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Santa Monica's emergency services tested as hostage situation simulated on the Pier



Scott Snowden

TRAINING: Officers from multiple agencies came to the Pier last week to participate in an emergency training that involved hostages.

SIMULATION FOLLOWED JUST DAYS AFTER A REAL INCIDENT PROMPTED EVACUATIONS

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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Santa Monica Pier was closed to the public on Thursday morning and anyone in the vicinity of the legendary seaside structure would've noticed an unusually high police presence. Thankfully, this wasn't because anyone had climbed the Ferris Wheel claiming to have an explosive device, no, this was a large-scale training exercise designed to test and teach the Santa Monica emergency services, which had been planned six months ago.

The fact that a real-life scenario extraordinarily similar to the planned exercise had unexpectedly unfolded just two days before the simulation was scheduled to take place, was a staggering coincidence and if nothing else, just goes to show how important it is that our emergency services are prepared for anything.

Emergency scenarios, whether they be natural disasters or man made problems, are taken very seriously as removing thousands of people from one of the country's most famous landmarks is a huge task. Consequently, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), Fire Department and Coast Guard developed a multi-agency training exercise to better prepare for the unlikely event of a disaster-induced rapid pier 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.

A call went out for volunteers a few weeks ago and a crowd of approximately 50 had gathered in the early hours of Thursday morning. Thankfully there was a plentiful supply of coffee as we

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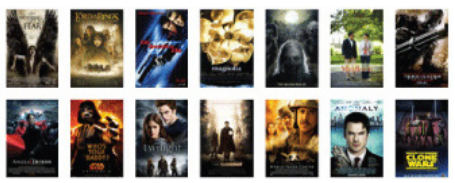
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Heal the Bay honored for past, present victories

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A local organization received commendation for its ongoing work in Santa Monica and beyond this past weekend.

Heal the Bay, a group dedicated to protecting the coastline and restoring waterways in the Santa Monica Bay along with Greater Los Angeles, received a Pongo Environmental Award for Environmental Organization on Oct. 14. The award, given by the Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF), highlighted Heal the Bay's efforts in shifting policy and creating conversation around environmental issues.

Accepting the award from OURF President and Co-Founder Gary Shapiro was Heal the Bay CEO Tracy Quinn, who stated that it was an "honor to be recognized" and that she is "really proud" to be part of an organization that uses science to influence policy and provide education.

Heal the Bay was honored due to its continued work, as well as policy victories of the past decade. In 2016, the organization was the catalyst of a grassroots campaign for Prop 67, which upheld a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags in 2016. Two years later, the group helped secure the passage of Measure W, which set funding aside to capture and reuse billions of gallons of stormwater each year.

The honor comes as the group once again helped influence California's water use habits. On Oct. 13, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Measure AB-1572 into law, legislation co-sponsored by Heal the Bay, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The law prohibits public agencies, restaurants, corporate campuses and other property owners from watering "nonfunctional turf" using potable water, beginning in 2027. This does not apply to the watering of residential lawns.

Initially introduced as a temporary measure by the State Water Resources Board in 2022, the formal prohibition was called "the lowest hanging fruit" by bill author Laura Friedman, D-Burbank, and echoes Newsom's goals of stretching the state's water supply.

"(Non-functional turf is) not being used for anything, and we can swap it out with drought-resistant plants that are just as beautiful, if not more beautiful, and that don't require so much water, so many pesticides, so much maintenance and so much mowing," Friedman told The Sacramento Bee.

Heal the Bay also recently collaborated with the public for 2023 Coastal Cleanup Day, which brought together over 7,000 volunteers across Los Angeles County to remove trash and recyclables from local watersheds and neighborhoods. In total, over 16,000 pounds of trash were removed, with over 97 miles of the coast cleaned.

The Pongo Environmental Awards, held at the Building Bridges Art Exchange within the Bergamot Station Arts Center, was the 9th annual event celebrating achievements in environmental work, with a "biodiversity matters" theme throughout the night. Hosted by NBC environmental correspondent Dagmar Midcap and featuring comments from longtime actor Ed Begley Jr., the ceremony featured the award presentations along with a live auction benefiting OURF. Also receiving awards were photographer and Earth Vision Institute founder James Balog, as well as Indonesian conservation group Forum Konservasi Leuser.

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD: Heal the Bay CEO Tracy Quinn represented the group at the Pongo Environmental Awards, where the group received an award for Environmental Organization at the annual ceremony.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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How liberal California compares to Florida, Texas on social media regulation

DAN WALTERS

The dichotomy between blue and red states – in essence California vs. Florida and Texas – has played out in many arenas on many specific issues, including immigration and abortion.

The whole nation will get a full dose of the running conflict next month when California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat who's obsessed with building a national image, debates Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a declared 2024 Republican candidate for president, on national television.

Meanwhile, an ironic twist to the rivalry has developed over how the competing states seek to force social media companies, such as X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook, to toe the official line on content that runs afoul of their very different ideological outlooks.

When it reconvened this month, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to examine laws in Florida and Texas that would prohibit social media outlets from barring controversial political speech. The laws were enacted after both Facebook and Twitter suspended former President Donald Trump's account.

The Texas law, now on hold, would classify social media companies as common carriers such as public utilities and require them to disclose their "moderation standards" affecting what they allow to be posted, and declare why they remove certain conduct.

The Florida law – similar in thrust – would prohibit banning certain users, such as journalists or politicians, and require social media companies to explain the rationale for each instance of content moderation.

In both cases, the social media companies say Florida and Texas are attempting to control how they edit their platforms in violation of the Constitution's right to freedom of speech.

"At bottom, government 'may not ... tell Twitter or YouTube what videos to post; or tell Facebook or Google what content to favor,'" Scott Keller, an attorney for internet trade groups, told the court in a petition.

The issues before the Supreme Court are remarkably similar to a lawsuit filed in federal court this month by X Corp. against California, alleging that a 2022 law violates its free speech right as well.

The law, Assembly Bill 587, also bores into the standards that social media use to moderate content, requiring them to make extensive disclosures to the state Department of Justice. The measure was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and is aimed at pressuring the social media companies to remove what the sponsor deems to be hate speech.

"The line between providing an open forum for productive discourse and permitting the proliferation of hate speech and misinformation is a fine one, and depends largely on the structure and practices of the platform," Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel, a Woodland Hills Democrat, said in a statement as his bill was being considered.

X Corp. claims that Gabriel's law violates the First Amendment because it interferes with social media companies' constitutionally protected editorial judgements, requires them to post terms "dictated by the government," and pressures them to remove content the state "deems undesirable or harmful."

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> - Jesse Gabriel, Assemblyman

Fundamentally, then, while Texas and Florida accuse social media of being too eager to censor inflammatory content, the California law implies that they are not eager enough.

California, meanwhile, has rolled back another censorship law passed last year.

Assembly Bill 2098 threatened doctors with losing their licenses for "unprofessional conduct" if they openly disagreed with officialdom on the nature of COVID-19 or the vaccines used to battle the pandemic.

This year, a few words that repealed the law were slipped into an omnibus medical licensing measure, Senate Bill 815, that Newsom quietly signed. The repeal short-circuited what could have been another legal battle over censorship and the First Amendment and is a lesson about legislating without considering effects on constitutional rights.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **65.5**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Overlapping NW swells and lingering SSW swell looks to continue. AM wind looking light, mind the later AM high tide.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Up in size from Mon-Tue -- more NW swell mix looking likely with some modest SW swell in the mix to help shape up the combo breaks west of Dume. Early morning tide push pairs up with the more favorable conditions of the day.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 74.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

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2023/10/18	Wed	11:11 AM	5.76		H
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inhaled the salty sea air and watched the sun slowly blanket the beautiful coastline.

After the completion of all necessary registration forms, we were asked to divide up into several different groups. Meanwhile, members of the press had gathered on the bluffs of Pacific Park to play their part in maintaining as much realism as possible. This reporter however, was in the thick of it and had ended up in the group of volunteers that would represent hostages held captive in the arcade.

The simulated scenario set to unfold was that a high-speed pursuit involving officers from Culver City Police Department had resulted in the suspect's vehicle making its way onto the Pier. The SMPD responds and not only comes under fire themselves, but also discover a number of civilian casualties strewn up and down the Pier before the suspects barricade themselves in the Playland Arcade. It even included the element of fleeing civilians leaping off the west end of the Pier, albeit that was performed by trained divers, rather than volunteers.

"From evacuating the Pier to triaging hostages while coming under fire, the ability to utilize real-life locations in the City serves as the best opportunity to prepare our staff to perform at the highest level possible while under high stress situations," Myesha Morrison, SMPD Public Information Coordinator, told the Daily Press.

Once inside the arcade, two members of SMPD Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT) were roleplaying as the "suspects" since they were instructing the other members of the emergency services. Our group quickly dragged a number of pinball machines across the floor to block the exits and closed the shutters, to create as much of an authentic environment as possible.

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>
> - Jim Harris, Executive Director at Santa Monica Pier Corporation

The hostages were divided into two smaller groups of just three and four and positioned next to the north and south exits. Each suspect/SWAT instructor was attempting to confuse and confound the SMPD, who were in the process of surrounding the arcade. Every now and again a hostage was stood up and shown at the window together with the suspect pointing his handgun to illustrate the seriousness of the situation and test the patience of SMPD officers.

At the the north entrance, an exchange of gunfire took place — thankfully, paintball in this instance – during which one of the suspect/SWAT instructors saw an opportunity to engage approaching officers, who returned fire. Mimicking a highly probable scenario, the suspect used a hostage as a human shield, which ultimately resulted in civilian injury.

However, since this is tragically a very real possibility — and indeed, the suspects had already demonstrated a total lack of any concern for the life of innocent bystanders — this was an opportunity for another critical element of the crisis to be rehearsed by the emergency medical services as the "wounded" hostage, Nathan Smithson, was whisked away by paramedics.

"We made every effort to make this training as realistic and as challenging as possible, to force many layers of training. And it wasn't just Nathan, who got caught in the crossfire, it was several officers and that's what precipitated the whole thing, other officers were trying to effect a rescue," Woodhams told the Daily Press.

"Having a wounded hostage forced an additional challenge of priority decision making, having to resolve the situation in a timely fashion to render aid while facing the situation of a barricaded gunmen with hostages, which is one of the most challenging circumstances we could create. And we did not want to shy away from the difficulty of the circumstance, otherwise there would be very little training value," Woodhams added.

Now it was my turn to stand by the north entrance and I could hear the on-going conversation between the SMPD crisis negotiator and the suspect/SWAT instructor, the former trying to calm the situation down and the latter trying to maintain as high a level of chaos, stress and uncertainty as possible. It was eye-opening to say the least.

Eventually, a few hours later, and according to the story script, the suspects were convinced into letting the hostages go and we were released into the bright morning sunshine and instructed to act dazed and confused. As I was led away, I could see SMPD storm the arcade and bring out at least one of the suspects alive.

After the excitement was all over, everyone got together for a team photograph to celebrate the experience and it was exactly that, an incredible and insightful experience.

"I believe that the experience left everyone involved recognizing that Santa Monica has a very good, very well informed and very well trained team ready to respond to emergency situations," said Jim Harris, Executive Director at Santa Monica Pier Corporation, who was also one of the hostages in the arcade.

"While there was never any doubt from the Pier community, it is exercises like this that enable the Pier community — merchants, visitors and stakeholders — to rest a bit easier about the safety of our Pier visitors with the support of Santa Monica's highly prepared team of first responders," Harris said.

Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista told the Daily Press, "Realistic, immersive training like this exercise is crucial to building a department of officers who can respond to any threat to public safety in Santa Monica. We challenged our staff with a stressful, chaotic scenario using an iconic piece of our City infrastructure to make sure that we are as ready as an organization can be to handle any situation that puts our residents and visitors in jeopardy."

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Family, loved ones take on walk to remember

One set of family and loved ones will have a walk to remember this month, striding alongside residents of Santa Monica and beyond.

On the morning of October 28, the American Cancer Society (ACS) "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk will grace the Santa Monica Pier, Ocean Avenue and Palisades Park. The annual walk raises funds for the ACS, and strengthens bonds between breast cancer survivors and "thrivers," as well as caregivers and families.

The bond is especially strong with "Team MammoGraham," started by Susie Graham three years ago after her own breast cancer diagnosis. A team leader and major fundraiser, Graham told her family at the 2022 edition of the walk that she wasn't doing well with her fight. Though she kept a brave face, dancing and smiling like any other event, she stated that her treatment was destroying her liver.

A last-ditch effort for medication to counteract liver damage, which would allow Graham to continue chemotherapy, was unable to work. Just 19 days after the 2022 walk, Graham passed away, leaving loved ones devastated.

"To know her was to adore her, she was extremely involved (in our family), went to everything, was very supportive of everyone ... she was the one that was kind of like the glue," said Graham's cousin, Christina Coleman.

Joining "Team MammoGraham" herself two years ago, Coleman decided that Graham's legacy should be remembered in what she did with aplomb, providing infectious energy in the fight against breast cancer. Coleman kept the team alive for the 2023 walk, calling for funds to support the ACS.

"I know that's what she would want ... her team to raise money for this cause, this was a very important cause for her, obviously," Coleman said. "There's lots of people who love her ... I knew it needed to be done."

Sending out email blasts to her "Christmas card list," as well as prior members and donors to Susie's cause, Coleman began collecting donations. Setting a personal goal of $10,000 and a team goal of $20,000; the team sits at nearly $6,000 in donations with the walk month of October still to go. In total, the Santa Monica leg of the "Making Strides" campaign has raised $106,776 of a $220,000 goal, as of Oct. 4.

Coleman understands the power of fundraising events, taking part in the

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JDRF One Walk for years to support type 1 diabetes research, an ailment that Coleman's daughter has. For her daughter's 16th birthday party, Coleman recalls Graham building decor for a "Breakfast at Tiffany's" themed gathering, despite her lingering cancer.

"This was a woman who was literally fighting for her life and has been fighting for four years ... she had all this energy and she's dancing around, she's all smiles," Coleman said.

Coleman hopes to return the favor and keep Graham's legacy alive for one last gathering at the 2023 walk in Santa Monica.

"She was doing everything she was supposed to (even) when she was not surviving," she said. "I just felt that now that she's gone, I need to honor her, I need to honor her legacy. If she was still alive, no matter how weak she would've been ... she would've been team leader this year. She would've done it. I felt that it was really important that we do this at least this one last year, the last hurrah in her honor."

To learn more about this year's walk and how to donate, visit the American Cancer Society events webpage.

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Samohi Vikings falter in back-and-forth football battle

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A tightly contested game between Bay League rivals ended in the Santa Monica Vikings' second loss of the season, as the squad fell to Mira Costa at home on Friday. The 28-21 Mira Costa victory was the first win of the Mustangs' season, leaving the Vikings 1-2 in Bay League play and 6-2 overall in 2023.

After swapping touchdowns in the first quarter, sophomore quarterback Wyatt Brown found Griffin Seals for a 37-yard touchdown strike in the early goings of the second quarter, the second touchdown hookup between Brown and Seals. The Mustangs tied the game once again at 14 apiece later in the quarter, and were on the precipice of scoring once more before the end of the half until the Vikings defense forced a fumble deep in their own territory.

Heading out of halftime tied at 14, the Mustangs scored a third quarter touchdown to take the lead, one the opponent wouldn't relinquish for the remainder of the contest. The Vikings defense prevented another third quarter score with another fumble, this time forced by Caden Mccallum and recovered by Brandon Valdovinos.

The Mustangs scored again in the early fourth quarter, leaving the Vikings with a 14-point deficit. Trading possessions, the Vikings finally found the endzone with 5:27 remaining with a Mccallum run. Down 28-21, the Vikings completed a defensive stand with 3 minutes left, but a Mustangs punt left the offense within their own 5-yard line.

A final gasp for the Vikings started with two first down conversions by Brown, one with his arm and one with his legs, before an intentional grounding penalty stalled the drive. The Vikings were unable to make it into Mustang territory before turning the ball over on downs, ending the comeback effort.

Brown finished the game completing 19 of his 29 pass attempts for 290 yards and two touchdowns. The Vikings rushing game was unable to compliment Brown's passing ability, as the team mustered only 46 rushing yards.

After a 5-0 start, the Vikings have now lost two of the team's last three contests, and the squad will need strong showings against Redondo Union and Culver City to secure a CIF playoff position.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

SAMOHI FOOTBALL: Santa Monica Vikings junior Manny Lares (#24) lays a hit on a Mira Costa receiver during Oct. 13 action.

SAMOHI BOYS WATER POLO:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Vikings vs Mira Costa
Mira Costa wins **15-8**
Drarragh Flanders (Senior): 3 Goals
Joaquin Auger (Senior): 2 Goals
Pablo Rivera-Clark (Senior): 1 Goal
Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 1 Goal
Ronan Maynes (Junior): 1 Goal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12:

Vikings vs Palos Verdes
Palos Verdes wins 15-11
Darragh Flanders (Senior): 7 Goals
Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 2 Goals
Jackson Colby (Junior): 1 Goal
Lucas Hekimian (Senior): 1 Goal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13:

Ocean View Tournament vs Fountain Valley
Vikings win 10-9
Darragh Flanders (Senior): 8 Goals
Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 1 Goal
Ocean View Tournament vs John Burroughs (Burbank)
Vikings win 7-5
Darragh Flanders (Senior): 7 Goals
Saturday, October 14:
Ocean View Tournament vs Northwood High
Northwood wins 15-14
Darragh Flanders (Senior): 8 Goals
Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 4 Goals
Joaquin Auger (Senior): 1 Goal
Blase Londono (Senior): 1 Goal
Ocean View Tournament vs Palisades Charter
Vikings win 13-9
Darragh Flanders (Senior): 5 Goals
Nicolas Gorosh (Junior): 3 Goals
Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 2 Goals
Jackson Colby (Junior): 1 Goal
Blase Londono (Senior): 1 Goal
Ronan Maynes (Junior): 1 Goal
Vikings Record: 16-9
Next Game: Tuesday, October 17 vs Culver City

SAMOHI GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9:

Lady Vikings at Palos Verdes
Palos Verdes wins 3-0
Wednesday, October 11:
Lady Vikings at Culver City
Lady Vikings win 3-0
Lady Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 11-11 (4-6 Bay League)
Next Game: 2023 CIF Southern Section Girls Volleyball Championship Round 1 vs Beckman (Irvine), Thursday at 6 p.m.

SAMOHI CROSS-COUNTRY:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Vikings and Lady Vikings at Bay League Meet- Cheviot Hills Park

Varsity Boys 3-Mile Run:
Mira Costa- 24
Redondo Union- 56
Palos Verdes- 78
Santa Monica- 118
Peninsula- 131
Culver City- 155
Landon Kozmor (Junior)- 15:32.80, 12th overall
David Ervin (Senior)- 16:09.10, 26th overall
Brody Wilkes (Senior)- 16:09.40, 27th overall
Emerson Hill (Sophomore)- 16:13.40, 29th overall
Nico Lombard (Senior)- 16:26.70, 30th overall
James Faries (Sophomore)- 16:26.80, 31st overall
Peter Jarvis (Junior)- 16:48.50, 34th overall

Varsity Girls 3-Mile Run:
Palos Verdes- 51
Redondo Union- 54
Santa Monica- 58
Mira Costa- 59
Peninsula- 127
Culver City- 189
Phoebe Benun (Junior)- 17:25.40, 1st overall
Cleo Topp (Junior)- 18:27.90, 8th overall
Hawene Alomayehu (Senior)- 18:33.70, 11th overall
Matilde Martinez (Senior)- 18:35.90, 12th overall
Siena Tovar Burke (Junior)- 19:40.30, 26th overall
Crystal Gaitan (Sophomore)- 20:11.30, 31st overall
Maeko Gross (Junior)- 20:21.50, 34th overall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14:

Vikings and Lady Vikings at Manhattan XC Invitational- Van Courtlant Park

Varsity Boys 2.5-Mile Run:
Christian Brothers Academy- 51
La Salle College High School- 128
St. Johnsbury- 184
St. Anthony's- 211
Boston College- 216
Auburn- 242
Ithaca- 261
North Penn (Lansdale)- 263
Salesianum- 271
Ridge- 272
21. Santa Monica- 553
Landon Kozmor (Junior): 13:53.2, 94th overall
Nico Lombard (Senior): 14:08.5, 111th overall
David Ervin (Senior): 14:17.9, 126th overall
Kingsley Lin (Freshman): 14:19.9, 127th overall
Brody Wilkes (Senior): 14:27.0, 135th overall
James Faries (Sophomore): 14:28.6, 138th overall
Emerson Hill (Sophomore): 14:46.4, 154th overall

Varsity Girls 2.5-Mile Run:
Tatnall- 26
Champlain Valley Union- 72
Shenendehowa Central- 144
Padua- 146
Sayville- 162
Santa Monica- 163
Bishop Kenny- 171
Corning-Painted Post- 196
Cambridge Rindge & Latin- 198
Eastchester- 239
Phoebe Benun (Junior): 14:47.0, 6th overall
Cleo Topp (Junior): 15:50.4, 28th overall
Hawene Alomayehu (Senior): 16:18.1, 43rd overall
Matilde Martinez (Senior): 16:28.4, 50th overall
Maeko Gross (Junior): 16:40.1, 56th overall
Siena Tovar Burke (Junior): 17:21.9, 78th overall
Crystal Gaitan (Sophomore): 17:22.1, 79th overall
Next Meet: Saturday, October 21: Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational at Mt. San Antonio College

SAMOHI GIRLS GOLF:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Santa Monica Lady Vikings vs Mira Costa at Chester L. Washington Golf Course
Mira Costa wins 223-267
Frances Aguilar (Sophomore)- 41
Cash Henton (Junior)- 46
Kara Best (Senior)- 49
Aubrey Hayes (Senior)- 61
Aliyah Williams (Senior)- 70
Thursday, October 5:
Santa Monica Lady Vikings vs Mira Costa at Penmar Golf Course
Mira Costa wins 204-251
Cash Henton (Junior)- 40
Kara Best (Senior)- 45
Frances Aguilar (Sophomore)- 47
Aubrey Hayes (Senior)- 57
Aliyah Williams (Senior)- 62
Lady Vikings Record: 1-7
Next Match: Tuesday, October 17- League Qualifier at Skylinks Golf Course

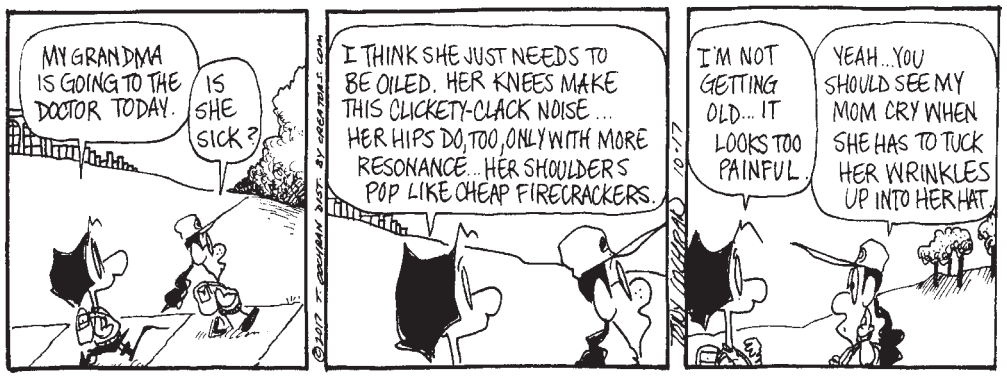
SAMOHI GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12:

Lady Vikings vs Lawndale: Lady Vikings win 7-6
Lady Vikings vs Hawthorne: Lady Vikings win 18-0
Lady Vikings Record: 14-3 (6-0 Ocean League)
Next Game: Thursday, October 19 vs Hawthorne, Lawndale

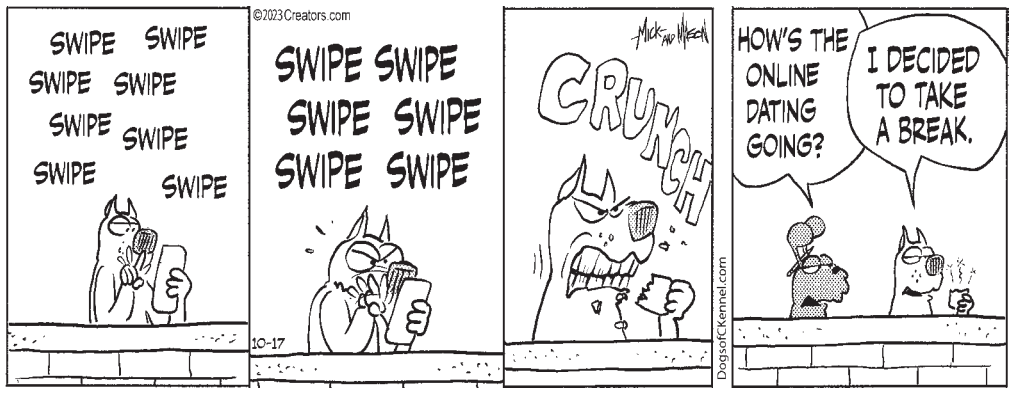
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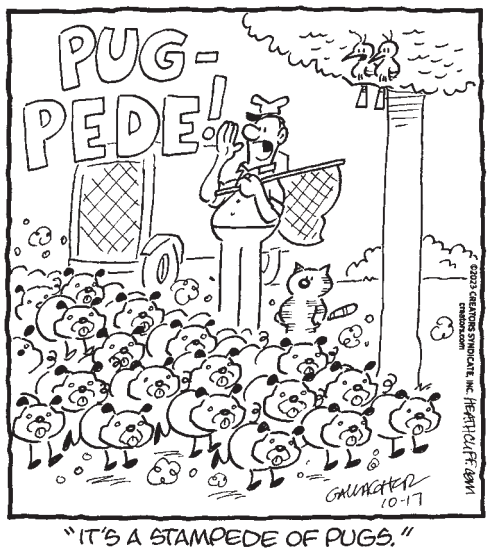
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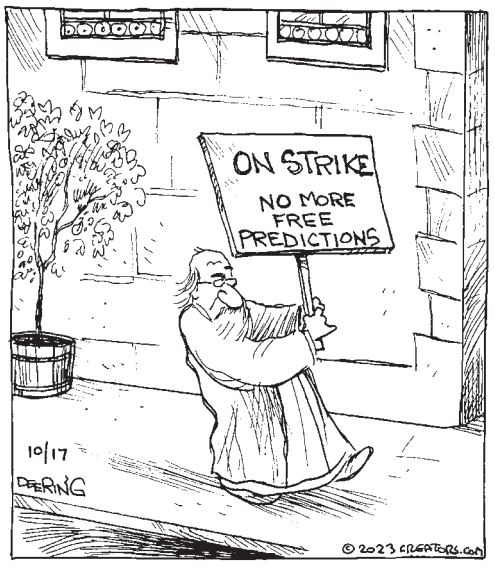
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"IT'S A STAMPEDE OF PUGS."

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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Beach	Gold	Office party	Sherry
Beer	Guest	Organise	Silver
Carols	Image	Pool	Sleigh
Church	Imbibe	Pork	Star
Crib	Joyful	Psalm	Stories
Dinner	Lord	Race	Sunny
Eggnog	Love	Refreshment	Surf
Food	Lunch	Rich	Sweets
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 17)

Welcome to your year of evidence! You will have proof that your love is well founded and abundantly returned. You will know your work and your personality are adored. More highlights: Agreements and alliances that satisfy mutual aims, a business deal helping you step into lifestyle changes you've been wanting, and greater intensity to your love life. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 3, 31 and 25.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like most people, your life includes a fair amount of stress. You have an uncommonly graceful way of dealing with it. Maintaining an upbeat mood has become your habit. You'll teach people around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An idea to keep in mind: Cooperation is mutual effort toward a common goal, not giving up your individuality. You are slow to commit because you take your commitments so seriously. Test the waters with a temporary arrangement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you know exactly what's being exchanged, it's not a game, it's a transaction. Doing a thing so many times that your prediction about the result is almost always right can be great for business, and no fun for play.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The action flows smoothly because you are excellent at managing expectations, including your own. It requires guesswork. You'll anticipate what people want from a situation and be three moves ahead at every juncture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You approach life with more curiosity today, which opens up intriguing options, especially socially. Talking to someone new or broaching fresh subjects with familiar people makes life suddenly more exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It may seem like money is flying out of your account, but experience is invaluable. And though people hang a certain price tag on things, the number is more negotiable than you would think. It won't hurt to ask.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be so good at letting go of the negative. A bad experience in the past just means you're due for a good one. Be patient with the way things are developing. Deeply rooted relationships take time to develop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In a fantasy, someone knows exactly how to treat you. In reality, someone needs comprehensive instructions, which is a lot of work. Keep looking for the kind of person who takes initiative, thus making life like a dream.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An endeavor becomes possible because you believe it is within the realm of possibility. Even so, you need more resources. Furthermore, there's something you must let go of before you can get them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The situation doesn't look great on paper, but don't decide until you see it face-to-face. There are factors in play that can't be accounted for in the flat assessment of words.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When motivation wanes, you'll ask yourself, is the aim exciting enough? Should it be higher, bigger or more beautiful? With the right goal, you won't have to push yourself because the goal will pull you along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Work brings you many things -- knowledge, stress, friendship, elation and frustration... and most importantly, it brings you money. Whether it is enough to even out the equation will be your big question of the week.

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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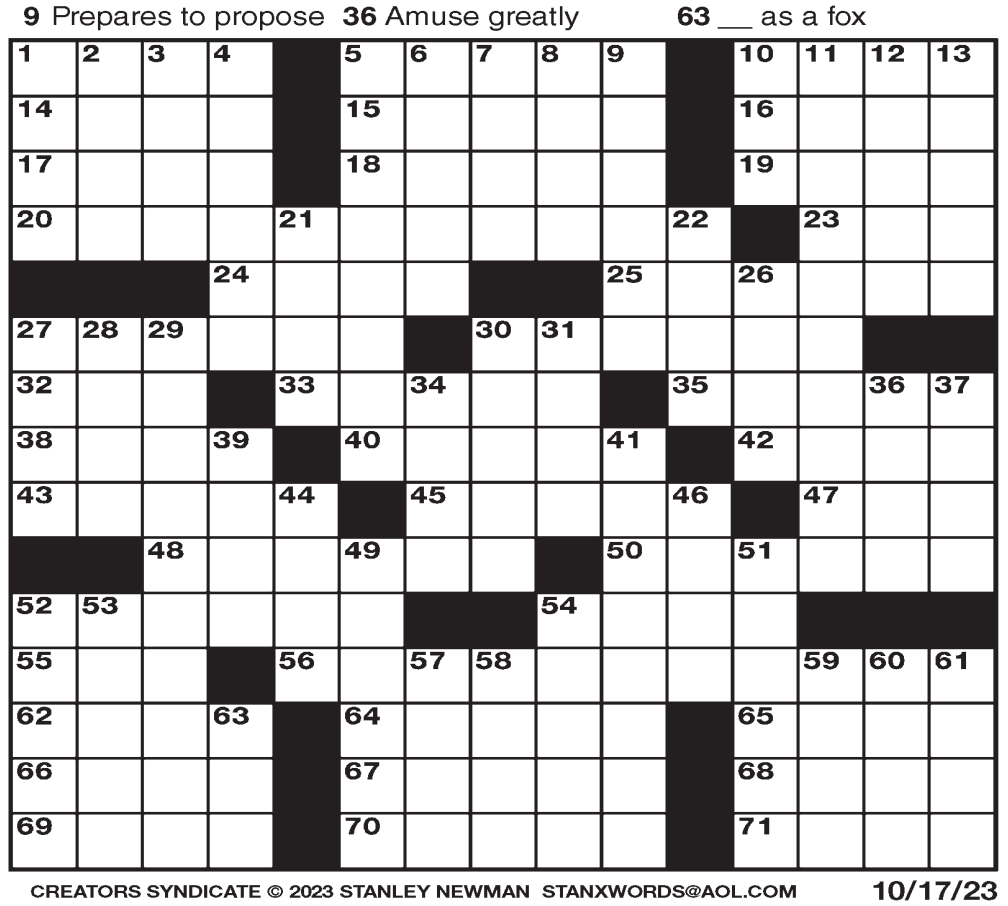
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ACROSS

1 Male singing voice
5 Noisy kiss
10 Ginger cookie
14 Rights advocacy org.
15 Dallas resident
16 "Present!"
17 Ladder rung
18 "Great minds think ___"
19 Sheep mothers
20 Kids' searching-for-kids game
23 Picnic pest
24 Disposes (of)
25 Crude shed
27 Crunchy dog food
30 Sounded shocked
32 College email ending
33 Fortune-tellers
35 Put faith in
38 Round toy on a string
40 Vapor from a radiator
42 Capital of Norway
43 Thick slices
45 Himalayan country
47 Serving of corn
48 Diet-friendly, as skim milk
50 Make brightly colored T-shirts
52 Difficult experience
54 Desserts with a crust
55 School kids' transportation
56 Cooperative compromise
62 Greek war god
64 ___ code (telegraphy system)
65 Corrosive liquid
66 Shopping center
67 Wisconsin or Wyoming
68 ___ bar (serve drinks)
69 Wartime partner
70 Thumbs-up responses
71 Feeling anxious

DOWN

1 Lavish party
2 Play's first part
3 Snow vehicle
4 Exceptionally good
5 Spectators without seats
6 Stirs together
7 Earth's rotation line
8 Birthday party dessert
9 Prepares to propose
10 "Steady as ___ goes"
11 Choices of condition at bookstores
12 "___ you clever!"
13 Green spaghetti sauce
21 Feels poorly
22 Retained
26 Prefix for space or dynamics
27 Lock openers
28 Much-admired person
29 Be a dealer in pre-owned merchandise
30 Say "Welcome!" to
31 Right away, in a memo
34 Sicilian volcano
36 Amuse greatly
37 Ripped (up)
39 Clarinet's cousin
41 Afternoon performances
44 Unexpected obstacle
46 Told a fib
49 Weak, as an excuse
51 Mansion on many acres
52 President after Bush 43
53 Of the countryside
54 Grade school glue
57 Cast a ballot
58 Chapters of history
59 Performed perfectly
60 Male monarch
61 Small whirlpool
63 ___ as a fox



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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 17

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons at the library, from crafting the perfect character to participating in a short campaign. Materials provided. No registration necessary. For ages 10-18. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 4:30 - 6 p.m.

ARTIST TALK: AKINSANYA KAMBON
Made in L.A. artist Akinsanya Kambon speaks with Dr. Bridget Cooks, professor of Art History and African American Studies at the University of California, Irvine, about his practice, which spans drawing, painting, bronze work, and ceramic sculpting while centering rich traditions in African art and storytelling. Akinsanya Kambon. Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd. 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP ON SANTA MONICA BELOW MARKET HOUSING (BMH) PROGRAM
The Santa Monica Housing Division staff will be hosting informational workshop about the City's Below Market Housing (BMH) waitlist and program. 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. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 6 - 8:01 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 18

COMPUTER CLASS - LIBRARY APPS & MORE
Learn how to access ebooks, stream audiobooks, videos, and music, and read Consumer Reports and the NY Times Online, all for free with your Library card. Bring your tablet or smartphone. For all levels. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30 - 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp. 2200 Virginia Ave.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE: A SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION
Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with this museum exhibition (6:00 p.m.); a screening (7:00 p.m.) of the 1991 CityTV documentary, Pride and Prejudice, that explored and honored Santa Monica's LGBTQ+ community; and a panel discussion (7:30 p.m.) with the documentary's subjects Judy Abdo, Terri de la Peña, Torie Osborn, and Sheila Kuehl. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St. 6 - 8 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
The Planning Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 19

JOB HUNTING HELP WITH CHRYSALIS
Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. October's selection is A Thousand Steps by T. Jefferson Parker. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 6 - 7 p.m.

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER
You really won't want to miss out on this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind with friends and loved ones all while celebrating Santa Monica's cheer. 200 Santa Monica Pier 3 - 10 p.m.

THE GETTY VILLA EXHIBITION TOUR
Get an insider's look at our featured exhibition(s) during this 30-minute tour. Tours are first come, first served. Please arrive at the Tour Meeting Place up to 15 minutes before the start of the tour to secure your spot. Getty Villa, 17985 Pacific Coast Highway. https://tickets.getty.edu/Online/default.asp

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 20

FEAR OF HEIGHTS
Odyssey Theatre Ensemble presents the West Coast premiere of a hilarious and heartwarming story about an Irish American kid's phobias, family life and the meaning of success.Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, $30, boxoffice@odysseytheatre.com, (310) 477-2055

DISCOVERIES FROM THE TAR PITS
Drop by to learn some of the lesser known stories of the Tar Pits, including active research and recent discoveries. Topics change daily. La Brea Tar Pits and Museum, 5801 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, (213) 763-6300, https://tarpits.org/calendar/discoveries-tar-pits-0

THE CULVER STEPS 'MOVIES AT THE STEPS' — MATILDA
Each movie will begin at sunset and will be shown outdoors (weather permitting) at the center's iconic steps; attendees are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on. Complimentary one-hour parking at The Culver Steps as well as complimentary popcorn and water (while supplies last) will be provided. THE CULVER STEPS, 9300 Culver Boulevard, Culver City.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 21

OUT OF THE DARKNESS GREATER LOS ANGELES SANTA MONICA WALK
The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we care about and love. Come and participate in the walk or our many activities. Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, 9 -10 a.m.
https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE
Coinciding with the Open Streets Festival in October. Ask a gardener a question that's been "bugging" you, or just enjoy the unique habitat. 2318 Main Street, 12 - 2 p.m.

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of award-winning current and classic fiction, held via Zoom. Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. October's selection is 10 Minutes, 38 Seconds in This Strange World by Elif Shafak. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDER: SHAPES
Explore shapes and the possibilities of bubbles with Bubblemania! For ages 2-5. Limited space; registration required. To register, email: library@santamonica.gov. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

GOURDS AND GHOULS
Oh my gourd is this going to be a fun day. Art Activities for kids, pumpkin pancakes on the griddle, and decorating the garden in preparation for Halloween. Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd. 9 - 11 a.m.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 22

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

26TH ANNUAL L.A. CANCER CHALLENGE 5K WALK/RUN
Runners and walkers are lacing up for the 26th Annual L.A. Cancer Challenge 5K Walk/Run (LACC) held a UCLA. The Halloween-themed charity race is hosted and produced by the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research who continues the fight to advance much-needed pancreatic cancer research. UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue. $45. http://www.lacancerchallenge.com/

FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WEEKEND CONCERTS
Enjoy free live music on the plaza at Fisherman's Village. Select Saturdays and Sundays year-round, weather depending. Summer hours are 2-5 p.m.; winter hours are 1–4 p.m. Free admission. 1 - 4 p.m. Moving in Stereo (Cars Tribute band). 13755 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 23

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION
Santa Monica Arts Commission meeting starts at 6:30pm. Public Art Committee meeting commences 5:30pm. Main Library Community Meeting Room on the second floor - 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

BABY TIME
Introduce your child to storytime with interactive books, bounces, and more! Free tickets are available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 0-17 months. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

AIRPORT COMMISSION
The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City. 7 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 24

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING 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. 10:30 - 11 a.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

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. 5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. October's selection is The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson. 7 - 8 p.m.

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