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Local swimmer covers 70 miles in three countries to achieve swimming Triple Crown





Courtesy photos

ISLAND SWIM: Abby Bergman recently finished a swim around Manhattan Island that completed a set of marathon swims known as swimming's Triple Crown.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Catalina Channel, the English Channel and the Island of Manhattan are all iconic water features with treacherous conditions and deep histories. They are also notches in the belt of local swimmer Abby Bergman who completed swimming's "Triple Crown" this year by completing the almost 30-mile course through the New York rivers.

Bergman swam the English Channel last year and began her triptych with a swim from Catalina Island in 2016.

The spark for her Catalina crossing was simply a lifelong familiarity with the waterway.

"It was interesting to me because I had grown up being able to see this island," she said.

She completed the 21-mile swim in 2016 in about 11 hours and 11 minutes. She then set herself the goal of completing the iconic 20-mile English Channel, which she swam in 2017.

Bergman said she was aware of the connection between her two ocean swims and the New York rivers but Bergman said her swimming goals have

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School Board to debate new community specific bonds

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

After the creation of separate School Facilities Improvement Districts for the Santa Monica and Malibu communities, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District will now seek an election in both communities to seek approval of bonds to improve the respective community's school facilities.

At the upcoming July 19 Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District board meeting, SMMUSD will likely approve the plan to hold elections to approve the bonds.

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Data shows declining Airbnb listings as city cracks down

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The number of Airbnb listings in Santa Monica has decreased by 17 percent in the past year, following a city-wide enforcement effort and recent judge's ruling intended to crack down on illegal listings, according to data from AirDNA, a Denver-based tracking firm. There were 1,016 total available listings in Santa Monica in June 2018, compared to 1,215 in June 2017, including entire homes, private rooms and shared rooms for rent.

Despite the decline, the number of listings

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 18

Soundwaves Concert: Brad Dutz 4
New music concert. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 1:30 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Hillbilly Elegy
Shares the poignant story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan that included the author, a Yale Law School graduate, while navigating the demands of middle-class life and the collective demons of the past. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Mad Science - Fire & Ice
A funtastic hands-on show with chemical reactions and bubbling potions for science lovers. Space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before the show. Ages 4-11. [45 min]. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

"Special Day" Story Times: World Emoji Day
Come celebrate World Emoji Day with a themed story time followed by a craft! Ages 2-5. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

Beach Eats
Beach Eats is a weekly food truck gathering at Marina "Mother's" Beach on summer Thursdays through September 27, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. New this year, enjoy live music from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. while you picnic by the sea! Bring your own beach chair and enjoy the free show. Visitmarinadelrey.com/beacheats; 424-526-7900.

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St). 7:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

Where in The Globe Do You Want To Go?
Kids can test their trivia and play Around the World Board Game. Learn about a place that you want to visit, and make a souvenir keychain! Limited space. 3 – 4:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Abbit The Average
Join for an afternoon of comedy, magic and juggling with this one-of-a-kind entertainer. Tickets are free and available the day of the program. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Santa Monica: A Look Back to 1902 from Today
Meet author Michael Murphy as he presents his newly published book of photographs, with a slide show comparing the views of familiar places in Santa Monica as they looked in 1902 and the present. A book sale and signing will follow. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 – 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Nickelodeon announces new 'Rugrats' episodes, movie

Tommy, Chuckie and the gang have a new TV and movie deal.

Nickelodeon and Paramount Pictures have announced the animated children's series "Rugrats" is returning to the network with 26 episodes. The creators of the series will be executive producers.

A live-action movie, written by David Goodman, featuring computer generated characters is slated to hit theaters in November 2020.

"Rugrats" ran on Nickelodeon from 1991 to 2004, focusing on the imaginative lives of toddlers Tommy, Chuckie, twins Phil and Lil, and Angelica.

In a statement, Nickelodeon interim president and Viacom Media Networks COO Sarah Levy said, "What was true in 1991 when the original show premiered is still true today: kids are fascinated with the world of babies."

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LOS ANGELES

False report of baby over cliff triggers LA-area search

Authorities searched a canyon area northeast of Los Angeles after a woman falsely claimed she had thrown her baby over a cliff.

The child's father called Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies around 1 a.m. Tuesday and reported that he and the baby's mother had argued and the woman claimed to have tossed the baby off the cliff.

County firefighters and members of two search and rescue teams were dispatched while the parents were questioned.

Deputy Tracy Koerner tells City News Service the mother admitted to deputies she did not toss the baby over the cliff and the child was at a relative's home.

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NEW YORK

Grammy Awards to air on CBS from Los Angeles on Feb. 10

The 61st annual Grammy Awards will return to Los Angeles and air on CBS on Feb. 10, 2019.

The Recording Academy announced Tuesday that the show will take place at the Staples Center.

Nominations for the 84 categories will be announced on Dec. 5. Songs and albums eligible must be released between Oct. 1, 2017 and Sept. 30.

The academy recently announced that its four major awards — album of the year, song of the year, record of the year and best new artist — would now include eight nominees instead of five.

At this year's show, held in New York City, Bruno Mars won album, song and record of the year, while Alessia Cara was named best new artist.

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NEW YORK

Book by rising Democratic star Kamala Harris coming in 2019

Sen. Kamala Harris, a rising star in the Democratic Party who is sometimes cited as a possible presidential contender in 2020, has a book deal.

Penguin Press announced Tuesday that Harris' "The Truths We Hold: An American Journey" will come out Jan. 8, 2019. According to Penguin, Harris will write about "the core truths" in American life and how to learn what they are.

The 53-year-old Harris was formerly California's attorney general. She was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016.

For politicians, books have long been a standard part of developing a national profile, from John F. Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage" to Barack Obama's "The Audacity of Hope."

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LAS VEGAS

MGM sues Vegas mass shooting victims, argues it isn't liable

MGM Resorts International has sued hundreds of victims of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history in a bid to avoid liability for the gunfire that rained down from its Mandalay Bay casino-resort in Las Vegas.

The company argues in lawsuits filed Friday in Nevada and California that it has "no liability of any kind" to survivors or families of slain victims under a federal law enacted after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A high-stakes gambler killed 58 people and injured hundreds more last year after he shattered the windows of his Mandalay Bay suite and fired on a concert crowd below.

Attorney Robert Eglet represents victims who have sued MGM and described the company's move as "outrageous."

MGM's lawsuits target victims who have sued the company and voluntarily dismissed their claims or have threatened to sue.

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How Much Does My Meal Really Cost?

HAVE YOU NOTICED THESE WEIRD CHARGES being added to your restaurant bills, or online food orders? If so, you're not alone.

A growing number of local restaurants have started adding an extra service charge (often 3% or more) to all food bills – both for in-restaurant and online orders. Some businesses claim the charges are to help pay for employee health care or other costs.

However, the charges often are hard to notice, and end up meaning simply higher prices for consumers.

Under California state law, businesses can get in trouble (including criminal charges) for false or misleading advertising of prices.

Also, under Santa Monica law, any business that imposes a "service charge" must do it "clearly and conspicuously," "in such a way that customers might easily and reasonably deduce" what the charge is for. If they say the charge is to help employees, they have to actually give employees the money – and keep proof that they did so.

Some restaurants reportedly have made their surcharges look like government fees or taxes, which they are not. They do this by using words like "City Health" or "Living Wage" on receipts. In fact, there are no such government-mandated extra fees for restaurants. It violates California law to falsely portray a charge as a government fee or tax.

Also, many online pickup or delivery sites add vague charges on top of the delivery fee. These too must be conspicuously disclosed and must comply with the law. Under the local law, all "service charges" are subject to additional rules, including:

- They need to be "clear and conspicuous."
- The disclosure needs to be "clearly visible in context."
- The disclosure needs to "clearly [call] attention to the language."
- They must be disclosed before the time of selection or purchase.

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Consumer Protection Division has sent a letter to all local restaurants, advising them about these laws. The Division is now investigating to see which businesses may still be in violation of the law.

If restaurants want to charge more to help cover costs, the safest and most transparent way is to simply raise their prices. If they instead add a surcharge, it must comply with all laws and recordkeeping requirements.

Consumers who notice questionable charges in Santa Monica – or lack of clear disclosure – should contact the City's Consumer Protection Division.

Santa Monica City Attorney's Office Consumer Protection Division enforces state and local laws to ensure that businesses treat their customers fairly. To report a consumer issue, go to smconsumer.org or call 310-458-8336.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

States: Workaround succeeding after cut in health subsidies

A workaround by states to counter Trump administration cuts to Affordable Care Act subsidies has largely succeeded in protecting consumers from higher costs, California and 17 other states said.

The assessment came late Monday in a court filing asking U.S. Judge Vince Chhabria to put a lawsuit involving the cuts on hold.

The filing says states have mostly protected subsidized consumers by allowing insurers to raise premiums on some plans offered on health care exchanges.

The increases triggered additional tax credits for users who qualify for subsidies on copays and deductibles, it states.

President Donald Trump announced last October that he was ending government payments intended to reimburse insurers for providing low-income people with discounts on out-of-pocket costs.

He said then that former President Barack Obama's health care law was imploding, and he criticized the subsidies as insurance company bailouts. The White House also said Congress had not formally authorized the government to make the payments.

States filed the lawsuit along with the District of Columbia. They said they had started working on ways to protect consumers in anticipation of the administration's decision.

The strategy has "provided some stability to help ensure a functioning insurance market," the court filing said.

Last year, Chhabria rejected the lawsuit's push for him to force the Trump administration to resume paying the subsidies right away.

Attorneys for the administration did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the filing.

The states said the administration wants Chhabria to dismiss the lawsuit, not put it on hold.

The states said they want the suit to remain alive in case the administration moves to ban the workaround.

The states joining California in the lawsuit are Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington, along with the District of Columbia.

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Notion, Part 1

LAST WEEK I WROTE

"I have a notion. Just a notion, mind you, but we are desperate. I will reveal it next week."

Well, I don't know what you were expecting. Magic? I'm a little low on that at the moment. But what I can do is put it all together and add some current events, bad and good, and hope it makes sense. We need a plan, we need action, we need it really soon.

But this has to come from you, my Santa Monica friends and neighbors. With effort, together, we can do it, stop the awful, irreversible destruction of our town. You have to get up off the couch and get informed, up to speed quickly. You probably have a friend who does follow this complex local stuff fairly closely; ask them, they'll be glad to talk with you, I'll bet.

Then you'll understand why these things are happening, realize the urgency, and if you care about this special city you'll get angry enough to take action. If every person who does that talks to their friends and neighbors and shares what they know and makes sure all those people get to the polls in November to vote, not from some misleading bought-and-paid for endorsements flyer they got in the mail but from knowing what's really going on, then we can change things. Votes still count.

KEEP HOPE ALIVE

Despite the odds against us, I take hope from the national scene lately. The good current events. Winds of the right kind of change are gathering strength. Progressive candidate Kevin de León got stomped in the primary by powerhouse 26-year-Senator Dianne Feinstein (85) but still made the November ballot, and the state Democratic Party just endorsed him, over her, by a huge margin. Wow. A very young Latina who had never run for anything before, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, defeated 10-term Democratic power broker Rep. Joe Crowley in Queens. He had not even faced a challenger for 14 years, and played up his formidable liberal credentials. But maybe that's not enough now.

Ocasio-Cortez had a 10-1 money disadvantage, and is a proud democratic socialist (translation: the government should make sure people aren't harmed, have rights, equality, and a chance for a better life), and ran her campaign like Bernie Sanders did. Election night she told her roaring supporters, "the message that we sent the world tonight is that it's not OK to put donors before your community." That's right! In Queens or in Santa Monica!

"You have given this country hope, you have given this country proof that when you knock on your neighbor's door," she said, "when you come to them with love, when you let them know that no matter your stance, you are there for them — that we can make change."

YES! - WHY NOT HERE, NOW?

I've been more sensitive lately to being more loving, to not being mean. This is not mean, no, not even towards our City Council members, good people all.

But it has become clear that while they may work hard and put in many hours and likely think they are doing what's best for the people of Santa Monica, they have not done their job, for years. Their job is to represent us, the residents. They are beholden to campaign contributors and other moneyed interests who can benefit them personally and who don't give a fat rat's behind about our little city and its little history and culture; they don't live here and couldn't care less about the long-term effects of their vulture ventures. Even longtime Santa Monicans are moving away in disgust. And it's going to get much worse unless we make drastic changes by voting in unprecedented numbers in November. We need all new Council members, the right kind.

CAPTAIN, WE HAVE GRIDLOCK

We have many new buildings, some very, very large, and many more on their way. We are giganti-sizing ones already here. Many of these are driving out our local businesses. Our emergency services are stretched to the breaking, and yet the numbers for crime and for people without homes living on our streets are rising, fast. Our downtown no longer serves us, and everyone I know says they won't go there anymore unless it's absolutely necessary. We have a pension time bomb that could easily turn this solvent little city on its head, and it's not being addressed. Where will the water come from, for all this growth? Gentrification is destroying the diversity we once proudly claimed. The old and the young especially, even if they were born and live here, may well not be able to remain. The Council spends our tax money in shocking amounts, mostly for the wrong reasons.

And there are those damn scooters (which part of me loves and roots for) all over the place. All over every place. That's the bad current events. But it could be a lifesaver if it energizes those who see it as another City council fail, the last straw. Many people have been injured by or on them, and it will only get worse. And that is the recent, in our faces, egregious example of what's wrong with our Council.

STOP HORSING AROUND

They only react after the horse is out of the barn and expect praise or at least patience for too little too late, and much of the time they're the ones that left the barn door open.

Other cities banned them right off, one city even scooped them up and confiscated them the first day they got dumped on their streets. But not us.

Next week I'll tell you why I think that is, and it relates to so many other instances of why this Council is doing us much more harm than good. Meanwhile, if you're a scooter hater, for whatever reason, blame our City Council and chew on that until you get angry enough to get off the couch.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Well? Will you?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If the problems you have this year are the same problems you had last year, then you are not a leader. You are rather a problem on your own that must be solved." — Israelmore Ayivor

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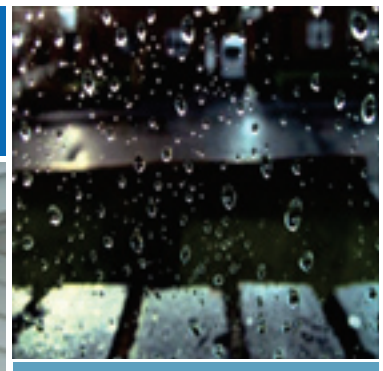
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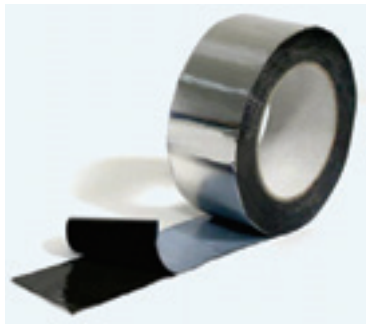


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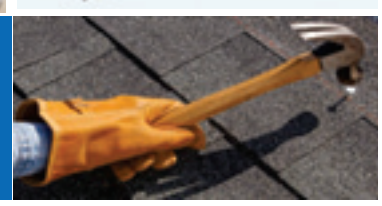








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BONDS

FROM PAGE 1

According to the agenda item report, the district "has undertaken facilities studies, and has determined that critical facilities improvement needs need to be addressed and SMMUSD needs to find a funding source in the very near future."

The District will present bond measures to voters, one that supports construction/facility upgrades in Malibu and the one that supports the same in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica's prospective general obligation bonds to be issued and sold in this bond measure would come out to the maximum principal amount of $485 million while Malibu's would be $195 million.

This money would solely be used for construction, reconstruction, and replacement of school facilities, including the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, such as staff salaries or other school operating expenses.

November 6 is the date of the statewide general election as well as an election date where local bond measures that provide facilities funding can be placed on the ballot. To appear on the November ballot, adopted Resolutions Calling Bond Elections must be filed to the Los Angeles County Elections office at least 88 days prior to election date.

To call the elections, the proposed resolutions would require a 2/3 vote of the Board.

Rounding out items on the dais include amending the master agreement between SMMUSD and the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (soon to be just Santa Monica Education Foundation) due to the district split, a Financial Oversight Committee annual report, and updates from the Parent Teachers Association council, Santa Monica Classroom Teachers Association, and the Service Employees International Union.

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San Francisco to consider tax on companies to help homeless

JANIE HAR
Associated Press

San Francisco voters will decide in November whether to tax large businesses to pay for homeless and housing services, an issue that set off a battle in another West Coast city struggling with income inequality.

The city elections department verified Monday that supporters had collected enough signatures to get the measure on the ballot. It would raise about $300 million a year — doubling what San Francisco spends on homelessness — for more shelter beds and housing for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming so.

The money would come from an average half-percent tax increase on companies' revenue above $50 million each year.

Homelessness is a major problem in San Francisco, as well as other cities on the West Coast with growing numbers of high-paying tech jobs that price lower-income residents out of a shrinking housing supply. San Francisco's new mayor, London Breed, vowed to clear the streets of its tent camps within a year of taking office.

"I think the city is really ready for this," said Christin Evans, a San Francisco small-business owner and one of three petitioners on the measure. "We have a lot of momentum behind us, and more than a majority of the voting population is renters. We're polling very well."

Seattle leaders last month repealed a tax on large employers that was meant to fund homelessness services after Amazon pushed back.

But south of San Francisco, Mountain View's City Council got a measure on the November ballot asking voters to authorize a tax on Google and other companies with employees in the Silicon Valley city.

It's unclear which companies in San Francisco would be affected and how hard by the additional tax on gross receipts. Jim Lazarus, senior vice president of public policy for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, estimates up to 1,000 businesses generate more than $50 million a year.

The companies could include Twitter, which declined to comment Monday. Other companies that could be affected, such as Uber, pharmaceutical distributor McKesson Corp., Google, Apple and Amazon did not respond to requests for comment.

Other businesses that could be affected include department stores, supermarkets, law firms and clothing makers such as Levi Strauss & Co., Lazarus said. The chamber will likely oppose the measure.

Marc Benioff, founder and chief executive of cloud-computing company Salesforce, has urged others in the tech community to help address the city's problems with homelessness.

The city's largest tech employer said in a statement that it has given more than $4 million to the cause and that it is "evaluating the potential ballot measure to carefully assess its merits in addressing this important issue."

San Francisco voters last month also approved an increase in the gross receipts tax on commercial buildings and warehouses to fund universal child care.

The upcoming ballot measure is backed by a coalition that includes homelessness and gay rights groups. Up to half of the money raised would go toward permanent housing, from rental subsidies to new housing. Up to a quarter would go toward mental health services.

Jason McDaniel, a political science professor at San Francisco State University, says it is likely to pass unless political leaders band together to block it.

"I suspect that local companies don't have the same kind of relationship to the political establishment as they do in Seattle," he said. "There's no Amazon here. It's not like a company town."

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Public Notice
Santa Monica Rent Control Board

At its regular meeting on July 12, 2018, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended Regulations 3105, 3106, 3108, 3109 and 3120, respecting surcharges, to conform these regulations to amendments previously adopted by the Board.

The amendments will become effective the day after publication of this notice in the newspaper. Copies of the amended regulations will be made available at the Rent Control Agency in Room 202 at City Hall and at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.

BERGMAN

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always been about the individual challenge and while she knew of the Triple Crown, it wasn't the primary motivation for her recent accomplishments.

"I make an effort to do swims that are interesting to me, not because it's part of a set that someone put together," she said.

Circumnavigating the Island of Manhattan came with unique challenges. The waters are fresh or brackish and the lack of salt compared to the open ocean has several impacts.

"It's not as salty so there's not as much buoyancy," she said.

Bergman said that in ocean swimming, you consume enough salt from the surrounding water to offset the electrolytes used in the exercise. However, in the rivers, she added sports drinks to her fueling routine to account for the lack of salt in the environment.

Because the rivers are not true rivers but tidal estuaries, they have a tidal flow that reverses direction over the course of a day. The New York race is timed to take advantage of the currents and Bergman was able to finish the 28.5 mile course in seven hours and 42 minutes.

"This New York was one of the most fun swims I've ever done," she said. "That was so much fun. I could see myself wanting to come back in a few years and swim this again. Meanwhile, I get to think about what swim I want to tackle next."

She said she has no immediate plans for another endurance challenge before she moves to Chicago for a master's degree program in motivation and decision making. She said the course has studied how marathon runners are motivated and she'd like to apply the academic data to the world of distance-swimming.

"I'm still exploring where I want to end up," she said. "I might continue schooling for a PhD and research then take what I learn and find a practical application with industry focused careers."

Bergman formerly swam with Team Santa Monica and said she first got the itch for long-distance swimming after reading about it in Lynne Cox's book, "Swimming to Antarctica." Her first distance swim was six miles in Santa Barbara and while she's never been about speed, the community that forms around distance swimming has been a constant inspiration to her.

"I think another thing to note is the people are really important, not only to get you to hear about these swims, but to get you to want to do them," she said.

For more information about Bergman, visit her website at www.abbybergman.com or follow her on Instagram @abbygirlrose

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AIRBNB

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in June was still more than triple the number of operators legally registered with the city.

"Airbnb has been surprisingly resilient to the impacts of regulation in Santa Monica. There are more entire home rentals today then there were three years ago when home sharing was first banned in the city," said AirDNA CEO Scott Shatford, who was the first rental operator to be successfully prosecuted under Santa Monica's tough ordinance in 2016. Shatford paid $3,500 in fines after striking a plea deal for running five illegal Airbnbs.

Santa Monica only allows short-term homesharing where the host is present during the stay. Operators must obtain a business license and appear on a public registry. Over the last two years, a dedicated code enforcement team has attempted to prosecute individual operators, but likened enforcement to a game of "whack-a-mole" as operators manipulated postings to only appear after hours or in Los Angeles.

The number of Airbnbs could plummet in the next few months. In late June, the City Attorney's Office scored a major win when a U.S. District Court judge said the city had a right to ban the actual platforms from facilitating illegal business transactions here. There are only 303 registered home-sharing operators in the city according to the Santa Monica Open Data portal, suggesting the majority of listings on Airbnb in June may have still been illegal.

Last week, a resident told the Daily Press Airbnb barred him from posting his guest room on the platform without a valid business license.

Meanwhile, Airbnb is appealing the ruling and seeking a separate case based on the California Coastal Act, which is intended to preserve access to the coast.

"Airbnb has sought to work with the City of Santa Monica for more than two years on a solution that ensures middle and lower class families can find an affordable place to stay when visiting the coast," said Airbnb spokesman Charlie Urbancic. "Because the city has insisted on an approach that violates federal law, we will continue to pursue our pending appeal."

The Coastal Commission has supported short-term rentals in other coastal cities, arguing they provide a lower cost option for visitors who can't afford the high cost of hotel rooms. Commission staff recently sent a letter to the City of Santa Monica suggesting they shouldn't take short-term rentals off the table in their Land Use Plan.

In response, a senior planner argued Santa Monica's aggressive ordinance preserves much needed housing for residents and disputed the notion Airbnbs near the beach are inexpensive.

"Based on rental rates for existing units within the coastal zone that are (illegally) advertised on Airbnb, Homeaway and other platforms, it is highly likely that the Coastal Commission would not even consider these accommodations to be lower cost," senior planner Elizabeth Bar-El said in a recent report.

AirDNA found the average daily rate for an entire place in Santa Monica was $229.31 in June, with hosts pocketing about $151.08 in revenue. Shatford said the cost would be cheaper if regulations were loosened.

"Comparable sized properties are much cheaper (than hotel rooms) and the main reason they are as expensive as they are is because of the risk and lack of supply as a result of regulation," Shatford said.

The report found occupancy for available Airbnbs at 66 percent, compared to nearly 70 percent for hotel rooms.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JULY 4, 2018 AT ABOUT 9:45 A.M.

While patrolling the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk, officers saw a group of subjects drinking beer in public. Officers made contact with a male subject in the group. The subject was not able to provide identifiable information and gave different names. Officers located a hospital wristband with his true name on it. A computer check revealed the subject was on parole for assault with a deadly weapon. A search of his person led to the recovery of a can of pepper spray in his front pant pocket. The subject was taken into custody. Maverick Levett Crawford, 40, from Barstow was arrested for drinking in public, providing false identification, being a felon in possession of tear gas and a parole violation. He was denied bail.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 385 Calls For Service On July 16.

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

Burglary 2200 block Ocean 12:40 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 2500 block 5th 1:36 a.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 3rd 2:08 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1400 block 2nd 3:09 a.m.
Battery 3rd/Santa Monica 5:36 a.m.
Encampment 700 block Santa Monica 6:01 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast 6:12 a.m.
Animal related incident 2600 block Montana 6:13 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 19th 6:30 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2500 block 7th 7:33 a.m.
Person down 1900 block Main 7:35 a.m.
Attempt auto theft 600 block Ashland 8 a.m.
Battery 2600 block Main 8:43 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block Pico 9:10 a.m.
Burglary report 2800 block 28th 9:54 a.m.
Person w/a gun 300 block Santa Monica 10:26 a.m.
Vandalism 600 block Pier 10:55 a.m.
Person down 2200 block Santa Monica 10:58 a.m.
Overdose 600 block Broadway 11:07 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block 23rd 11:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast 11:25 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 12:08 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block 4th 12:39 p.m.
Person down 800 block Grant 1:07 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 7th 1:21 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block 6th 1:30 p.m.
Grand theft 2800 block 28th 1:50 p.m.
Battery 20th/Wilshire 1:53 p.m.
Overdose 1800 block 19th 2:04 p.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 2:08 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block San Vicente 2:17 p.m.
Burglary 1800 block 10th 2:22 p.m.
Suicide 2600 block 34th 2:28 p.m.
Sexual assault 300 block Santa Monica 2:43 p.m.
Animal related incident 400 block Santa Monica 3:16 p.m.
Person w/a gun 2600 block Ocean Front 3:21p.m.
Grand theft 14th/Idaho 3:30 p.m.
Encampment 1400 block 6th 3:31 p.m.
Burglary 900 block 6th 3:37 p.m.
Person down 3300 block Ocean Park 3:41 p.m.
Fight 1400 block 26th 3:59 p.m.
Battery Cloverfield/Colorado 4:01 p.m.
Vandalism 1800 block 10th 4:09 p.m.
Vandalism Euclid/Wilshire 4:18 p.m.
Public intoxication Ocean/Pico 4:19 p.m.
Bike theft 2600 block Expo Line 4:39 p.m.
Burglary 2400 block Oak 5:21 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block 5th 5:30 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block 5th 6:17 p.m.
Critical missing person 2100 block Santa Monica 6:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block Pacific Coast 7:49 p.m.
Burglary 500 block Arizona 8:23 p.m.
Critical missing person Harvard/Colorado 8:27 p.m.
Lewd activity 1100 block 9th 10:54 p.m.
Lewd activity 2400 block Main 11:15 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 33 Calls For Service On July 16.

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

Emergency Medical Service 700 block Broadway 12:02 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 15th 1:30 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 2nd 3:13 a.m.
EMS 3rd/Santa Monica 3:59 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 900 block Palisades 7:38 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 8:53 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 8:58 a.m.
Misc. outside fire 2600 block Expo Like Path 8:59 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Lincoln 10:07 a.m.
EMS 900 block Wilshire 11:23 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1300 block 6th 12:30 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2500 block Virginia 1:03 p.m.
EMS 8000 block Grant 1:07 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 19th 2:04 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Arizona 2:15 p.m.
EMS 2600 block 34th 2:29 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Centinela/Interstate 10 2:33 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Lincoln 2:35 p.m.
EMS 4th/Santa Monica 2:55 p.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 3:18 p.m.
EMS 11th/Santa Monica 3:20 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 3:22 p.m.
EMS 3300 Ocean Park 3:41 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Main/Pico 5:05 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Olympic 5:18 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 5:22 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 5:54 p.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 6:48 p.m.
EMS 100 block Fraser 8:54 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block Palisades Beach 9 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 9:47 p.m.
EMS 800 block Ocean 10:15 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 11:06 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/14
22 41 42 49 67
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 110M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/13
21 22 39 59 68
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 375M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 7/14
5 12 24 26 37
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 15M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/16
2 13 19 33 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/16
MIDDAY: 8 8 1
Draw Date: 7/16
EVENING: 2 7 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/16
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:46.27

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ What fake news? Your mind constantly distinguishes true from false. Memory tests show that people tend to recall what they believe to be true and tend to forget what they believe to be false.

Best Medicine

■ After a checkup, a doctor asked his patient, "Is there anything you'd like to discuss?"

■ "That's a big decision. Have you talked it over with your family?"

■ "Yes, we took a vote. They're in favor of it 15 to 2."

Observation

■ "A doctor's reputation is made by the number of eminent men who die under his care."

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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

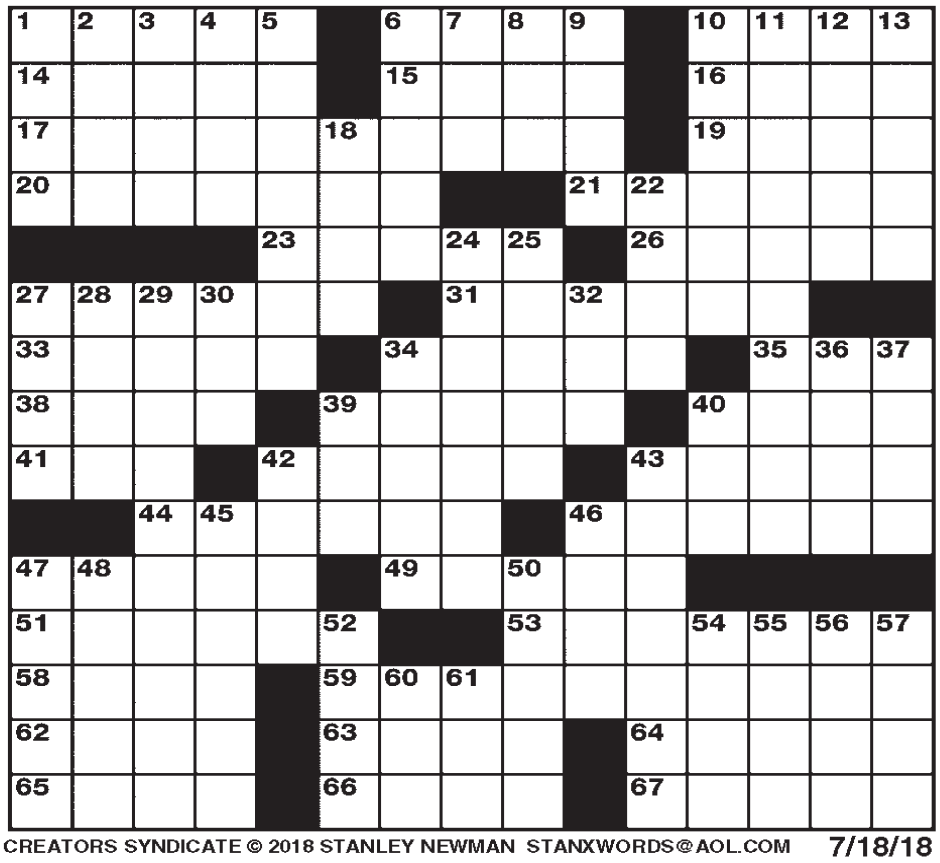
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ACROSS

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6 Take a cruise
10 __ a tear (weep)
14 Access the Internet
15 City south of Fort Worth
16 "Take this"
17 Center of JetBlue or Lufthansa operations
19 Work hard for
20 Audibly censored
21 Ointments
23 Gets ready, for short
26 Bonnie's partner in crime
27 Protected with cushions
31 Red salad veggie
33 Stand by for
34 Stored up
35 PC bailout key
38 Repetitive learning
39 Silklike synthetic fiber
40 Wild animal's home
41 Pie __ mode
42 Oven's countdown accessory
43 Sculpted figure
44 Uproar
46 Fortune-teller
47 Sound of an old wood floor
49 Daisylike flower
51 Bifocals or contacts
53 Stores up
58 Poker pot starter
59 Controversial grade-school standards
62 Fortune-teller
63 Natural balm
64 Actress Shire of *Rocky* movies
65 His-and-__
66 The latest events
67 Take the wheel

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1 Thick slice
2 Work very hard
3 Fairy tale villain
4 Global top or bottom
5 Small scrap
6 Stockholm native
7 Sound of contentment
8 Closely monitored hosp. ward
9 Soft throws
10 Common mac-and-cheese pastas
11 Metaphor for sadness
12 Made a blunder
13 Heavy, as a fog
18 Uncool one
22 Corrosive chemical
24 Parts of religious services
25 Enjoy immensely
27 Prefix for graph
28 Truant GI
29 Where computer servers reside
30 Gaming cube
32 Family room
34 Pago Pago's place
36 Strong assent, in Mexico
37 Gator's cousin
39 Canyon's edge
40 Part of UCLA
42 Help oneself to
43 Bossy bosses
45 High-tech pointers
46 Note from the office
47 Look bad when worn together
48 Actress Zellweger
50 Brings under control
52 Read electronically
54 "Shoo!"
55 Filet fish
56 Lake beside Cleveland
57 Blacken on a grill
60 Spanish cheer
61 Cut the lawn



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 18)

Attitude is everything this year, and yours will be predominantly optimistic and tenacious. August shows you taming wilder instincts and buckling down to get a big project finished. The later part of 2018 shows you handling things for your family. Past debts will be settled in January; you'll be paid in many forms, including money. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 11, 4, 30 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Whatever world you'd like to join, you can do so in some small way from wherever you are. The internet and the library will be your ticket to connections that only a few decades ago would have been nearly impossible to reach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Loneliness is often worse for those who have people around whom they cannot or do not relate to. It's caused by a lack of communication and understanding. Loneliness is alleviated through listening, not talking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Life builds and breaks everyone in different ways. Assume nothing about the process. It could be that building makes us weak and breaking makes us strong or the other way around. Roll with it, and do your best with what comes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Unmet expectations are inevitable in a complex existence. Sensitive, intelligent creatures are bound to be disappointed by life from time to time. It's your resilience that will define you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A lot of what people need recognized by one another is information that's hard to share, perhaps because it goes against the rules of society or is just not commonly talked about. Regardless, those who open up will be comforted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your complexity of mind comes with benefits and drawbacks. On the one hand, you're creative and can solve problems that others can't. But you're often met with incomprehension. Don't let that bother you. You're doing great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Don't you miss you? You're overdue for an uninterrupted, distraction-free stint — long enough for you to get into a meaningful conversation with your own psyche.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
No, you're not imagining the signals: You're catching exactly what's being thrown out there. Someone finds you elegant, mysterious and alluring. The next move is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
To ponder why things are the way they are is to go down a rabbit hole. There will be treasures to pick up along the way, but ultimately this is not progress. More helpful questions include "What's the best next move?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Hold on to a sincere and ambitious view of what life could be. You're in a good club. You're in great company. You're part of a long and grand tradition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
When you think odd or contrary thoughts, you might be the only one around thinking them at that moment, but you're not the only one on earth ever to go down that road.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Send out messages from your heart, and then don't expect anyone to understand right away. Someone will, eventually. But for now it's important to honor your feelings sincerely without bending them toward validation.

Intimacy, Art and the Libra Moon

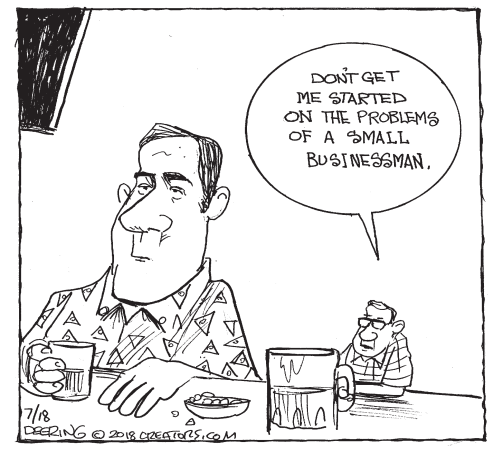
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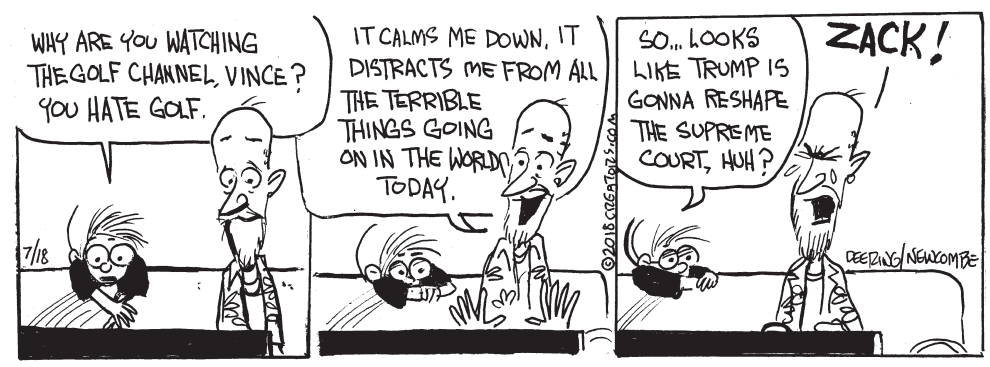
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Homegirl Cafe offers 'platos' by ex-gang members with hope

RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

In a different time, at another place, and under other circumstances, you might have run away from Latisha Valenzuela and Glenda Alvarenga. But at Homegirl Cafe, a Los Angeles breakfast and lunch spot with a Latino twist, the two waitresses welcome you with smiles and friendship.

"You alone?" Valenzuela asked when I recently visited. "Don't worry. We'll keep you company." After seating me, she tells me, "you'll want our cinnamon coffee. We make it ourselves." She says it as if we've been friends since middle school.

Here, in the City of Angels, Homegirl Cafe offers a unique dining experience with food prepared by former gang members gaining new skills. It's a haven for them, to be sure. But the popular cafe in the city's Chinatown is a special place for visitors, too, providing carefully crafted meals along with inspiration from ex- inmates who willingly tell stories about how they are seeking a better life.

And where these hands once hurt others, now they are steering their energies to serve pleasurable, satisfying dishes made with love and perseverance.

The hip cafe is an offshoot of the Homeboy Industries social enterprises founded by Jesuit priest Greg Boyle. After working in one of the city's poorest and most gang-plagued regions, he quickly found out that businesses wouldn't hire former gang members and inmates, even when they had marketable skills. So, he formed nonprofit businesses aimed at giving jobs and training to the "least of these," as the poor and vulnerable are described in Scripture.

He formed Homeboy tortillas, Homeboy bakery and then, Homegirl Cafe.

Trainees learn all aspects of culinary arts while developing social skills that create tender encounters with visitors. In addition to job training, the former gang members can take advantage of tattoo removal, anger management classes and drug treatment.

Former enemies become friends. Instead of trading gunshots, they shoot playful texts to each other. That tenderness is passed along to customers, who include writers, lawyers, actors and teachers.

When a new staffer shows up, "you can tell she's scared and ready to fight," Alvarenga told me during my visit. "We make sure we hug her and show nothing but love. Most of the time, they just start crying."

Plates like the chilaquiles — fresh crisp tortilla chips tossed with warm tomatillo salsa, egg, crema fresca, and queso cotija — are made from ingredients that come from urban farms. The Manoy's, a sandwich made of braised shredded chicken prepared Central American-style with pickled cabbage, onions and mayonnaise, is another unique option. The homegirls can tell you exactly how it's prepared.

In addition to the food are the stories.

Boyle has told this one many times in speeches, interviews and his latest book: Actress Diane Keaton once came in for brunch with a guest. A waitress, a former gang member who'd spent time in prison, went to serve her. Keaton asked for advice on platos and the waitress gave her suggestions. Then, it hit the waitress. "Wait, I feel like I know you," the waitress reportedly said. "You so look familiar."

"Oh I don't know," Keaton said. "I must have that face."

"No. Now I know," the waitress said. "We were locked up together!"

The story always gets a laugh, but Boyle retells it to highlight the power of kinship, and how a former gang member and an Oscar winner connected in a most unlikely place.

Boyle has authored two books, and his inspirational quotes are on T-shirts and fliers around the cafe. To some of the homies, he's the first person who ever showed them unconditional love without judgment.

"Ah man, when Father Boyle walks down the street and into this place ... people follow him like Jesus," said Erika Carlos, a woman who spent eight years in prison who now helps run the gift shop. "All the homies want him to give them a blessing."

At the gift shop, visitors can buy an array of Homeboy Industries or Homegirl Cafe shirts, hoodies, hats and bags. The clothing is designed by former gang members who are being taught new job skills. Workers like Carlos are happy to share their stories, or those of others who inspired them.

After my first visit, I returned for a Mother's Day special with my Texas-born mother, father and sister. My mother, who was abandoned briefly as a baby before being adopted by an immigrant woman from Mexico, recognized immediately that she was among the forgotten and feared.

"This feels like home," she told Valenzuela.

Valenzuela smiled, then replied, "You are home."

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