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City grapples with sudden spike in homelessness

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

More people are living on the streets in Santa Monica than at any time since the City started conducting a yearly count of the homeless in 2009, according to new statistics from the 2017 Homeless Count.

The annual count found 581 people sleeping on the street or on the beach in January, up 39% from 416 the previous year. The number of people living in shelters and institutions rose 9 percent year over year, from 312 to 340 in 2017. The total number of homeless in Santa Monica was 912 when hundreds of volunteers combed the 8-square-mile city on January 25.

Local leaders were dismayed, but not surprised by the numbers.

"I think that we knew, all of our guts said the numbers were going to increase," Margaret Willis, Senior Administrative Analyst for the City's Human Services Division said, noting that non-profit and public agencies that deal with the homeless population had noticed the increased demand for services.

"We have a real housing crisis," said John Maceri, Executive Director of OPCC and Lamp Community. "It's been true for a long time and in a lot of ways these numbers reflect the perfect storm - the convergence of a lot of things that (have) come home to roost."

The spike comes nearly two years after the City Council made addressing homelessness one of the City's top five strategic priori-

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Rare birds found nesting on local beach

BY ASHLEY SPRATT
Special to the Daily Press

For the first time in nearly 70 years, western snowy plovers are nesting on Los Angeles County beaches.

The first nest was found on April 18 on Santa Monica State Beach, followed by discovery of a nest on Dockweiler State Beach on April 27, and two nests on Malibu Lagoon State Beach on April 28 and May 4. The nests were discovered by monitors with Los Angeles Audubon and The Bay Foundation. Following their discovery, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) biologists installed small wire cages around each nest to protect the eggs from predators and human disturbance.

"This is a sign that, against all odds, western snowy plovers are making a comeback, and we really need the cooperation of beachgoers to help give them the space they need to nest and raise their young," said senior fish and wildlife biologist Chris Dellith with the Service's Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office. "I'm hopeful that we can find a balance between beach recreation and habitat restoration, which will allow humans and shorebirds like the western snowy plover to peacefully exist along our coastline."

While the Santa Monica State Beach nest was lost as a result of high winds and one of the Malibu Lagoon State Beach nests was lost for unknown reasons, the remaining two nests remain viable.

Although western snowy plovers use beaches in Los Angeles County for roosting during the winter, the last documented active nest in the county was in 1949 at Manhattan Beach.

The Pacific coast population of western snowy plover inhabits the coastline from Baja California,

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Garage fire forces residents to evacuate downtown building

Rob Schwenker

SMOKE: Firefighters from Santa Monica and Los Angeles responded to a fire Monday night.

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

About 120 residents were displaced from their home after an apartment fire near Lincoln and Broadway on Monday night.

According to the Santa Monica Fire Department, firefighters responded to a fire at 1447 Lincoln Blvd. at about 6:20 p.m. and found smoke coming from the underground garage of the five story mixed use building. While on firefighters were on scene, there was an explosion from below street level creating additional smoke and fire in the garage.

Firefighters called for a second alarm response due to the complexity of fighting the fire below ground.

About 45 firefighters from Santa Monica and Los Angeles responded to the scene with multiple trucks and ambulances. Police officers closed the surrounding streets and the fire was brought under control in about 34 minutes.

According to the Fire Department's initial report, all 96 apartment units at 1447 Lincoln Blvd. were displaced along with five local businesses, (Starbucks, Shelley's Video, Chase bank, Fresh Brothers, and Jersey Mike's).

"The American Red Cross responded to assist and place all of the displaced residence in a temporary hotel room while the buildings electrical power is restored," said SMFD's report.

City buses were used to transport displaced residents and SMFD said the police department helped in the response.

"SMPD was also a vital part of the evacuation process, assisting all families with retrieving their immediate personal belongings and securing their properties," said the report. "There were no firefighter injuries that were reported, but unfortunately two residents had to be transported to local hospital for medical issues related to the evacuation."

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What's Up Westside

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3-D Selfies
Create a mosaic self-portrait using reclaimed and upcycled materials, presented by reDiscover Center, for grade K-5. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Special meeting for all interesting on the planning commission of Santa Monica. City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St., 6 p.m.

Commission of the Status of Women Meeting
Join us for the regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Held at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

Rent Control Board Meeting
Regular Rent Control Board Meeting, City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Finding Health Information Online with UCLA Medical Librarian Kelli Ham
Kelli Ham, a Medical Librarian from UCLA, teaches how to find trustworthy medical information online and avoid scams and hoaxes. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Special Meeting of the Planning Commission. Civic Auditorium East Wing, 1855 Main St. 6 p.m.

GED Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

STEAM Craft: Mother's Day LED Jewelry
Make light-up jewelry! Mom will love her one-of-a-kind gift. Grades 1 - 5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 – 5 p.m.

Friday, May 12

Jazz Band Concert
The Santa Monica College Music Department will present a performance by the SMC Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. in the The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street, Santa Monica). Under the baton of Frederick Keith Fiddmont, the band will present a program that revisits the history of how jazz came to SMC many years ago. The concert's featured guest artist will be New York saxophonist Don Braden. Tickets are $10. For tickets and information, please go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or call (310) 434-3005 or (310) 434-4323.

Pet portrait painting
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Volunteer Orientation
WISE & Healthy Aging is hosting a Volunteer Orientation from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Santa Monica To register, call (310) 394-9871, ext. 552 OR Email: volunteer@wiseandhealthyaging.org

Plein-Air Paint Out
Free Plein-Air Paint Out and Artist Demonstration DAN BLOCKER STATE BEACH (CORRAL BEACH), 26000 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu 90265.

Crafty Kids: Paper Flower Bouquet
Make a set of paper flowers for your Mother's Day gift. Ages 2-10. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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Courtesy Photo

SNOWY PLOVER: The small bird has been seen making nests on local beaches

BIRDS

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Mexico, north to Washington. Plovers are about six inches long and weigh up to two ounces. Breeding and nesting season extends from March to September. They lay their eggs in small depressions in the sandy area of beaches with easy access to the water.

The Pacific coast population of western snowy plover was listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1993, because of habitat loss, impacts from non-native predators, and other factors. At the time of listing, the California population was estimated to be about 1,300 adults. In 2016, the population was estimated to have increased to a little more than 1,800 adults.

Following the species listing under the ESA, numerous conservation partners have come together to support plover recovery, including restoring habitat and managing nesting areas to minimize disturbance to the birds.

In Los Angeles County, the plovers have benefitted from a variety of conservation partners including California State Parks, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Bay Foundation, Los Angeles Audubon, Santa Monica Bay Audubon, the City of Santa Monica, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, Cooper Ecological Monitoring, and Ryan Ecological Consulting.

The original Santa Monica State Beach nest was located in a 3-acre area being restored to a healthy coastal ecosystem by The Bay Foundation and City of Santa Monica to improve natural shoreline habitat.

The plover nests on Malibu and Dockweiler state beaches are located within partially fenced areas, but remain at risk of disturbance. To ensure the eggs and future chicks have the best possible chance of survival, the Service asks beach goers to follow a few simple guidelines:

Respect posted signage and fencing that identifies nesting areas.

Keep your distance from western snowy plovers to avoid disturbing them. Adult plovers will sometimes use a broken wing display to distract predators away from chicks. If you observe what appears to be an injured adult or chicks lying on the ground, do not attempt to capture the adult or pick the chicks up. Back away and let the adults return to tend their chicks.

When walking along the beach, stay on the wet hard-packed sand. The plovers use this area less than the upper part of the beach.

As a reminder, dogs are not allowed on state beaches in Los Angeles County. Please adhere to local beach rules and regulations regarding dogs and always keep your dog on a leash to prevent nesting western snowy plovers from abandoning their nests.

Take trash with you when you leave, or place in covered trash bins.

Ashley Spratt is a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesperson.

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SP2401

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services Division, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30** p.m. on **May 24, 2017,** to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00** p.m. on said date at **1437 4th Street, suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401**. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B or C** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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BID #4281 FURNISH LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR PLUMBING CONTRACTOR SERVICES.

Submission Deadline is May 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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Consumer Corner

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All That Glitters Is Not A Good Investment

A LONG-AWAITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL statement arrives in the mail at the Tillerson home in Santa Monica. The price of gold has not changed much over the past three months, but retirees Fred and Martha are still anxious to see how their Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") has done ever since Goldtown, a local precious metals company, persuaded them to switch the account into a "Gold IRA."

With Fred watching from across the kitchen table, Martha opens the statement.

Four months earlier, the Tillersons had called Goldtown after seeing its compelling TV commercial. The ad, complete with scary music, warned of the fragile U.S. economy and said investing in gold was the only way to protect against inflation or recession.

When the Tillersons called Goldtown to find out more, the salesman confirmed that gold was a great investment – but only if they bought fancy collector's coins, and not gold bars. He said the government could "confiscate" bars, but that the coins were "private" and outside Uncle Sam's reach.

After hearing the salesman's spiel, the Tillersons agreed to convert their $225,000 IRA into a Gold IRA – using collector coins instead of gold bullion.

"I do not like the look on your face, dear," says Fred as she hands him the statement. "Well, get used to this look, honey," replies Martha. "Because it's going to be on my face until at least dinnertime. It says here that we've already lost over $30,000."

Martha's vision isn't what it used to be, but Fred confirms it. What had been $225,000 just a few months ago was now $187,000. By dinnertime, after calling the City Attorney's Office, they realize that the loss is from Goldtown's hefty markup on the coins. In the instant of that IRA transaction, $38,000 became their sudden loss in retirement savings – and the company's profit.

The Tillersons' plight is a composite from hundreds of complaints from consumers across the U.S., received by Santa Monica's Consumer Protection Division against three locally-based companies: Merit Financial, Superior Gold, and Goldline International. The City Attorney's Office filed litigation against all three, which resulted in Merit and Superior shutting down, Goldline making vast changes to its business model, and the three companies paying millions of dollars in restitution and penalties.

The "bait and switch" allegations against these companies were similar, in that all three tricked consumers into buying gold and silver coins with high hidden markups, rather than the much cheaper bullion.

The City Attorney's Office offers these tips to consumers considering precious metals as an investment:

If you're considering gold or silver as an investment, get financial advice first. Many advisors shy away from investing in precious metals, or suggest that they be a small piece of the pie.

■ Beware of sales pitches for collector coins, also called "numismatic" or "proof" coins. They have much higher markups than plain bars or bullion coins – but dubious (if any) advantages for investors.

■ Do your homework before choosing a dealer to buy from! The Professional Numismatists' Guild (PNG) has a list of legitimate dealers in your area.

The Consumer Protection Division of the City Attorney's Office enforces the law and educates the public about tenants' rights, fair housing, consumer protection and other issues. They can be reached at 310-458-8336 or smconsumer.org.

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¡Harriet Tubman, Si!

BETCHA 20 BUCKS

Or should I say, a Jackson?

We were ready to finally see a woman grace our currency, and not only that, a woman of color.

I could name lots of incredible American singers in that category that I would like to see looking up at me from my wallet, but really, it should go to an American hero, someone who risked everything to help make this country great, by living up to its preamble.

We don't always get it right here in the USA, sometimes terribly wrong. But our history has shown that even if it takes a while, we usually make it right. Slavery is about as wrong as you can get it, and many of our Founding Fathers were slave owners, products of their time. Proving you don't have to be perfect individuals to form a more perfect Union.

I suspect they had their eyes on the future and knew exactly what they were doing when they meticulously crafted a Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights and other guiding documents which became not coincidentally the tools for later dismantling slavery.

So why am I going on about slavery? That's really old news. Well, yes, and no. From the end of the Civil War to today, a century and a half, the release of all those kidnapped, tortured African "immigrants" into the American Way, with no reason to not, eventually at least, be treated the same as every other immigrant, has tortured our conscience and dictated much of our darkest history. This enduring national shame is self inflicted, by the part of our population who refuses to accept our founding principle that all men are created equal. If you think this is old news, ask any African American you know if they feel free and equal, today. Go ahead.

TIME WOUNDS ALL HEELS

I keep expecting time to make the situation better, as it usually does, but there are those among the oligarchy who are invested in diminishing our educational system and now, with Betsy DeVos and her boss, it will only go much faster downhill. We are in some ways becoming a more ignorant nation, less informed about our history and more susceptible to demagogues who label history and facts as fake, promoting as gospel their own distorted or even made up alternatives. This path is not hopeful.

Back to slavery. What got me thinking about all this was a screening SAG gave last week of an episode of the WGN America series "Underground," a dramatization of the system of safe houses and paths out of slave territories called the Underground Railroad, that freed an estimated 100,000 slaves from the late 1700s to the Civil War.

The episode they showed was titled "Minty" for the nickname of Harriet Tubman, the Underground Railroad leader and the face of that redesigned $20 bill. She was 24 when she made her escape, but rather than relishing her own precious freedom, she risked it over and over, returning to enemy territory to lead others to freedom. There was a price on her head so it was always dangerous to speak, as she is shown in "Minty," to a small group of mostly white abolitionists. But it was necessary. We think of political fundraising as a modern phenomenon, but freeing slaves required a bankroll and Tubman spent 80 percent of her time doing that.

I'm preachin' here, but: watch it you should. Aisha Hinds gives a jaw-dropping, historic, transfixing performance. The script was written a week and a half before shooting, Hinds had it for only a week, and they shot it in three days. All involved felt she channeled Tubman. Nearly the entire episode is her speaking, sort of theatre meets TED talk, an immensely moving, creative, inspiring 45-minute one-woman show that my words can't possibly capture. Much of her monologue was Tubman's own words.

PLEASE NOTE

If you get WGN on your cable system look for that episode "on demand" now, because on Spectrum it will be available only through May 17. Or, you can watch it on the WGN America website. You may want to watch it more than once.

Come the Civil War Tubman joined the Union army, as a nurse and cook, then as an armed scout and spy. The first woman to lead an armed expedition in the war, she guided the raid at Combahee Ferry, which liberated more than 750 slaves. She was in her 40s. Yeah, kickass Harriet belongs on the 20.

But we now have a president who recently expressed glowing admiration for Andrew Jackson, his avowed populist role model, but a POTUS held in low esteem by many. So do you figure the new 20, dropping Jackson for Tubman, announced last year, will actually happen as scheduled in 2020? Betcha 20 it doesn't.

ESPAÑOL EN CUBA?

I grew up in Albuquerque but never learned a lick of Spanish. But neither did Dave Baca, best man at my (first) wedding, to my high school sweetheart. (If you're going to get marriage right, you have to practice at least once.) If I was going to make up for that, here's where I would do it.

In Santiago, Cuba this summer (flight RT LAX-Havana, Alaska Air, only $327), July 2-16 or 16-30, or both. I know next to nothing about this program, but here's why I recommend it.

I visited Cuba a couple months ago and fell in love with it. The people, the history, everything. The sponsoring tour group I joined, from the Center for Cuban Studies in New York, are absolute experts on Cuba, hundreds of trips there and so well connected. Their tour that I joined was priceless. Coffee and cookies in the home of the former UN ambassador? The photographer who was in the mountains with Fidel before marching into Havana?

Contact david@centerforcubanstudies.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is OPA is running more open, more friendly, less intimidating monthly meetings lately or do I think so only because I started attending each one — or have they finally paid attention to long-standing criticisms only because a member of the press is watching? Either way, looks like my second Monday of the month will be spent wishing I hadn't skipped dinner for the snacks provided. Hey! Back off. I'm a former music journalist, we expect to be fed.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Racism isn't born, folks, it's taught. I have a two-year-old son. You know what he hates? Naps! End of list." — Denis Leary

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HOMELESSNESS

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ties. Voters have made it a priority as well, passing a slew of local and county measures in the past few months to fund housing and services, including Measure GSH (housing). Measure H (programs and services) and HHH (housing and facilities).

"There's reason to be hopeful but it's going to take a minute," Maceri said, who runs the largest social services non-profit on the Westside. "You don't just replace housing stock overnight. If you build from the ground up, a project takes about five years."

Maceri says the housing crisis and the homeless crisis are intrinsically linked. In 2016, Los Angeles's population grew by more than 42,000 people to surpass 4 million residents. Maceri says newcomers add pressure to an already squeezed housing supply.

Los Angeles County has not yet released its numbers from the overall count. Stakeholders are waiting to see how Santa Monica's population fits into the overall regional trend. Nearly half of the homeless surveyed in the city said they were from elsewhere in the County and over 30 percent traveled here from out of state.

Despite the oncoming influx of funding from the voter approved measures, both Willis and Maceri warned the problem might get worse before it improves. The County has not yet determined how funds from Measure H will be distributed. Depending on decisions at the Federal level, the sales tax measure funds may have to stretch further than initially anticipated.

"There talk that if the Federal Government makes drastic cuts to some of our mainstream programs that Measure H may be used to backfill gaps rather than expand services," Willis said. "So I think there are some real unknowns about what the impact of Measure H will be."

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More stats from the 2017 homeless count survey:

WHERE THEY LIVE:
53% of homeless people found were living downtown or near the beach

HOW THEY GOT HERE:
54% came to Santa Monica by bus

WHY THEY CAME:
23% said they were looking for work,
19% said they came to Santa Monica for the weather and the beach,
16% were looking for homeless services

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA County Sheriff's Department car stolen from dealership

Los Angeles County authorities say an unmarked sheriff's department vehicle has been stolen from a car dealership.

Sheriff's officials say there were no weapons inside the 2016 Dodge Challenger when it was taken before dawn Sunday in Alhambra.

It is equipped with an emergency light package and a sheriff's department radio.

Alhambra police Sgt. Steven Carr says surveillance video shows a male suspect walking into the dealership's service area and driving away in the Dodge.

It's a black four-door, with chrome factory wheels, bearing California license plate 7MRA998.

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PORTLAND, Maine

US fishing industry retracted a bit in 2015; $208B in sales

America's fishing industry declined slightly in 2015 as fishermen contended with environmental and market forces, the federal government says.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday released its "Fisheries Economics of the United States" report for 2015, the most recent year for which statistics are available. The report says U.S. fisheries contributed a little less than $208 billion in sales, a decline from nearly $214 billion in 2014, which the government stressed was a "banner year."

The number of fisheries jobs was also down 12 percent, to 1.6 million. But the NOAA noted the 2015 totals were better than they were four years earlier and were the second best year in the period from 2011 to 2015.

The NOAA said environmental factors included marine toxins; El Nino, a naturally occurring worldwide climate phenomenon that starts with unusually warm water in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific and then changes weather worldwide; and the Pacific Ocean's "warm blob," an area of relatively warm water off the West Coast. Those factors drove down the value of crab, squid, hake and salmon, the agency said.

Environmental factors have also been felt on the East Coast, where warming ocean waters are among the factors blamed for the collapse of the Atlantic cod fishery.

"In New England in particular, we're seeing some of these environmental changes," said Alan Risenhoover, an administrator with NOAA. "That affects some stocks."

The NOAA's report mentioned one of the strongest fisheries in the country was the Maine lobster fishery. The value of all the lobster caught in Maine has climbed from $237 million in 2009 to more than $500 million in 2015.

The NOAA also released its annual "Status of Stocks" report, about the health of different species. The report states that three stocks of Chinook salmon, along the Washington coast and in the Columbia River basin, and one stock of Coho salmon, along the Washington coast, have been removed from the federal overfishing list.

The report also states that albacore has been added to the federal "rebuilt list" of improved fisheries. A half-dozen stocks, including Caribbean spiny lobster in Puerto Rico and Coho salmon in the Puget Sound, were added to the overfishing list.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.2°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small S/SSW swell. Minor WNW swell.

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Smaller S/SSW and WNW swell mix.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 307 calls for service on May 8.

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

Encampment 500 block Santa Monica Pier 12:06 a.m.
Battery 5th/Broadway 2:09 a.m.
Hit and run 28th/Pico 2:33 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block 4th 3:12 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 2nd 6:00 a.m.
Petty theft 200 block Broadway 6:12 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Santa Monica 6:29 a.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield/Pico 6:48 a.m.
Lewd activity 200 block Wilshire 7:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block Highland 7:46 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1400 block Princeton 7:47 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Pico 7:53 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 8:05 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 600 block Ocean 8:34 a.m.
Person down Centinela/Santa Monica 8:47 a.m.
Expired registration 1800 block Main 8:57 a.m.
Indecent exposure 400 block Wilshire 8:59 a.m.
Trespassing 1000 block 11th 9:01 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 800 block 22nd 9:02 a.m.
Petty theft 100 block Montana 9:08 a.m.
Injured person 19th/Wilshire 9:19 a.m.
Missing person 1700 block Cloverfield 9:44 a.m.
Found property 1200 block Ocean 10:15 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400 block Franklin 11:10 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 11:15 a.m.
Drinking in public 600 block Wilshire 12:01 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 200 block Broadway 12:17 p.m.
Hit and run 2400 block Santa Monica 12:29 p.m.
Battery 800 block Wilson Pl 12:38 p.m.
Person with a gun 300 block Santa Monica 12:52 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 400 block Hollister 12:55 p.m.
Lewd activity 1700 block Montana 12:58 p.m.
Person with a gun 2200 block Main 1:20 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block 20th 1:31 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block Ocean Park 1:54 p.m.
Fight 1400 block 4th 1:58 p.m.
Fight 1400 block 4th 1:58 p.m.
Traffic collision 1800 block Pearl 2:15 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 7th 2:17 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 14th 2:23 p.m.
Traffic hazard Lincoln/Ashland 2:48 p.m.
Traffic collision 23rd/Wilshire 2:53 p.m.
Fraud 2600 block 25th 3 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hill 3:02 p.m.
Animal related 3200 block Pico 3:25 p.m.
Burglary 900 block 2nd 3:27 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/Bay 3:32 p.m.
Grand theft 700 block Hill 3:54 p.m.
Theft suspect 2000 block Lincoln 4:31 p.m.
Battery 2100 block Pearl 4:48 p.m.
Petty theft 1100 block 2nd 4:58 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block Lincoln 4:59 p.m.
Battery 1400 block Ocean 6:02 p.m.
Construction noise 1200 block 24th 6:23 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Santa Monica Pier 6:24 p.m.
Indecent exposure 800 block Santa Monica 6:34 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Wilshire 6:35 p.m.
Forensics request 300 block Olympic 6:35 p.m.
Encampment 900 block 5th 6:35 p.m.
Battery 11th/Olympic 6:40 p.m.
Traffic collision ocean/Olympic 7:07 p.m.
Drunk driving Ocean/Pacific 7:45 p.m.
Identity theft 2000 block Olympic 8:04 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 1500 block 18th 9:18 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 9:34 p.m.
Attempt strong-arm robbery 11th/Wilshire 10:57 p.m.
Audible burglar 1600 block Montana 11:04 p.m.
Prowler 1800 block Euclid 11:07 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block 11th 11:09 p.m.
Shots fired Main/Pico 11:30 p.m.
Shots fired 100 block Pacific 11:30 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 35 calls for service on May 8.

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

Emergency medical service (EMS) 3100 block Neilson 1:54 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 3:19 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 4:10 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Broadway 4:28 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 7th 6:33 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Santa Monica 6:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1800 block Wilshire 7:00 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Broadway 8:01 a.m.
EMS Centinela/Santa Monica 8:48 a.m.
EMS 19th/Wilshire 9:16 a.m.
Broken gas main 800 block Santa Monica 9:51 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 15th 10:14 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 11:10 a.m.
Smoke investigation 2100 block 3rd 12:23 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 2600 block Wilshire 1:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block 12th 1:31 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block Ocean Park 3:36 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 6th 4:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block California 4:36 p.m.
Structure fire 1400 block 2nd 4:40 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Lincoln 4:51 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 10th 5:27 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 6:09 p.m.
Explosion 1400 block Lincoln 6:11 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Olympic 7:08 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 7:30 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Marine 8:01 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Olympic 8:23 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Lincoln 8:59 p.m.
EMS 600 block Colorado 9:29 p.m.
EMS 2400 block 20th 9:43 p.m.
Public assist 1200 block 24th 11:11 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 11:41 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 11:46 p.m.

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11 21 31 41 59
Power#: 21
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Mega Millions
Draw Date: 5/5
4 23 33 47 53
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 25M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 5/6
16 24 31 40 44
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 36M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/8
3 8 17 36 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/8
MIDDAY: 6 5 8
Draw Date: 5/8
EVENING: 9 0 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/8
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:49.01

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1. all at once; altogether.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Doc Talk
■ Displopia. Displopia: Double vision

Phobia of the Week
■ Cibophobia: fear of food

Observation
■ "Keeping your body healthy is an expression of gratitude to the whole cosmos - the trees, the clouds, everything."

--BUDDHIST MONK, AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST THICH NHAT HANH

Medical History
■ This week in 1969, Dr. Denton Cooley implanted a total artificial heart into a 2-month-old patient. Three days later, the patient received a heart transplant, but died of respiratory insufficiency only 14 hours later.

MYSTERY PHOTO

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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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Newsday Crossword

FIGHTING WORDS by Billie Truitt
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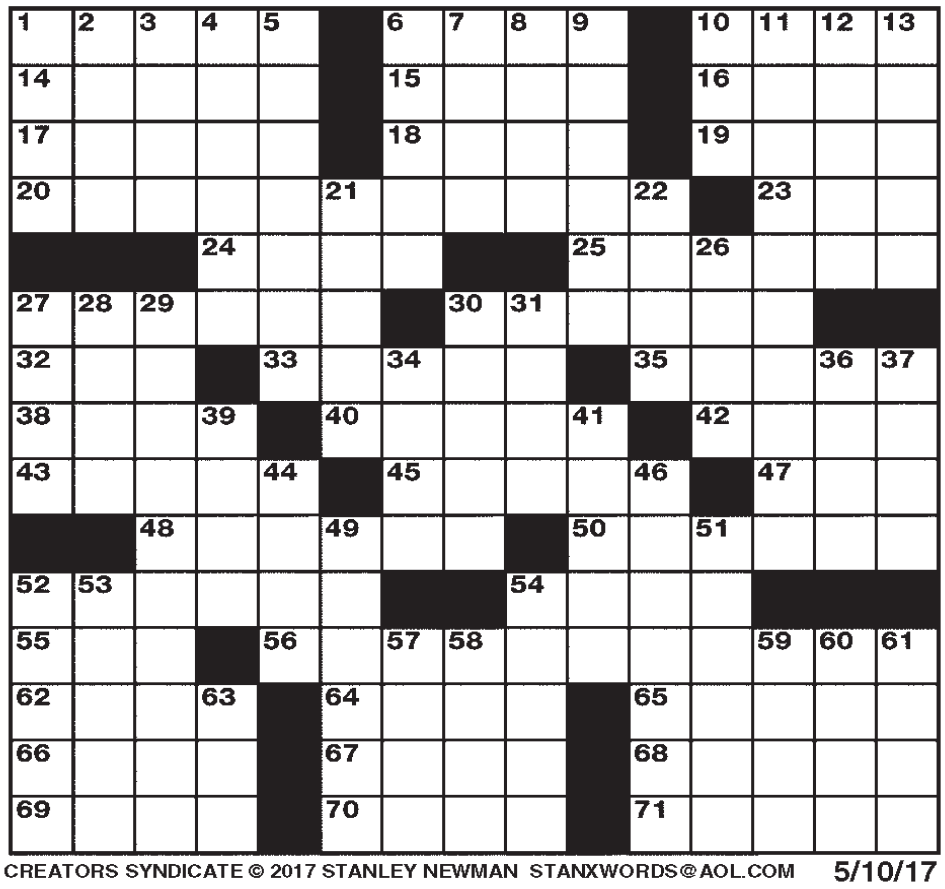
ACROSS
1 Minor mistakes
6 Sandwich shop
10 Nile serpents
14 Be victorious in
15 "Terrible" czar
16 Final Four org.
17 Love, in Italy
18 Mail out
19 Wide smile
20 Kellogg's Michigan home
23 As well as
24 Misfortunes
25 Blows one's top
27 In the sky
30 Clothesless practice
32 Winter bug
33 Second tries
35 Blueprint details, for short
38 Peas, for pea shooters
40 Consumer advocate Ralph
42 Physician's "Now!"
43 Worker made of steel
45 Scott of legal fiction
47 Pie __ mode
48 Bath sponge
50 100 percent
52 Boston nickname
54 Bring together
55 Hi-__ monitor
56 Bright-hued display
62 Actor Baldwin
64 Colt's mother
65 Japanese verse
66 Applaud
67 Shipboard greeting
68 "The show is starting!"
69 *Wizard of Oz* barker
70 Macadamias, e.g.
71 Thick fast-food drink

DOWN
1 Ear cleaner
2 Capital of Peru
3 Playing a fifth qtr., perhaps
4 Trilogy midsection
5 Exemplary
6 Checkers and pucks
7 At any time
8 Pool-race pathway
9 "You don't say!"
10 Director __ Lee
11 Recycling material
12 Wall coating
13 Smooths, in woodworking
21 Talk host DeGeneres
22 __ Kringle
26 Letter carriers' employer: Abbr.
27 Miles off
28 Giggly Muppet
29 Feature of '30s autos
30 "That's obvious!"
31 Computer operator
34 Facts and figures
36 Pay a visit
37 Hang around
39 Cry of wonder
41 Not worth a __ beans
44 Go on the road
46 "And that would be . . .?"
49 J. Edgar Hoover, notably
51 Having sworn to be truthful
52 Parcel of land
53 Conversation starter
54 Baby kangaroos
57 Diamond Head locale
58 Easy run
59 *Simpsons* sister
60 "All right already!"
61 Symbol in Tolkien novels
63 Naval noncom



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LOS ANGELES

Southern California man charged with eagle feather sales

A Southern California man has been arrested for allegedly selling feathers from bald eagles and other protected birds.

Twenty-seven-year-old Tyler Vela of Santa Ana was arrested Tuesday. It's unclear whether he has an attorney.

Vela was charged in Los Angeles last week with violating federal bird protection acts by illegally trafficking the feathers of bald eagles, red-tail hawks and turkey vultures.

Federal prosecutors say he sold items made with the feathers to undercover agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who made contact through Facebook.

The items were known as "bustles" and they're worn as decorations during Native Americans dance exhibitions.

If he's convicted, Vela could face up to a year in federal prison.

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NEW YORK

Facebook says it found faster way to translate through AI

Facebook says its researchers have found a new way to use artificial intelligence to translate material on its social network faster and more accurately.

This could mean Facebook users eventually seeing everything translated immediately into their preferred language, not just post but videos too. Facebook already translates posts in more than 45 languages, but CEO Mark Zuckerberg says there is still "a lot more to do."

For now, Facebook has made the research and its methods publicly available so developers and others can use it to build translation and other language tools. Beyond language translation, the technology can be used for chatbots, for example, or other language-based tasks.

The method uses something called a convolutional neural network, a technology that's already used for image processing and other types of machine learning.

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HELENA, Mont.

States sue over Trump decision to restart coal lease program

Four states are suing over the Trump administration's decision to restart the sale of coal leases on federal lands.

The attorneys general of California, New Mexico, New York and Washington filed their lawsuit Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Montana.

They say that the U.S. Interior Department's reversal of the Obama administration's moratorium on the federal coal leasing program was done without a review on whether it would be good for the environment or for taxpayers.

The Obama administration blocked the program in 2016 to study whether coal companies that lease federal lands should pay higher royalties and whether the program was contributing to climate change by subsidizing coal development.

President Donald Trump lifted the moratorium by executive order in March as part of his promise to revitalize the slumping coal industry.

BY MATT VOLZ, ASSOCIATED PRESS

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10)

The next 10 weeks will bring unexpected twists, unexplainable luck and people who pop in and out of starring roles. There will be spectacular highlights in June; new information will change your backstory in July. A strategic career move will have you making more money in September. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 6, 20, 44 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Some things are best forgotten: pettiness, mistakes made out of ignorance, accidental slights... no good can come from dwelling there. If you can't forget, go on as though you have and you'll find that's almost as good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Whoever said that you can't live in the past hasn't seen the glorious reenactments your vivid imagination is capable of achieving. Not only will you relive the scenario; you'll embellish and improve upon it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You'll play by the rules today and respect those who enforce them. However, you'll apply the full extent of your might within those bounds. You're ferocious when you need to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
When you know you're right, you'll be willing to take great risks and use powerful tactics in order to support your side. But if there's even a shadow of a doubt about your correctness, approach cautiously and conservatively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You've taken risks and weathered hard knocks. It's how you know the value of things. It's how you know the posers from the real deal. It's why people feel the magnetic pull of your presence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You're talented. Sometimes you need to be reminded of this fact. Put yourself in a position to succeed. Do what you do best, and let the praise that follows boost your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Even if there's little pay and no recognition attached, the sweat, satisfaction and general character building that happens with a job well-approached is reward enough. Besides, the harder you work, the luckier your get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
When William Blake suggested, "Love seeketh not itself to please nor for itself hath any care," he wasn't considering your co-dependent tendencies. You're healthier in a love that does please you, and abundantly so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The guilty will catch themselves eventually. You may want to speed that along. Consider carefully if it's a worthy investment of your time. If you're in a position to prevent others from harm then the answer is yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The confidence you have in yourself is the key that's going to help you gain the confidence of others. If you've never talked to yourself in the mirror to build yourself up, this is an excellent time to start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
When you need the lesson, the teachers are everywhere. There are tomes of wisdom to be read in the eyes of strangers. There are sermons in the stones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You can't make another person grow up. People do their own growing, often in spite of themselves. Nature gets the credit, really. You can, however, contribute to circumstances that favor growth. And so you will.

Transformational Moon

The Scorpio full moon is a magic cocoon that spins around us, shielding us from intrusion while we change form. It's the telephone booth where Clark Kent becomes Superman, the makeover chair, the tonic that Dr. Jekyll drinks, the flame that engulfs the old phoenix before it starts its young life. How do you wish to transform?

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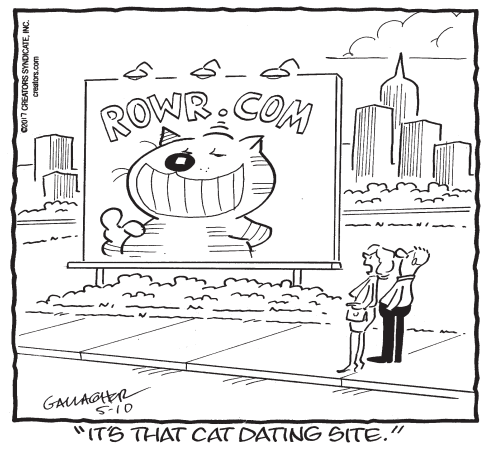

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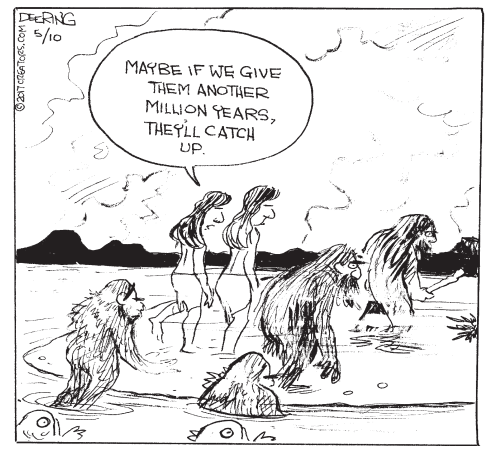

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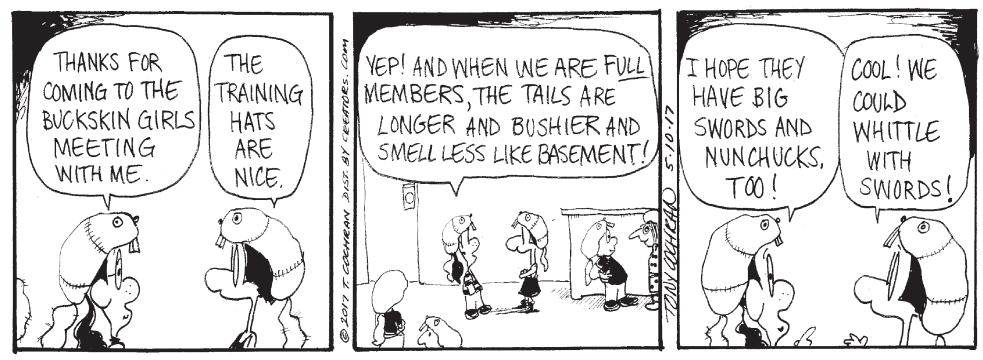

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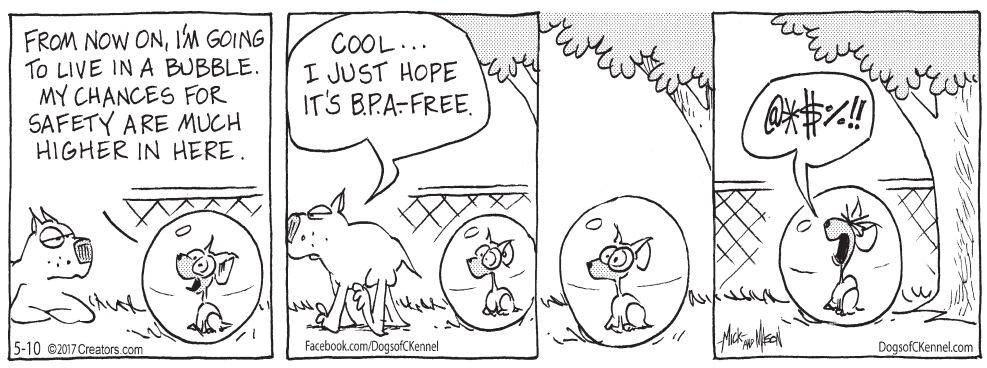

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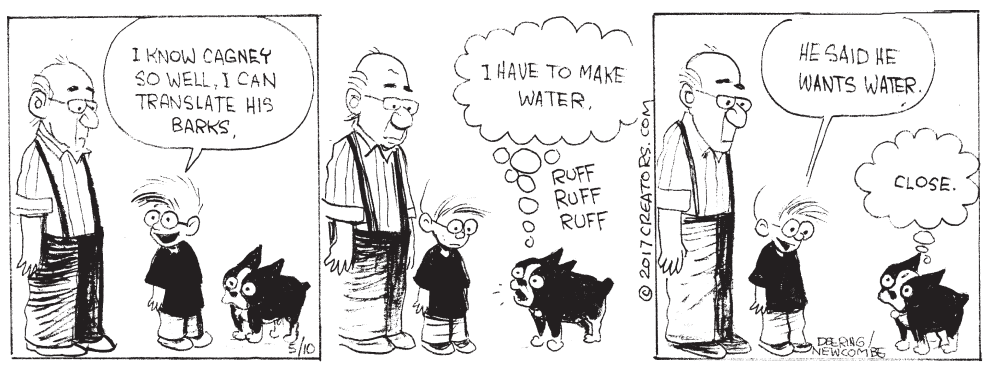

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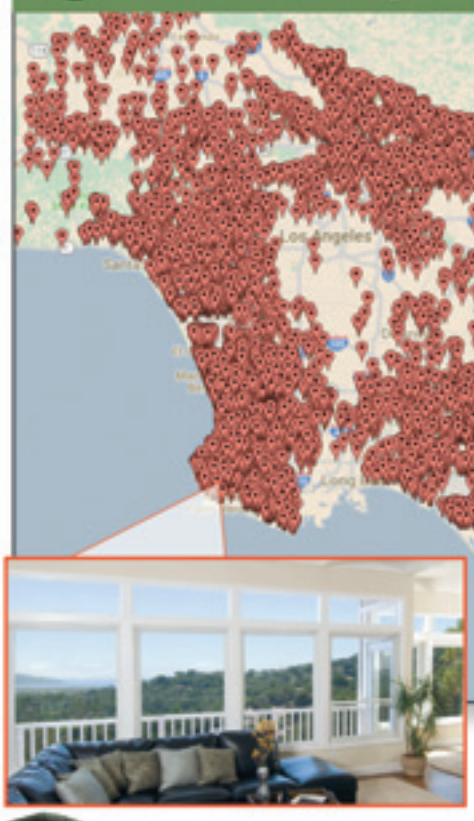

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