."

The crisis is not limited to large metropolises. In Oregon City, a suburban, working-class town of 36,000 people, the police department this summer added a full-time position for a homeless outreach officer after roughly half the calls concerned trash, trespassing, human waste and illegal encampments.

The city has no overnight shelters and never had a significant homeless population until about three years ago.

On a recent fall day, officer Mike Day tromped into a greenbelt across from a strip mall to check on a man he recently connected with a counselor, calmed an intoxicated man and arranged emergency care for a man who was suicidal.

"How many social workers have you met that go into the woods to follow up with the homeless population and to help with mental health? This is a bit of a hybrid position, certainly, and maybe it's not exactly the role of a police officer - but it's a creative approach to find a solution to the problem," he said.

The question was, "What can we do differently? Because right now, it's not working."

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All along the West Coast, local governments are scrambling to answer that question - and taxpayers are footing the bill.

Voters have approved more than $8 billion in spending since 2015 on affordable housing and other anti-homelessness programs, mostly as tax increases. Los Angeles voters, for example, approved $1.2 billion to build 10,000 units of affordable housing over a decade to address a ballooning homeless population that's reached 34,000 people within city limits.

Seattle spent $61 million on homeless-related issues last year, and a recent budget proposal would increase that to $63 million. Four years ago, the city spent $39 million on homelessness. Sacramento has set a goal of moving 2,000 people off the streets in the next three years and may place a housing bond before voters in 2018.

Appeals for money have angered residents who see tent encampments growing in their cities despite more spending.

"Those are like whack-a-mole because they just sprout up and then they disappear and then they sprout up somewhere else," said Gretchen Taylor, who helped found the Neighborhood Safety Alliance of Seattle in 2016.

Seattle is initiating competitive bidding among nonprofit organizations for city dollars going toward homelessness programs. It's also pouring money into "rapid rehousing," a strategy that houses people quickly and then provides rental assistance for up to 18 months.

Like San Francisco, Seattle has started opening 24-hour, "low-barrier" shelters that offer beds even if people are abusing drugs, have a pet or want to sleep together as a couple. But the city's first 24-hour shelter has only 75 beds, and turnover is extremely low.

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CRISIS

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A team of specially trained police officers and social workers has also been visiting homeless camps to try to place people in shelter. After repeated visits - and with 72 hours of notice - the city cleans out the camps and hauls away abandoned belongings.

These efforts are starting to yield results, although the overall number of homeless people continues to swell.

Nearly 740 families moved into some type of shelter between October 2016 and August 2017, and 39 percent of the people contacted by the new police teams wind up sheltered, according a recent city homeless report. That's an improvement from a 5 percent shelter rate 18 months ago, said Sgt. Eric Zerr, who leads that effort.

But the approach has its detractors. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit alleging the sweeps violate the constitutional protections against unreasonable search and seizure. And a debate is raging about whether the sweeps are necessary "tough love" or a cruel policy that criminalizes poverty in a city with a reputation for liberalism.

"When a city can't offer housing, they should not be able to sweep that spot unless it's posing some sort of significant health and safety issue," said Sara Rankin, a professor with the Homeless Rights Advocacy Project at the Seattle University School of Law.

"If someone doesn't have a place to go, you can't just continue to chase them from place to place."

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Above all, the West Coast lacks long-term, low-income housing for people like Ashley Dibble and her 3-year-old daughter.

Dibble, 29, says she has been homeless off and on for about a year, after her ex-boyfriend squandered money on his car and didn't pay the rent for three months. Evicted, Dibble says she lived in the back of a moving truck and with several different friends around Seattle before winding up on the streets. She sent her toddler to live with the girl's paternal grandparents in Florida.

She and her new boyfriend were sleeping under tarps near Safeco Field, home of the Seattle Mariners, when an outreach team referred them to a new shelter. Now, Dibble talks to her daughter daily by phone and is trying to find a way back into housing so she can bring her home.

With an eviction on her record and little income, no one will rent to her.

"I've had so many doors slammed in my face, it's ridiculous," Dibble said, wiping away tears.

Seattle's DESC operates 1,200 so-called "permanent supportive housing units" -housing for the mentally ill or severely addicted who can't stay housed without constant help from case managers, counselors and rehabilitation programs. The nonprofit completes a new building every 18 months and they immediately fill; at any given time, there are only about eight to 10 units free in the whole city - but 1,600 people qualify.

Among this population, "almost nobody's going to get housing because there isn't any," DESC's Margaret King said. "It doesn't really matter."

There is so little housing, and so much despair. Nonprofit workers with decades of experience are shocked by the surge in homeless people and in the banality of the ways they wound up on the streets.

"It's a sea of humanity crashing against services, and services at this point are overwhelmed, literally overwhelmed. It's catastrophic," said Jeremy Lemoine, an outreach case manager with REACH, a Seattle homeless-assistance program. "It's a refugee crisis right here in the States, right here under our noses."

"I don't mean to sound hopeless. I generate hope for a living for people - that there is a future for them - but we need to address it now."

Associated Press writers Janie Har in San Francisco, Julie Watson in San Diego and Chris Weber in Los Angeles contributed to this report. AP photographers Jae Hong in Los Angeles and Ted Warren in Seattle, and AP videographer Manuel Valdes in Seattle also contributed.



SHOOTING

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mother wrote on a GoFundMe page to raise money for funeral expenses.

"What started out as a fun night with friends turned into my worse nightmare."

Two others are now home from the hospital recovering from gunshot wounds. Shrapnel hit and wounded a fourth victim.

Police say if it hadn't been for the quick thinking of the bus driver, more people would have died.

"Definitely," Lt. Saul Rodriguez told the Daily Press, "because the bus driver left immediately right after the shooting started. It could have been worse."

As the bus raced away from the crime scene so did the gunmen. They left jumping over the bluffs, scurrying down the cliff toward the Pacific Coast Highway.

Overnight, detectives picked up dozens of shell casings. Investigators found two guns on the party bus of the gunmen, three on the bluffs and one in a nearby trash can.

By the time the sun came up over Palisades Park on Saturday, police had interviewed more than fifty witnesses. But by Monday night detectives did not reveal the names of any suspects to the public, simply describing the gunmen as two or three black males in a press release.

As for de la Cruz, the 28-year-old gushed over her daughter on social media, sharing photos of them together decorated with digital hearts and flowers. The Gofundme website for her raised more than $4,000 in one day.

"As we are trying to prepare to memorialize her, we are also struggling with the long term financial burden in caring for her daughter and providing her a life DeOmmie would be proud of," Tomiekia Folconer-de la Cruz wrote.

Anyone with additional information can call Detective Leone (310) 458-8949; Detective Cooper (310) 458-8478; or the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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DEATH

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The conductor is cooperating with the investigation.

The SMPD's Major Accident Response team in conducting an investigation into what happened. Early morning commuters experienced delays as buses shuttled passengers up and down the two-mile stretch between the 26th Street/Bergamot stop and Downtown Santa Monica.

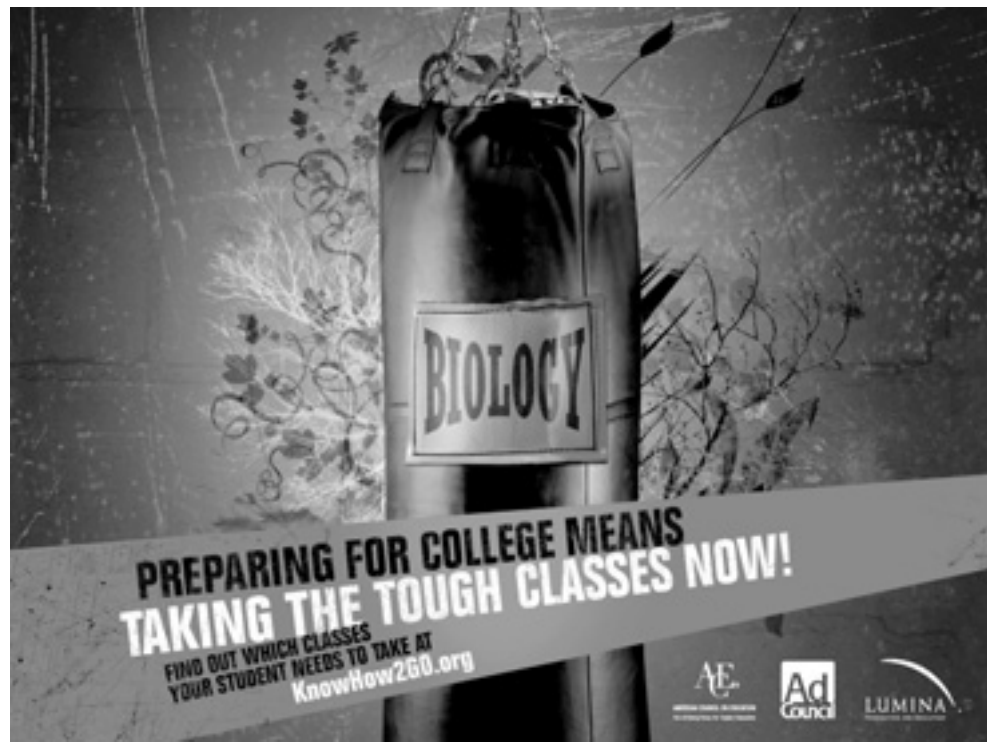
Less than three weeks earlier a train hit a pedestrian in the crosswalk near 1500 Colorado, just two blocks away from the 17th Street Station. The victim lost consciousness for a short time but survived after paramedics took him the hospital. The train was heading eastbound when the crash happened.

There have been a total of eight pedestrians hit by the Expo Line train since January 1, 2015, according to numbers provided by Metro. Four of those crashes were fatal. Throughout the whole system, the Blue Line, which runs north and south from Long Beach to Downtown Los Angeles, has had the most crashes involving pedestrians over the last two years, with 23 pedestrians hit and five killed. The Gold Line, which runs to Pasadena, had the second most crashes with ten people hit and three killed.

Anyone with more information should contact Investigator Olson at (310) 458-8954 or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 7)

Emotional baggage falls by the wayside as you get the love and respect to help you move beyond old ideas about yourself. This month you'll spot an excellent opportunity and move quickly to realize its potential. At year-end, you'll be part of a group that makes a difference. A stellar deal will go down in February. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 14, 23 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You've plenty of hustle to apply and just the right circumstances to apply it. You're about due to fall into the kind of sweet luck that happens when a hard worker meets a soft opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Some people show strength to the world, overcoming their obstacles and achieving their goals publicly. Stronger still are those who quietly fight private battles that no one will ever know about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You don't have to know steps 10 through 100 to get started. All you have to know is step one. Although, a general knowledge of steps two through nine would be extremely helpful to your momentum.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Seasons change. Don't confuse the season for a fact of life. This is not the way it's going to be forever. For better or worse, this moment will pass. Let that inform your priorities today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It might be hard to see at first, but take a step back and view it again and you may notice that you have much more power in the situation than you're using. Things will continue on just the way you allow them to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There are consequences to every action: some foreseeable, some not. You'll drive yourself crazy trying to project an end result before you make your choice. This is a situation where you really have to go with your gut.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The desire to raise your voice can seem to happen after you're already yelling. But you've extra powers of awareness and restraint to use to communicate on a higher, not louder, level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You know what it's like to be encouraged, and you also know what it's like to be torn down. That's why you build up the people around you whenever you get the opportunity to do it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The tone of this day might not be consistent enough for you to ever get comfortable, and that's a good thing. You'll stay alert and you'll see what others miss. You'll cut trouble off at the pass.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The first time you go somewhere is usually the most exciting because you don't know the way. Feeling unsure and lost is part of what makes the adventure great.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You can trust people without being naive. The way to do this is to trust with accuracy – to learn the nature of the other person so that you can predict future behavior and to put your trust in that particular expectation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You may have to go far out of your way to make the situation work today, but don't let that stop you from taking on the work. Like a glow stick, you'll have to do some serious bending before you shine.

Venus Costume Change

If Scorpio were a dress, it would be a red dress – the kind pop songs are written about, worn when the heroine of the story is dead serious about getting hers. So don't be surprised if, while Venus transits through Scorpio, your desire takes on new urgency, your strategy becomes more aggressive and the mood intensifies to slightly dangerous.

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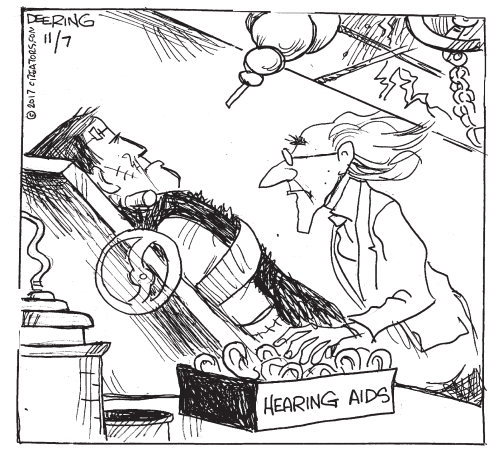
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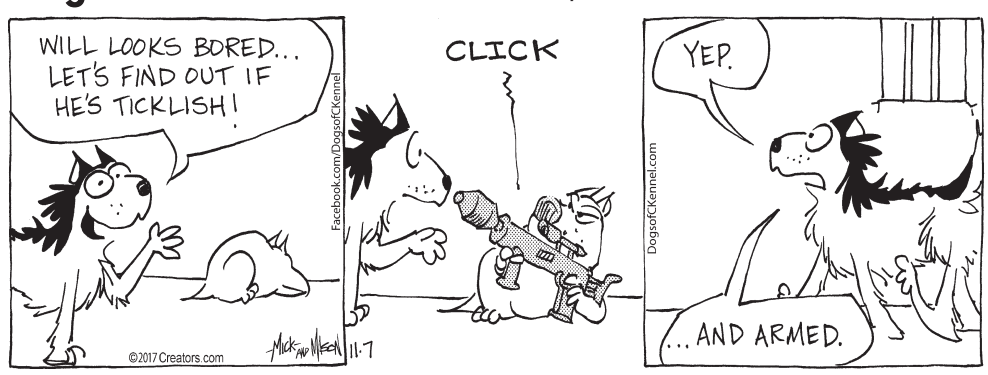
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Mega Millions
Draw Date: 11/3
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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 59M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 11/4
5 8 29 32 41
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 29M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/5
1 3 11 22 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/5
MIDDAY: 2 4 2
Draw Date: 11/5
EVENING: 4 4 1

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Draw Date: 11/5
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3rd: 11 Money Bags
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ The average American consumes 14,820 pounds of meat in a lifetime, or the equivalent of a large Minke whale.

Stories For The Waiting Room

■ Doctors in Maryland noted that the head of a 4-month-old boy was growing faster than normal for his age. A scan revealed a brain tumor containing what appeared to be teeth. When doctors removed the tumor, they also extracted several fully formed teeth within it.

■ Teeth have been found in other tumor types, but not in the brain. The case was reported in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2014. The boy made a full recovery.

MYSTERY REVEALED

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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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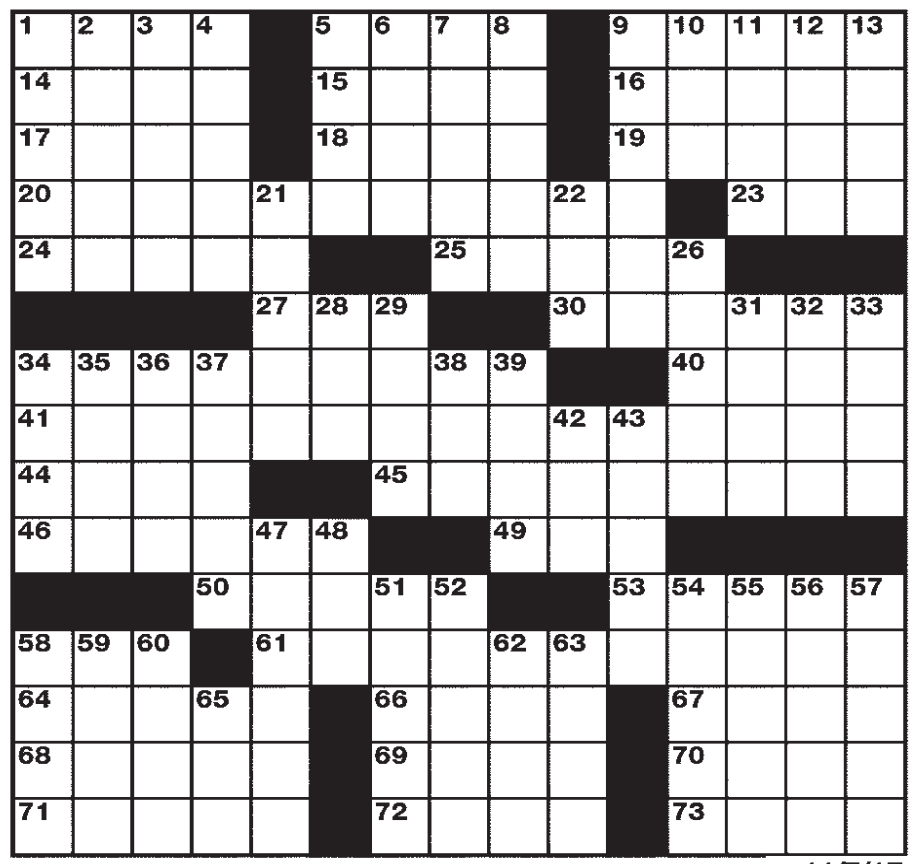
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Newsday Crossword

V-THREE by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Fail to attend
5 Goes out, as the tide
9 Post office purchase
14 Deposit of 17 Across
15 Aviation prefix
16 Draw with crayons
17 Mined rocks
18 Make airtight
19 "Greetings!"
20 Rooster on a rooftop
23 Informal assent
24 Zesty dip
25 Odor
27 "Needless to __ . . ."
30 Trickery to mislead
34 Red-meat entree
40 Oz canine
41 Similar to
44 Arctic ice mass
45 Funny writers
46 Data entry pro
49 Sense of wonder
50 Hangs on to
53 Tactless
58 Prohibit officially
61 Futile effort
64 Deliver a speech
66 "Bye-bye!"
67 Restore to health
68 In a little while
69 Any farm harvest
70 Computer owner
71 Steakhouse order
72 Garment edges
73 Adolescent

DOWN
1 Reduces speed
2 Seoul, South __
3 Model of perfection
4 Nuisances
5 Make less difficult
6 Brewery product
7 Crowd's cheer for a diva
8 Sun-related
9 Devious plan
10 Tip of a shoe
11 Wartime partner
12 Lawn tunneler
13 Object held on stage
21 Undue speed
22 Silent agreement
26 Second part of a play
28 Belly muscles
29 Informal assent
31 Extremely long time
32 "Let's leave __ that"
33 Soft throw
34 Break in diplomacy
35 Merely
36 At the peak of
37 Mideast noble
38 Australian bird
39 Disaster relief org.
42 Solemn promise
43 Standing tall
47 Very strict
48 Beverage brewed from bags
51 Throw to a batter
52 Catch in a trap
54 Shorten further
55 Entertain
56 Buying binge
57 Back of a ship
58 Flash of lightning
59 Typical Saudi
60 Western defense org.
62 Molecule part
63 Bugler's "lights out" tune
65 Prime-time hour



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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 OCTOBER 29, AT AROUND 12:10 P.M.

Downtown Unit Officers were dispatched to a call regarding a male involved in lewd activity at around the intersection of 4th / Colorado. When officers arrived on scene they were directed by an Ambassador that the suspect, later identified as Michael Schmaltz, was now in the 1500 block of Alley 4. The Ambassador explained to the officers that Schmnaltz was involved in lewd conduct in front of many citizens and that he wished to make a private person's arrest. The officers made contact with Schmaltz and subsequently took him into custody. Later at the station the officers discovered that this individual had prior arrests for similar activity and that he was on active formal probation for Indecent Exposure. Schmaltz, 59, homeless, was charged with indecent exposure. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 335 Calls For Service On Nov. 5.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery 2200 block Colorado 12:01 a.m.
Party complaint 1100 block 6th 1:14 a.m.
Vandalism 3000 block 3rd 1:21 a.m.
Battery 3rd / Ashland 1:54 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 3100 block Main 1:30 a.m.
Battery Main / Colorado 1:35 a.m.
Speeding Yale / Santa Monica 2:20 a.m.
Burglary 800 block 12th 2:34 a.m.
Fight 2400 block Oak 2:36 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block Ashland 2:48 a.m.
Traffic collision 2900 block Santa Monica 3:20 a.m.
Petty theft Ocean / Washington 4:40 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 2nd 6:15 a.m.
Overdose 2400 block Oak 6:37 a.m.
Petty theft 400 block Santa Monica 6:41 a.m.
Panhandling main Main / Ocean Park 7:01 a.m.
Counterfeit suspect 1500 block 2nd 7:23 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block Stewart 7:32 a.m.
Fight 2700 block Santa Monica 7:34 a.m.
Burglary 900 block 18th 7:51 a.m.
Harassing phone 1500 block Centinela 7:57 a.m.
Burglary 2800 block Arizona 8:06 a.m.
Drinking in public Barnard / Hollister 8:13 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block 14th 8:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block Ocean 8:40 a.m.
Vandalism 2600 block Kansas 8:56 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block 14th 9:09 a.m.
Burglary 3100 block 4th 9:45 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block 12th 9:59 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 10:02 a.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block California 10:05 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2000 block Ocean Front Walk 10:21 a.m.
Speeding Centinela / Pico 10:26 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 4th 11:09 a.m.
Vandalism 7th / Broadway 11:22 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1100 block Lincoln 11:53 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Olympic 12:16 p.m.
Fraud 400 block Wilshire 12:25 p.m.
Battery 700 block Broadway 1:09 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 900 block 3rd 1:16 p.m.
Construction noise 1200 block 22nd 1:20 p.m.
Assault 1800 block 17th 1:28 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2000 block Ocean Front Walk 1:33 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Olympic 1:35 p.m.
Battery 1600 block Cloverfield 1:44 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block Cloverfield 2:11 p.m.
Burglary 200 block 20th 2:22 p.m.
Traffic collision 6th / Santa Monica 2:26 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block 4th 2:34 p.m.
Bike theft 2500 block Pico 3:19 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block 20th 3:23 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Cloverfield 3:24 p.m.
Indecent exposure 4th / Pico 4:06 p.m.
Battery 200 block Santa Monica 4:10 p.m.
Fight 4th / Santa Monica 4:41 p.m.
Person with a gun 5th / Wilshire 4:43 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 4:47 p.m.
Encampment 900 block Colorado 5:18 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block 15th 5:57 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 38 Calls For Service On Nov. 5.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS 1300 block Santa Monica 12:31 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Cloverfield 12:45 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Ocean 1:27 a.m.
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Traffic collision with injury 2900 block Santa Monica 3:23 a.m.
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EMS 200 block 22nd 5:50 a.m.
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EMS 1300 block 15th 7:18 a.m.
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Automatic alarm 3300 block Barnard 11:55 a.m.
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EMS 1300 block 15th 3:12 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 3:26 p.m.
Request fire 1700 block Cloverfield 3:29 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 3:41 p.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 3:44 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 3:55 p.m.
EMS 400 block 10th 6:20 p.m.
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EMS 1400 block 17th 8:28 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 9:07 p.m.
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