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Size and parking rules to incentivize remodels over new construction

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The city council will soon finalize regulations that seek to preserve existing homes in Santa Monica's single-family neighborhoods.

The city's four single-family neighborhoods — Sunset Park, North of Montana, North of Wilshire and a small part of Pico — have seen an influx of new houses that are typically double or triple the size of existing homes. Officials have spent more than a year considering how to incentivize renovating homes rather than replacing them in response to complaints from residents that the new mansions have fundamentally altered their neighborhoods.

"Some of the houses built recently in Sunset Park … seem out of scale with lot size and adjacent homes, diminish privacy, block the light of neighboring homes and are, in some cases, repetitive in style and character," Zina Josephs, president of the neighborhood organization Friends of Sunset Park, wrote in an email to the

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SMMUSD settles supplies lawsuit for $585,000

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District must pay a total of $10,000 to two parents who sued the district for allegedly forcing students to buy educational materials, violating a constitutional guarantee to a free education.

The district and the plaintiffs reached a settlement Thursday that requires SMMUSD to reimburse families for supplies they have purchased that the district is obligated to provide, publish "free school guarantee" notices in course descriptions and syllabi, and pay $575,000 in attorneys' and court fees to the plaintiffs.

Attorney Kevin Shenkman initiated the class-action lawsuit in 2017 on behalf of parents Vivian Mahl and Gina de Baca, claiming SMMUSD requires students to pay for expensive calculators, field trips and athletic uniforms. Shenkman is also suing the City of Santa Monica for violating the California Voting Rights Act.

"We're very pleased that this

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Local chef a two-time regional winner in food contest



Courtesy photo

LAMB: Nick Shipp from Upper West has reentered a national competition to use General Mills ingredients.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A local chef has crafted a unique, award-winning recipe–concocted mostly with General Mills products–for a good cause.

Nick Shipp, head chef of Santa Monica's New American restaurant Upper West, is the 2019 West Region Winner in General Mills' Neighborhood to Nation Recipe Contest. The contest tasked mom and pop restaurants with submitting an original recipe using General Foods ingredients.

Regional winners of the contest win $5,000 as well as $1,000 to go to a local charity while grand prize winners receive $10,000 in cash and $2,000 for charity. Grand Prize winners will also receive a three-day trip for two to the Food Network & Cooking Channel New York City Wine & Food Festival this October. Additionally, Shipp can win an additional $1,000 for his charity when the contest opens up social media voting August 12 -16.

General Mills representatives will visit Upper West on August 14 to showcase the restaurant and award Shipp with a special check presentation and

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Sunset Swim

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.

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

QuickLook Legal Research Class and Office Hours

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Saturday, August 10

Read & Play

Spend the afternoon playing with friends and family in our indoor play space featuring a short story time for ages 3-5, followed by playtime for all ages with centers for arts & crafts, books, and games. Fairview Branch Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Club

Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Classics Book Group at Fairview

This long-running book discussion group discusses literary classics from around the world. August 2019's book: The Death of Artemio Cruz by Carlos Fuentes. Fairview Branch Library. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 11

Pool Open

The pool will be open from 10 am to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community

Monday, August 12

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission The Commission normally meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. 7 p.m.

Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting

Monthly Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting. Administration Conference Room near Computer Commons. Main Library, 7 - 9 p.m.

Computer Class: Appy Hour - Library Apps Workshop

Bring your smartphone, tablet or e-reader and get help with using library apps and your device. Ocean Park Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

Toddler Time

Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library. 11 - 11:20 a.m.

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celebratory event that Santa Monicans are urged to attend.

Shipp was a West Region Winner last year with his recipe of a mushroom tart flatbread with tomato jam, goat cheese and fresh oregano on a Pillsbury's Best Puff Pastry Dough.

"I heard about it last year through a food blogger," Shipp said. "Last year, the whole thing was crazy. I put the recipe in last minute and won it and thought, holy cow. So, I figured I'd give it another shot."

This year, the Upper West Chef plans on winning the grand prize with his lamb chili bolognese with macaroni and whipped goat cheese recipe, which uses General Mills' Mountain High Yogurt-goat cheese.

"It's kind of like a Texas-style chili tossed with macaroni," Shipp said. "I tested this one out. It was a dish we were working on and doing events with. It started off as a veggie bolognese, then a goat leg bolognese and kind of kept evolving from there."

Customer feedback led to the changes in the recipe Shipp mentioned and customers will always be the crowd he wants to please. When he entered this contest, however, Shipp was enamored with the good this contest would bring, both for his family and for charity.

Shipp downplays any money he won or will potentially win, saying he'd invest in his kids or go on vacation with the money. When he mentions charity, however, he lights up. He chose St. Jude Research Hospital as his charity of choice in the contest for personal reasons.

"It's a charity close to me," he said, noting he now works for the organization as a culinary advisor. "I have two young kids, 7 and 9, and I've had cancer twice and survived it. Knowing how scary it was for me, for my family, I can't imagine a parent going through that or a kid going through that. St. Jude is interesting; There are no bills, nothing. If you go there, you get treatment and don't get a single medical bill. You get the best treatment there is. They share their research with people. They're about the cure, not about the money."

As for his chances of winning the grand prize and bringing more money to St. Jude's, Shipp is hopeful.

"We've been developing this at the restaurant and I knew it was great," Shipp said. "Typically in this contest you see a lot of sweet stuff, that's what you think of when you think General Mills; cake mix, cereal, stuff like that. After feedback and sifting through ingredients we could use, we got our dish. I think it's a winner."

To celebrate with Shipp and Upper West, visit Upper West on Wednesday, August 14 at 5 p.m.

at 3321 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404. Guests will be treated to samples of Shipp's award-winning recipe and see Shipp be awarded a check to him and a check to St. Jude's.

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Atlanta bans electric scooters at night, after deadly wrecks

JEFF MARTIN AND ANDREA SMITH
Associated Press

Atlanta is banning electric scooters in the nighttime hours during what's been a deadly summer for riders.

The ban comes as cities across the nation struggle to regulate the companies renting the devices and keep riders safe.

In Atlanta, three riders have died since May in crashes that involved a public bus, an SUV and a car. Police in the Atlanta suburb of East Point say a fourth rider was killed there Tuesday in a collision involving his scooter and a truck.

"Sadly, we have seen a pattern in the recent and tragic fatalities involving scooters — they all occurred after sunset," Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said in a statement Thursday.

City officials on Thursday announced a ban on electric scooters and electric bikes from 9 p.m. until 4 a.m. daily. The ban takes effect Friday.

"This environment didn't exist 14 months ago or 12 months ago — this is a brand new thing," Tim Keane, Atlanta's commissioner of city planning, said in an interview Thursday.

"We want this to be temporary," he said. "We hope that this ban is very temporary."

City officials have asked e-scooter vendors to disable the devices during the hours they're banned, the mayor said. The companies are cooperating, and "I've heard no pushback at all," Keane said.

"We think it's a reasonable step as a temporary measure while the scooter program is re-examined," said Nima Daivari, Lime's community affairs manager for Georgia. San Francisco-based Lime has one of the largest fleets in Atlanta, with an average of about 1,800 available for rent last month. "They see the value here, and Atlanta is a city that's notorious for traffic congestion."

Traffic safety data showing the dangers of riding during late-night hours is "compelling," Santa Monica, California-based Bird said in a statement Thursday. It had more than 1,200 devices operating in Atlanta last month, city records show.

Late-night and early-morning travel, especially between midnight and 5 a.m., is "many times more dangerous due to impaired road users, fatigue and poor visibility," Bird said. The company has managed its service hours to avoid late night riding, and will comply with Atlanta's new guidelines, it added.

Jason Layfield was visiting Atlanta from Guam on Thursday, and rode a motorized scooter for the first time to get back and forth from his hotel and the convention he's attending.

"I don't see it necessarily as a bad thing to limit riding at night," he said. "I don't know that that's 100% necessary, but I can understand how it may be a good idea."

Other communities, including Dallas; Nashville, Tennessee; and Athens, Georgia, have recently considered some form of regulation of scooters, partly over concerns about safety.

Chicago has a nighttime ban similar to Atlanta's new policy. Scooters there must be inoperable after 10 p.m. and off the streets by midnight, said Isaac Reichman, a Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection spokesman. They're allowed to operate at 5 a.m. the next day, he said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reviewed medical records from scooter riders in Austin, Texas, in an effort to learn more about the risks associated with riding them. Researchers in the Austin study identified 192 scooter-related injuries in three months in 2018.

Nearly half of those were head injuries, including 15% that were traumatic brain injuries, the CDC said in its report. The researchers also found a troubling trend: Less than 1% of the injured riders wore a helmet.

Safety concerns are driving the nighttime bans in both Chicago and Atlanta, officials said.

"We embrace scooters and bikes and we want people to be able to get around on them, particularly people who are starting to depend on them for access to transit and their jobs and things like that," Keane said. "Where we have the chance to make them safer, we have to do that."

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Experts push for domestic terrorism law after attacks

BY STEFANIE DAZIO AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

Seven days, three mass shootings, 34 dead.

The FBI has labeled two of those attacks , at a Texas Walmart and California food festival, as domestic terrorism — acts meant to intimidate or coerce a civilian population and affect government policy. But the bureau hasn't gone that far with a shooting at an Ohio entertainment district.

Even if there's a domestic terrorism investigation, no such law exists in the federal criminal code. That means the Justice Department must rely on other laws such as hate crimes and weapons offenses in cases of politically motivated shootings.

The legal gap has prompted many survivors, victims' families, law enforcement officials and legal experts to call on lawmakers to create a domestic terrorism law that could aid investigators and punish perpetrators.

"Calling something for what it is is an important first step in combating this problem," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino.

However, supporters of a domestic terrorism law say some lawmakers may be reluctant to push legislation that could target white supremacists.

"When you dismiss it as a mass shooting or a hate crime or some crazed gunman, you're minimizing what impact it has," said Daryl Johnson, a former senior domestic terrorism analyst at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "It's a double standard. We should be calling all ideologically motivated violence terrorism, whether it comes from the white variety or the Muslim variety."

The gunmen in Ohio and Texas appear to be white, while the Gilroy shooter identified himself as Iranian and Italian on social media.

In El Paso, authorities suspect a 21-year-old gunman posted anti-Hispanic writings online before killing 22 people Saturday at a Walmart store.

In Gilroy, authorities say, the 19-year-old attacker who killed three people, including two children, had compiled a "target list" that included religious groups, federal buildings and both major political parties. Search warrant records released Thursday show authorities found a passport, clown mask, wilderness survival guide and bottle rockets — as well as a pamphlet for the garlic festival he targeted — in his car.

In Dayton, Ohio, however, the FBI has not yet said if it considers an attack that killed nine people to be domestic terrorism.

The bureau says the 24-year-old gunman expressed a desire to commit a mass shooting and showed an interest in violent ideology. In addition, posts from what appears to be his Twitter account endorsed communism, bemoaned President Donald Trump's election and supported Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who is running for president.

Todd Lindgren, an FBI spokesman in the Cincinnati office, said the bureau is investigating the shooter's motive and ideologies— including combing through his social media — but he declined to address a potential domestic terrorism aspect of the case.

Domestic terrorism has historically been applied to violent anti-government extremists such as Timothy McVeigh, who was executed for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Crimes targeting African Americans, Jewish people and other minorities have more regularly been treated as hate crimes, rather than terrorist attacks, and investigated by FBI criminal agents instead of counterterrorism agents.

The FBI Agents Association, which represents thousands of active-duty and retired agents, has called for Congress to make domestic terrorism a federal crime to ensure investigators and prosecutors have the "best tools" to fight it.

Mary McCord, former head of the Justice Department's national security division, has also advocated for such a law.

"It is something we may see come out of this, we may not," she said.

The punishment for mass killings can be life imprisonment or even death, regardless of the label applied to the crime. Even if a shooter dies, as occurred in California and Ohio, experts said a federal law would help authorities gather evidence and serve as a deterrent.

The legal framework is different in international terrorism cases, where a wide-reaching statute makes it a crime to support a designated foreign terror group such as Islamic State or al-Qaida and often produces arrests long before violence occurs.

As a result, it's a crime for an American to fly to Syria to join Islamic State, but it's not illegal for an American to travel in the U.S. to meet with Ku Klux Klan leaders or other white supremacists.

"When politics get involved, we end up playing games," Levin said. "Had the El Paso killer been named Ahmed, the response of some in government and some in the media would have been markedly different."

The FBI also can obtain secret surveillance warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to monitor communications of people they suspect of being agents of a foreign power.

Investigators in criminal cases don't have that tool. They can apply for court-authorized wiretaps but they have to show that there's probable cause to believe that such surveillance will turn up criminal activity.

Civil liberties groups wary of additional federal surveillance powers say the FBI and Justice Department already have the tools they need.

The Constitution prevents the FBI from investigating someone in the U.S. simply because of their ideology. Investigators need some sign that they are planning a crime.

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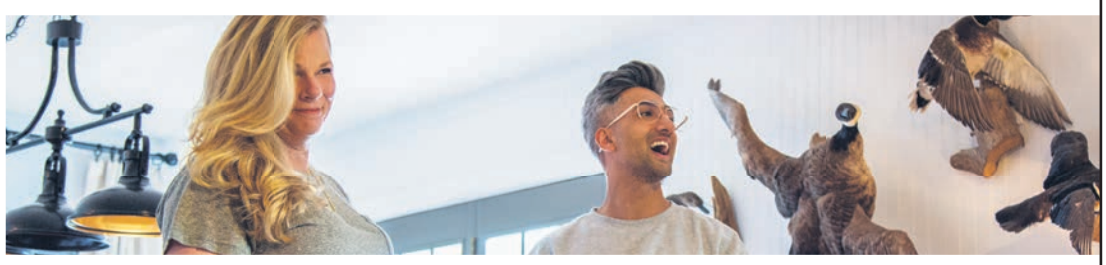


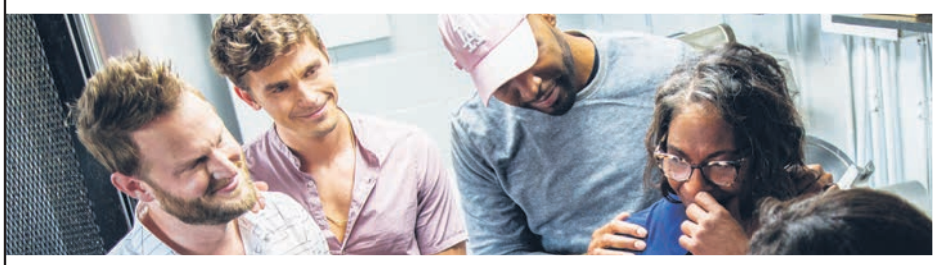




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Thoughts and Prayers, or "Do Something?!"

With the massacres at El Paso and Dayton, (or, as Donald Trump would call it, "Toledo") there have been 255 mass shootings in America this year...so far. The caveat "so far" is because I'm not sure how long this column will take to write. (Watching our country come apart these past 2 ½ years is beyond depressing, unless your name is Vladimir Putin.)

As I will soon explain, I'm reminded of Tsutomu Yamaguchi who, on August 6, 1945, was in Hiroshima on business when the atomic bomb exploded. Somehow he survived and returned to Nagasaki the following day and actually went to work. (Imagine if he'd called in sick and his boss asked, "What excuse this time, Yamaguchi, an atomic bomb?") Hours later, the Nagasaki A-bomb was detonated. Amazingly, Yamaguchi became the only person in history to survive two nuclear blasts!



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PROTEST: Residents of El Paso and Dayton were not thrilled with a visit from President Trump.

In the U.S., apparently some who survived the Las Vegas massacre, were at the July 28 garlic festival mass shooting in Gilroy. (Meanwhile, months prior to his 2017 rampage, the Las Vegas mass murderer reportedly Googled "How crowded are Santa Monica's beaches?")

Today's column title stems from a "thoughts and prayers" speech given to a Dayton crowd by Republican Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine following the murders. Frustrated and angry, the group chanted, "Do something!" (As in pass common sense gun control that 90% of the country wants!) The chant was so emotionally powerful, DeWine became confused and was drowned out.

Almost all domestic terrorist mass shootings in the U.S. have been committed by male, white supremacists. David Duke is not only a white supremacist, he's a former KKK Grand Wizard. In 2000, Donald Trump called him, "A bigot and a racist." And yet, in 2016, when asked about Duke by CNN's Jake Tapper, Trump insisted, "I don't know anything about David Duke!" (Apparently Trump was suffering from "white supremacist" amnesia.)

"And I don't know anything about white supremacists," Trump said, feigning innocence. Give me a break! He added that he didn't want to condemn any groups until he knew more, asking Tapper to send him a list he would review. (As if perhaps there were some "fine" white supremacist groups?)

Following Dayton and El Paso, Trump declared that he "Opposes white supremacists." But, with a wink to his base, he added "and all other supremacists." (What other supremacists?)

Trump's comment was a painful reminder of his infamous remarks following the tiki torchlight white nationalists "Jews will not replace us!" march on the University of Virginia campus whose 1-year anniversary is only days away. Trump infamously said, "There are fine people on both sides." (Heather Heyer's attacker was found guilty of 1st degree murder, and seriously injuring 35 protesters, so much for "fine people on both sides.")

Over this past weekend, as the nation reeled from two mass shootings in less than 13 hours, Trump was out of sight at his New Jersey golf course. He finally sent out tweets of support to El Paso but, hard to imagine, less than 15 minutes later, he tweeted praise for UFC fighter Colby Covington, a vocal Trump supporter. "Fight hard tonight Colby. You are a real Champ! #MAGA." (Good grief, or lack thereof. Trump's lack of a soul is mind-boggling.)

As he boarded Air Force I back to D.C., Trump said, "Hate has no place in America." (That's for his twitter feed and

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Uber posts biggest quarterly loss ever after stock payouts

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AP Business Writer

Uber lost $5.24 billion in the second quarter — its largest quarterly loss ever — after making huge stock-based payouts in the months following its initial public offering.

The ride-hailing giant said Wednesday it paid $3.9 billion in stock-based compensation and expenses during the quarter. It also paid $298 million in stock and cash to drivers to show appreciation in connection with its IPO.

The loss per share including those expenses totaled $4.72 while revenue jumped 14% to $3.17 billion. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected a loss of $2.03 per share on revenue of $3.31 billion, on average, but those analysts typically exclude one-time expenses such as IPO-related costs.

Uber continued to spend heavily on sales and marketing, which includes costly promotions designed to attract riders and drivers. Those expenses grew to $1.22 billion, up 71% compared to last year. The cost of price wars and retaining drivers while competing with rivals such as Lyft has been a strain on its ability to turn a profit.

"We could push the company to break even if we wanted to, frankly, but I think what you will see from us is...lower losses going forward while at the same time we aggressively invest in new growth levers," said Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi in a conference call with reporters. "But there's no doubt in my mind that eventually the business will be a break even and profitable business."

Khosrowshahi said he expects 2019 to be the company's peak loss year and for the losses to be smaller over the next two years.

Khosrowshahi said he's confident in the scale of Uber's ridesharing business and its technical capabilities. He does not expect the Eats food delivery business to be profitable next year or the year after, but said "I think what we have is a great combination of a ride business that is going to turn more profitable over the next couple years, that will allow us to invest aggressively in the Eats business and also carry a bottom line that improves."

Uber Technologies Inc.'s shares fell 6% in after-hours trading.

Uber saw double-digit revenue growth in the U.S., Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific regions, but revenue fell 24% to $417 million in Latin America.

Gross bookings, which is the total dollar value of rides and Uber Eats meals and the amount paid by freight shippers, reached $15.76 billion, up 31% — or 37% in constant currency — compared with the same time last year.

The number of monthly active Uber Eats users grew more than 140% compared to last year, and more than 40% of new Eats customers had never used Uber's platform before. The Eats business is booming in Japan, Khosrowshahi said.

Revenue for the Uber Eats service rose 72% to $595 million, while ridesharing revenue grew just 2% to $2.35 billion because of the one-time driver appreciation payments, the company said.

California lawmakers are pushing a bill to classify ridesharing drivers as employees. Khosrowshahi, on a conference call with investors, said he believes there's a better path forward, where drivers could be given minimum earnings, benefits and a voice in decisions that affect their livelihood.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 8)

What if someone were interested enough in you and what you were doing to listen for hours, invest lots of money and be generally enthralled with your nearness? Well, you'll get plenty of that sort of attention over the next 12 months, even though you'll be too seriously fascinated by your work to revel in such things. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 35, 41, 28 and 7.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been through trying times, and this isn't one of them. This is a "doing" time. Strike "try" from the vocabulary. You already know the right action. Take it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll nurture a strong connection by simply showing up to the events that mean something to your loved ones. They will be buoyed and encouraged by your presence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are kind to people you don't know, which is in keeping with your character. You're even kinder to people you know but don't like, which is your character's strengthening and toning exercise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In the lessons of life, people may skip around learning different things at different stages, but there really is no skipping ahead. So don't be jealous when you notice someone is at a stage that's foreign to you. All in good time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know exactly who your role model is. This certain someone would be flattered by your admiration, though you don't need to actually have an interaction to reap the benefits of this dynamic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it's sometimes better to decide how you'd like to feel and then cultivate that feeling, today it's better to keep it simple with a few tangible and measurable goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You learn from every interaction. Some lessons improve your mood, and others dampen it. The change in feeling you experience is just proof that the lesson took hold.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take on the job that no one wants to do. You'll make a mistake, and it will be inconvenient and uncomfortable, but there will be no regret, because the experience is invaluable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll think deeply into matters, and this will stretch over the course of many days. You assume that everyone is like you, but it's not true. Many aren't paying such close attention. All the more reason why you should.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). New people are interested in you. Don't let them get confused by too much information. Share your story thoughtfully with one continuous narrative that fits the past into the present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Why do you idolize a certain someone? Often the role models we choose aren't really the actual person but what the person represents. Through curiosity about these ideas and ideals, you'll learn something about yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Not celebrating your success would be a mistake. The small wins especially need acknowledgment. These daily tasks are the lifeblood of your hopes and dreams. They count, and they need to be treated that way.

Uranus Retrograde Countdown

There's a flip side to every coin. You don't have to see that side to know what it is. Were you to cover one side with a piece of duct tape, it would not create much wonder. In these last days before Uranus goes retrograde, people may not talk about the flip side of a situation, but everyone knows there is one and can make an accurate guess about it.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: The mystery of a person is the same as any puzzle – it will come together one piece at a time. TAURUS: Flirting won't look like flirting. Instead, it will look like being bothersome, enacting common courtesy or just doing a job. GEMINI: There's something wonderful about being where you didn't want to be and doing what you thought you'd never do. CANCER: Opportunities will either be flowing or overflowing. LEO: Making the people around you more comfortable is one of the most attractive things you can do. VIRGO: Pressure, stress and tension are the uncomfortable bonding agents in the glue of attraction. LIBRA: One success in a relationship will build on the next. The best version of the relationship has yet to be realized. SCORPIO: Trying too hard always ends up backfiring. Think of all you want to do, and then choose one small part of that to act on. SAGITTARIUS: You learn the most from people who aren't so easily pleased. CAPRICORN: Maintain control. Conserve power. Claim all the autonomy you can. Love can still flow as you follow these directives. AQUARIUS: If the relationship feels a little off, just know that it's the normal way. No connection is perfect. PISCES: The mutual attention that flows between adoring eyes is sublime.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

In some restaurants, the food can be ordered on a sliding heat scale of zero to 10, zero being an absence of pepper, three being a sweat-inducing spice level. The upper numbers are only for the experienced or the daring. If this weekend were a dish, it would have the potential to be an inordinately hot one. Leo and Sagittarius will be among the most daring customers and should order very carefully. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

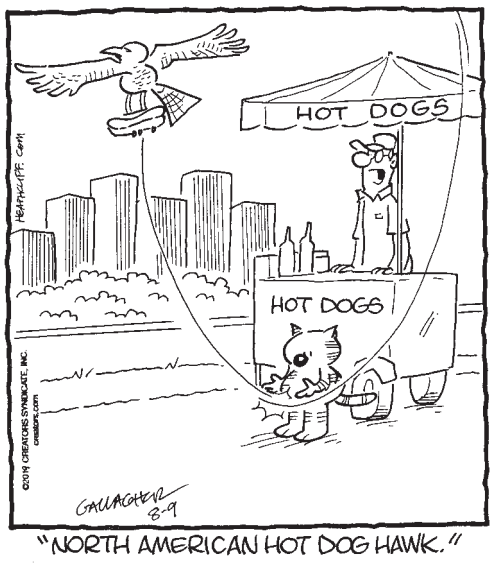
Cat's-paw

noun [kats-paw]

a person used to serve the purposes of another; tool.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



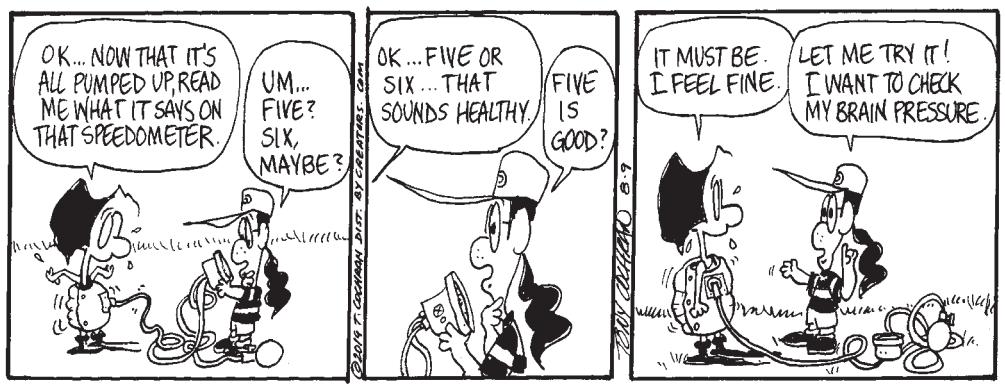
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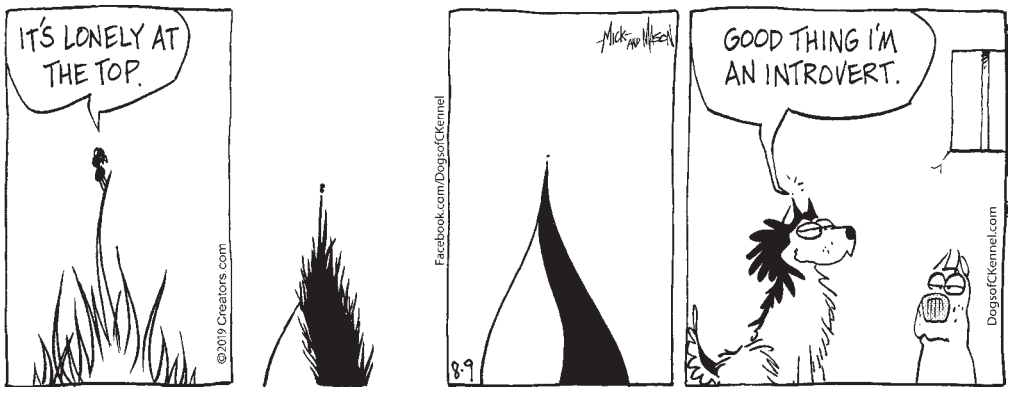
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 08/06
11 17 31 43 55
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 60 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 08/07
1 12 13 39 47
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 69 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 08/07
5 8 13 19 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 08/07
Midday: 7 0 3
Draw Date: 08/08
Evening: 7 0 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 07/30
1st: 04 - BIG BEN
2nd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
RACE TIME: 1:43.14

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 71.1°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
Easing SSW/S swell. Small NW windswell. Cleanest through the morning.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Old SSW/S swell drops, new S swell starts to show.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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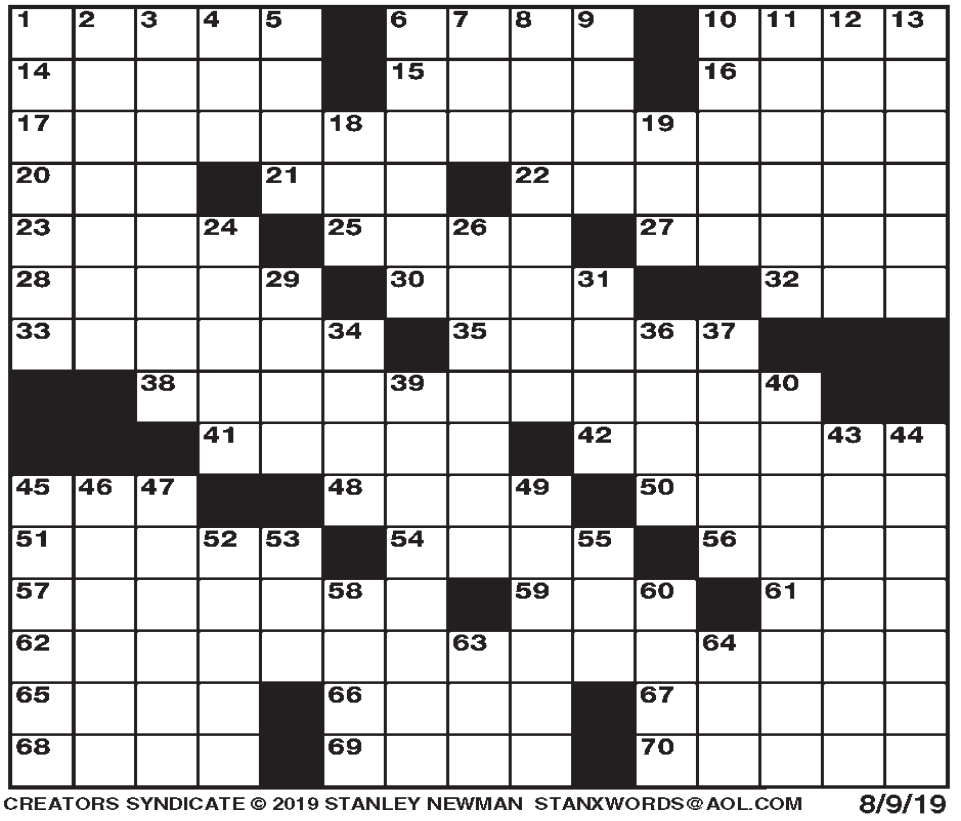
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Comic strip square
6 Shrinks back
10 Veritable plethora
14 Adhesive in aircraft
15 Active-brain advocate
16 Ancient Andean
17 Start of baseball advice for Charlie Brown
20 Mid-seventh-century date
21 Capital of Switzerland
22 Common meet distance
23 Appear ahead
25 Place for a picnic
27 Sites with slicers
28 Attraction with Future World
30 Poker player's giveaway
32 Pull-up muscle
33 Star of the *Under Siege* series
35 Not being straight
38 Source of the advice
41 Hero of Seuss' favorite book
42 Parts of a chain
45 NL East player
48 Last New Testament word
50 Highly virtuous one
51 Upper regions
54 Product of pungency
56 Where Butler last speaks
57 Cabbie's query
59 Cavernous opening
61 *François ou Fifi*
62 End of advice
65 Where Carver taught in Iowa
66 Nurture
67 *Prince of Tides* Oscar nominee
68 Budgetary concern
69 Connors contemporary
70 Generosity's opposite

DOWN
1 Sells from a cart
2 Omission of part of a word
3 From another town
4 Business card abbr.
5 Ex of Julia
6 Really gets to
7 Alcatraz surrounder
8 Barbra's birthplace
9 Created, as cotton candy
10 Command for cards
11 Chaplin father-in-law
12 Rehnquist successor
13 Least gritty
18 Putative power
19 Obviously livid
24 Studio czar
26 Loose as a goose
29 Fried-and-folded food
31 They grasp at straws
34 Harp of the heavens
36 8 Down hoopsters
37 Crow about a rout
39 Scrams
40 One-note instrument
43 Making one's way
44 Obliterated, with "out"
45 Family leave taker
46 Back from work
47 "Worldwide" domain
49 Exclamation of irritation
52 ___ & Young ("Big Four" accounting firm)
53 Secessionist, for short
55 Unprocessed
58 Banks on '90s runways
60 Political party offshoot
63 "That's a laugh!"
64 For love ___ money



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Former UCLA worker wins $1.58 million judgment

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The University of California has been ordered to pay $1.58 million to a former UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica employee who was racially harassed by her co-workers.

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury determined that Nicole Birden, an 48-year-old African-American woman who worked as a phlebotomist at the medical center from 2015 to 2016, was subjected to discrimination that her supervisors did not address, according a press release from her attorney.

Birden said her co-workers addressed her using the n-word and made disparaging remarks about her skin color and racially stereotyped her in her Spanish. She said they also harassed her by phone during work hours and tampered with blood specimens she had drawn.

"Comments were made around her in Spanish that were derogatory," said Birden's attorney, V. James DeSimone. "They referred to her as dark-skinned, a liar and lazy."

Birden was suddenly fired in 2016, despite the fact that her supervisors had never before taken disciplinary action against her. The UC's attorney, Stephen Ronk, said Birden was fired because she had a clear pattern of performance issues.

"The UC Regents wanted to make this case about Ms. Birden's performance," DeSimone said in a statement. "The evidence at trial, however, showed Ms. Birden was an excellent phlebotomist with no complaints from patients, nurses or doctors."

The superior court jury rejected DeSimone's claim that Birden was fired because of her race, but ordered the UC to award her $190,000 for past economic losses, $86,000 for future economic losses, $500,000 for past emotional distress and mental harm, and $800,000 for future emotional distress and mental harm.

"We are thankful that a diverse Los Angeles jury could come together and give Ms. Birden the justice she deserved after a hard fought jury trial," DeSimone said in a statement.

UCLA Health issued a statement that it is disappointed with the verdict, reviewing the decision and considering all available options. The statement also encouraged employees to report any workplace concerns so they can be reviewed and addressed.

"UCLA Health is committed to maintaining a workplace free from discrimination, harassment and retaliation of any kind," said spokesperson Phil Hampton. "Ensuring a respectful and inclusive environment is essential to the University's mission."

DeSimone said he believes that a culture of racial discrimination still exists at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica. Another discrimination case is in the works, he added.

"It's very much still a concern of current employees," he said.

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LAWSUIT

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settlement provides that the district will fully remedy its past violations of students' constitutional right to a free public education and will in the future abide by the law," Shenkman said.

Mahl and de Baca will each receive $5,000.

"The $5,000 corresponds to their work in bringing this to our attention and their helping us on the case," Shenkman said. "It's also just a general incentive for people to bring unlawful actions to the attention of the courts."

In 2010, the American Civil Liberties Union sued the state of California because it found that more than 50 school district in the state required students to pay for textbooks, arts supplies and physical education uniforms, flouting the California Constitution's guarantee to a free public education.

When SMMUSD was first served with the lawsuit, district spokesperson Gail Pinsker said such materials are only suggested, not required, and that teachers typically have accommodations for students who cannot afford them.

Pinker said SMMUSD has maintained a complaint process for parents who believe they have been charged educational fees since the ACLU reached its 2010 settlement with the state of California that requires districts to reimburse families for illegal fees.

The Superior Court will not rule on whether SMMUSD did violate the state constitution because the two parties reached a settlement before the case went to trial.

The settlement includes a court order prohibiting the district from violating the free school guarantee for five years from the date the settlement is finalized, which Shenkman expects will be in early 2020. Parents can bring possible violations to a neutral referee.

Parents who have already purchased educational materials will be able to apply for reimbursement from the district.

"I have plenty of sympathy for underfunded school districts in California, but they need to stop violating the free school guarantee and not leave certain kids behind," he said.

SMMUSD officials were unable to comment on the settlement by press time.

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LAW

FROM PAGE 5

Many act alone, without any affiliation to a group.

"If they're just kind of out there sitting in a basement, not going on anything that we can tie them to, they are very hard to find," said Robert Anderson, a former executive assistant director in charge of the FBI's criminal branch.

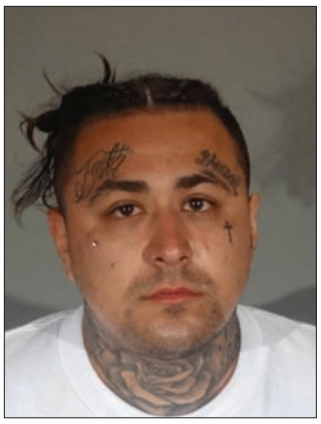
One similarity between international and domestic acts of terror is the ease of pulling them off. Islamic State has encouraged followers to kill where they are, with whatever weapon they have, instead of plotting grandiose bomb plots. Recent suspects in white nationalist killings have taken a page from that book.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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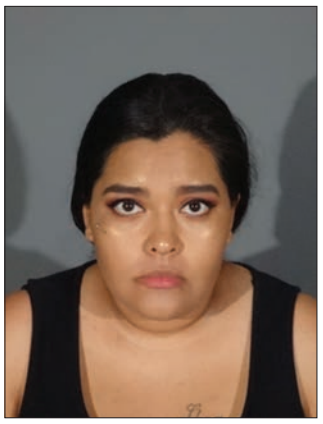
ON JULY 30, AT 8 P.M.

Downtown Officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of 100 block of Colorado. The officers observed there to be open containers of alcoholic beverages in plain view and within reach of all occupants in the vehicle. During a consent search of the vehicle, a semi-automatic pistol was found inside the glovebox with a loaded magazine attached. The serial number of the firearm was painted over. Three of the four occupants were arrested. Summer A. Smith, 24, from Arizona, was arrested for being the driver carrying a concealed firearm in vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm in public and tampering with marks on Firearm. Bail was set at $10,000. Timothy Gonzales, 28, from Arizona, was arrested for being the occupant in a car carrying a concealed firearm in vehicle, being a felon carrying a loaded firearm in public, tampering with marks on Firearm and being a convicted felon possessing a firearm. Bail was set at $35,000. Juan Stanley Elson, 24, from Arizona, was arrested for being in possession of an open container while driving. Bail was set at $70.



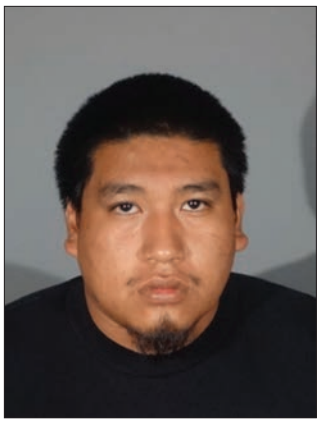
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SUMMER SMITH



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 369 CALLS ON AUGUST 7

Petty Theft Report 17th St / Broadway 12:06 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500blk Ocean Ave 12:19 a.m.
Municipal Code Violation 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:27 a.m.
Violation of Restraining Order Report 300blk Olympic Dr 10:06 a.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1500blk 2nd St 10:28 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:59 a.m.
Loitering 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500blk Ocean Ave 11:52 a.m.
Fight 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:55 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:56 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2800blk Arizona Ave 1:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Loitering 1800blk 9th St 1:48 p.m.
Fraud Report 1400blk 6th St 1:58 p.m.
Violation of Posted Sign 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:12 p.m.
Hit and Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:15 p.m.
Hit and Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Rape Report 17th St / Colorado Ave 3:09 p.m.
Violation of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:44 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 12th St 3:44 p.m.
Drinking in Public 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:10 p.m.
Violation of Posted Sign 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:13 p.m.
Violation of Posted Sign 600blk Ashland Ave 4:24 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:35 p.m.
Violation of Posted Sign 1900blk 20th St 5:38 p.m.
Loitering 1400blk 11th St 5:47 p.m.
Hit and Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk 15th St 5:56 p.m.
Violation of Preferential Parking Zone 1100blk 21st St 5:58 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:58 p.m.
Fight 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 6:01 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:06 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1400blk 12th St 7:05 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:18 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 900blk 6th St 7:25 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 7:39 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report Ocean Ave / Pacific St 7:56 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:02 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 300blk California Ave 8:25 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 8:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 36 CALLS ON AUGUST 7

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:07 a.m.
Vehicle Fire Main St / Pico Blvd 3:24 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 4:18 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd St Prom 7:01 a.m.
EMS 400blk Euclid St 8:05 a.m.
Traffic Collision with Injury 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:21 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 9:38 a.m.
EMS 600blk Ocean Ave 11:21 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:59 a.m.
EMS 800blk Hill St 12:11 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 12:16 p.m.
EMS 800blk 4th St 12:30 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 1:05 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 4:12 p.m.
EMS 14th St / Colorado Ave 4:21 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 5:19 p.m.
Assist LAFD 600blk N San Lorenzo 5:51 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 7:58 p.m.
EMS 200blk Wilshire Blvd 9:15 p.m.
EMS 600blk San Vicente Blvd 9:18 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 9:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900blk Neilson Way 11:43 p.m.

LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 7

his Nuremberg-type rallies.) On Monday, Trump read a solemn teleprompter speech blaming the mass murders on the Internet, video games and mental illness but didn't mention guns. He delivered it with all the sincerity of a hostage speech.

I've concluded there are two Trumps: "teleprompter Trump," who can barely read and doesn't believe a word he says; and "TwitterTrump," whose impulsive, misspelled, hate-filled tweets give insight into his dark psyche. A recent example is his sick tweet about Elijah Cummings. "Too bad his house was robbed!" Even Trump's former U.N. Ambassador, Nikki Haley, tweeted critically, "So unnecessary." I tweeted, "So evil."

On Wednesday, Trump made visits to Dayton and El Paso. They were very short, however, as, needing to be loved, he can't deal with protesters. This past June in London, for example, Trump took a helicopter to be high above massive protests against him. He later said there weren't any. #Pathological liar!

Next subject Senate leader, "Massacre Mitch" McConnell. (AKA, "Moscow Mitch.") Whereas "Moscow Mitch" won't allow legislation to protect our 2020 election from foreign interference, "Massacre Mitch" won't allow a House Bill for "expanded background checks" for all gun purchases, including gun shows. (Beyond tone deaf, "Massacre Mitch" just ran a political ad featuring his political opponents' tombstones!)

Lastly, please Google "Shannon Watts We're Winning." The founder of "Moms Demand Action," Watts is positive the sensible gun control movement will ultimately prevail. My fingers are crossed. (That might explain any typos.)

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RULES

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Planning Commission.

On Wednesday, the Planning Commission voted that the city council adopt standards that aim to preserve the character of single-family neighborhoods, which will replace a set of temporary standards the city council passed last February expire in November.

The commission recommended reducing the size of homes relative to their lots. New one-story homes would cover 50% of the lot and new two-story homes would cover 45%. Homeowners remodeling their existing home could cover up to 55% of their lot.

"People are concerned about privacy, and if we want to discourage people from looking into each other's yards, then let's encourage single-story houses," said Commissioner Elisa Paster.

The standards make it more appealing to renovate homes rather than tear them down by requiring homeowners to add new parking if they rebuild their house. Currently, parking requirements kick in when a house is expanded by more than 50%.

But the standards relax other parking requirements in single-family neighborhoods, which are the only parts of the city where parking must be within an enclosed garage. If the house is next to an alley, the garage must be on the rear half of the lot.

The commission recommended eliminating garages as a requirement and allowing parking to be located behind the facade of a house.

While garages may be on the way out, the standards would encourage a different type of structure outside the main house: accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, which homeowners build in their backyards and rent out. In Santa Monica, the structures may be up to 800 square feet.

The commission recommended relaxing some specifications that make ADUs difficult to build and continue the precedent set by the temporary standards by exempting ADUs from total lot coverage calculations, so homeowners could build them without worrying about running up against lot coverage limits.

"To me, ADUs are a pretty painless way to help solve partially the housing crisis we're facing," said Commissioner Leslie Lambert. "We should all be on board with that."

The development standard also include new specifications that regulate building height, the proximity of buildings to the edges of their lots and the size of outdoor spaces, such as decks.

The temporary standards set to expire in December set a limit of 28 feet for single-family homes, which the new standards would maintain for lots smaller than 20,000 square feet. For larger lots, buildings with flat roofs could be up to 28 feet and buildings with pitched roofs could be up to 38 feet.

The individual square footage of upper-story balconies, terraces and roof decks could not exceed 300 square feet and would have to be set back at least seven feet from the edge of the lot.

Second stories could cover 25% of the lot under the proposed standards, which is 5% larger than what the temporary standards allow.

The council will vote on the development standards Sept. 24. The commission recommended letting the new standards take effect Jan. 1.

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