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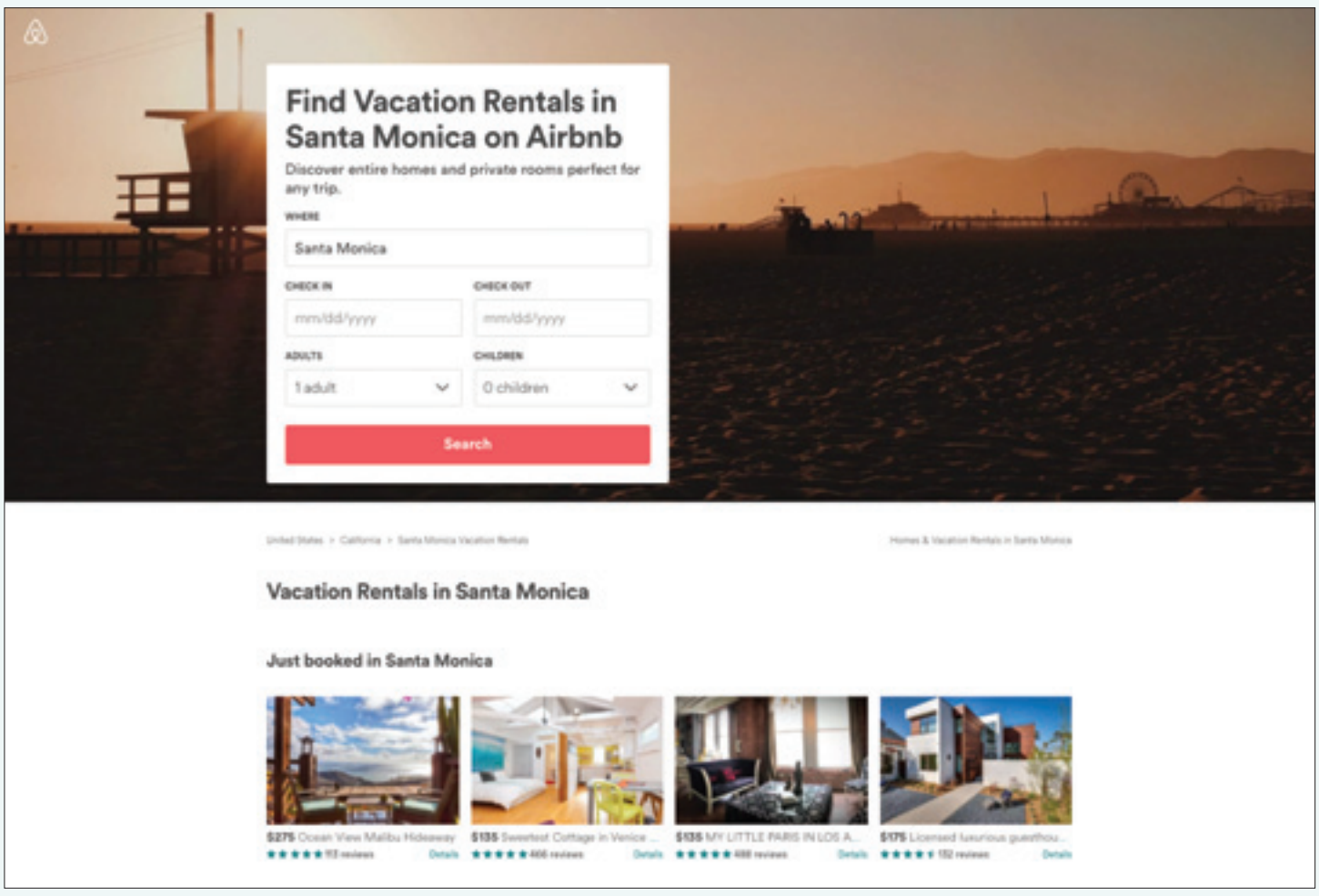
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Report: AirBnb, hosts make millions in Santa Monica from illegal listings



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RENTALS: **Residents continue to advertise short-term/vacation rentals on platforms like AirBnb despite city regulations on the programs.**

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite strict laws and a dedicated enforcement team, Santa Monica's battle against illegal short term rentals is essentially a game of whack-a-mole, according to a report by city staff. Online violators use an array of tactics to outwit investigators, including deleting listings during City Hall business hours and manipulating addresses to appear to be in Los Angeles.

Despite hundreds of listings here, only 187 home-shares are actually registered with the city. The report says it is difficult to know the exact number of illegal listings because platforms like AirBnb refuse to provide data to code enforcement on the number of listings within city limits. In May 2017, an independent data analyst estimated there were 950 AirBnbs in Santa Monica.

Despite the threat of fines, the report found illegal home-shares are a lucrative underground business.

"Airbnb and its hosts have collected over $31 million, or about $15.5 million annually, from rentals in Santa Monica, most of which are illegal," the report said. The City collected about $4.7 million in transient occupancy tax (TOT) from home-shares during the same time period.

"If in the long term the City is able to achieve greater compliance, the amount of TOT collected will reduce dramatically," the report said. Code enforcement has collected $81,577 in fines and fees from violators since the law took effect.

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School District wants more community engagement

ANGEL CARRERAS
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The Santa Monica Malibu Unified District has unveiled a new proposal to strengthen family

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Financial focus for upcoming Rent Control meeting

KATE CAGLE
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The Rent Control Board will continue to tackle tax surcharges on tenants who have seen their rental rates surge when they consider

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Cold snap brings freeze, frost warnings to California

BY JOHN ANTCZAK & AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

Temperatures plunged throughout California early Tuesday, triggering freeze warnings in agricul-

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

2929 Pico Boulevard, 17ENT-0026 & 18ENT-0031. Development Review Permit (17ENT-0026) and Conditional Use Permit (18ENT-0031) to allow a new two-story 18,854 square-foot core and shell mixed-use building with 8,396 square feet of commercial space and 10,458 square feet of office use within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.40.020, a Development Review Permit (DRP) is required for all new construction and new additions to existing buildings of more than 7,500 square feet of floor area in Neighborhood Commercial and Oceanfront Districts and a Conditional Use Permit is required for new construction of Creative/Business & Professional office uses in the NC district. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT: Brad Buter, Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio. PROPERTY OWNER: Reddhill, LLC.**

401 Ocean Avenue, 17ENT-0138 & 17ENT-0305. The applicant requests approval of Development Review Permit 17ENT-0138 and Vesting Tentative Tract map 17ENT-0305 to allow a 5-unit residential condominium development at the subject property. The proposed project includes the retention, rehabilitation, and restoration of the existing two-unit city Landmark residence known as the henry Weyse/Charles Morris House, and the construction of a new three-unit, four-story residential building with enclosed ground-level parking located at the rear of the parcel. Rehabilitation and restoration of the Landmark residence inclues but Is not limited to, the removal and in-kind replacement of exterior siding material resulting in a code-defined demolition, a second floor addition, and repair/restoration of windows and doors. The subject property is located within the R4 High Density Residential District. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Tabit Ventures/401 Ocean Avenue LLC.

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Francie Stefan at (310) 458-8341. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, #10R, and #18 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, February 21

Curious about term limits?
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Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, 1:30 p.m.

Woven Together: Black History Month
Join organizers for photo exhibit, learn about African-American leaders and figures, and add a piece to the unity quilt. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 – 5 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: The Woman Warrior
A first-generation Chinese-American woman recounts growing up in America within a tradition-bound Chinese family, and confronted with Chinese ghosts from the past and non-Chinese ghosts of the present. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year Celebration
Kids are invited to celebrate the Year of the Dog by making lanterns and other crafts. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

Soundwaves Concert: Matt Barbier
Contemporary music for solo trombone. See http://www.mattbarbier.com/ and http://www.soundwavesnewmusic.com for more information. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Rent Control Board Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. City Hall, 1685 Main St, 7 – 10:30 p.m.

Family Book Bingo
Join organizers for an evening of family, bingo-playing fun. Win free book prizes donated by the library's supportive Friends organization. For grades K - 5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 5 – 6 p.m.

Friday, February 23

8-Day-Old Moon: Lunar Apennines, Alps, and the Straight Wall!
The feature show is an opportunity to look at an 8-day-old waxing gibbous Moon and its Apennines and Alps and "Straight Wall" – along with the beautiful Pleiades star cluster – through a variety of telescopes, with guidance from the planetarium's director. The evening events are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly "tour" of the constellations, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions. Second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). Tickets are available at the door and cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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California weighs permanent restrictions for water wasters

Associated Press

That sign in hotel rooms asking guests if they really need their towels and sheets washed each day would become the rule in California, enforced with a $500 fine, if water officials vote to make a series of smaller-scale conservation measures permanent in the drought-prone state.

State officials say California's winter so far is the third driest on record as much of the state heads back toward drought.

The state Water Resources Control Board delayed a decision this week on whether to adopt a range of permanent restrictions on wasting water. A vote on the restrictions is now expected by April 17.

Last year's unprecedented rainfall has left most reservoirs slightly above their average capacity for this time of year. But water officials said Tuesday that the lack of snow this winter will prevent the reservoirs from replenishing as the season continues.

John Leahigh of the Department of Water Resources says about 80 percent of California is abnormally dry or in drought.

The proposed restrictions include prohibitions on watering lawns so much that the water flows into the street, using a hose to wash down sidewalks, or using a hose without an automatic shut-off nozzle to wash cars.

Hotels would have to ask guests about those towels and sheets. Running an ornamental fountain without a recirculating system would be barred, as would watering outside within 48 hours of a good rain. Another measure would give cities and counties until 2025 to stop watering ordinary street medians.

Many of the measures, like the one on hotel towels, are already widely followed, and common sense, said Max Gomberg, a state water-conservation official.

"Nothing's more wasteful than when the rain is falling from the sky and the sprinkler's on," he said.

Water officials expect neighbors to be responsible for detecting most of the wasteful water use and they have no plans to add more enforcement officers if the permanent restrictions are adopted. Generally, first-time offenders would get warnings, while repeat offenders risk fines.

California already has a website, www.savewater.ca.gov , that allows citizens to report wasteful water use.

Gov. Jerry Brown lifted California's drought emergency status a year ago, after a wet winter that snapped a historic 2013-2017 drought. Strict 25 percent conservation orders for cities and towns and other watering restrictions phased out with the end of the emergency status.

Some climate scientists say the drought never fully ended in parts of Southern California. The Los Angeles area has received just a fourth of normal rainfall so far this rainy season. The U.S. Drought Monitor said last week that 46 percent of the state is back in drought, all of it in California's south.

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whether to create a subcommittee on the issue Thursday. The RCB aims to help current tenants who've surcharges increase because of property tax assessments during Santa Monica's current real estate market boom.

Last month, the RCB eliminated the issue for new tenants and future sales when they put a sunset on the law that allowed the pass-throughs to happen. A new property owner will no longer be able to pass any of the massive property tax increase down to tenants when they purchase a multi-unit building in Santa Monica. Because the decision is not retroactive, tenants currently paying surcharges will continue to do so unless they move out or the building is sold to a new owner.

There are current surcharges linked to Measures X, S, BB and AA. Landlords could also pass along a stormwater management user fee, the clean beaches and ocean parcel tax and a 2008 school district special tax. The median monthly surcharge is $20.73, however, some tenants have seen their bills skyrocket in recent years.

The RCB will decide whether to create a subcommittee to address tax-related surcharges when they meet Thursday night. The subcommittee of just two members would investigate and make recommendations on how to address the surcharges. Tenants have testified at public meetings they are in danger of eviction because they cannot afford the surcharges.

General Counsel J. Stephen Lewis is recommending the board form a subcommittee to meet with stakeholders.

"When discussing the issue in broad terms at its last meeting, there was clear unanimity on two points: that is must be approached delicately in order to avoid unintended consequences, and that - probably because of the delicate touch that the issue calls for - arriving at the right approach is likely to be time consuming," Lewis wrote in a memo to the board.

Board regulations stipulate the subcommittee should represent, as far as possible, all points of view in the organization. The subcommittee would likely cost taxpayers very little because they would meet and conduct work largely on their own with occasional staff support.

Lewis said the RCB may not have the authority to appoint an advisory committee including members who are not already on the RCB.

"The Charter says that the Board may conduct studies, surveys, and investigations; it doesn't say that the Board may create a new entity to do those things," Lewis said.

The Rent Control Board meets Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chamber, City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

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DISTRICT

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engagement in the education process. The framework was discussed during a board meeting on Thursday, February, 15.

"The purpose of the SMMUSD Family Engagement Framework is to provide guidance to schools and the district as we work to implement effective family engagement practices that yield higher levels of student academic success and college and career readiness. The framework is research-based, and involves a multi-year development process," said the staff report.

Aida Diaz, Family Engagement Framework coordinator, led the discussion of the proposed item.

"Over the years, the district has shown deep commitment to effectively engaging with parents in our schools," Diaz said. "The district is now creating a framework for engagement to make sure the work is more consistent, equitable and effective."

Diaz discussed a framework to be entrenched in increasing family engagement, implementing "research-based practices and strategies" based on California State Framework Action Areas:

Build Capacity, Demonstrate Leadership, Provide Resources, Ensure Access and Equity, Monitor Progress.

The framework is based on research by Dr. Joyce Epstein, a professor of education and sociology at Johns Hopkins University. Epstein's Six Types of Involvement — parenting, communicating, volunteering, learning at home, decision-making, and collaborating with community — are Epstein's keys to successful school/family/community partnerships, a key discussion point for Diaz.

"Research shows families involvement with education and their students directly affects outcomes," Diaz said. "Building on that understanding, parents are a child's first teachers. A partnership between home and school must be collaborative one."

The framework proposed would be a long-term plan, supporting students and families from pre-kindergarten throughout high school, offering family education components such as Parent Education Night, College Awareness Workshops, and providing resources and training to parents to engage better with their children.

Diaz was optimistic about implementation of the framework due to the support of parents and the work the district has done for students.

"We're lucky to live in a community that supports our schools," Diaz said. "Not only financially but through offering different programs such as PAL and Virginia Avenue Park. The more we learn about each other, the more we can help each other."

Public sentiment seemed to be mixed, with one public speaker calling the framework "disingenuous and empty," adding that the district should better accommodate parents schedules, saying parents feel "brushed off" regardless if they participate or not. Others suggested strengthening community liaisons to establish a better dialogue between busy parents in the district. This sentiment struck a chord with board members.

"Liaisons are important but do we have to have a standard training for them," Boardmember Oscar De La Torre said. "One liaison at one school could be doing something completely different from another. Leave room for flexibility and innovation, and we share the best practices."

Boardmember Craig Foster echoed De La Torre's words. "To take this on in systematic way, I feel like we're on the right track," Foster said. "I feel we're working as team, leaning forward into the 21st century and into child-centric stuff. We have lines of communication built, seeing where parents and community fits in. Our liaisons have an overwhelming task. If we can find a way to augment that, that'd be great."

Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati praised the framework, adding that the big-picture structure of the framework will allow everything else to fall into place. He provided an example of the recently proposed social justice framework as well as a community liaison, adding that if those people left, those programs are "done without guiding principles."

Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline Mora added that she felt the framework "sets the tone" for what the district is striving for.

"Working with external partners is something we're exploring, Mora said. "Are we where we want to be? Not yet, but this sets a guiding principle in a way for us to move forward. We will study how parents engage with workshops we will be providing. Not just surveys but talking to them and asking what they need and how to develop that."

As this was only a proposal, Diaz adds this could be taken as a "draft" as the framework isn't finalized. Between February and April, Diaz will meet with principals, community liaisons, parent groups, and the board of education for feedback.

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WOUNDED

A wounded animal fights. When cornered it attacks its enemy with ferocity, with all the strength it has left because it's now or never, it must defeat the threat to its life. Only primal survival matters.

As a nation drowning in the blood of innocents because of the easy availability of guns, unique to America, and as Santa Monicans seeing our cherished, special city being sold off to profiteers and turned into a place few of us will still want to call home, we are fighting for our lives and for our home. Anger is a very appropriate response, and maybe the only one that will break people's apathy. Righteous anger. Controlled and directed. I've been writing about that for three weeks now, coming to the understanding that something must radically change if we are to have a chance to survive, and that collective anger, mobilized in overwhelming numbers, may be our only path to saving that which we love.

"Don't write about the process." There are a few cardinal rules of writing for publication, and that is one of them. It's usually a rookie mistake. You might think for the moment that people will be interested, but they're not. You're supposed to make that process invisible. But I'm choosing to share this observation now anyway, because something unusual about some columns I've written has happened again — I think — and I have no idea how or why and I take no credit, but I think it's pretty interesting and maybe somehow significant and useful.

PREDICTIVE?

I don't know what word to use. Forgive me if this all sounds pretentious as hell. But I never would have imagined this: a number of my columns have been… so unexpectedly on the mark by the time they hit newsprint, when they were the very ones I thought would get me in so much trouble for being out there, extreme, unreasonable. But the next day's headlines or the next moment's social media showed me I wasn't alone and was unknowingly giving voice to many like-minded souls. I'm always a bit shocked, and breathe a sigh of relief when I see I'm not the only one. These of course are ideas I did not invent, just reported and analyzed.

It has happened again, I think. I have spent the last three columns trying to convince readers that in City Hall and in DC, an entirely new approach is our only hope. That because of the ungodly amounts of corrupting money involved, and the entrenched politics, we must tap into our collective anger at what is wrong, to make radical, needed change.

Am I advocating screaming at our representatives? No. Well... If they continue to refuse to listen to us, we must be even more insistent. We must not accept for another minute the same old ways that have gotten us to this unthinkable place. Our governments have failed us. Polite petition or even protest is dismissed, even large numbers are ignored. We are invisible and mute to our "leaders." Something has to change, for our voices to be heard.

Then hallelujah, out of the most heart wrenching tragedy imaginable, we see how it can be done, must be done. The children shall lead us.

THE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING STUDENTS

Of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, 14 miles north of where I was born. Rather than being crushed by the terror they are living through, the survivors have stood up angry and aware of the power that is uniquely theirs to seize, and they are looking us in the eye and saying it is a new day, the old rules are gone, we will not live under this shroud of fear, it is not right, we will not accept this, we will build an army and you will reckon with us. They are riveting, completely authentic, resolute in their righteous anger, so clear in their speaking out and, more importantly, their actions. I would bet anything that they will follow through, for the rest of their lives. And will have many join them. I believe, for the first time, that this time is different, because it is the students, there and across the nation, who now clearly understand they are fighting for their very lives.

I have been thrilled and moved to tears listening to them over the weekend, speaking from a place of unfathomable shock and horror, that you can hear, palpably feel, in their anguished voices that seem always a moment away from being cut off by a flood of tears — but are not. They continue with what they must say. It's a determination that is completely credible, in these 14- to 17-year-olds.

They are rooted in political reality and they are very well informed. Senior Emma Gonzales called out Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa by name Saturday, as "the sole sponsor on this bill that stops the FBI from performing background checks on people adjudicated to be mentally ill." Another senior said he knows there must be compromise in politics, and to get all they want may take decades, but that they are up to it, the process must start immediately, and it must be bipartisan.

I believe these young people, and I believe in them. We must mount the same kind of movement here in Santa Monica, perhaps led by "seniors" rather than seniors. I don't want to lose one more life to guns, and I don't want to lose Santa Monica.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We are prepared to call BS. Politicians who sit in their gilded House and Senate seats funded by the NRA telling us nothing could have been done to prevent this, we call BS. They say tougher guns laws do not decrease gun violence. We call BS. They say a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun. We call BS. They say guns are just tools like knives and are as dangerous as cars. We call BS. They say no laws could have prevented the hundreds of senseless tragedies that have occurred. We call BS. That us kids don't know what we're talking about, that we're too young to understand how the government works. We call BS." — Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School senior Emma Gonzales, addressing a gun control rally in Ft. Lauderdale Saturday.

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WEATHER

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tural areas and finally bringing a wintry chill to a season more notable for unusual warmth and lack of storms.

The very cold air mass from western Canada brought the most frigid temperatures so far this winter and the coldest in years for some locations, the San Francisco/Monterey National Weather Service office said.

The mercury dipped into the 20s and 30s in many areas and into single digits in some mountain locations before dawn. San Francisco International Airport was 36 (2.2 Celsius), breaking the record of 37 (2.7 Celsius) set on the date in 2011. Downtown Los Angeles was in the low 40s.

Hard freeze warnings were posted overnight up and down the agriculturally rich Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, meaning temperatures would be 28 degrees (-2.2 Celsius) or lower for two or more consecutive hours, potentially threatening crops. The warnings expired at midmorning but were set to go back into effect Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning.

Joe Del Bosque, owner of Del Bosque Farms on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, said he's concerned that there's been damage to his cherry trees and his asparagus, but even more so to his almond crop.

"They're almost in full bloom so the whole crop is exposed and we're pretty concerned," Del Bosque said.

He said temperatures dipped as low as 29 degrees (-1.6 Celsius) off and on for two hours at his 2,000-acre farm overnight. Damage won't be apparent to any of his crop for at least a day or two, he said.

Like most farmers, he's irrigating his orchards because water around the crops helps moderate temperatures.

"That's about all we can do, and just pray," he said.

For skiers and snowboarders, the cold brought some improvement in the season.

Bear Mountain Resort in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles said it received 4 inches (10 centimeters) of natural snow from the system but artificial snowmaking benefited from one of the coldest nights of the year. Mammoth Mountain in the Sierra Nevada reported about the same snowfall and was just 16 degrees (-8.8 Celsius) at noon.

The cold followed a blustery weekend storm system that churned whitecaps in coastal waters and whipped up sandstorms along some beaches but delivered little precipitation.

"This last storm system essentially paved the way for a series of weaker storm systems to follow in its footsteps, essentially opening the storm door for the winter once again," the National Weather Service said.

Several more storms were in the mid- to long-range forecasts, but didn't bear much promise of rain and snow.

"None of these initial storm systems look particularly wet, so expect February to end with a significant precipitation deficit for most areas," the weather service said.

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AIRBNB

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Violators often avoid detection by deleting their postings during the day when enforcement staff is in the office and then replacing them late at night or in the early morning hours when potential tourists are awake and booking vacations.

Even those who appear to play by the rules continue to rent out their homes while they stay elsewhere, a violation of the ordinance. In fact, one in five of the 187 licensed hosts are under investigation for operating their homeshare illegally. The percentage is actually down from 30 percent in March 2016. Santa Monica's home-share ordinance allows residents to list their homes on websites like AirBnb and HomeAway as long as they are present while guests are staying on the property, register with the city and obtain a license.

"Airbnb remains committed to working with the City of Santa Monica to develop a clear and enforceable short-term rental regulatory framework that preserves coastal access for all California families and allows regular people to earn valuable supplemental income by renting out their homes while they are away," Airbnb spokesman Charlie Urbancic told the Daily Press.

Santa Monica is still in a court battle with AirBnb over the illegal postings. The city of San Francisco settled with Airbnb and HomeAway last May, with the websites agreeing to register all hosts by January, 2018. The San Francisco ordinance requires homeowners to register but they do not have to present during every short term rental.

The day the requirement kicked in, the number of Airbnbs in San Francisco fell by 55 percent, according to tracking by Host Compliance, a company that monitors vacation rentals. An Airbnb spokesman told the San Francisco Chronicle that as of Jan. 16, "every listing on our platform in San Francisco is in full compliance with the rules."

"Platform accountability has really reigned in Airbnb's ability to host illegal listings in this city," said Dale Carlson of ShareBetterSF, a coalition that advocates for regulations on home rentals.

Airbnb is trying a new strategy in Santa Monica, arguing the regulations are in violation of the Coastal Act by limiting access to cheap accommodations by the beach.

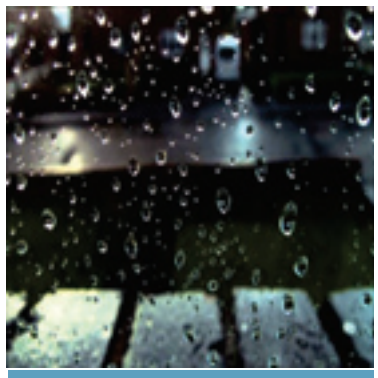
Meanwhile, code enforcement has focused on cases involving multiple units (usually apartments) that have been removed from the city's housing stock and run as short-term rentals instead. The report said 75 percent of all vacation rental cases originated from complaints filed with the city. Last January, the city amended the law to allow enforcement staff to charge violators with the costs of the investigation in addition to fines.

The report found sharing a home with a resident is the cheapest way to visit the city, with an average nightly rental rate of $163. That number is skewed by guest houses which can rent for hundreds of dollars a night. When those are removed from the equation, the average nightly rent drops to $92, according to the report. Last February, the Council banned new guest houses from being exclusively for short term renters on AirBnb or HomeAway.

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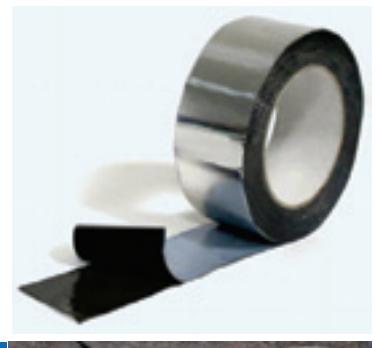


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WATER TEMP: **58.8°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** Ankle to waist high
Small NW swell-mix drops. Small S swell.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small new WNW swell. Light AM winds.



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 FEBRUARY 7, AT ABOUT 11:39 A.M.

While conducting a livability check along the 1200-1300 block of the I-10 Freeway, officers located a large encampment with a subject associated with it. Officers contacted the subject and advised him the encampment was in violation of a municipal code. Officers had previously spoken with the subject and advised him of the similar violation. The subject became argumentative and refused to comply with officers. A brief struggle ensued and the subject was taken into custody. Kirk Jacob Boersma-Ramirez, 29, homeless, was arrested for violating the restricted use of freeway, resisting arrest and illegal camping encampment. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 313 Calls For Service On Feb. 19.

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

Fight 1500 block ocean 12:10 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block the beach 12:24 a.m.
Shots fired 1200 block 6th 1:03 a.m.
Party complaint 1500 block Euclid 1:49 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 2700 block Wilshire 2:16 a.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 2:58 a.m.
Arson 1400 block 2nd 3:46 a.m.
Arson 2400 block Hill 3:50 a.m.
Vandalism 2500 block Wilshire 6:23 a.m.
Burglary 600 block Santa Monica 6:55 a.m.
Traffic collision 2100 block Lincoln 7:31 a.m.
Battery 2500 block Wilshire 7:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hill 8:12 a.m.
Stalking suspect 1600 block Wilshire 8:18 a.m.
Identity theft 600 block Grant 8:20 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Alta 8:28 a.m.
Construction noise 1400 block 6th 8:47 a.m.
Auto burglary 2100 block Delaware 8:52 a.m.
Construction noise 1200 block 9th 8:57 a.m.
Fight 800 block Santa Monica 9:02 a.m.
Identity theft 1600 block Lincoln 9:27 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 800 block Pier 9:30 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block Ocean 9:49 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Stanford 10:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block Main 11:02 a.m.
Failure to pay tickets 2000 block Ocean 11:05 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1400 block Ocean 11:10 a.m.
Identity theft 2900 block Broadway 11:17 a.m.
Indecent exposure 300 block Santa Monica Pier 11:18 a.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 11:34 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 0 block Vicente Ter 11:44 a.m.
Speeding Centinela / Exposition 12:02 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 400 block Ashland 12:04 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Adelaide 12:20 p.m.
Smoking violation 1500 block 2nd 12:24 p.m.
Fraud 1700 block Hill 12:25 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1900 block Delaware 12:45 p.m.
Domestic violence 1600 block Appian 2:25 p.m.
Battery 1400 block Lincoln 2:55 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 3 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Civic Center Dr 3:33 p.m.
Grand theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 3:53 p.m.
Grand theft 2600 block Main 3:57 p.m.
Found property 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:57 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 4:14 p.m.
Vehicle parked excessive tickets 2800 block 11th 4:21 p.m.
Person with 26th / Santa Monica 5:15 p.m.
Hit and run 2400 block oak 5:20 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1000 block Hill 5:28 p.m.
Vehicle parked 600 block Ocean Park 5:35 p.m.
Traffic collision Stewart / Pico 5:47 p.m.
Vehicle blocking 800 block 4th 5:56 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block Pacific Coast Hwy 6:22 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Lincoln 6:35 p.m.
Battery 700 block Broadway 6:52 p.m.
Hit and run 4th / Olympic 6:56 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Lincoln 7:12 p.m.
Traffic collision 2600 block Colorado 7:45 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Santa Monica Pier 9:05 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln / Washington 9:32 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 6th 10:16 p.m.

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Draw Date: 2/17
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Power#: 2
Jackpot: 246M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/16
14 38 48 53 58
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 185M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 2/17
19 27 34 36 39
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/19
1 2 21 22 25

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/19
MIDDAY: 7 1 3
Draw Date: 2/19
EVENING: 3 8 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/19
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:48.71

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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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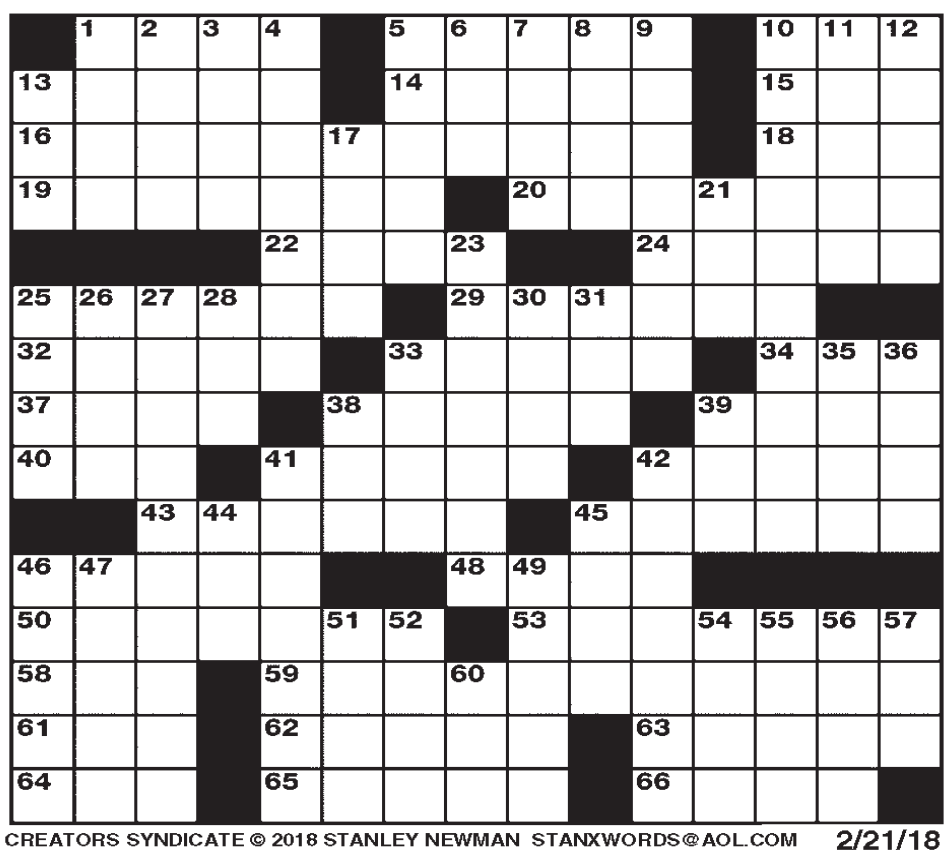
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Savings protection org.
5 Respectful refusal
10 UK network
13 Kagan of the Supreme Court
14 Musical work with arias
15 "That's impressive!"
16 Freebie with some sandwiches
18 1910s conflict, for short
19 Last Supper attendee
20 Prepared to be knighted
22 Snow queen in *Frozen*
24 Wedding-cake figurine
25 Camel's South American cousin
29 Maid __ of Sherwood Forest
32 Horse sound
33 Customary behavior
34 Phone letters above 4
37 Prefix meaning "billionth"
38 Took a siesta
39 Letting in customers
40 Gorilla or gibbon
41 Worker made of metal
42 Windblown snow pile
43 See 56 Down
45 Taken care of
46 Actor Carell
48 Ladder rung
50 Dressed up fussily
53 Good-natured
58 Visibly embarrassed
59 Finger adornment
61 Electrified fish
62 Place to apply rouge
63 Common coffee-break time
64 Language suffix
65 Commuter train stops
66 Fruit stalk

DOWN
1 Resell quickly
2 Art __ (1920s style)
3 Tattooists' supplies
4 Pasadena engineering school
5 Front tips of airplanes
6 Antonym: Abbr.
7 Be looking for
8 Neighbor of Pakistan
9 Welsh __ (cheesy dish)
10 Target on a lane
11 Acknowledged applause
12 Reprimand mildly
13 Clean-air org.
17 Jazz great Fitzgerald
21 Historical period
23 Warrior women of myth
25 Kournikova of tennis
26 Spring through the air
27 Bit of Christmas debris
28 Back in time
30 Aid in illegality
31 __ of (finished with)
33 Boxcar rider
35 Considerable weight
36 Fascinated by
38 Hairstyles
39 Raw mineral
41 Stage, as a historical battle
42 Portrays
44 Holiday lead-in
45 Prefix for final
46 Shopping binge
47 What fills a forest
49 Discussions
51 Cavern sound
52 Sketched
54 Work without __ (act riskily)
55 Cause of ruin
56 With 43 Across, *Schindler's List* star
57 Source of shade
60 Japanese cash



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21)

You have changed your definition of success. Because of this, the wins you create this solar return will favorably affect more people than ever before. Your investment in learning will transform your work picture. A faithful companion is along for the adventure come June. November brings domestic improvements. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 28 and 10.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You tend to put pressure on yourself. Some of it is appropriate and is absolutely what you need to succeed; some of it is totally unnecessary. Today you'll figure out the difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There are three kinds of luck: the kind you are born into, the kind you stumble into and the kind you make by putting yourself in situations with great potential. Of course, you can only really control the last kind. And you will today!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Happiness doesn't always make you smile. Sometimes it makes you holler, sometimes it makes you cry and sometimes it dumbfounds you into a state of perfect, blissful neutrality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You figure out that you simply don't need as much as you thought you would, so you can let go and watch your energy level rise. Also, your connection with a fire sign (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius) will raise your energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Thinking back to your behavior from your younger days will make you cringe. Years from now, you'll cringe about something you did just yesterday. But it's all growth, trying and learning. Stay light, laugh, forgive and keep going.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Friends and stories will be the great treasure of your day. You'll be surprised by what some people remember about your times together and this will add to your own recollections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Time can seem like a bully. But bullies can be stopped. Stand up to time — show it who's boss. Take control of your schedule by filling it with what you want to do instead of reacting to every petty demand that's made of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You know when people say they're ready, but then it turns out that they are not ready at all? It irritates you so much that you'll take extra measures today just to make sure you're not "that person."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Sometimes the conditions are perfect for slipping into a sweet spot of productivity. Then there are days like today, when you have to practically bribe yourself to get your head in the game. Hey — that's not a bad idea!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You've seen time and again how apparently small and trivial events can have disproportionately influential consequences. Today will present another instance of this, though it will take you months to detect the moment.

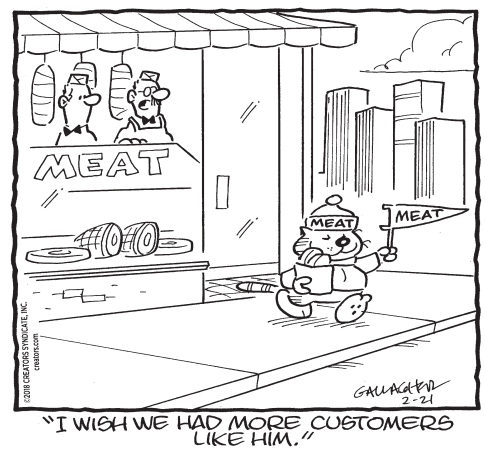
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're really not sure where the next lucky break is coming from — the last one was so long ago that you're starting to forget it. This is a fine time to arrange for yourself to be in as many potential hot spots as you can foresee.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
There's a point in which trying too hard to change a negative behavior becomes an even more negative behavior. Obsessing over improvement is not improvement. Try self-compassion and acceptance.

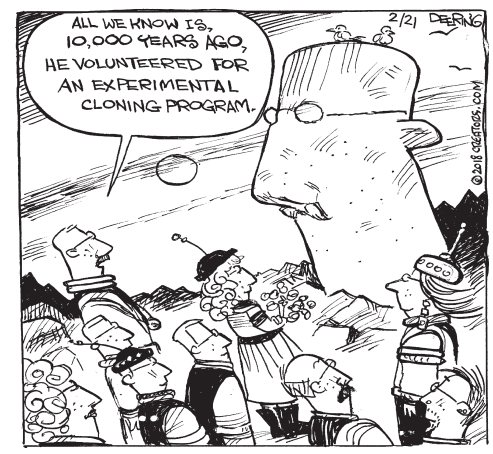
Venus and Neptune Conjunction

Those with a low emotional IQ regularly miss the emotions of others. This will not be a problem today though, because Venus and Neptune align in Pisces, the most sensitive part of the sky. As for those who tend to feel others too much, this may seem counterintuitive, but part of building your emotional intelligence is learning what to ignore.

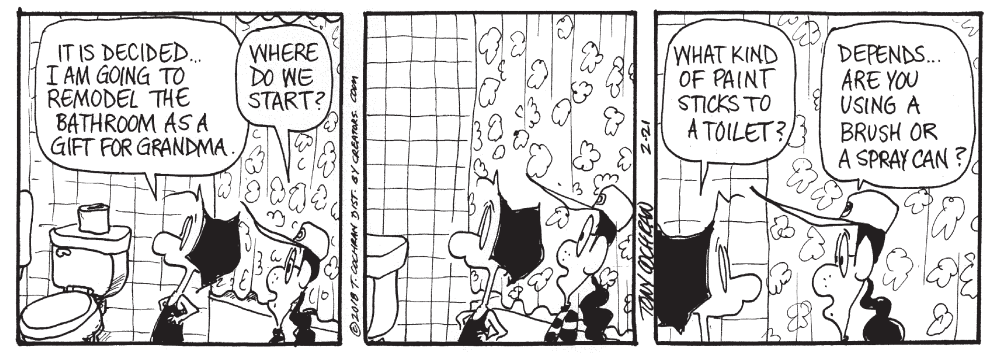
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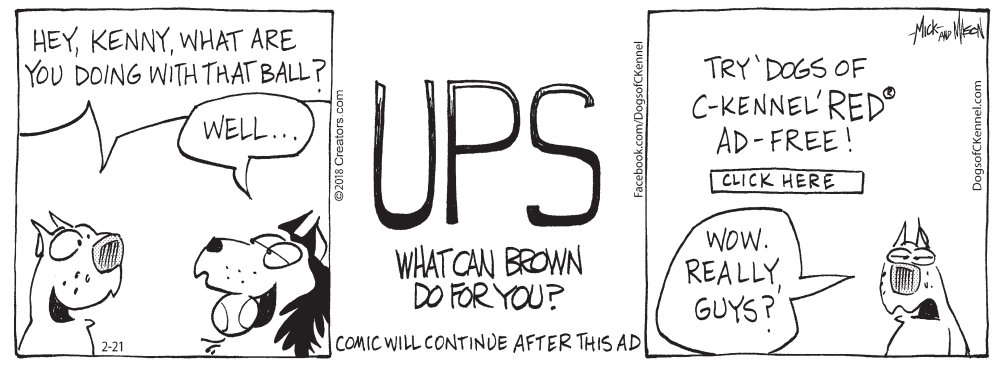
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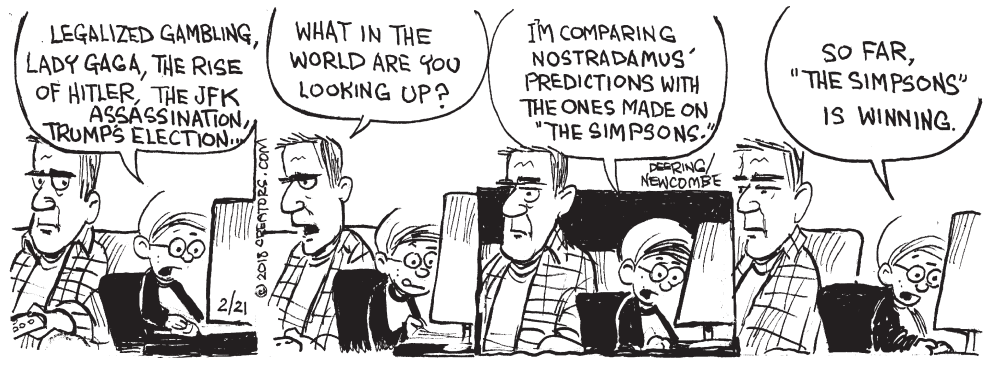
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Judge approves shutdown of large California homeless camp

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Associated Press

Southern California authorities took steps Tuesday toward shutting down a large homeless encampment and relocating hundreds of tent-dwellers to motel rooms under a court-supervised deal with lawyers who sued to protect their rights.

Scores of people hauling suitcases and pet dogs lined up in the encampment Santa Ana River to speak with county workers tasked with placing the homeless in motel rooms for up to 30 days as sheriff's deputies begin clearing the trash-strewn site.

County officials said the challenge was ensuring they were reaching some 600 homeless tent-dwellers who had been living on the two-mile (3.2 kilometer) long stretch of the riverbed bike trail since last summer, and not others heading to the encampment solely to seek a motel voucher.

"It makes it very difficult for us to help everybody," said Frank Kim, the county's chief executive officer, adding that he saw people arrive with sleeping bags at the encampment over the weekend. "We're going to help everybody but not everybody is going to get a motel voucher."

County workers set up the triage stations to help the homeless after U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter lifted an order blocking deputies from making arrests along the trail, saying the homeless were given ample notice it was time to move.

Carter, who is known for his unconventional approach, set up an impromptu courtroom with a table and folding chairs in a parking lot near the riverbed and said he would remain on site to address any problems. He also had a gray shed brought to the parking lot, and asked lawyers whether it might be an option to temporarily house some homeless.

The deal came after advocates sued to protect the rights of evicted tent-dwellers, who say they were driven to the trail near the baseball stadium for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim by a crackdown on loitering in surrounding cities. The county must conduct clinical assessments of participants and provide food and storage for their belongings. Participants must speak with a case worker and abide by motel rules.

The case in the county of 3.2 million people between Los Angeles and San Diego is being watched by advocates elsewhere who are also grappling with a rise in homelessness amid soaring housing costs.

On the trail, tent-dwellers were packing up belongings that county workers helped load into vans. Officials were working their way down the trail, and said they didn't know if they'd have enough motel rooms immediately and might need to close the encampment in phases.

Larry Ford, one of the plaintiffs, looked at the long line of people and said he wasn't sure how long it would take for him to get indoors.

"I don't see they're going to get me a place," the 53-year-old said. "I'm just another person who needs a motel."

Carter said he was concerned that moving too slowly might draw new people into the riverbed as the county is trying to get long-time residents out.

Since the deal last week, county officials have moved than 200 people out of the encampment and believe another 140 still need help, said Susan Price, the county's director of care coordination.

Carol Sobel, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said those lined up probably lived there but may have resumed sleeping in parks or on sidewalks after the county announced plans last month to close the encampment, fearing they'd be arrested if they stayed.

"This is a zoo," she said, looking at the line. "I don't question the county's intentions. I think their intentions were good, but very ambitious."

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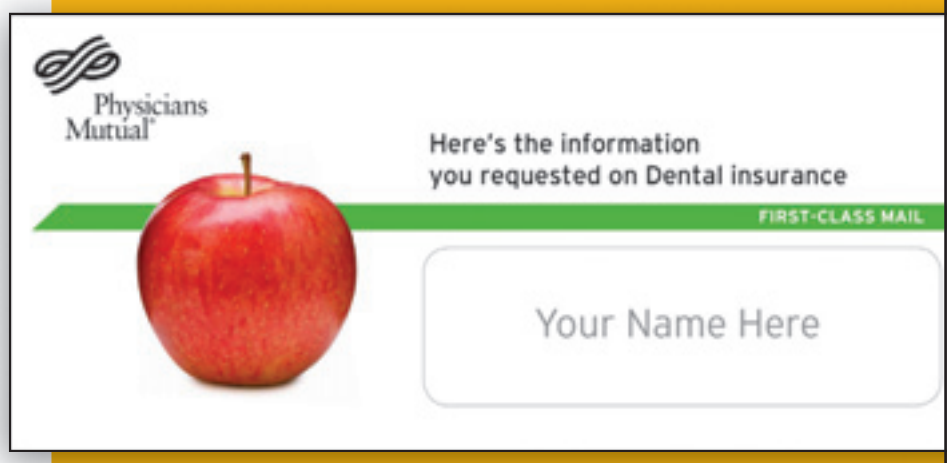


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