More than a dozen homeless people have died in recent years

BY BLAKE NELSON

Sometime between Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday’s morn-
ing, the temperature became unbearable.

Brittany McKinney was in a tent downtown. Clugging up near a friend wasn’t enough, her body heat from her dog, a young husky mix, was gone. She needed something else.

The 38-year-old placed a square of tin on a plate and set both on the tent’s floor. Then she blended a bit of pepper, a squeeze of hand sanitizer, and what she called a fire. It was ignited.

“Tried to make a blanket of warmth over the pile,” she recalled in an interview. “Thank God.”

Dropping temperatures are creating new risks countywide for the thousands of people who sleep outside and pulling more people inside on an already strained shelter system. Even though San Diego is warmer than many cities, the next few days in the 40s and forecast are warning of nights in the 30s. Plus, wind gusts that will add to the chill,

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BY TAMMY MURSA

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What they found will stir the debate over monitoring stations and how well the data collected can be used to remedy the situation. Unconfirmed discharge of contam-

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gion is a long-standing concern.

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Move intended to improve service also raises some concerns

BY JEFF MCDONALD

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nia educators are supplementing their retirements through a special program of the San Diego County Office of Education, creat-
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