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Dozens of homeless have set up shelters along the railroad tracks west of J Street between Prosperity and Cross avenues on April 3. RON HOLMAN

Here's how Tulare is dealing with its homeless crisis

Sheyanne N Romero
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Heather Burns knows what it's like to live on the streets. She knows the temptation, the fear and the loneliness that comes with being homeless.

On Thursday, she spoke about her experience during Tulare's homeless ad hoc committee meeting.

"I'm extremely passionate about the homeless," Burns said. "It's very important this homeless problem be resolved."

Burns, like many Tulare residents, wants to see action taken by the community to end homelessness — or at least put a dent in it.

"Being homeless is being constantly trauma-

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Police Chief Wes Hensley talks about how Tulare Police Department is responding to the homeless crisis on Thursday. SHEYANNE N. ROMERO

Parents who tortured children get life in prison



Louise Turpin and David Turpin were sentenced Friday to life in prison in Riverside, Calif. The couple pleaded guilty in February to torture and other abuse of their children. WATCHARA PHOMICINDA/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER VIA AP

Brian Melley
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RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A California couple who for years starved a dozen of their children and kept some shackled to beds were sentenced Friday to life in prison, ending a shocking case that revealed a house of horrors hidden behind a veneer of suburban normalcy.

The conditions inside David and Louise Turpin's home in suburban Los Angeles came to light only after one of their daughters fled and pleaded for help from a 911 operator. The parents pleaded guilty in February to neglect and abuse.

The sentencing was preceded by the first public statements from some of the children, who alternately spoke of love for their parents and of what they had suffered, as the couple wiped away tears.

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Subpoena for Mueller report escalates probe

Lawmakers seek full version of the document

Lisa Mascaro
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee issued a subpoena Friday for special counsel Robert Mueller's unredacted report as Congress escalates its investigation of President Donald Trump.

"It now falls to Congress to determine the full scope of that alleged misconduct and to decide what steps we must take going forward," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. He expects the Justice Department to comply by May 1.

While Mueller declined to prosecute Trump on obstruction of justice, he did not exonerate the president, all but leaving the question to Congress.

Mueller's report provides fresh evidence of Trump's interference in the Russia investigation and challenges lawmakers to respond. The risks for both parties are clear if they duck the responsibility or prolong an inquiry that, rather than coming to a close, may be just beginning.

"My committee needs and is entitled to the full ver-

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Fate of accused child molester remains unknown

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A woman accused of sexually abusing two high school freshman-age boys was set to serve probation time for the alleged crime.

This week, Coral Blain, 41, was set to plead guilty in exchange for a six-year suspended sentence; however, the judge denied the agreement.



Blain

Blain is charged with 21 counts related to the sexual abuse of two minors. Among the counts are oral copulation, sexual intercourse and showing a child pornography.

Following a March 2018 preliminary hearing, where witnesses provided detailed testimony regarding the abuse, Judge Brett Alldredge gave an indicated sen-

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