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Santa Monica Pier evacuated just days before previously scheduled emergency evacuation test

Yesterday afternoon, a man claiming to possess a bomb physically climbed the 130 foot-tall Ferris Wheel on Santa Monica Pier only days before a specially organized training exercise designed to evaluate a new evacuation procedure is due to take place this Thursday.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) the subject was heard by witnesses claiming that he was in possession of a bomb. Officers evacuated Pacific Park and the Pier and the Crisis Negotiation Team were able to speak to the subject despite the overwhelming noise from the Pier. He was later removed, held in custody and transported to a local hospital for assessment. The Pier eventually reopened to the public and thankfully no explosive or incendiary device was found.

Emergency scenarios, whether they be natural disasters or man made problems, are taken very seriously as removing thousands of people from the city's most famous landmark is a huge task. The need for preparation has motivated the SMPD, Fire Department and Coast Guard to develop a multi agency training exercise to better prepare for the unlikely event of a disaster-induced rapid evacuation.

"In our line of business, we always have to think about the worst case scenario and plan for it and hope for the best," said Doug Woodhams, Sergeant with the SMPD's Directed Action Response Team.

In this case, the training exercise – which has been planned since May of this year – will involve a tactical scenario with people trapped on the West end of the Pier, but details are being kept under wraps for now.

According to the official blurb that accompanied the volunteer application form, "No single city agency can fulfill the prevention role alone; there must be a whole-of-community approach that brings together government agencies, community leaders, and service providers.

"We must build trusting relationships and actively share information about potential threats in line with privacy and civil rights protections. We must also partner with the public to build trust, encourage reporting of genuinely threatening activity and support turning those at risk away from violence."

Since it first opened on September 9, 1909, the pier has endured some dangerous situations, mostly from storm damage but local officials are looking for inspiration for this week's drill from an unexpected source: Jolly Old England.

Woodhams says that both the SMPD and the Santa Monica Pier Corporation have worked in collaboration with the Brighton Pier Group Plc in East Sussex, England.

And in fact, a little known truth is that Santa Monica is a sister city to Brighton, or "twinned" as it's more often called in the UK.

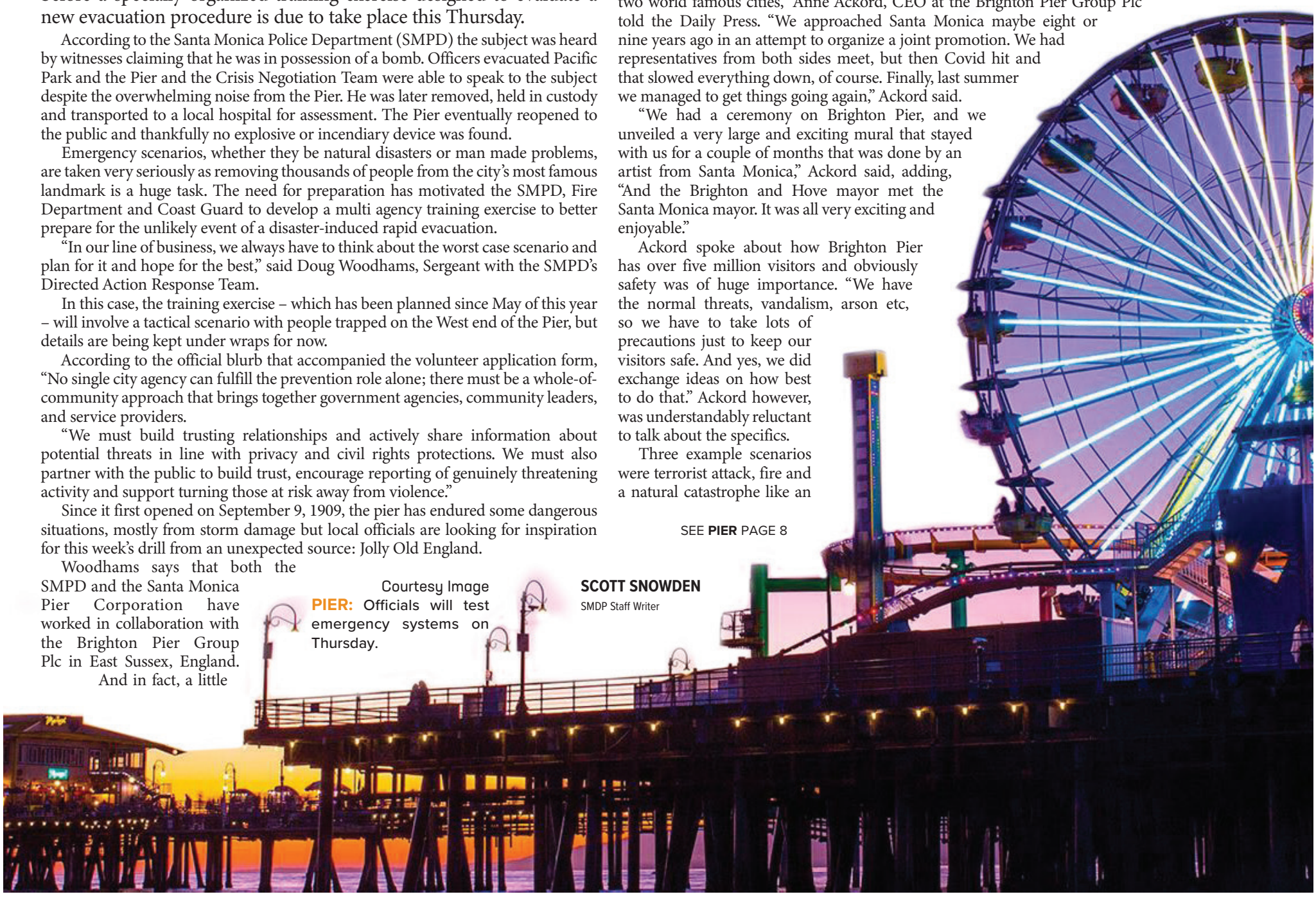
"The two piers were definitely a key factor in that. Two world famous piers in two world famous cities," Anne Ackord, CEO at the Brighton Pier Group Plc told the Daily Press. "We approached Santa Monica maybe eight or nine years ago in an attempt to organize a joint promotion. We had representatives from both sides meet, but then Covid hit and that slowed everything down, of course. Finally, last summer we managed to get things going again," Ackord said.

"We had a ceremony on Brighton Pier, and we unveiled a very large and exciting mural that stayed with us for a couple of months that was done by an artist from Santa Monica," Ackord said, adding, "And the Brighton and Hove mayor met the Santa Monica mayor. It was all very exciting and enjoyable."

Ackord spoke about how Brighton Pier has over five million visitors and obviously safety was of huge importance. "We have the normal threats, vandalism, arson etc, so we have to take lots of precautions just to keep our visitors safe. And yes, we did exchange ideas on how best to do that." Ackord however, was understandably reluctant to talk about the specifics.

Three example scenarios were terrorist attack, fire and a natural catastrophe like an

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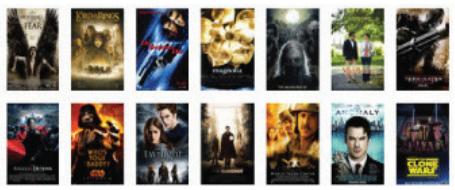


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PIER: Officials will test emergency systems on Thursday.

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Students to drop and cover for earthquake preparedness

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For environmental events, specifically disasters, awareness and preparedness play a key role in keeping residents safe. Students at Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will take a step this month to remain prepared in the case of arguably California's largest environmental disaster threat.

On the morning of October 19, students across the district will be taking part in the 2023 Great California ShakeOut, an earthquake preparedness drill that SMMUSD Community and Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker says is "an annual opportunity to engage our school sites in a comprehensive earthquake drill and gauge how prepared we are in the event of a significant emergency." The district will mobilize its Emergency Operations Center for the drill, coordinating with all school sites and the district office to practice designated roles.

Sponsored by the Earthquake Country Alliance, the annual drill will have students practicing the "drop, cover, hold on" steps in class settings. The "drop" step is to fall onto hands and knees, a position that protects from being knocked down by an earthquake and reduces the chances of being hit by falling or flying objects.

"Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects," the Alliance wrote on the ShakeOut webpage. "It is extremely important for a person to move as little as possible to reach the place of safety he or she has identified, because most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking."

The "cover" step is to cover the head and neck with one arm and hand, along with crawling underneath a sturdy table or desk for shelter. Finally, "hold on" means to stay put until shaking stops, holding onto a table or desk shelter with one hand in case it shifts during a potential quake.

"(The ShakeOut) provides the opportunity to review our plans, practice, update supplies and empower all students and staff with what to expect if an earthquake were to occur," Pinsker said. "It provides time for all students and staff to identify safe places wherever they may be in case of an actual earthquake."

Several recent earthquakes in the Greater Los Angeles area, though small in magnitude, emphasizes the potential threats a quake could bring to Santa Monica. On Oct. 6, the city was in the range of a 1.5 magnitude earthquake with an epicenter off the Santa Monica Freeway in Culver City, according to earthquaketrack.com. Santa Monica was also in the range of a 2.6 magnitude quake originating in the Windsor Hills area on Sept. 16.

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According to the United States Geological Survey, Southern California has the highest level of earthquake risk in the United States, with over 300 faults capable of producing quakes of 6.0 magnitude or above. This risk adds to the urgency of getting students prepared, with SMMUSD students just some of the 9.1 million people registered to take part in the Oct. 19 drill.

"Millions of people live and work in earthquake-prone regions of the United States," the ShakeOut website states. "A major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation for one of these regions, but also affect the economy of the entire country. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine how well we survive and recover."

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Courtesy photo
EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS: Students at Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will take part in the 2023 Great California ShakeOut on Oct. 19, practicing the "drop, cover, hold on" safety steps.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project earns League of California Cities award

The League of California Cities awarded the 2023 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence to the city of Santa Monica for the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project.

Santa Monica's innovative water recycling project, known as the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project or SWIP, captures stormwater, urban runoff and wastewater for reuse as a sustainable water supply that provides for about 10 percent of the city's water demand.

SWIP was one of 10 city projects to earn the award, which recognizes programs and initiatives that enhance quality of life and delivery of services for the community.

"The SWIP is the result of nearly 10 years of planning and represents incredible foresight. We're now reaping the benefits of being ahead of the curve on water sustainability," Water Resources Manager Sunny Wang said. "We're predicted to have another wet winter, and instead of that water flowing into the ocean, we're able to capture it and keep it locally to replenish our groundwater supplies. I really appreciate Cal Cities recognizing the efforts that we've made for our community."

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Located beneath the Civic Center parking lot in Santa Monica, the SWIP is a first of its kind project that provides a new, sustainable and drought resilient water supply for the city. It's a key component of the Sustainable Water Supply Program to increase the city's water resiliency by bolstering local supplies. SWIP consists of three integral elements working together to produce up to 1,680 acre-feet per year of high-quality purified water: an advanced water treatment facility, a 1.5 million gallon stormwater harvesting tank, and upgrades to the Santa Monica urban runoff recycling facility. The final purified water is high-quality, safe to use and drought resilient. The SWIP has won numerous other awards and accolades, including the 2023 WateReuse Award.

"I could not be prouder of the work done by our Water Resources division to get SWIP open and operating for almost a year now," City Manager David White said. "Santa Monica continues to lead the way in innovation around sustainability, and the SWIP is a supreme example that will benefit the community for years to come. The SWIP brings us that much closer to water self-sufficiency, and also frees up water resources in the region, easing the burden on everyone. This is the kind of sustainable innovation that California needs, and we're so excited to set this example."

The League of California Cities is a nonprofit association with the mission of expanding and protecting local control for cities through education and advocacy. Established in 1982, the League's Helen Putnam Award for Excellence recognizes California cities for achievements that have made unique contributions to their community resulting in lower costs or more effective delivery of services. This year, out of 142 submissions, 10 cities were selected for their outstanding programs.

SUBMITTED BY TATI SIMONIAN, ACTING PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

The Pier

Santa Monica Aquarium Comedy Club

Celebrate the weekend with an intimate comedy event at Heal the Bay Aquarium in Santa Monica! Major headliners from Netflix & Comedy Central!

This week's 90-minute stand-up comedy show at the gorgeous Heal the Bay Aquarium will include major headlining comedians from film and TV. The Friday lineup includes Luke Null (Saturday Night Live, Comedy Central) and Jared Kassebaum (Comedy Album, Limestone Comedy Fest). Hosted By Sean Leary (Laughs on Fox, AGT, HULU).

Tidepool Touch Tanks and Sharks & Rays Touch Tank Exhibits from 7 to 8 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m.

Under the Santa Monica Pier, come see what Heal the Bay's work is all about: Protecting the people and animals who call the Bay home. With over 100 local species on exhibit, hands-on activities for small frys, and daily educational programs, our award-winning Heal the Bay Aquarium is the perfect place to immerse yourself in marine science without getting wet.

Donations to Heal the Bay Aquarium help support our marine education programs, holds polluters accountable, keeps our beaches and rivers safe, healthy and clean, and inspires thousands of students each year to become ocean stewards. Visit healthebay.org to learn more.

Tickets are $30 (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-aquarium-comedy-club-october-13th-tickets-703444540557). 1600 Ocean Front Walk,

Email seanlearypress@gmail.com for more information.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **66.4**

TUESDAY *FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Small but rideable surf continues off southerly swell mix (Southern Hemi S/SW and possible tropical SSE). Look for the cleanest conditions in the morning with increasing onshore westerly wind bump for the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY *FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Rideable surf off mixed swell from both the NW and SW/SSE. Not big, but enough to push a big board or fish. Wind looks like it could be light in the AM with maybe a little leftover crumble/jumble, with breezy onshore W wind for the PM.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny.
Tuesday Night: Patchy drizzle and fog after 11pm. Increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Wednesday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

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FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Grant ES Classroom Building Project

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) issues a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to invite the submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (Response(s)) from contractors to perform preliminary (preconstruction) services and construction services for the District's Grant ES Classroom Building Project pursuant to the lease-leaseback delivery method. (Ed. Code, § 17406.) The Projects construction cost is estimated to be between $20M and $25M. The Grant ES Classroom Building Project consists of construction of a new classroom building, demolition of 7 modular buildings and construction of a new playground area. The new classroom building is approximately 11,000 SF including 6 classrooms on the ground floor and an enclosed space above.

This Project is subject to the March 2, 2017, Project Labor Agreement by and between the District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (PLA). A copy of the PLA is included in "ATTACHMENT 3 – District's Lease Leaseback Contract" of the issued RFQ/P.

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The RFQ/P can be found on the SecureBids website at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2411SMSGrant. Electronic Responses must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023 via the SecureBids website, https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2411SMSGrant.

The successful contractor(s) shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if awarded a contract for the Project(s). The successful contractor(s) and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project(s) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Labor Code sections 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or on the Internet at: http://www.dir.ca.gov. Contractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 .

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JAMS STEM Building Project

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) issues a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to invite the submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (Response(s)) from contractors to perform preliminary (preconstruction) services and construction services for the District's JAMS STEM Building Project pursuant to the lease-leaseback delivery method. (Ed. Code, § 17406.) The Projects construction cost is estimated to be between $20M to $25M. The Project demolishes an existing classroom building and replaces it with a new STEM building. The building includes 9 labs, 5 dedicated office/storage spaces, and 1 teacher's lounge for a total of 23,000 SF.

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GET IT DAILY...

Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoes bill aimed at limiting the price of insulin

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Gov. Gavin Newsom has vetoed a bill that would have stopped insurance companies from charging more than $35 for insulin.

The bill would have banned health plans and disability insurance policies from imposing any out-of-pocket expenses on insulin prescription drugs above $35 for a 30-day supply. That would have included deductibles and co-pays.

Newsom, a Democrat, said earlier this year that California would soon start making its own brand of insulin. The state has a $50 million contract with the nonprofit pharmaceutical company Civica Rx to manufacture the insulin under the brand CalRx. The state would sell a 10 milliliter vial of insulin for $30.

"With CalRx, we are getting at the underlying cost, which is the true sustainable solution to high-cost pharmaceuticals," Newsom wrote in a message explaining why he vetoed the bill on Saturday. "With copay caps however, the long-term costs are still passed down to consumers through higher premiums from health plans."

State Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco who crafted the bill, called Newsom's veto "a major setback that will keep tens of thousands of diabetic Californians trapped in the terrible choice between buying insulin and buying food."

"This is a missed opportunity that will force them to wait months or years for relief from the skyrocketing costs of medical care when they could have had it immediately," Wiener said in a news release.

Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas that converts sugar into energy. People who have diabetes don't produce enough insulin. People with Type 1 diabetes must take insulin every day to survive.

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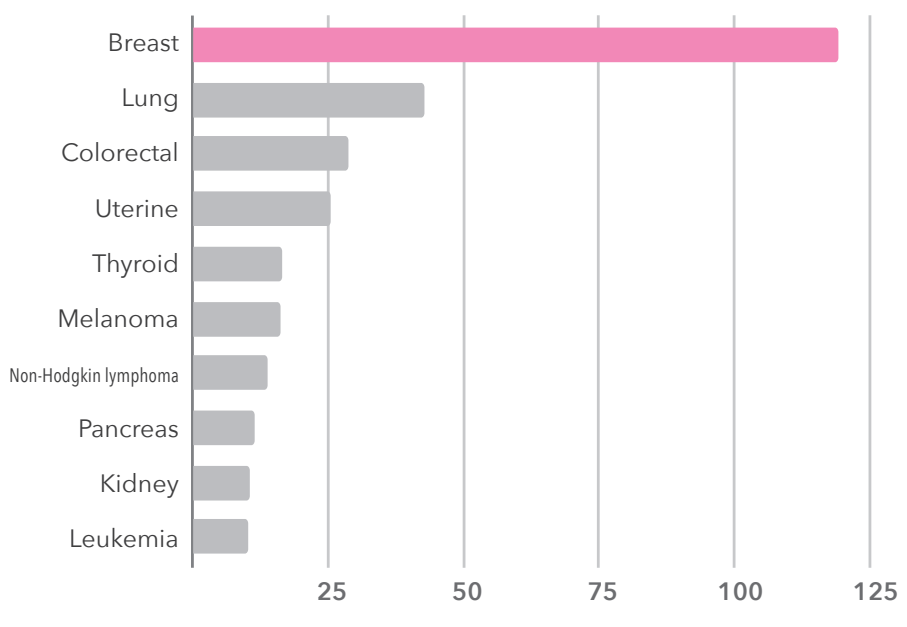
In January, California Attorney General Rob Bonta sued the companies that make and promote most of the nation's insulin, accusing them of colluding to illegally increase the price.

In March, the largest insulin makers announced they would voluntarily reduce the price of their products.

10 most common cancers
US Females

There will be an estimated 948,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed in American women in 2023. Nearly 1/3rd will be breast cancer.

Source: CDC, American Cancer Society. SMDP graphic



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FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Lincoln MS 500's Building Modernization Project

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Friends, survivors connect again for annual walk

Janna Boelke and Mande Raiher will be forever linked by their parallel paths.

Already longtime friends, the two had their bond blossom via unfortunate means. Both Boelke and Raiher were diagnosed with breast cancer within months of each other in 2020. Fighting together against the disease, especially during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, was what Boelke called "such a lonely experience to go through."

Through treatments, including both having a double mastectomy procedure done around the same time, the duo were officially labeled survivors. Raiher became a two-time cancer survivor after a prior battle with ovarian cancer. After her last surgery in October 2020, Boelke was looking for a way to talk to others about her journey, finally finding her outlet with the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk.

Still feeling linked to Raiher, Boelke reached out due to their parallel journeys, and both took part in the 2021 walk and fundraiser for the ACS. Starting the fundraising group with the comedic name of "JNM Breast Friends," the money given to the team was anything but funny. In three weeks time, the duo raised $27,000 for ACS, which they said was "unheard of" and the result of a strong support network.

"I feel noticed and understood and supported by people … during COVID, it was really hard, people didn't come see you … but there was something really meaningful that a whole year later, I still had people reaching out and (saying) I'm thinking about you on your journey," Boelke said.

The hardest part of the cancer battle for Boelke wasn't the diagnosis or the tough treatment, but the mental toll it took on herself and family. Now with the annual ACS walk, she's been able to connect with many others who were recently diagnosed, having emotional but necessary conversations about cancer.

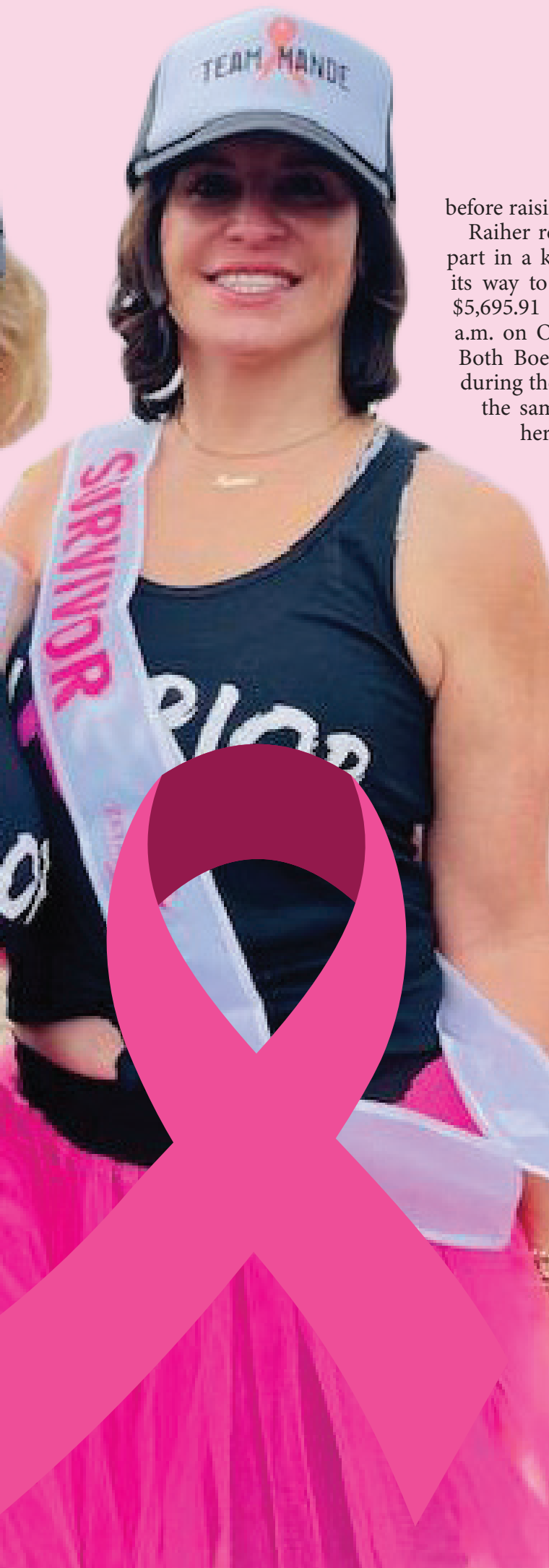
"(Cancer) was a very isolating experience … getting to share what we've gone through and then hearing other people and their feedback about how much they appreciated our honesty and vulnerability … was really special," she said.

Raiher said that the first fundraiser in 2021 enabled her to "realize my power" and understand that she was still mentally capable to take part in activities. An introvert by nature, she never shared much about her experience until opening up to those involved with the walk, allowing her to "surrender" and feel better about her spiritual journey.

"At that time, I was feeling much better in my body, and I really wanted to have the opportunity to give back in a way that I could help with research and development with raising the funds," Raiher said. "(I could) just be a voice for other people that did hear my story and give them some hope in life. If I could be that person, and touch one or two or three people, or make a difference in someone's life, I felt like I did my job."

After a successful 2021, Raiher had other obligations (namely her son's Bar Mitzvah) during the walk season, leaving the team in the hands of Boelke. The name was changed to "Worthe It To Thrive," based on the name of her employer, Worthe Real Estate. The real estate company became a flagship sponsor of the ACS event, contributing $15,000 in honor of Boelke's recovery





before raising around another $7,000.

Raiher returns for the 2023 fundraising cycle, taking part in a kickoff event in August. The team is well on its way to a healthy sum of donations, having raised $5,695.91 as of Oct. 6. The 2023 walk takes place at 8 a.m. on Oct. 28, beginning at the Santa Monica Pier. Both Boelke and Raiher have lived in Santa Monica during their time on the west coast, and the walk takes the same path Boelke would stride through during her cancer journey.

Boelke said that contributes to ACS research and development due to the importance of early mammogram screenings, saying while "everyone gives lip service" to getting screened, her breast cancer was detected through an early screening. For Raiher, DNA testing development is key, as a test during her fight with ovarian cancer detected that she was a BRCA (breast cancer) gene carrier.

The combination of helping ACS and getting exercise on their home streets was an easy sell for these friends and survivors. Getting their message of survival out to others is what's keeping them coming back year after year.

"I'm just letting people know that … you may feel like at the time that it's the end-all, but it's not, because here we are, two healthy women who are able to come on the back end of it and have a normal life," Raiher said. "I think that that's a really important message to tell people that, in the thick of it, it doesn't feel possible, but there is hope."

For more information on the 2023 ACS "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk, visit the ACS events webpage at https://www.cancer.org/involved/fundraise/making-strides-against-breast-cancer.html

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OCTOBER PROMO:

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PIER

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earthquake, tsunami and so on.

"It's all about the reaction time," Woodhams said. "It's going to be unpredictable, unforeseen. For whatever reason, if people are isolated at the end of the pier and cannot for any reason make it back to shore, if their escape route is cut off, we have to be able to evacuate them."

A number of different methods were tested at Brighton, including a rope ladder system that could allow evacuees to climb down to waiting rescue craft and according to Woodhams, over 1,000 volunteers helped test the concept. However, in addition to this, a chute system has also been considered for Santa Monica that would permit a more rapid escape.

"It's been several years since we last had a drill like this at the pier, and it's really important that we have them. Nobody wants to imagine a tragedy here, but knowing that our first responders are prepared for the worst is ideal for the comfort of our visitors," said Jim Harris, Executive Director at Santa Monica Pier Corporation.

"The 30 businesses on the Santa Monica Pier are excited to support the Santa Monica Police and Fire Departments in their critical incident training. While the pier will be closed to guests for a few hours, we believe that this training is essential to ensuring the safety and security of our pier and its guests," said Nathan Smithson, Marketing and Business Development Director at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier.

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SUSPECT: The suspect in yesterday's incident made his way onto the Ferris Wheel in Pacific Park and prompted an evacuation of the Pier after claiming to have a bomb. After more than an hour of discussion, SMPD and SMFD were able to remove the man from the area. SMPD said there was no evidence the man had any explosives with him during the incident.

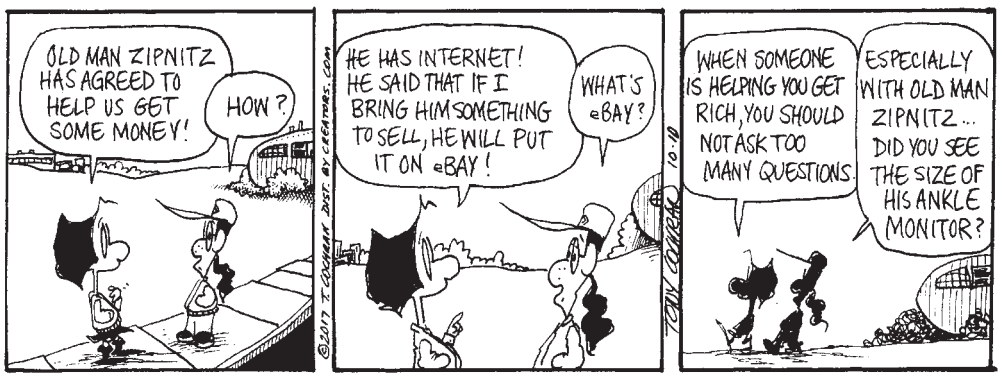


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BEACHES: The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) Environmental Health Recreational Waters Program, collects ocean water samples from various beaches and tracks bacteria levels on an ongoing basis. The Santa Monica Pier, the Windward storm drain in Venice and Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey all have elevated levels this week.

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



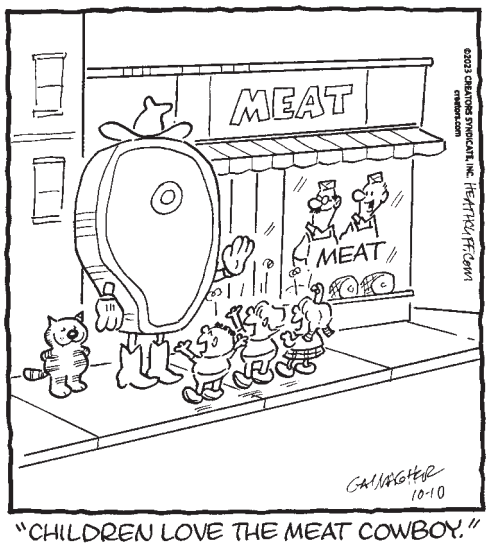
Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"CHILDREN LOVE THE MEAT COWBOY."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Weather or not?

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U A W R E A K I S A M A P S H
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 10)

Many know you and need you for a skill that you'll take to new levels this year. You'll be paid well, but be sure to spend well, too, because new developments happen while you're being frivolous and carefree! More highlights: A significant event makes a special relationship better than ever. You'll know the power of love in all its forms. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 29, 11, 13 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those closest to you know how to push your emotional buttons and will do so for various purposes including their own entertainment. You always have options about how to react, and surprising choices will keep everyone on their toes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If the offering only benefits the person offering it, it's a trap, not an opportunity. Go carefully forward, checking facts. The real deal is easier to see once you've weeded out the not-so-real deals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll lead by leaving people to complete the work together. The task matters less than its effects. After hours of doing a task together, a disjointed group will operate as one body. You'll be surprised what they come up with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The dynamic of a relationship will be like that of two magnets. When it's flipped one way, the two cannot be pushed together, and when it's flipped another way, they can't be pulled apart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When things don't go your way, it's only as big a deal as you make it. Letting yourself feel tormented by events is always an option, though you prefer the less energy-consuming route -- to come up with a new plan and try again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take excellent notes because months from now you'll be answering questions about why you made these choices. If you have the answers written down, you'll save time and energy trying to retrace your steps.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unlike the country song that suggests that it's possible to say it best by saying nothing at all, today's situation requires eloquence that silence won't be able to accomplish. The thought you put into it will count in the crucial moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your day is about more than what happens over the course of it. Your industrious, humorous, inventive response to events will spark good fortune far beyond what any single circumstance could create without you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To be so close and influential to someone that you can set them in a particular direction with just a look proves a bond. It is the hobby of some to test that bond, just to make sure it still exists.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The wind will blow every which way, something you can neither predict nor control. However, you can still use this to your advantage and travel quite far. Adjust your sails and let these gusts power your adventure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No matter how dark the night, there has never been a single instance, in 4.5 billion years, that the sun didn't rise over the horizon. In insecure moments, remember this one reliable thing and dozens more will pop to mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Appetites arise spontaneously and are driven by intense and unwieldy feelings. Though it seems you're not in control of what or whom you love, what you do control is the distance you put between you and your object of desire.

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

1	4	6	7	9	5	8	2	3
9	7	2	3	8	6	5	1	4
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Newsday Crossword

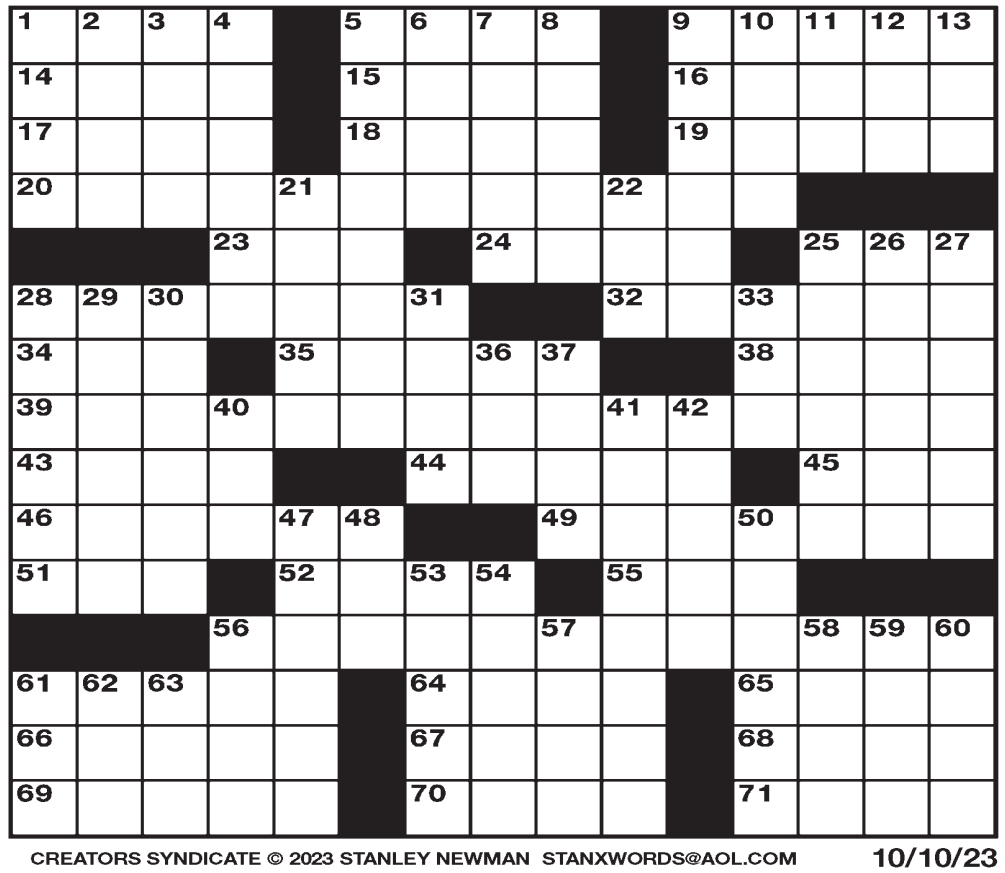
HIT THE TRACK by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS

1 Quite a few
5 Tax experts: Abbr.
9 Elbow or knee
14 Vicinity
15 Stir up turbulently
16 More unusual
17 Compact __ player
18 Bullets, for short
19 Black, as a flue
20 Pungent condiment quantity
23 Boy king of Egypt
24 Gather the harvest
25 Chesapeake, for example
28 "Paper or __?"
32 Swiss or cheddar
34 Possesses
35 Swimming pool measurement
38 Empty spaces
39 Stiff competition
43 "Zip-__-Doo-Dah"
44 No longer edible
45 Winter road hazard
46 Sailor guy
49 Warehouse platforms
51 Summer hours in VA
52 Throw lightly
55 "Give __ break!"
56 Help to recall
61 Gather slowly
64 Wander about
65 A Great Lake
66 Ancient artifact
67 Above
68 Gas used in signs
69 Hunter's gun
70 Ballpoints
71 Little kids

DOWN

1 Parents' anti-DWI org.
2 Opera solo
3 Loch __ monster
4 Posh pleasure boats
5 More sly
6 Majestic display
7 Person pointing at the target
8 Ski trail
9 Publisher Pulitzer
10 Skunk's weapon
11 Wedding assent
12 Tennis court divider
13 Attempt
21 Perform better than
22 DC lobbying group
25 Kid's retro cap
26 Facet of an issue
27 Emphatic agreement
28 Sentence segment
29 Sang the praises of
30 Pinlike, per the simile
31 Navy noncoms: Abbr.
33 Self-esteem
36 Explosive initials
37 Pile
40 Opposite of masc.
41 More than a single 56 Down, informally
42 Free-for-all fight
47 Immediately
48 Yuletide quaff
50 Show sorrow for
53 Razor sharpener
54 Rude push
56 Penal institution
57 Tied, as a score
58 Triple-decker cookie
59 Funny person
60 Longings
61 Guard dog's warning
62 Luau neckwear
63 Santa's helper



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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 10

TUESDAY TALES: A FIRE PREVENTION STORYTIME
This fun and engaging weekly series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations every week. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

TRADES INTERN INFORMATIONAL MEETING
In-person informational meeting about the Trades Intern program will take place in the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Ave Park. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 11

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICARE
Barry A. Sikov, Independent Licensed Health Plan Advisor, presents an educational seminar and answers your questions about Medicare. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 3 p.m.

TODDLER STORYTIME
Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library
501 S. Venice Boulevard 10:30 a.m.

ANIMAL FEEDING DEMONSTRATIONS
Swim by and visit the Aquarium every Wednesday to observe local marine animals, and watch live feeding demonstrations by Aquarium staff. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk

ED BEGLEY JR. IN CONVERSATION WITH MARY STEENBURGEN & TED DANSON
Beloved actor and environmental activist Ed Begley Jr. shares hilarious and poignant stories of his improbable life from his new memoir TO THE TEMPLE OF TRANQUILITY... AND STEP ON IT. $48 to $70 — general admission, signed book & virtual viewing. Moss Theatre, 3131 Olympic Blvd. 8 - 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 12

HORROR BOOK TASTING
Sample horror books from our handcrafted menus! Select up to nine books from some of our favorite horror subgenres and find your next spooky read. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP ON SANTA MONICA BELOW MARKET HOUSING (BMH) PROGRAM - SPANISH INFO SESSION
The Santa Monica Housing Division staff will be hosting an informational workshop about the City's Below Market Housing (BMH) waitlist and program. This session will be conducted in Spanish. The workshop is intended for applicants to learn more about the process of this important program which connects qualified households with vacancies occurring in more than 2,600 affordable residences across the City. The English session will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at the same location. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 6 - 8 p.m.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Library Board consists of five members appointed by the City Council for a four-year term. The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. The public is welcome to attend.

TECH & TASKS
Need a little help? Visit the Tech & Tasks program to receive one-on-one assistance from volunteer tutors and build your skills. Staff and volunteers can assist with reading, writing, and technology related tasks. Drop-in between 2-4pm every Thursday to get help with completing online forms and applications, resume writing, device help, improving reading skills, email, downloading eBooks, and much more. Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 13

READ THE ROOM: A TAROT + COMEDY SHOW WITH JARED GOLDSTEIN
A professional tarot reader and a slightly less professional comedian team up each month to interpret the tarot cards of audience members. The Crow Comedy Club, 2525 Michigan Ave., F4, $20. 8 - 9:30 p.m.

FORMULAE & FAIRY TALES
Formulae & Fairy Tales reimagines Alan Turing's mind, life's work, and mathematical discoveries through projections, original music, and choreography. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. $25 to $70.

MOVIE FRIDAYS
Freaky Friday. 1200 Block of Third Street Promenade (between Arizona & Wilshire) WHEN: Doors open at 6:30, the movie will start at 7:30

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 14

BREAKTHROUGH FOR BRAIN TUMORS (BT5K) WALK
The annual BT5K raises critical funding for research and supports services for patients, caregivers, and families. 8 a.m. Tongva Park.

ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN! FOR AGES 2 TO 102
the classic Family Theatre Halloween musical for Kids 2 to 102 – the heartwarming Rudie-DeCarlo tale of the aptly-named Candy, a sweet young girl who learns some surprising lessons about life, love, laughter, and sugar, from a delightful array of characters who take her on a magical All Hallow's Eve adventure $12.50 to $15.00—Kids $12.50; Adults $15 Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street. 2 - 3:15 p.m.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS

LEASE LEASEBACK (LLB) RFQ/P #24.08.SMS

FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Roosevelt ES TK/K Classrooms and Library Building Project

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) issues a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to invite the submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (Response(s)) from contractors to perform preliminary (preconstruction) services and construction services for the District's Roosevelt ES TK/K Classroom and Library Project pursuant to the lease-leaseback delivery method. (Ed. Code, § 17406.) The Projects construction cost is estimated to be between $35M to $40M. Project consists of demolition of 3 portables and 2 classrooms and the construction of a Library and TK/K Building, TK/K Play Area, Outdoor Classrooms, Library Courtyard, a new Campus entry, and an exterior renovation of Building J. The new building includes a 5,000 SF Library, 7 TK/K Classrooms at 1,350 SF and a Teacher Workroom / Storage at approximately 1,600 SF.

This Project is subject to the March 2, 2017, Project Labor Agreement by and between the District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (PLA). A copy of the PLA is included in "ATTACHMENT 3 – District's Lease Leaseback Contract" of the issued RFQ/P.

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The successful contractor(s) shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if awarded a contract for the Project(s). The successful contractor(s) and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project(s) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Labor Code sections 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or on the Internet at: http://www.dir.ca.gov. Contractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 .

If the District issues addenda to this RFQ/P, contractors are solely responsible for and must acknowledge receipt of addenda in the contractor's Response. Failure to acknowledge and respond to any addenda issued by the District may, in the District's sole discretion, render the contractor's Response to be deemed non-responsive. The District, at its discretion, may award the Project, as further set forth in the RFQ/P.

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