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Vanlord parks homeless crisis in residential neighborhoods



Madeleine Pauker

HOME: Renting space in a van has become the best housing solution for some people living on the streets.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

With two days left at a Venice hostel and nowhere else to stay, Teresa Spencer was preparing to sleep on the beach.

Then, a friend told her about the "vanlord."

Within a week, Spencer, who has been homeless on the Westside since 2011, was renting a van parked in a residential neighborhood in Venice for $300 a month.

The vanlord's name is Gary Gallerie. He lives in a van in Venice and rents out another 14, most of which don't run. Bearing bumper stickers that proclaim "Van life is not a crime," they sit in front of the neighborhood's multimillion dollar homes for weeks at a time.

Spencer started living in her car eight years ago after her roommate died and she was laid off from her job. After she lost her car, she started crashing on friends' couches and sleeping on the beach.

She briefly stayed in a homeless shelter, but said she couldn't go back because she had to live in close quarters to people with severe, untreated mental illness. They would defecate, urinate and hoard trash in the cubicles they shared and threaten to attack her if she looked at them the wrong way, she said.

After a stay on a family member's couch earlier this year, Spencer checked into a hostel in Venice that allows guests to book a bed for up to 14 days. She began renting the van in May, just before her stay was up. It's the first time in years that she's been able to live in relative privacy and safety, she said.

"It's peaceful," she said. "I don't have to worry about someone attacking me or taking my stuff."

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Reality TV internship is a fantasy job for former homeless student

CHARLES GOETZ
Daily Press Intern

Last summer he was homeless but this year, Santa Monica College student Joshua Elizondo is just one of fifty students across the country selected for an eight-week paid internship with the Television Academy Foundation.

He will be an intern in the unscripted development department at Anchor Entertainment and while working at top Hollywood studios and production companies, Elizondo will receive hands-on professional experience in a variety of television careers. It's an opportunity that puts Elizondo in the field that he found inspirational as a child.

"Watching television when I grew up in the foster care system, and just hearing stories and being able to relate to them and getting a sense of hope and being able to deal with what I was going

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Quakes alert Californians to be ready for dreaded 'Big One'

JOHN ROGERS, ROBERT JABLON AND MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ
Associated Press

Shaken residents are cleaning up from two of the biggest earthquakes to rattle California in decades as scientists warn that both should serve as a wake-up call to be ready when the long-dreaded "Big One" strikes.

California is spending more than $16 million to install thousands of quake-detecting sensors statewide that officials say will give utilities and trains precious seconds to shut down before the shaking starts.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said it's time residents did their part by mapping out emergency escape routes and preparing earthquake kits with food, water, lights and other necessities.

"It is a wake-up call for the rest of the state and other parts of the nation, frankly," Newsom said at a weekend news conference on efforts to help a desert region jolted by back-to-back quakes.

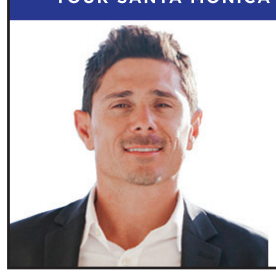
A magnitude 6.4 earthquake Thursday and a magnitude 7.1 quake Friday were centered 11 miles from the small town of Ridgecrest, about 150 miles from Los Angeles.

The quakes buckled highways and ruptured gas lines that sparked

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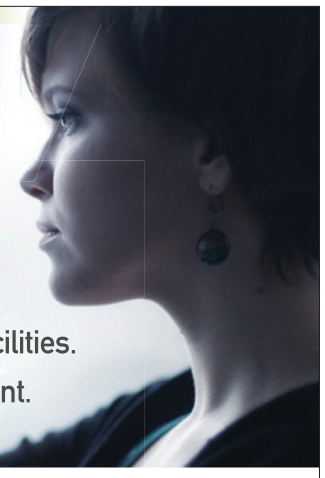
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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SM Reads: Movie and Discussion: Fruitvale Station (2013)
In this feature film based on a true story, Oscar Grant III, a 22-year-old Bay Area resident, crosses paths with friends, enemies, family, and strangers on the last day of 2008. A discussion about the shared themes of the film and The Hate U Give follows the screening. (Film runtime: 85 min.) Main Library, 6 - 8 p.m.

City Council Meeting Canceled
The Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council has been canceled.

Walk-In Tutoring: Basic Reading Writing and Online Skills
Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Mad Science - What Do You Know About H2O?
A high-energy exploration of water conservation, surface tension and the three states of matter. Ages 4-11. Free tickets will be available at 2 p.m. Event runs from 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Pico Branch Library

Wednesday, July 10

Concert: Desert Magic
Camera Obscura Artist in Residence Alex Wand performs with his experimental pop band. http://desertmagic.org/ Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
The Commission on the Status of Women regular meeting scheduled for 7/10/2019, 7 p.m. at Ken Edwards Center has been canceled. Instead, a special meeting will be held on the same date, 7/10/2019 at 6 p.m., at the Pico Branch Library, the Annex, at 2201 Pico Blvd.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Blind Goddess
A small-time drug dealer is found battered to death on the outskirts of Oslo. A young Dutchman, walking aimlessly in Oslo, covered in blood, is taken into custody but refuses to talk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Doodlebugs
Meet animal and insect friends, including reptiles and bugs. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Drive-In Movie Box Car Matinee
Transform a box into a drive-in movie car and enjoy the show! Bring your snacks or enjoy popcorn from the concession stand. Limited space; register at the library. Ages 4-10. Pico Branch Library

Thursday, July 11

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Mat Pilates Class For Beginners With Raghavan
Develop core strength and coordination, this class draws traditional Pilates exercises with breath and correct alignment. Including resistance to body weight training and core isolation. Helping the body to increase movement to joints and tone the abdominal muscles. Pico Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Appy Hour Device Workshop for Seniors
Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. Fairview Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

Friday, July 12

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Ages 18+ - Enjoy a fun evening at the pool, exclusively for adults. $10 adults, $5 senior (60+). No reservations required. Annenberg Community Beach House, 7 - 10 p.m.

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The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to present Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka – TYA Version July 12-21 at the Theatre Arts Studio Stage on the main SMC campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

Show times are 7 p.m. on Friday, July 12 and July 19, and on Saturday, July 13 and July 20. Matinees are at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 and July 20, and on Sunday, July 14 and July 21.

The play presents the timeless story of world-famous candy man Willy Wonka and his quest to find an heir. Wonka holds a contest awarding tickets to a free tour of his chocolate factory and a lifetime chocolate supply. The quest comes to chocolate-covered life as the five winning children – one likable boy and four brats – learn they must follow Mr. Wonka's rules, or else....

The play is based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald, with music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley. The SMC production is directed by Adrianne Harrop, with music direction by Gary Gray and choreography by Sheraye Esfandyari.

Advance tickets are $10 general admission and $5 children ages 3 through 12 (free for children under 3, on lap) plus a service charge, and can be purchased by going to smc.edu/studiostage or by calling 310-434-4319 Monday through Friday. Tickets are $3 higher at the door. Late arrivals seated at management discretion. No video feed offered in lobby area. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends.

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LOS ANGELES

Kings coach Luke Walton says sex assault claim lacks facts

Sacramento Kings coach Luke Walton says sexual assault allegations against him are not backed up by facts and are designed to attract media attention.

Walton made his comments in a court brief filed Wednesday in response to a lawsuit by sportscaster Kelli Tennant.

She has said Walton attacked her in 2014 when he was an assistant coach for the Golden State Warriors, but she was too afraid to file charges.

Tennant says Walton pinned her to a bed, forcibly kissed her and laughed when she asked him to get off her.

The court filing last week says encounter was "very short, entirely pleasant and consensual," and did not include raised voices or groping.

It characterizes the meeting as "platonic in nature."

Tennant has spoken publicly about the situation at a news conference.

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LOS ANGELES

Police probe violent Disneyland fight after video surfaces

A video capturing a family's violent fight at Disneyland has prompted police to re-open their investigation into the brawl and may result in charges.

Anaheim Police Sgt. Daron Wyatt says officers were called to the theme park on Saturday to help break up the melee, which began between a brother and sister but quickly involved other family members.

Wyatt says the family members declined to cooperate with authorities and were escorted off Disneyland property. After police were forwarded the video, they continued to investigate and will work with the city attorney's office to see if any charges should be filed.

Disneyland Resort spokeswoman Liz Jaeger says any violence is inexcusable and will not be tolerated.

Police do not know what prompted the fight. No injuries were reported.

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California diversion program lets victims confront offenders

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California officials are experimenting with a new diversion program for criminals that includes allowing victims to directly confront their offenders.

The budget that took effect July 1 includes $5 million to fund the program for five years in a county with a history of high crime, although it has been tried elsewhere and is more frequently used with juvenile offenders.

The California program is for offenders of any age. It will pair victims and offenders before they are convicted, and offenders who complete the program can avoid having a criminal record.

Proponents said Monday that what are known as restorative justice programs can help survivors heal, while helping offenders avoid committing new crimes in part because they don't face the stigma of a criminal conviction.

"The goal of restorative justice is to give victims a chance to receive true justice in a much more personal way than our current system allows," said Democratic state Sen. Steve Glazer of Orinda, who sought the money. "At the same time, the program gives offenders a chance to make amends directly to the victim."

The state-funded program is targeting offenders who do not have extensive criminal records, but who have committed serious crimes that have a high potential for violence such as robbery, assault, home burglary or making criminal threats. Those charged with murder and sex crimes are not eligible.

San Joaquin County District Attorney Tori Verber Salazar said a more traditional county-run diversion program funded with a $1 million federal grant has graduated 76 offenders in the last 3½ years, only three of whom have since committed new crimes.

"Currently there are limited opportunities for victims to engage in the criminal justice system other than at the end, when they make a victim impact statement," she said. "This is going to put power and tools and an opportunity to heal back in the hands of our victims."

The offender, victim and members of community groups, along with law enforcement and defense attorneys, must agree on a plan that will satisfy the survivor and community while helping the criminal avoid commit future crimes. That can include substance abuse treatment, counseling, education and job preparation.

Victims can demand restitution for expenses like medical bills or time lost from work, but some just want a letter or statement of apology, said Ken Puckett, the county's chief deputy district attorney. The offender will face a suspended prison or jail sentence that can be reinstated unless they complete the program.

An independent evaluation will track how many graduates commit new crimes and whether the program satisfies victims.

Glazer sought the money after meeting at San Quentin State Prison with Adnan Khan, the co-founder and co-executive director of Re:store Justice who was released earlier this year after serving 16 years of a life murder sentence.

"This will provide an opportunity for people to truly understand why they did what they did, so then they can be accountable, and so then they can continue making amends," Khan said.

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Robberies and extortion abound

"Don't Steal. The Government Hates Competition." Possibly my favorite bumper sticker of all time.

Santa Monica is currently experiencing a crime wave of robberies. The way the thieves are operating is to work in a team of three. They break in to a local business through the front glass door, then find their loot, usually cash drawers or in the case of Dagwood's Pizza on Wilshire, the entire safe.

Most stores have video surveillance these days so there is a video recording of the break ins. Because of this the Santa Monica Triple Threat (as I have dubbed them!) are wearing gray hoodies and sunglasses to hide their faces, Adidas track pants, and gloves. So far I have received reports of four local businesses being plundered in this way.

This is robbery and if you'd like to witness it, you can watch it since Dagwoods posted the break-in video on their Instagram account @ DagwoodsPizza. It's pretty brazen and rather shocking in our little burg to have so bold a crime wave.

There's another type of crime wave though that is a plague upon our local businesses, and that is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) non-compliance private action. The ADA was originally designed to foster increased access for those who are navigating life with additional challenges. Its original purpose was, and remains, a good and valid one, to help people be able to access services and companies.

Like all good intentions though, there is a dark side. The ADA has punishments for those who do not comply with the accessibility rules and they're considered to be strict liability – meaning there are no defenses really to your violation of the law. The one that most people are familiar with is statutory rape of a person under age 18 – unless you fall into a very small window of similar age, you're a rapist and it doesn't matter what the other person told you, misrepresented themselves as, or promised you – you're guilty.

The ADA violations are very similar to that, and as a consequence there has grown a cottage industry of individuals who are disabled who join forces with a lawyer to drum up violations against companies that have enough resources to pay out the "violations" and the attorney's fees. Essentially it's a way for someone who is disabled to provide for themselves if they can find a lawyer and strike a working relationship that allows them to become "professional plaintiffs". (I'd be lying if I didn't have the passing thought about finding someone…)

These cases are generally filed and then served on the unsuspecting company, who then must either negotiate a settlement in the $5,000 -$25,000 range depending on the severity of the infraction, or hire a lawyer to defend against the lawsuit (at a $5,000 – 10,000 retainer) and then still have to pay for the infractions.

The big growth in this "ADA violation industry" is happening with websites that are non-ADA compliant. Essentially a legally blind person can now sue anyone who has a website that is not certified as compliant for violating their rights. It should prove to be a boon for many a disabled person.

In my 20 years as a lawyer I have had a few of these cases cross my desk, and just recently another of my business clients was hit with one. The violation is that the markings for the handicap parking have faded and are difficult to read. Mind you this did not prevent the plaintiff from actually entering the business, procuring their products, and then leave the business. It was just their handicap parking was "hard to read".

We have some defenses in this case as the common area of the parking lot is supposed to be maintained by the landlord so there's an argument that my client is not responsible for that, but it will still cost them a few thousand dollars for me to research, argue and eventually find a settlement/resolution to this case.

That's legal extortion. What these disability plaintiffs are doing is completely legal, and I suppose there is an argument to be made that they are doing the enforcement that the government doesn't have the time or resources for, so making the businesses pay is a fair apportionment of the costs. But let me tell you the law needs some refining, because there is a great amount of abuse in the system. It's one thing for a donut shop to not have a handicap accessible bathroom, it's another for the striping on a parking lot to be faded. Those violations that actually prevent access should be enforced, but a measure of sanity needs to be instilled as well.

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Mexican president gets little backlash for migrant crackdown

MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

Mexican police, soldiers and National Guard are raiding hotels, buses and trains to round up migrants, creating scenes of weeping Central American mothers piled into police vans along with their children and overflowing detention centers with deplorable conditions.

Such scenes have caused an outcry in the United States, but in Mexico there has been little backlash against the government of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador even though his country has historically had a deep sympathy for the plight of migrants.

This sympathy has been eroded by the migrant caravans of late 2018 and early 2019, which left a bad taste in the mouth of Mexicans and caused deep divisions among pro-migrant groups. López Obrador's reputation as a popular leftist has also muted the response to the crackdown. Add to this the disruption caused by migrants in Mexican border cities and threats of border closures or tariffs from U.S. President Donald Trump, and it has all led many Mexicans to see the waves of migrants as a problem.

Polls say López Obrador's approval rating has held steady at 66% to 72% despite the crackdown and reports of brutal conditions at the huge Siglo XXI migrant holding facility on Mexico's southern border and other centers.

When the first caravan got a warm welcome in October, Mexicans were almost evenly split on whether Mexico should stop migrants from other countries from entering without proper documents, according to an El Universal survey which polled 1,000 people June 3-7 with a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Eight months later, 61.5% supported stopping them and only 33% opposed it, according to the same poll. Even more dramatic was the reversal on giving migrants asylum in Mexico. In October, nearly 48% favored it, while 38% opposed. By June that had flipped, with 57% opposed and 37% favoring.

Even for Mexicans who don't think Central Americans take jobs from Mexicans or cause increased crime — accusations routinely heard, especially in southern Mexico — there is a sense that too many migrants have come.

"The truth is that it is a problem for everyone. It's better that they be sent back to their countries," said Jorge Parada Leon, a Mexico City message delivery worker. "Crossing Mexico the way they do is dangerous, a lot of them have died ... they should fix the problems they have in their home countries."

Many Mexicans are also angered by the idea that Mexico would contribute money for development aid in Central America.

López Obrador "should focus on the people instead of being compassionate with the migrants who come from other countries," said Argelia Miranda Vazquez, a government employee. "He should support the (Mexican) people. And the others? Well, let their governments take care of their own people."

Some have criticized the crackdown. The head of Mexico's National Immigration Institute, Tonatiuh Guillén, resigned when the crackdown was announced in June to head off Trump's threat of tariffs on Mexican products. Porfirio Munoz Ledo, the congressional leader of López Obrador's Morena party, said that "it is morally unacceptable that on one hand we demand they (the U.S.) open the doors for us, but we close them in the faces of Central Americans, in order to do the United States' dirty work."

López Obrador acknowledges the crackdown was implemented to avoid U.S. tariffs on Mexican imports threatened by Trump in late May.

"A few days ago we were able to overcome a possible economic and political crisis, by means of an immigration agreement that requires us to be stricter in enforcing immigration laws," he said. "We have established a relationship of respect and friendship with the people and government of the United States and this has allowed us to avoid confrontation that wouldn't benefit anyone."

Even some of the most outspoken defenders of migrants are defending López Obrador's crackdown on the porous southern border, where migrants from across the world simply wade or ride rafts across rivers marking the border.

Rev. Alejandro Solalinde, who runs a shelter for migrants in the southern Mexico and has fiercely criticized past administrations, said that "someone had to impose order on the border ... everyone was crossing there without the slightest problem."

Solalinde, who is close to López Obrador, added: "Let's be clear about this. This isn't what Andrés Manuel's administration wanted; it is what it was able to do" in the face of Trump's threats.

Solalinde blamed a series of four or five immigrant caravans that brought thousands of migrants in 2018 and early 2019 that overwhelmed border cities and wore out an initially warm welcome.

"They were irresponsible in bringing migrants to the northern border and exposing them to risks in such a brutal way. They herded the migrants up to the border and caused a big international problem between the two countries," Solalinde said.

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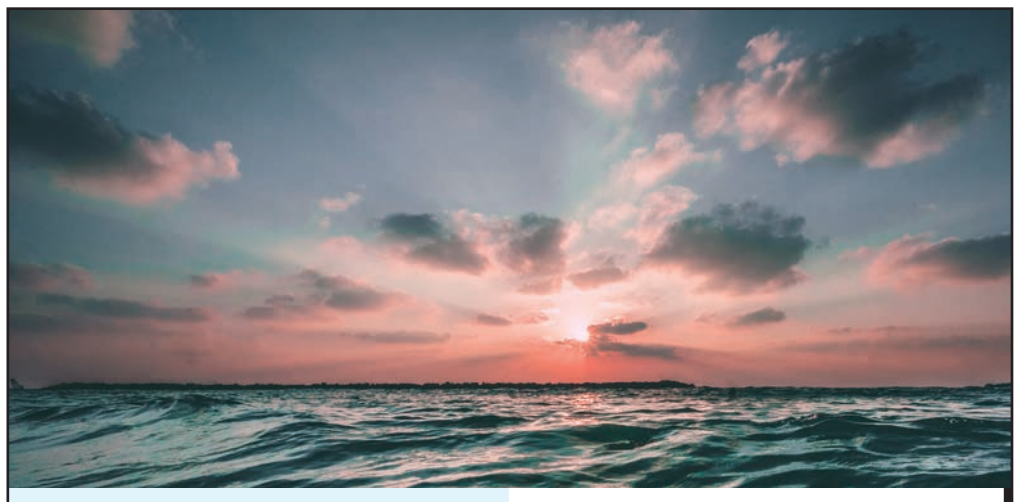
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QUAKES

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several house fires, and officials said about 50 homes in the nearby small town of Trona were damaged. No one was killed or seriously injured, which authorities attributed to the remote location in the Mojave Desert.

"Any time that we can go through a 7-point earthquake and we do not report a fatality, a major injury, do not suffer structure damage that was significant, I want to say that was a blessing and a miracle," Kern County Fire Department spokesman Andrew Freeborn said Sunday.

Seismologists said a similar-sized quake in a major city like San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego could collapse bridges, buildings and freeways, as well as spark devastating fires fueled by ruptured gas lines.

"We're going to have a magnitude 6, on average, somewhere in Southern California every few years. We've actually gone 20 years without one, so we have had the quietest 20 years in the history of Southern California," said seismologist Lucy Jones of the California Institute of Technology.

"That's unlikely to continue in the long run," she added. "Geology keeps on moving ... and we should be expecting a higher rate. And when it happens near people, it is going to be a lot worse."

Thus the need for preparation, Newsom and others say.

Some Californians, like Greg Messigian of Los Angeles, say they're already taking precautions. His wake-up call came with the 1994 Northridge earthquake that killed 61 people and caused $15 billion in damage. His San Fernando Valley home, located just above the fault line, was all but destroyed.

"We had brick walls around the perimeter that had all fallen down. We had cracks in the pool. Inside the house everything that we ever had on a shelf was broken. Television sets fell off the places where they were and cracked. Our chimney was broken. There were cracks in the walls."

With the help of earthquake insurance, Messigian rebuilt.

On Sunday, the retired schoolteacher was going over his preparedness kit, making sure he had everything he would need for the next quake.

Among the contents: Enough water to last a week, extra shoes and clothes, blankets, flashlights, batteries, food, a cellphone charger and food for the family dog. On top of that, he has an escape route planned and keeps one car parked in the garage and another in the driveway — in case the garage falls down on the car.

The 1994 quake was not the state's most devastating. The famous 1906 San Francisco earthquake killed 3,000 people. A 1971 San Fernando quake, centered not far from the Northridge quake, killed 65. The 1989 Loma Prieta quake that struck the Bay Area as the San Francisco Giants played Game 3 of the World Series killed 63.

Kathy Mirescu of Los Angeles said she had been meaning to restock her earthquake safety kit and got a push following the quakes she called the strongest she's felt since moving to California in 2000.

"The size of those quakes drove home the urgency of making sure we had everything we needed," she said.

The Salesforce product designer spent $250 on everything from camping lanterns, flares and waterproof matches to nonperishable food, iodine tablets for purifying water and freeze-dried food for her dog.

As people prepared, authorities repaired roads and utilities.

The quakes sparked several house fires, shut off power, snapped gas lines, cracked buildings and flooded some homes when water lines broke. Newsom estimated the damage at more than $100 million and said President Donald Trump called him to offer federal support.

All roads serving Ridgecrest, a town of 28,000, were safe to drive again, water and power had been restored, Police Chief Jed McLaughlin said. He said homes were being inspected for damage and all government buildings were declared safe.

Officials told several hundred people at a community meeting Sunday to boil their tap water for at least several days once it returns.

Mayor Peggy Breeden said two trucks with water were coming to Ridgecrest and nearby Trona.

Several people said they will need counseling after dealing with the disruptions caused by the earthquakes, including sleeping outside their homes.

Breeden said residents had proved their toughness. "Let's hear it for Ridgecrest!" she said to a standing ovation.

Residents of Trona, southwest of Death Valley, reported electricity had been restored but water and gas service was still out at many homes. People in the town of about 2,000 lined up for free water that California National Guard soldiers handed out at Trona High School.

"I just picked up a couple cases for me and my dog," said Jeb Haleman, adding that his home of 40 years otherwise escaped unscathed.

With temperatures hovering around the 100-degree mark, Sgt. Robert Madrigal said the National Guard would provide water "just as long as they need us here."

Officials were taking precautions because of the heat and expectation of thousands of smaller aftershocks over the next several days.

The U.S. Geological Survey said there was just a 1% chance of another magnitude 7 or higher earthquake in the next week, and a rising possibility of no magnitude 6 quakes.

The National Guard was sending 200 troops, logistical support and aircraft, Maj. Gen. David Baldwin said.

The California Office of Emergency Services brought in cots, water and meals and set up cooling centers in the region, Director Mark Ghilarducci said.

Rogers and Jablon reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press Writers John Antczak in Los Angeles, Amy Forliti in Minneapolis and Courtney Bonnell in Phoenix contributed to this story.

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STUDENT

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through in my personal life, that made me want to be able to contribute that and do that for other people," he said.

Elizondo grew up in Detroit, where he was involved with child-protective services his whole life, and eventually was placed into foster care at the age of thirteen. Looking back on his childhood, Elizondo said his foster care experience has had both negative and positive effects on his life.

He said he was lucky to have good social workers and good people around him but the constant moving took its toll.

"The negative around it was having to bounce back and forth and continually change friend groups, continually change where I was living, so I lived in some places in the not so great parts of Detroit, some of my placements were in the rural parts of Detroit out in trailer home areas, and other placements were in the rich white areas, so it was very much that shifting had a lot of effect on how I made relationships and friends and now though looking back at it, it also is a positive because it allows me to adapt very quickly to new environments and situations in which come up in my life."

After he emancipated from foster care at the age of 18, Elizondo made the decision to move to Los Angeles alone and pursue a career in entertainment based on the memories of watching television while in the system.

After moving to L.A in 2014, he eventually attended Santa Monica College, and despite being homeless and having to live in his car, Elizondo was able to balance schoolwork and his professional entertainment career as an actor and a music artist. He is now majoring in Diplomacy & World Affairs with a minor in Liberal Arts and Public Policy: Urban Development.

Elizondo learned about the entertainment internship through a program at SMC called Guardian Scholars, which is dedicated to helping foster youth through their college experience.

"I've had a lot of opportunities with the college and they've been very supportive of my career," Elizondo said. With recommendations from counselors at the program, he eagerly applied for the internship to gain new skills.

"What was interesting to me most about the internship when I applied was gaining experience and knowledge in a field of entertainment that I haven't worked in before," he said.

Elizondo hopes this internship will provide the skills and connections that he needs to launch his career in entertainment, as it has done for so many other young actors.

"My favorite thing about working in entertainment... is being able to create the positive impacting stories that allow positive change versus just the narratives that a lot of times get put out into the world."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tight friendships bring soul comfort and heart happiness. However, they should not be your only influence. Meeting new and different people on a regular basis makes you better, stronger and more versatile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Affection, warmth, laughter, playfulness – these are the qualities you'd like certain relationships to reflect. It's not hard to get there, but it takes a directional shift away from a humdrum reality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Glimpsing the inner workings of other people's brains makes your life more interesting, but an even better reason to further your understanding of human psychology is to protect your assets and advance your goals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a force for good and a positive influence. Then again, everyone believes this. How do you know it's really true? The more tolerant and compassionate your actions are, the more likely it is that you're on the right side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been known to flirt without realizing it. Perhaps the word "flirt" is too reductive to describe your interaction style, which has more to do with stirring up good vibes than it does with any social agenda.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are an excellent planner, and it's worthwhile to spend your time and energy on drawing up your ideas for the future. Your plans are like musical arrangements that add a feeling of excitement, drama or comedy to life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not your job to make the people around you happy. Why not go where you're happiest? You're the one most qualified to navigate there, and no one will mind when you do this today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Having too many things to do would prevent you from doing any of them exceptionally well. Step back to look at your tasks with an objective eye. What can be axed that you wouldn't miss?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Most will be won over by your charm. As for the ones who are not, go around them. Leave them alone. Under no circumstances should you try harder when there's so much enjoyment to be gained by moving on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Things don't have to go according to plan in order for you to feel like they are as they should be. You accepted long ago that you're not in charge of it all, and that's a relief, really!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even favorable circumstances, fortuitous opportunities and wonderful events can be incredibly stressful. Excellent self-care becomes more important when excitement is in the air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not that you made a wrong choice; it's just that you acted on what you knew. Now you know so much more. It takes a big person to reassess decisions and overturn them if they prove less than ideal.

Tension in the Cosmic Narrative

When a story is so powerful in its message that it touches many people, in some way the story no longer belongs to the one telling it. Everyone claims it, and it becomes everyone's story. The theme will further expand with the sun and Saturn creating cosmic tension. No one is alone in this, and we share responsibility for the way it turns out.

DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, ARIES

For Aries, intuition often doesn't have anything to do with pondering, casting runes or peering into crystal balls. For Aries, intuition lives in the body. It's how the body works and responds. Aries is the sign of "just do it." The thought process that takes place before the ram takes action is so at the speed of light that Aries doesn't even realize there (SET ITAL) was (END ITAL) a thought process. "Impulsive" is the word for it – a word with ill connotation. Impulsive people are sometimes seen as selfish, unrestrained and out of control. They are also quick responders, in the moment, doing what comes naturally, following the survival instinct, meeting challenges and snapping up the opportunities of the moment. Impulsive people are in touch with their animal selves. Anyone who loves animals knows that just because they don't speak in words doesn't mean they are stupid. Animal intelligence is something to admire and respect, especially when the animal is you. For Aries, developing intuition is a matter of accepting, embracing and trusting the animal impulses that come so naturally. Of course, many impulses must not be acted upon, and restraint is necessary to live peaceably in society. But recognizing and respecting the wisdom of impulse leads to a more confident and intuition-guided existence.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Oscar-winning actor and filmmaker Tom Hanks is among the most prolific producers in Hollywood with projects that span genres and mediums. Upcoming films include "Beautiful," a project based on the life of Carole King, and the World War II drama "In the Garden of Beasts." Hanks has natal sun and Mercury in intuitive Cancer, as well as the moon, Uranus and Pluto in entertaining Leo. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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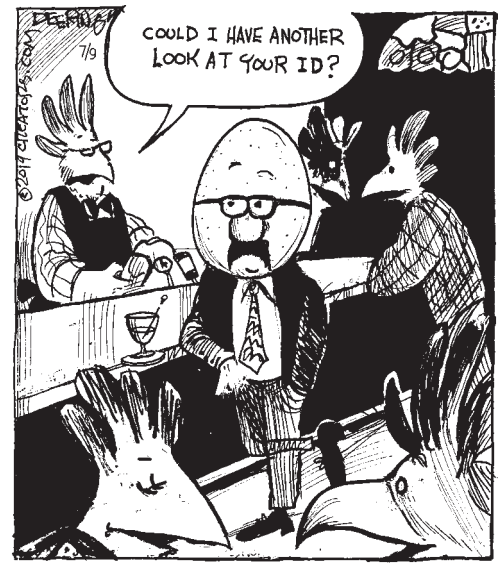
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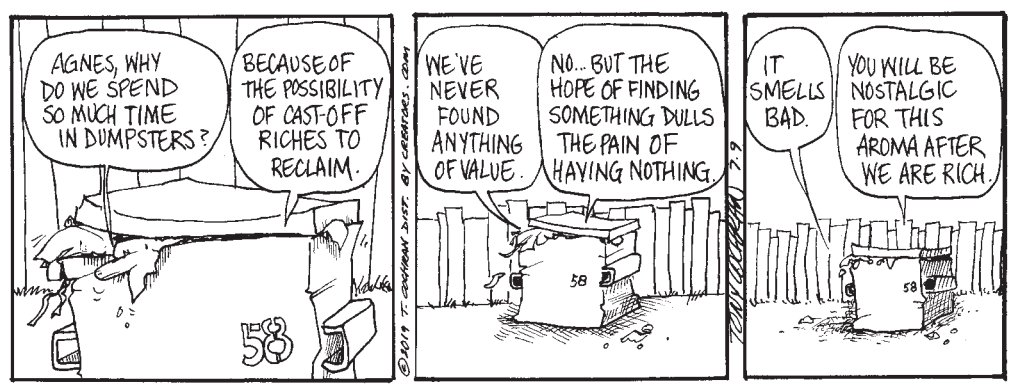
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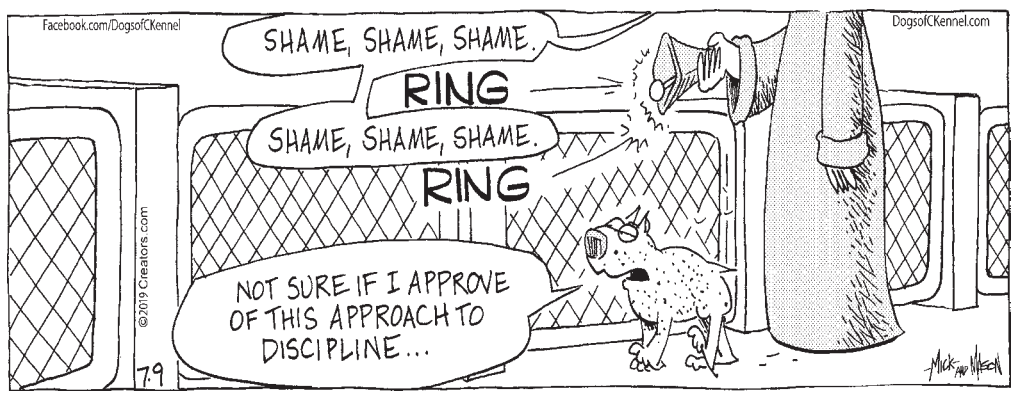
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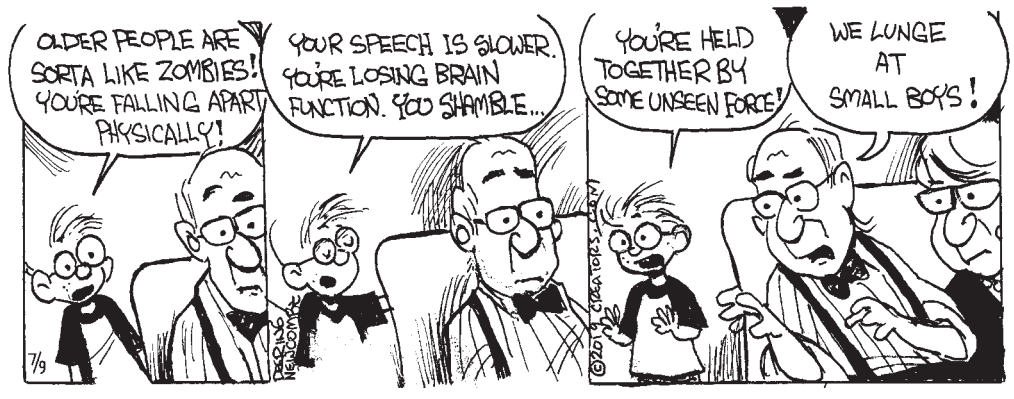
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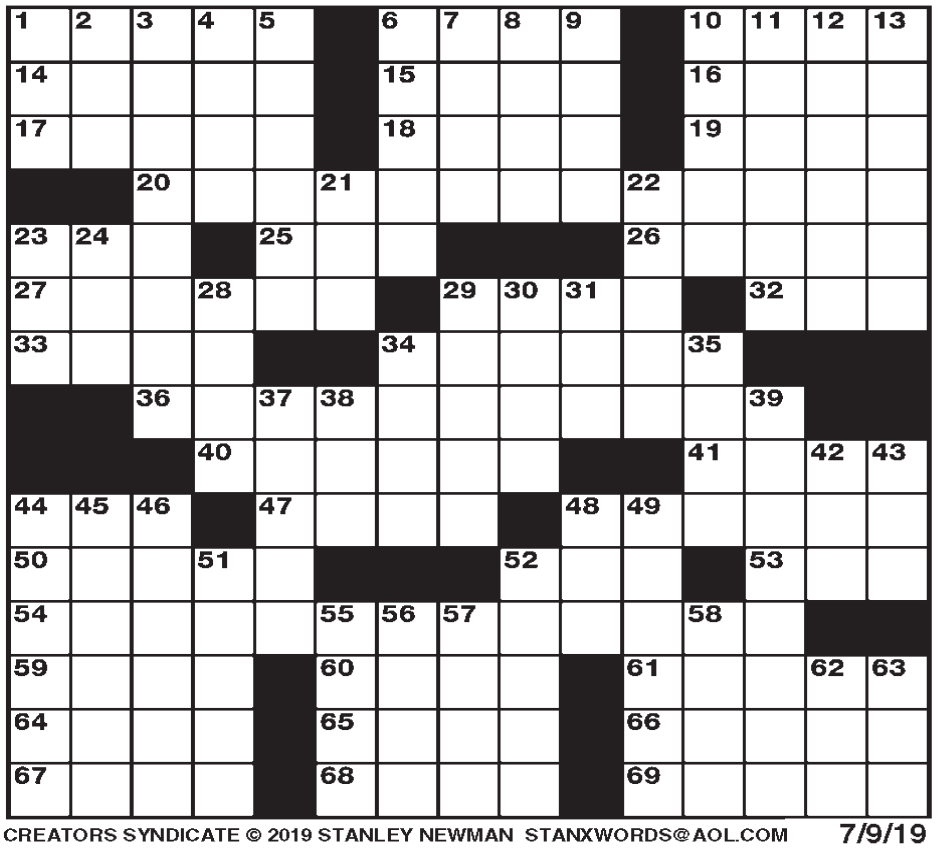
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Treaties
6 Folklore beast
10 Cashews and pecans
14 Give permission
15 Sulk
16 For a second time
17 Mall tenant
18 Toward sunrise
19 Out of danger
20 Secretly, so to speak
23 Wet dirt
25 Historical period
26 Parcel out
27 The Japanese and Chinese
29 Wild animal's home
32 Letters after ems
33 Golf platforms
34 Butterfly's casing
36 Home for a long-eared hopper
40 Good-looking
41 Interest group for seniors
44 Top poker card
47 __'clock (hour after noon)
48 Cruel person, informally
50 (Had) sketched
52 Color of embarrassment
53 Spaniel or setter
54 Kids' party game
59 "That's clear to me now"
60 Harbor marker
61 Legendary pioneer Daniel
64 Work hard
65 Ointment
66 Woolly youngsters
67 Mail away
68 Impolite
69 Build, as a building

DOWN
1 Faux __ (minor error)
2 Hgt. above ground
3 More overcast
4 Tattered and __ (raggedy)
5 Stockholm's nation
6 Musical drama
7 Bearded farm animal
8 Go quickly
9 Suffix for kitchen
10 Twangy-sounding
11 Lacking the skill
12 Cookware coating
13 Cookies and candies
21 Busy hosp. areas
22 __ cards (seer's deck)
23 Rug that says "WELCOME"
24 Deplete, with "up"
28 "Right away" letters
29 State-run game
30 Having sore muscles
31 Written promise to pay
34 Make mention of
35 University sports org.
37 Rodeo horse, for short
38 Actor Kingsley or Affleck
39 Good-looking
42 __ de Janeiro
43 Wooden pin
44 Allows to enter
45 Robinson the castaway
46 Start gradually
48 "Give __ break!"
49 OK to consume
51 Exercise, as authority
52 "Moon" or "June," to "tune"
55 Shortened wd.
56 Hawaiian feast
57 Chilly
58 Lion sound
62 Peacock-logo network
63 Superlative ending

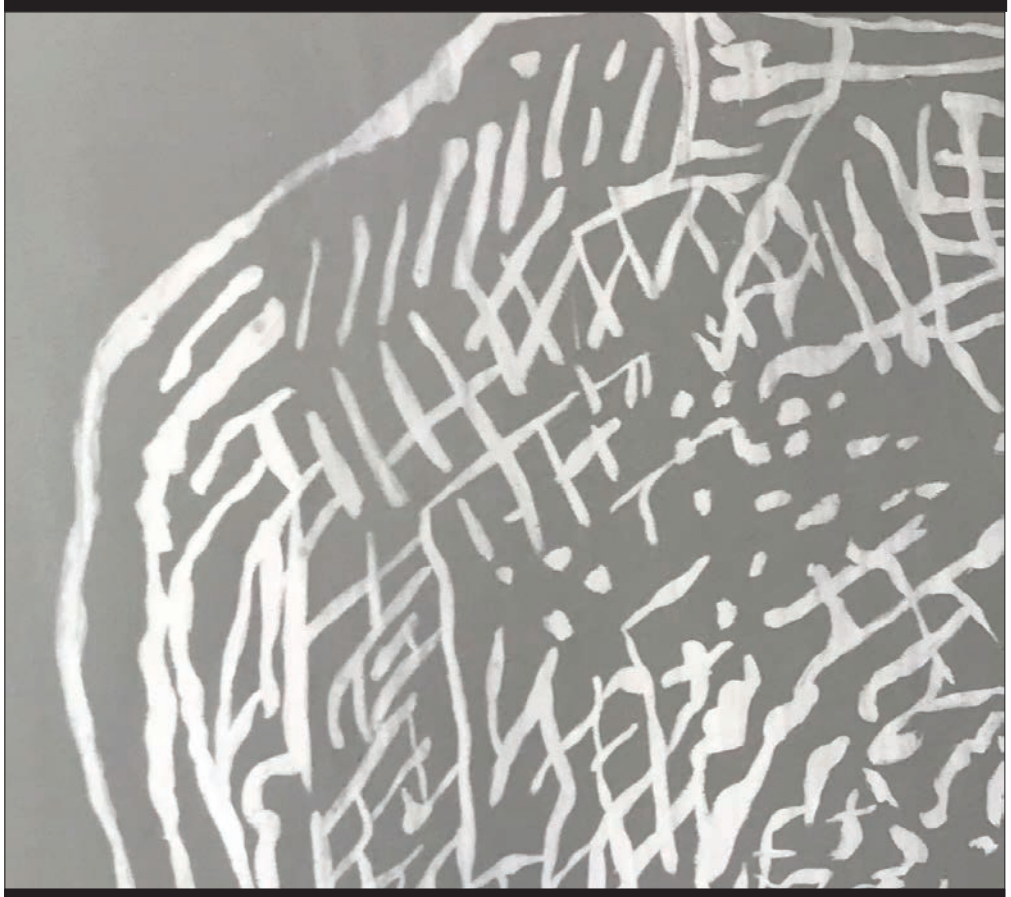


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Fight 100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:29 a.m.
Vandalism 10th St / Pine St 12:47 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 1:03 a.m.
Public intoxication 100blk Broadway 1:27 a.m.
Shots fired 400blk California Ave 1:53 a.m.
Prowler 200blk 25th St 1:56 a.m.
Battery 3100blk Main St 2:05 a.m.
Grand theft auto 500blk Arizona Ave 2:11 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 2:27 a.m.
Drunk driving Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 2:30 a.m.
Vandalism 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:36 a.m.
Overdose 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto 500blk Arizona Ave 7:51 a.m.
Vandalism 3000blk 2nd St 9:50 a.m.
Vandalism Ocean Ave / California Ave 10:57 a.m.
Grand theft auto 300blk Olympic Dr 11:50 a.m.
Petty theft 2600blk 3rd St 11:59 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Vandalism 2000blk 20th St 1:25 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:30 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 2:00 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2100blk Colorado Ave 2:58 p.m.
Stalking 3100blk Main St 3:15 p.m.
Public intoxication 2600blk 5th St 3:29 p.m.
Fight 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 4:05 p.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 4:11 p.m.
Vandalism 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:11 p.m.
Hit and run Yale St / Wilshire Blvd 4:12 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 4:26 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400blk 10th St 4:37 p.m.
Burglary 2100blk Main St 5:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 5:18 p.m.
Encampment Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 5:27 p.m.
Drunk driving 2900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:32 p.m.
Assault 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:49 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:20 p.m.
Stalking 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:30 p.m.
Vandalism 1900blk Frank St 6:37 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 6:39 p.m.
Petty theft 2200blk Ocean Front Walk 6:53 p.m.
Public intoxication 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:03 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:21 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Palisades Park 7:26 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 400blk Washington Ave 8:14 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 8:56 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700blk Main St 9:17 p.m.
Drunk driving Ocean Ave / Alta Ave 9:28 p.m.
Shots fired 2000blk Main St 10:53 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1800blk 20th St 11:06 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 23 CALLS ON JULY 7.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:35 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:04 a.m.
EMS 100blk Marguerita Ave 2:40 a.m.
EMS 17th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:50 a.m.
EMS 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:26 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:52 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 1:07 p.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 1:50 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:27 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 2:35 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:22 p.m.
EMS 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:48 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:29 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Arizona Ave 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100blk Hart Ave 7:53 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Arizona Ave 8:01 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:03 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 9:33 p.m.
Flooded condition 900blk 3rd St 9:57 p.m.
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MIGRANT

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Fronteras group helped lead those caravans, now acknowledges the caravans were "used for political purposes" — Trump cited them frequently during the 2018 midterm elections — and says they shouldn't happen again.

But Mujica, who was briefly arrested at the start of López Obrador's crackdown, thinks there was a campaign in the press and on the internet to smear the migrants.

"This was the contribution of the news media," Mujica said. "For example, when they said the Central Americans are forcing their way in, when in fact they had opened the door to them. Saying they had burned the Mexican flag, or they left garbage behind, or depicting them as ungrateful."

The activist thinks that in the long run, the crackdown will force migrants into more dangerous routes, and eventually become a political embarrassment for López Obrador.

"This won't be a definitive political cost for his administration, but it will continue to damage him," Mujica said. "This situation is going to continue to get worse, and that will mean more kidnappings, more human rights violations, more extortions. This will mean more deaths of migrants ... this is definitely a blow to the credibility he had."

López Obrador himself has acknowledged that one of his biggest fears is a massacre of migrants like the one in which a drug cartel killed 72 mainly Central American migrants in 2010 in San Fernando, a town in the northern border state of Tamaulipas.

Still, most Mexicans have been willing to overlook the mistakes of the new administration, which took office Dec. 1.

"The president has called for reaching a balance between national security and human security, that is, human rights," said Solalinde. "I think we are going to find a way to strike the balance."

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VANLORD

FROM PAGE 1

Almost a third of the roughly 60,000 people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County live in their vehicles, according to the 2019 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority point-in-time count. In Venice, that population increased by 65% last year to 447 people.

Local homelessness experts said a vehicle rental business like Gallerie's is unprecedented, but not surprising in a region where a renter has to make triple the minimum wage to afford the median monthly rent of about $2,500. Basic shelter for $300 a month is bound to appeal to people trying to get off the street, said Gary Painter, director of USC's Homeless Policy Research Institute.

"People recognize that it's better to live with some kind of shelter than it is to be completely unsheltered," Painter said. "It's not shocking that people are thinking about these makeshift solutions."

Emily Uyeda Kantrim, director of Safe Parking LA, a nonprofit that turns parking lots into overnight parking for people living in their vehicles, said it's not uncommon for people to rent vehicles that don't run. She has never heard of someone renting out more than a dozen such vehicles, however.

"When someone is renting a vehicle that's not operable, often that's someone trying to move forward," she said. "Having somewhere you can store your stuff and sleep inside is preferable to sleeping on the sidewalk, where there's a risk of having your belongings stolen or confiscated by the police."

Spencer's van is parked on a quiet street between the Venice Beach Boardwalk and Abbot Kinney, lined with well-kept bungalows and sleek, modern homes.

Spencer tries not to attract attention to herself, keeping the van's door closed and leaving only when nobody is walking by. She likes to lie inside the van during the day, watching passers by from behind its tinted windows.

Van tenants have the keys to the back doors of the vehicles but do not have keys to the ignition and are unable to drive the vans. Gallerie moves the vans that run when necessary and pays to tow the non-operational vehicles to new locations.

Spencer's vehicle is parked near several other vans Gallerie owns, including the one he lives in, and the neighbors and police have noticed.

"I got a note saying that the neighborhood had had enough," Spencer said.

Mark Ryavec, president of the Venice Stakeholders Association, said Gallerie's vans, as well as other vans and RVs parked in the neighborhood, take away parking from residents, many of whom don't have off-street parking. People living in the vehicles often empty sewage and trash into the gutter, he added.

"It puts a real burden on the community and erodes the quality of life here," he said.

Ryavec fought to restrict overnight RV parking throughout the 2000s, resulting in a 2009 vote by the Venice Neighborhood Council that made it illegal to live in a vehicle in many parts of Venice. Spencer's van is parked on a street where it's only legal to live in a vehicle during the day. The police have to see signs of someone living in the vehicle to enforce the restriction, however.

Spencer said she understands why residents don't want the vehicles in the neighborhood, especially because they are parked so close together.

"I don't think (Gallerie) is going to get away with this much longer," she said. "It can't be so concentrated. You have to have consideration for the neighborhood."

Ultimately, though, Spencer doesn't want to go back to a homeless shelter or live on the street. Having a private place to sleep and store her belongings has helped her focus on the long term, she said. She sees her caseworkers regularly and is applying for permanent housing.

"Bottom line, being homeless requires people to do sketchy things to get shelter and sleep," she said. "Without those, it's hard to keep it together."

Ryavec said he would like to see the vans and RVs in his neighborhood relocated to a safe parking program. But Uyeda Kantrim said because people enrolled in Safe Parking LA must leave the parking lots early in the morning, it's impossible for the program to accommodate a vehicle that doesn't run.

"We can't serve them in our program, but we connect them to an outreach team who can provide them with services," Uyeda Kantrim said.

It would still be extremely difficult for someone living in a drivable van or RV to use Safe Parking LA's lots because they're so small, she said. The largest lot the organization operates holds 25 cars.

The overall capacity of safe parking programs in Los Angeles County is very limited, Uyeda Kantrim said. Ten lots operated by a handful of nonprofits with funding from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority provide space for 125 vehicles. The first opened in spring 2017.

"Safe parking as a concept is the remedy for all people sleeping in their vehicles on a city street," she said. "But how it's been rolled out in the last few years is so small in its scope and costs a lot of money."

While there are a few safe parking lots in West Los Angeles, there are none in Venice. Ryavec said he wants to keep it that way.

"They need to get out of proximity to residential neighborhoods," he said.

But Painter said Venice can't expect its van and RV problem to go away without safe parking lots in the neighborhood.

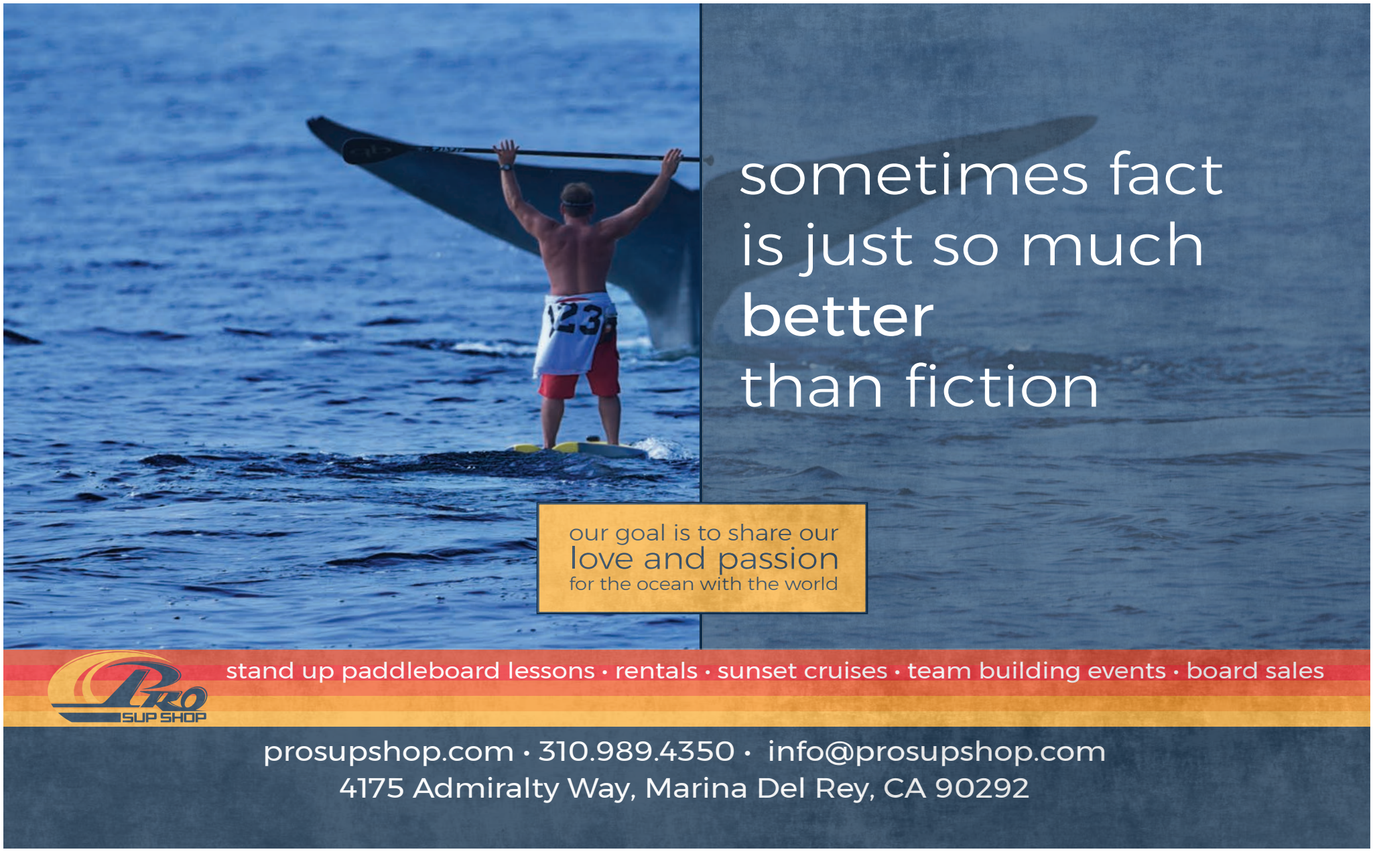
"Homeowners in a number of places think if you don't provide mechanisms that are better than living on the streets, people will go elsewhere," he said. "We don't have evidence that actually happens."

Spencer said she would move inland to a less expensive area if given the opportunity. Recently, her caseworker brought up an opportunity for subsidized housing in Azusa, but it fell through. She would not be able to pay for a market-rate apartment there; the average rent is $1,500, according to Yardi Matrix.

"Asking why I wouldn't move somewhere cheaper is a totally valid question," she said. "If something came up that I could afford, I would move in a heartbeat. But right now, there isn't."

Gallerie declined to comment for this story.

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