

# Remembering Pearl Harbor

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**INSIDE:** The Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor lasted about 90 minutes, killing and wounding more than 3,000 military personnel and civilians. The first targets were U.S. airfields to prevent a U.S. counterattack by air, and the first Medal of Honor awarded in World War II went to a sailor who defended one of those airfields. A day after the attack, the U.S. declared war on Japan. **PAGE A7**

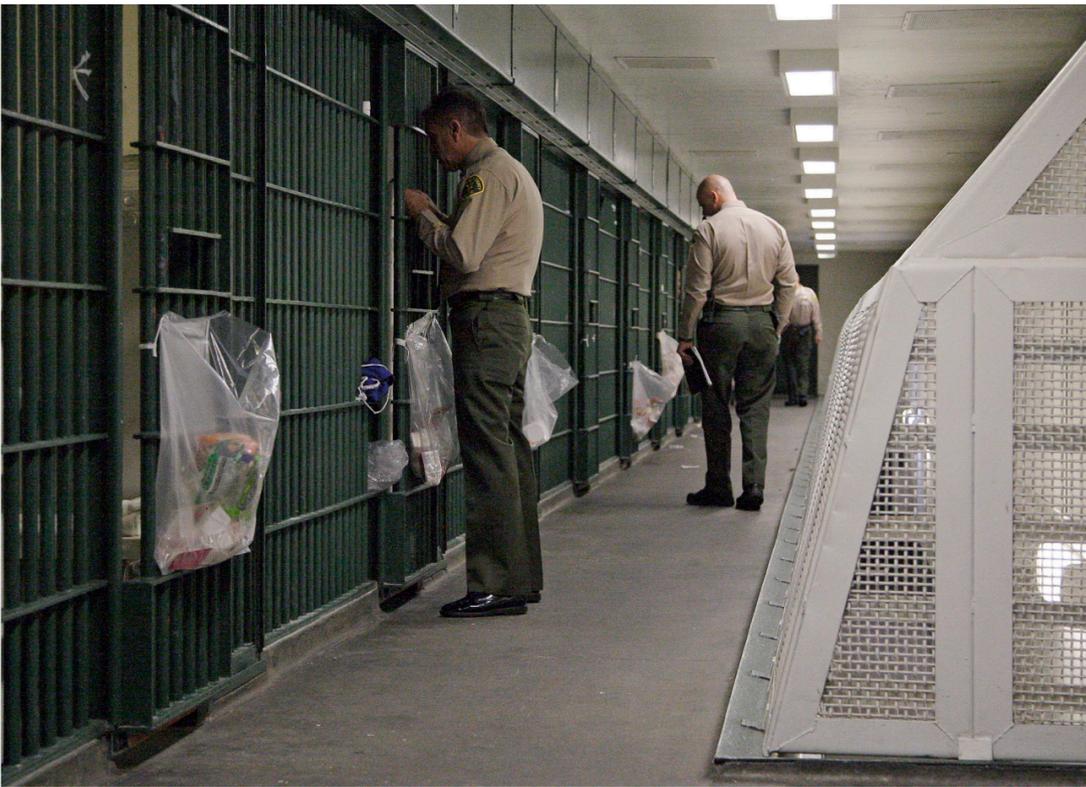


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## Death behind bars

Who's dying in Southern California county jails — and why



Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies inspect a cell block at the Men's Central Jail in downtown Los Angeles. Conditions have gotten so bad in Los Angeles County that California Attorney General Rob Bonta filed a lawsuit in September against the Sheriff's Department for inhumane treatment of inmates. **REED SAXON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**By Jason Henry, Tony Saavedra and Joe Nelson**  
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Every five days, on average, someone dies in the jails of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino or Riverside counties.

Broken bodies, broken minds and substance abuse are at the root of most of the nearly 500 deaths since 2020. Homicides behind bars get more attention but are rare compared to suicides, drug overdoses and death by natural causes.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna has called his jails the largest mental health institution in the nation, estimating that roughly 50% of the inmates are struggling with psychological problems. Other counties in the region concur with that estimate for their jail populations.

As one civil rights attorney said: "You're dealing with a population that is physically sick, mentally ill

and addicted, and they need help, a lot of help."

The examples are plentiful. And painful.

Ronald Forsyth, deemed mentally unfit to even stand trial, suffered a slow death at the Twin Towers jail in Los Angeles from untreated anemia and hypertensive heart disease. A lawsuit claims that, at the end, he was unbathed and covered in "welts, bruises, cuts, open sores, skin infections and other signs of complete lack of care and attention."

Forsyth, arrested on suspicion of battery, was 53.

Mario Solis asphyxiated himself at the Cois M. Byrd Detention Center in French Valley after stuffing two bars of soap, a toothbrush and a pencil into his mouth. According to a lawsuit, the pencil ruptured a vein in his neck.

Solis, arrested for allegedly stealing a bag of Skittles from a supermarket and scuffling with

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**RICHARD HERMAN, ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY**



Joshua Campos, a schizophrenic beset with bipolar and obsessive compulsive disorders, stopped breathing 13 minutes after snorting fentanyl from a metal stool in his cell at the Theo Lacy facility in Orange. Campos' death cost Orange County \$3.3 million in civil damages.

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SEARCH THE DATA

### All 478 people who died in SoCal jails in the past 6 years

STAFF REPORTS

In the past six years, 478 people have died under the care of the Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino County jails.

To better understand that figure, the Southern California News Group compiled a searchable database tracking every death, including the causes of death for nearly all of the inmates. The findings formed the basis of a two-part series, "Death Behind Bars," that explored who was dying, why and what each county is doing to prevent more deaths.



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to search a database of every in-custody death in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties since 2020.

SIMI VALLEY

## Hegseth: Hits on alleged drug boats protect U.S.

Defense secretary tells forum at Reagan library that military actions impede smugglers

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth told hundreds gathered at the Reagan National Defense Forum in Simi Valley on Saturday that President Donald Trump has the power to take military action "as he sees fit" to keep the nation safe and said naval strikes on alleged drug cartel boats in the Caribbean are forcing smugglers to change how they operate.

The comments were delivered in his keynote address and a Q&A that followed at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library for its 12th annual forum, which brings representatives of defense and technology companies, many based in Southern California, together to rub shoulders and exchange ideas with lawmakers, senior Department of Defense leadership, and foreign defense leaders.

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WAR IN EUROPE

## Russia launches major air attack against Ukraine

Drone, missile strikes hit country while diplomatic talks continue

**By Susie Blann**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia unleashed a major missile and drone barrage on Ukraine overnight into Saturday, while Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he had a "substantive phone call" with American officials engaged in talks with a Ukrainian delegation in Florida aimed at ending the nearly 4-year war.

Russia used 653 drones and 51 missiles in the wide-reaching overnight attack on Ukraine, which triggered air raid alerts across the country and came

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## A 150-year-old orange harvest

**INSIDE:** Columnist David Allen visits Riverside's Arlington Avenue to see the harvest of an orange tree that is more than 150 years old and began California's citrus industry. **PAGE A3**

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