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DTSM begins search for new security provider



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PROMENADE: Officials are looking for a new company to provide private security following the surprise collapse of the previous contract.

After the shock announcement that private security firm Covered 6 had pulled out of the contract to patrol the 3rd Street Promenade, the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board has voted to move ahead with a Request for Proposal (RFP) from other similar companies.

The decision essentially resets the process back to square one albeit with a tighter deadline for companies to bid on the contract following weeks of uncertainty.

Earlier this year, the City Council unanimously voted to approve a proposal from the DTSM Board to replace its existing community ambassador program with Covered 6 to provide extra security and community services within the downtown area.

The contract with Covered 6 had in fact been signed by all parties involved and were due to deploy in the first week of October before the company decided to backtrack and exercised an emergency escape clause.

As Eric Sedman, Chair, DTSM, put it, "I want everybody to be aware of the fact that we weren't just one yard from the goal line, we'd made it to the endzone and now we've been called back for a technical."

POTENTIAL COMPANIES HAVE THROUGH OCT. 25 TO BID ON THE PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACT FOR THE PROMENADE

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

An email was sent to Santa Monica City officials late on September 27 asking if Covered 6 was the right kind of company to work in Santa Monica. Within that email, claims were made that an individual named Bryce Eddy was or had been associated with Covered 6 in some way. The email did not say what role Eddy played in the company, but included links to a number of YouTube videos where he is named as affiliated with the company and pictures of him at their facility. Within 24 hours, Covered 6 made the decision to pull out and terminate the contract.

"I was disappointed by the email that came out that caused a problem here in Santa Monica, but I also have to say that the lack of tolerance for people who have different opinions with regard to social matters here in Santa Monica, is surprising to me," said Sedman, adding, "The fact that this is a community that's supposed to have so

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Pepperdine mourns loss of four seniors killed in Pacific Coast Highway crash

Pepperdine officials wrestling with the deaths of four seniors who were struck by a car sought to comfort students and faculty Thursday in a prayer service that recalled the young women as "bright lights with promise and aspirations."

Provost Jay Brewster gave that description of the Pepperdine University's Seaver College of Liberal Arts students and read each one of their names aloud: Niamh Rolston, Peyton Stewart, Asha Weir and Deslyn Williams. The four were among at least six pedestrians authorities said were hit by a speeding BMW as they walked along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, only a few miles from the private Christian university.

> "Keep loving each other through this tragedy"
> - Tim Spivey, associate vice president for spiritual life at the school

Brewster said the university was in despair from the deaths.

Sobbing could be heard from the crowd gathered at the school's gymnasium as speakers urged members of the campus community to turn to God and each other for solace at a time of heartbreak.

"Keep loving each other through this tragedy," said Tim Spivey, associate vice president for spiritual life at the school. "We are among God's greatest gifts to each other."

The students were walking along the coastal highway at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when Fraser Michael Bohm, 22, of Malibu, lost control and sideswiped at least three parked vehicles. The four women were pronounced dead at the scene and the two others were taken to a hospital with injuries.

Weir was from Philadelphia and studying English, while Rolston, from Los Angeles, and Stewart, from New York, were both studying business, according to CBS Los Angeles. Williams was from an Atlanta suburb and looking into becoming a veterinarian.

The 22-year-old driver was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. The crash is under investigation.

"None of this makes any sense," university President Jim Gash said. "Our world has been shattered."

"We must grieve and hope at the same time," he added.

After the crash, law enforcement officials said more needs to be done to make PCH safe. The road remains dangerous both in Malibu and through Santa Monica.

Lt. Erika Aklufi with the Santa Monica Police Department said unsafe speed a near universal factor in accidents and while the conditions change as the road passes through Santa Monica, PCH remains dangerous up to and during its transition into the 10 freeway.

"Speed is generally the prime causal factor," she said. "That's always been an issue on PCH. People drive way too fast."

That danger often manifests in rollover accidents inside the McClure tunnel where speeding drivers fail to make the turn but it also becomes dangerous when cars turn into or exit beach parking lots.

Aklufi said speed is such a frequent cause because many drivers fail to adapt to the specific situation, regardless of the posted speed limit.

"When we say unsafe speed, that doesn't mean exceeding the speed limit, that means they're going too fast in that moment," she said.

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The news in a day, a roundup of last week's headlines

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

SPLIT COUNCIL VOTES 4-3 TO PARTICIPATE IN LITIGATION OVER NEW 'ZERO BAIL' SYSTEM:

A contentious closed session during an Oct. 10 meeting of Santa Monica City Council concluded with a 4-3 vote to join a lawsuit over Los Angeles County's newly implemented Zero Bail system. Integrated into the county on Oct. 1, every police agency must follow the new system that largely eliminates the need for cash bail while evaluating the severity of the crime, a suspect's risk to the public and repeat offenses. The most serious crimes such as murder do not qualify for pre-arraignment release. The city will join a group of cities that filed a lawsuit to delay implementation of the policy, with councilmembers Phil Brock, Cristine Parra and Oscar de la Torre voting to join, along with Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete. Mayor Gleam Davis, as well as councilmembers Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick, voted against joining the suit.

HOMELESSNESS, ECONOMIC RECOVERY HOT TOPICS FOR POLICY INFLUENCERS:

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce held the first Santa Monica Chamber Policy Conference Oct. 12 at the RAND Corporation, bringing together leaders in their respective fields to talk issues pertinent to locals. Several panels tackled topics like homelessness, safety and economic recovery. The morning keynote address was given by Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, followed by the panels and a lunchtime address from Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis.

City Hall wants new security guards for the Santa Monica Pier:

On Oct. 11, the City of Santa Monica sent out a Request for Proposal inviting qualified companies to compete for a private security contract on the Santa Monica Pier. The initial term for the private security company is for one year, with four one-year renewals of the deal possible. Private security guards have worked the Pier since 2011, first from Allied Security, followed by CA Panther taking over in January 2022. The CA Panther contract was extended through Dec. 31 of this year, providing time to find a longer-term contract.

SANTA MONICA EMERGENCY SERVICES TESTED AS HOSTAGE SITUATION SIMULATED ON THE PIER:

The Santa Monica Pier was shut down on the morning of Oct. 12, giving space for a large-scale training exercise involving local emergency services such as the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD). The training acted out real-life shootout and hostage scenarios, just days after SMPD jumped into action on the Pier to arrest a man who climbed the Ferris Wheel claiming to have an explosive device. Officers were not told beforehand what the training scenario would be, keeping them on their toes throughout the exercise.

HEAL THE BAY HONORED FOR PAST, PRESENT VICTORIES:

Local environmental group Heal the Bay received the Pongo Environmental Award for Environmental Organization on Oct. 14, highlighting the group's efforts in shifting policy and creating conversation around protecting local waterways and coastline. The organization recently co-sponsored legislation, signed into law by California Governor Gavin Newsom, that will prohibit public agencies and restaurants from watering "nonfunctional turf" with potable water.

FAMILY, LOVED ONES TAKE ON WALK TO REMEMBER:

The American Cancer Society (ACS) will host its "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk on Saturday, with the path including the Santa Monica Pier, Ocean Avenue and Palisades Park. The annual walk raises funds for the ACS, with "Team MammoGraham" one of the top fundraising units. The group was started by Susie Graham in 2020 after her own breast cancer diagnosis, and is now in the hands of Graham's cousin, Christina Coleman, after Graham's passing in 2022.

RECYCLING START-UP RIDWELL EXPANDS TO SANTA MONICA:

After a successful expansion in other metro areas, Seattle-based recycling start-up Ridwell has expanded to Santa Monica. A subscription to Ridwell provides a pick up service for all waste items that are not included in the Blue Bin set of recyclables. Ridwell has grown to 80,000 members since its inception in 2017, increasing its userbase throughout cities like Seattle and Denver.

FRED SEGAL OPENS ON MONTANA AVE.:

Fred Segal, a famous Los Angeles fashion brand, is coming back to Santa Monica with a new store at 1533 Montana Ave. The brand had two stores at 5th and Broadway in the past, eventually selling one of the stores in 2012 and having the other space closed in 2014. Montana Avenue Merchants Association member Jane Walker said that the new store is a "perfect fit" on the avenue.

SCHOOL BOARD SCOPES OUT SAFETY PLAN:

During its Oct. 19 meeting, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education voted to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan for each district school. Each safety plan includes roles and responsibilities for faculty and staff members during an emergency, as well as emergency procedures and evacuation locations.

PROJECT LEARNING STUDENTS CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL PATH:

Testimonies by students within Santa Monica High School's project-based learning (PBL) pathway were recently featured in the book "Learning to Leave: How Real-World Training Transforms Education" by authors Elliot Washor and Scott Boldt. The PBL pathway is now in its 5th year, giving students 20% of their week to explore partnership and mentorship programs in the greater Santa Monica and West Los Angeles communities.

HOMECOMING CEREMONY SPOTLIGHTS SAMOHI'S BEST:

During halftime of the Samohi Vikings' Oct. 13 football contest, a special Homecoming ceremony was held with performances from the school's pep and cheerleading squads, as well as the "Greenies" hype team. Seniors Joshua Tang and Kara Best were selected

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **66.7**

MONDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

SSW swell on the way down, offering up modest surf. Keeping an eye on a potential rebuild in shorter-period NW energy. Would make for some fun, if not somewhat jumbled, peaks. Winds dicey at this point.

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Old SSW swell continues to fade for smaller surf. Potential for shorter-period NW swell to hold. Early morning winds looking light.

Weather

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 68.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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Annual budget review, plus continued items, promise to pack out Oct. 24 Council meeting

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Last week's City Council meeting may have set a new record as it drifted into the early hours of Wednesday morning before Mayor Gleam Davis called an adjournment at about 4 a.m. In fact, Davis warned Councilmembers then, that this forthcoming meeting, on Tuesday, October 24, would once again be "jam packed" as a result of a nearly four hour-long discussion on the Healthy Democracy lottery outreach proposal last week pushing other items into this week's agenda.

A considerable number of items are now listed on the agenda that have been carried over, including a request to support the Justice for Renters Act. The act will be before voters in the November 2024 election and would expand rent control rules throughout the state. The request comes from Davis, along with Councilmembers Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick.

Advocates say repealing the law known as Costa Hawkins will help local government address one of the root causes of homelessness--skyrocketing rents and unaffordable housing. The same trio are also asking the City to support and prepare for adoption of a new rule in Sacramento that would allow homeowners to sell small accessory dwelling units separately from the main property.

Councilmember Phil Brock is asking the city to prohibit the use of engineered countertops in Santa Monica following reports that the manufacture of those countertops is dangerous for workers.



Scott Snowden

COUNCIL: Tuesday's meeting will feature a rundown of the budget.

However, the 2022-23 fiscal year-end budget review will more than likely dominate most of the discussion items. As the summary states, "The year-end budget report is an opportunity to make time-sensitive adjustments necessary to close the City's books for the previous fiscal year and to ensure programs continue expeditiously in the new year."

Within this multifaceted discussion item, Staff will recommend among other things, that City establish new classifications salary rates for various municipal positions, including in the City Attorney's Office; revise certain user fees and charges, including recreational sites across the City; authorize the City to negotiate agreements with developers and existing businesses to provide funding to support coordination of large-scale development projects.

Another interesting item set to be discussed if time permits, is one related to procedure and policies on how a new mayor will be chosen. New rules established this year state the longest continuously serving Councilmember shall be selected as Mayor for a one year term, then rotating each December to select the Mayor in order of the next longest serving Councilmember.

If two or more Councilmembers were elected at the same election, the Councilmember receiving the higher number of votes shall be considered as having served longer for purposes of this provision. If two or more Councilmembers were initially appointed to serve at the same time, then when they each may first become eligible to be selected as Mayor, a coin flip shall decide who shall be considered as having served longer for purposes of this provision.

The Mayor Pro Tempore may be selected by simple majority vote without regard to this provision.

Mayor Davis is asking for the new rules to be immune from suspension by a future council.

Council will meet in City Hall, 1685 Main Street on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are available online via the City's YouTube channel.

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Why tiny homes will remain part of California's homelessness equation for years

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

Despite moving in to her new digs just a month ago, Darlene Pizarro and her white dog, Angel, are already regulars at the local dog run.

Pizarro's new place is not quite a city neighborhood and where she lives isn't quite a home, but a tiny home, one of 94 city-funded units for the homeless at that lot. But Pizarro, who last lived as a squatter in an abandoned house, was relieved to be there.

"Tiny home" describes a specific type of housing more permanent than a tent or disaster shelter, but less than a single family home, townhouse, apartment, or something else thought of as permanent housing. The structures — smaller than 400 square feet, often lacking either a kitchen or private bathroom — have become increasingly common in California's response to homelessness over the past five years, though opinions are split on how much to rely on them in years to come.

The site of Pizarro's tiny home, on Guadalupe Parkway in the city's downtown, opened in May as the newest of San Jose's six sites that aim to fill the steps between traditional, congregate homeless shelters — think "room full of bunk beds and cubicles" — and an apartment of one's own.

It boasts all the fixings of what homeless advocates say are best practices for temporary housing:

Individualized case management allowing residents to stay as long as they need to get permanent housing

Laundry and kitchen facilities

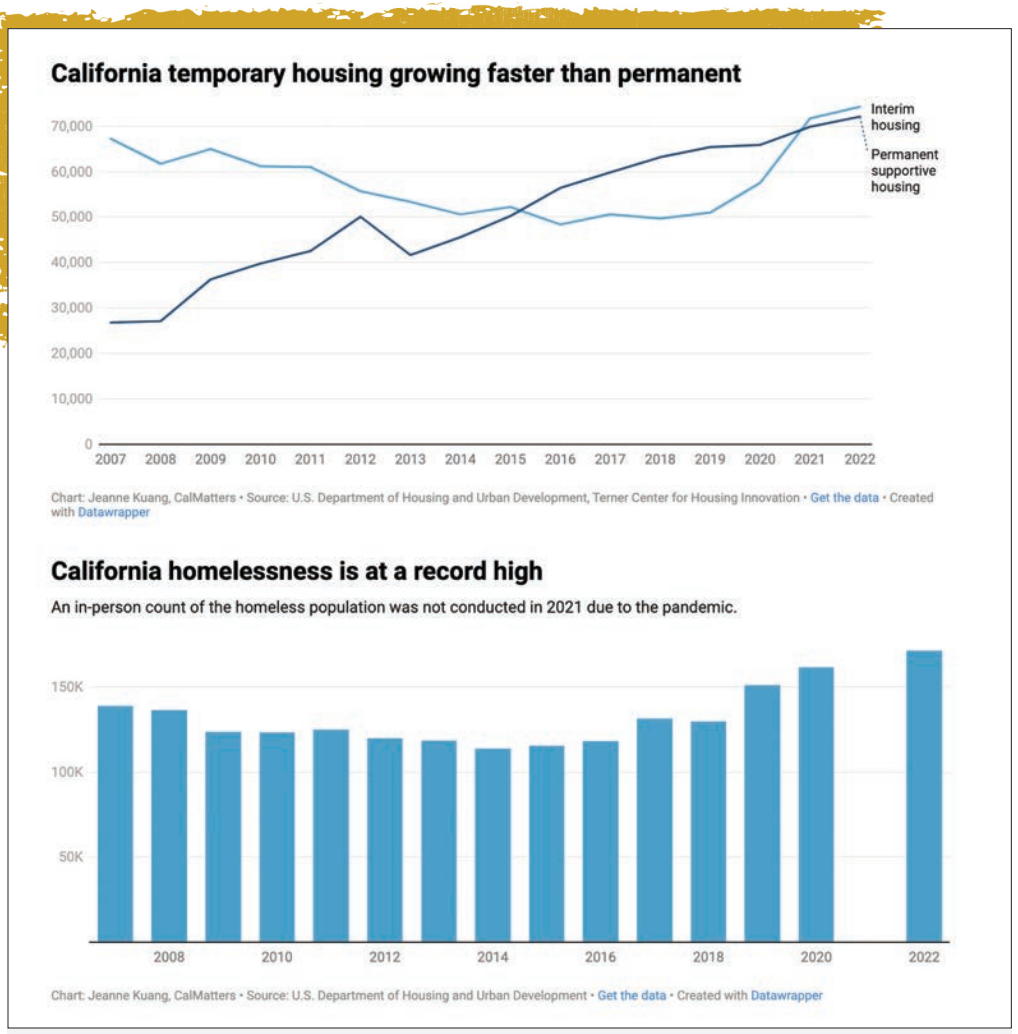
The privacy of individual rooms that lock, with personal bathrooms

Other elements that emphasize residents' dignity, like the dog run and weekly community events.

Tiny homes are sometimes called modular homes or, in the case of San Jose, "emergency interim housing." The city is all in, operating more than 600 such beds across six sites and building more. Mayor Matt Mahan attributes to them a recent 10% decline in the city's unsheltered population, and notes that of the 1,500 people the city has sheltered in its tiny home sites, 48% moved to permanent housing. That's compared to an average rate of 34% across Santa Clara County's shelters over the past three years.

Tiny homes are increasingly California cities' shelter option of choice for new sites to house the homeless. Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration earlier this year said it is sending out 1,200 units statewide. San Jose and Sacramento, each set to receive hundreds, recently said they had selected their sites; as of October the state is still selecting vendors to build the homes.

"They are our single best solution to the crisis on our streets," Mahan said.



Cal Matters

HOUSING: There's a debate over the value of temporary vs permanent housing.

THE RISE OF THE TINY HOME

Mahan's zeal to open more tiny home sites got him in hot water this year in an age-old debate over which end of the housing shortage to focus on: temporary or permanent.

Advocates of tiny homes say they're fast, cheap ways to get people sheltered immediately. Other longtime homeless advocates applaud tiny homes as improved shelter options, but are wary about over-relying on them in the long-term solution to homelessness.

"Non-congregate tiny homes are better than congregate shelter, but people are still homeless when they live there," said Jennifer Loving, CEO of the nonprofit Destination: HOME, one of the primary agencies coordinating Santa Clara County's response to homelessness. "You may be getting some more homeless folks into temporary shelter, but what about the hordes of people dying for an affordable place to live?"

In June, San Jose officials diverted $8 million of the city's $137 million in homelessness and housing funding from developing affordable housing to running and building more tiny homes.

Mahan initially proposed putting 36% of the housing funds, which come from a 2020 property sales tax, toward temporary housing and 53% toward permanent housing for low- and middle-income households (the remainder would go toward rental assistance and administrative costs). He called it a one-time diversion to address the homelessness crisis on the streets, while waiting on affordable housing that can cost more than $1 million a unit in the Bay Area and take years to build.

Advocates and several city council members pushed back on what would have been a dramatic shift from past spending plans, which put three-quarters of the funds toward developing affordable housing and 15% on shelter. The city passed a compromise budget that put 68% of the funds toward permanent housing and 21% toward temporary.

Loving said the only way to keep temporary sites successful is to keep developing permanent housing for residents to move into.

"People are tired of seeing homelessness and they're saying, 'Do something, now,'" Loving said. "I think these non-congregate shelters are being positioned as the, 'We're doing something now.'"

While California cities have been installing tiny homes for at least the past five years, it was the pandemic that thrust the potential solution into the spotlight.

California has for the past decade been shifting its focus from temporary shelter towards building permanent supportive housing: affordable, long-term living options that come with social services. Permanent supportive housing units have been on the rise since 2008 in California as the number of temporary spots fell, according to an analysis of federal data by the Terner Center for Housing Innovation.

But with a global pandemic and a record number of Californians falling into homelessness faster than the state could house them, officials turned toward non-congregate but temporary options like hotel rooms and tiny homes to keep people sheltered. In 2021, interim housing spots in California again exceeded permanent supportive housing units for the first time since 2015.

A SENSE OF PRIVACY

Also making the sites attractive are a host of modular housing companies springing up to offer tiny homes that are more livable.

Compared to flimsier and less fireproof prior models that evoked disaster zones, many tiny homes now include double-pane windows that can open, individual thermostats and doorbells. In San Jose, one site where the city broke ground this year will include some tiny homes that have private kitchenettes.

Though not all cities use them, many companies build modular units with en suite bathrooms, which residents say provide significantly more privacy and dignity.

It was the bathrooms that convinced Pizarro to accept an offer of shelter at the San Jose site last month.

The 67-year-old has been homeless five years and did not trust traditional shelters, where she said "you have to sleep with one eye open" to evade theft. With a stable place to sleep, Pizarro says she plans to look for retail work and apply for a housing voucher to get her own permanent place.

Others aren't ready to plan their next steps yet. Monica Rojo, 50, moved into her room in May after having lived at a creekside encampment with about 70 others.

As a woman camping alone, she feared violence constantly. She now feels safer, and since getting her own shower, she no longer feels the disdain of others when she walks into stores. She's personalized her room with photos of her three adult children in Mexico — two engineers and a nurse, she beams.

Rojo, a former janitor, said she's recovering from leukemia and depression and working on getting her IDs after most of her documents were stolen.

"This program opens the doors, for work, for everything," she said.

ADVOCATES SPLIT ON TINY HOMES

The more each tiny home feels like a real one, the more it costs — and the closer it inches to the "real housing" that advocates say is what actually solves homelessness. In San Jose, plumbing and utilities for the Guadalupe Parkway site drove the cost of each unit from $30,000 for the structure itself to more than $175,000. (Some of the cost was covered by philanthropy, city officials said.)

Mahan's aware of the tradeoffs. But he said he's striking the right balance by pushing for temporary shelter that is dignified, while folks wait for permanent housing.

"We all know the two extremes," he said of the spectrum of housing options, from camps to permanent supportive housing. "One is kind of the perfect solution, or as close to it as you can get. The other is abject human misery and totally unacceptable. I am of the opinion that we have to spend more, we have to put more of our emphasis on the lower rungs of the ladder, the side of the spectrum that is improving on sanctioned encampments."

Some in the tiny homes movement would take it even further.

Elizabeth Funk is CEO of DignityMoves, a nonprofit advocating for tiny home shelter sites. More than two years ago the nonprofit got San Francisco's only tiny homes village so far set up in mere months, with donated structures on a sliver of a city parking lot. Residents can stay as long as they need, with regular access to social and health care workers at the 90 structures. Funk said the site takes advantage of a lot that's in the yearslong

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

Santa Monica College Presents Pianist Marina Grozdanovic in Free Concert Oct. 26 Recital Features Music by Rameau, Couperin, Debussy, and Chopin

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present international pianist and music professor Marina Grozdanovic in a free concert on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 11:15 a.m. in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Grozdanovic will perform a program of solo piano music composed by Rameau and F. Couperin, plus two preludes and "L'isle Joyeuse" by Debussy, and three mazurkas by Chopin (Op. 63).

A music professor and pianist described by critics as "passionate, intensely introspective, and deeply expressive, Grozdanovic is the founder and proprietor of the prestigious Virtuoso Piano Studio in Woodland Hills, CA, and a co-founder of the L'estro armonico piano duo ensemble in collaboration with Maestro Sasha Zappa Bajcic. She is a winner of the Pinault International Piano Competition in New York, the Ibla Grand Prize International Piano competition in Italy, the

Phi Beta National Professional Association for the Performing Arts competition in Los Angeles, and numerous other awards. Her performing career includes solo, chamber, and orchestral appearances throughout the United States, France, Norway, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria, Serbia, and India.

The performance is free and will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, at 11:15 a.m. in the The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, located at 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica. Free parking on premises. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The concert is sponsored by the SMC Music Department.

With mask requirements subject to change, guests should visit smc.edu/coronavirus for up-to-date details before heading to the concert.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323.

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Los Angeles

Five Reasons to Adopt a Dog from LA Animal Services

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and the six LA Animal Services Centers are filled with dogs who need a home. To encourage our animal loving community to adopt and welcome a canine friend into their home, they're offering the following reduced adoption fees for dogs ($51) and puppies ($75), as well as cats ($12.50), and kittens ($25) during:

OCTOBER 28 & 29: HOWL-O-WEEN ADOPTION WEEKEND

Many animals come to them through no fault of their own. Their families are going through tough times and feel they can no longer have their pet. LA Animal Services dogs are full of love and friendship to give.

"Like many shelters across the country, our six LA City centers are experiencing increased overcrowding so adopting a dog during Adopt a Shelter Dog Month is an ideal time to adopt and change a dog's life by welcoming them into a loving home," said Staycee Dains, General Manager for LA Animal Services. "Adopting a dog also is an incredibly rewarding experience. The companionship and unconditional love you will receive are simply priceless."

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month was established by American Humane in 1981 in an effort to bring the estimated three to four million animals waiting in shelters to get a loving home.

FIVE REASONS TO ADOPT FROM LA ANIMAL SERVICES

LA Animal Services has five great reasons to adopt a pet from LA Animal Services so you can celebrate Adopt a Shelter Dog Month with a new furry friend:

You will help relieve the overcrowding in our six LA City shelters as we have 1,344 dogs in need of a new home; and when you adopt, you make life-saving space for other animals with nowhere else to go.

You are giving a pet a second chance for a loving home.

When you adopt from LA Animal Services, your dog or cat goes home with you already spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped as well as treated with flea treatment to ensure their health.

Free dog training classes with our friends at Paws for Life K9 Rescue at their People and Pets Innovation Center in Mission Hills.

You get a friend for life who can offer you unconditional love and companionship.

ADOPT A PET TODAY

Adopters receive a Petco flyer with discounts to help make their pet adoption a success; and a VCA Healthy Start Certificate, which provides up to $250 of follow up veterinary care within the first 14 days of adoption. In addition, dogs adopted from LA Animal Services are also eligible for free dog training classes at the Paws for Life K9 Rescue. Contact Info@pawsforlifek9.org for more details.

View the pets in Centers who are available for adoption or fostering by going to laanimalservices.com.

MORE WAYS TO CELEBRATE ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

Donate and make a difference to help the pets in LA.

Be a part of the Share Squad and get the word out to help LA animals find homes and create more awareness on how to keep animals safe and healthy.

Volunteer and make a difference in the lives of animals in care.

Apply for a job at LA Animal Services. LA's Targeted Local Hire program fast tracks qualified candidates into city employment, including working for LA Animal Services. Candidates begin their career as an Animal Care Attendant providing hands-on care to animals in our shelters. Visit https://lalocalhire.lacity.org/target-local-hire to learn more or sign up with a TLH referral agency.

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DTSM

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much tolerance, but to attack somebody who has a different opinion, or is associated with somebody who has a different opinion, I think was completely wrong."

This meeting was the first time the board, gathered members of the public and the press had heard an official account of events from the DTSM Chair along with the chance to speak openly on the subject.

"At no time through the process of selection, or after selection, did I feel DTSM made a wrong decision, I still feel that it was the right decision to move forward with covered six," Sedman said, adding, "I spent a lot of time at their training facilities and understanding their philosophy about training. I think they're a top notch organization."

"I'm particularly disappointed in anyone on this board that doesn't open their mind to look at a vendor for what they can produce and offer our community and constituents and we will get something behind that as part of the selection process," Sedman said.

"It's not our job, our job was to select the best vendor for the programs with this board wanting to move forward. The decision with regard to cover six withdrawing from the contract was their decision alone. It was not caused by any one event, it was an accumulation of several events.

"I have heard people talking about how it was either my fault or Andrew's [Thomas, CEO] fault or somebody at the city staff level's fault or even a council person's fault or the Mayor's or Mayor Pro Tempore's. Nothing is further from the truth," Sedman said. "The fact is that under the deployment opportunities that were developed through the policies and procedures, and the contract negotiations with the city, Covered 6 made a business decision not to deploy it in Santa Monica."

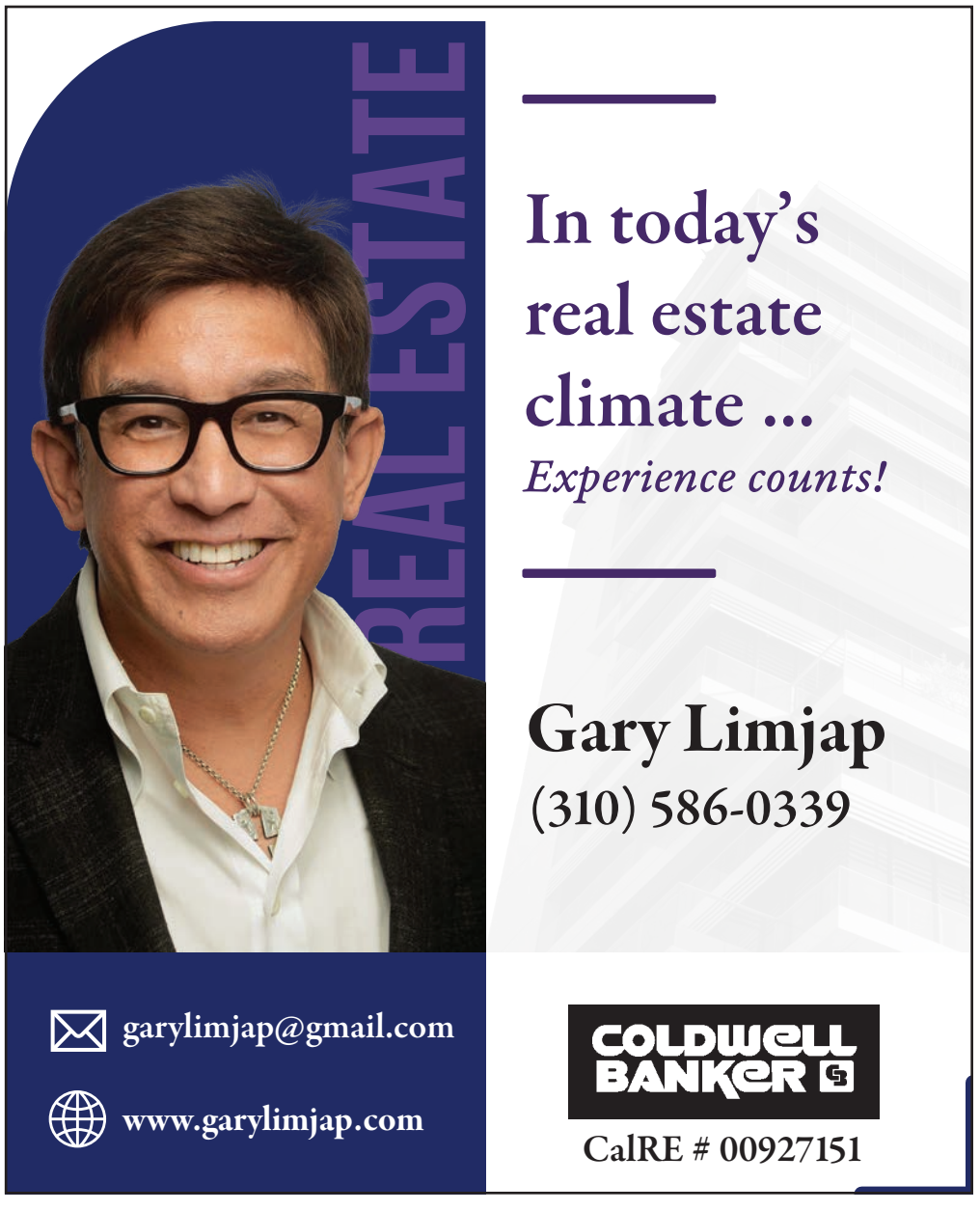
Jeremy Ferguson, Operations Director for DTSM, said that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) had been sent out to 20 companies and the deadline for responses was October 25. It is hoped that a new private security company will be able to start within 30 days of officially being selected and Sedman that the proposal will not need to be brought up in front of Council again unless there are major revisions to the terms and conditions of a new contract.

Not every DTSM board member has jumped and down with joy in the past at the prospect of hiring an external security company to patrol the Promenade. However, concerns expressed in this meeting mostly revolved around the need to have at least two or three organizations present to the board, along with the reiteration of the need to hire a competent, capable company.

After some discussion, the board voted unanimously to move ahead with a motion for a process of identifying a minimum of two companies to bring before the board based on staffing draft recommendation. The board will then have an opportunity to conduct any additional research and background checks before a presentation from each will be given.

"Our selection process for choosing a private security company is guided by a commitment to compassion and a strong sense of support for our local community, including those who are unhoused and the dedicated members of our police department," Ferguson told the Daily Press, adding, "We believe in fostering a safe environment for all and our selection process reflects our dedication to this process."

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BECOMING SANTA MONICA

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MILES WARNER

A few weeks ago, my wife and I trotted into our first grader's class excited to meet her teacher and get a sense of what was ahead for our energetic and bright little girl. It was back to school night at Roosevelt Elementary and her teacher, a seasoned pro, started in on how this was going to be a big year for reading. First grade is one of those transitionary years, where there is a jump in the kind of work kids do.

After a bit our teacher stopped her presentation, and you could see she was a little frazzled as she told us she was going to need extra parent volunteers this year. You see, she said, there are 26 kids in her class, and well, she's never had that many first graders. She explained that between her aide and herself, it'll be hard to get enough one-on-one reading time with each kid, while making sure the other kids are properly engaged and occupied.

Now parents of all stripes worry about their kids' education, but parents of younger kids are particularly concerned, because we know that these are formative years and that our kids are more fragile and need more help to succeed. So this request and noticeable concern from our teacher created considerable alarm. Someone in the room suggested that maybe the board is trying to save money on teachers so they can buy the Civic Center (more on that in the future). Eventually the teacher got back to her program.

We left the class, eager to catch up with the other parents and see how their first-grade presentations were. My wife, clearly shaken, asked "When can we afford to put her in private school?" She wife wasn't alone—two of the kids in my daughter's class did leave the school shortly after that night.

It turns out that the other three first grade classes are also over 24 kids, which is the teacher union contract recommended and California state local control funding formula maximum number of students that can be in a preK-3rd classroom. Later we found out there are 30 kids in our 4th grader's class, which happens to be the maximum for 4th-5th grades. (You should see the WhatsApp parent groups!)

The way Roosevelt stays in compliance is that it's measured through a TK-3rd grade average. So, because other grades at other schools are below the average, we're within the allotment Teachers know—and much of the research backs this up—class size directly affects success in the classroom. It also affects more vulnerable populations more drastically. So, if SMMUSD is trying to improve things for low-income kids and students of color, as it so often tells us, we would see this being of the highest priority. It clearly isn't.

This brings up all sorts of questions. The first, which we will return to almost certainly over and over again, is: why should you care? That's where we get into our civic identity and where our values fall. Because while the school board and superintendents are telling us what a great job they're doing, and asking for more and more bond money—that you're going to pay for when approved—you're relying on our schools to continue to be excellent. You're relying on that because for purely cynical reasons you want your property values to increase and because you want families to move here and invest emotionally and financially in the further well-being of our city. And benevolently, you're relying on good schools because you hope that you live in a city that values things like science, critical thinking, knowledge/education, and the furtherment of the human enterprise. At the very least, you want for your tax dollars to be well spent, which leads us to the ultimate question here: where's the money going?

SMMUSD as of last year had the second highest per pupil spending of any district in the county (after Beverly Hills). Think about that statement for a moment. Yet we aren't hiring enough teachers to keep the class sizes below the agreed number. They'll tell you about the "project based learning" and all of the extra programs like music and art that they furnish our kids with, but then they approach parents and tell us we need to donate to the Ed Foundation (more on this in the future) so that we can keep those programs thriving. So... where's the money going, SMMUSD?

Roosevelt has a brand-new principal. So far she is fantastic, energetic, and as far as I'm concerned, an awesome addition to our wonderful school community. She has very little power over the problem of class sizes, but she assures us that she is trying. The solution the administration is suggesting is to hire more aides. But they can't seem to hire them! We'll discuss why that soon, but I'll give you a little preview—we pay our classroom aides roughly what McDonalds does and often offer only part-time work. We all know the real solution is to hire more teachers, but they can't. Because they don't have... the money.

So, I ask once more: Where is all of the money going?

Miles Warner is a Santa Monica parent and resident. His column will explore the emerging and changing identity of our city and stir the pot...a bit

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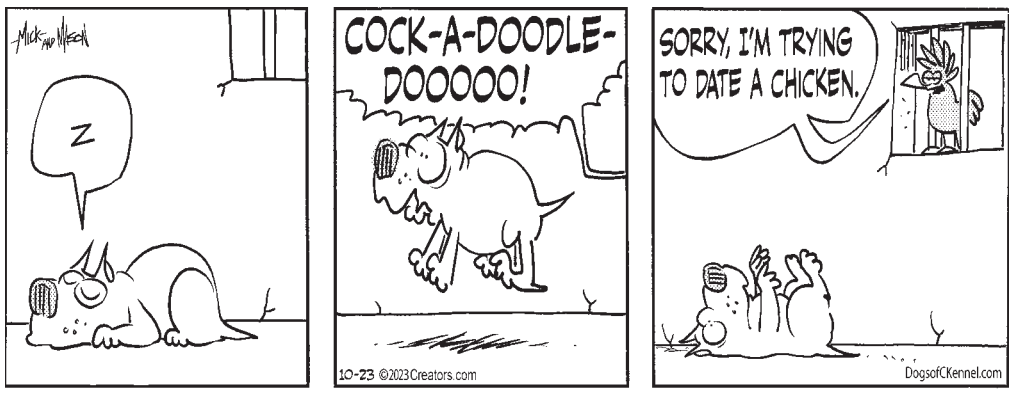
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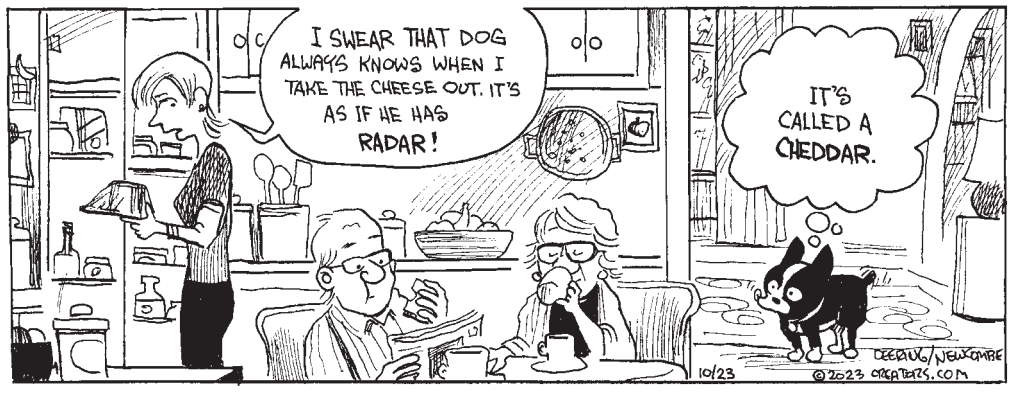
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By JOHN DEERING



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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 23)

Your talents shine bright this year, though you won't rely on them. Instead, you'll commit to doing the continual work and practice that will see you through the finish line of big projects. More highlights: You'll experience special and exclusive arrangements. You'll turn events into wonderful stories, and you'll have ease in loving, supportive relationships. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 1, 14, 30 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Loving someone doesn't mean you have to know everything about them. You have an excellent sense about when to reach out to those who may not know how to ask for support, and when to give healthy space to the relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are qualities you tend to mute when you're around certain people. In another crowd you'll unmute them and even amplify them. Seek friendship with people who accept your most integrated self.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A full life involves plenty of mistakes mixed in with the successes. Whatever you feel about freshly made blunders, you'll feel differently after time adjusts the scale to fit all lessons into this big, beautiful picture.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). High standards will work out well for you today as long as they are also broad. There are so many options you haven't tried. Keep pushing on those new doors and the old problem suddenly becomes a very exciting thing to solve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your ideas don't have to be approved before they matter. The authority figures don't always know best. When you consider opinions, always remember the possibility that even very knowledgeable people are sometimes wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a nose for the perfume of money and will follow its scent, waiting and watching for the right moment to strike up a conversation or maybe a dance. Savvy decisions and charmed exchanges ensue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you can't muster up copious amounts of optimism, it's fine for now to be cautiously hopeful. Some days, it's enough to believe that the forces greater than you are more benevolent than not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today, it will be good to know what you don't want because this knowledge will keep you from agreeing to those who would pressure you into experiences that are misaligned with your values or goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll recognize topics and lines of conversation unworthy of your attention. Walk away. Negativity has fast-growing style and will take over whatever amount of space you give it, so give it as little as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Doing the thing will cause discomfort, also not doing it. The first type will be brief; the latter will be slight but will drag on and chip away at your self-confidence for as long as you procrastinate. So, make quick work of handling things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Since every word you hear, read or say links your brain to something, it's possible to travel to a moment of joy or trouble in the split second it takes to process a word. You'll react well to the language of the day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some treasure your intelligence, and others consider it a threat or a flex. Choose your moments, read your audience and cater your message. Carefully presenting your views is like wrapping a gift with a bow.

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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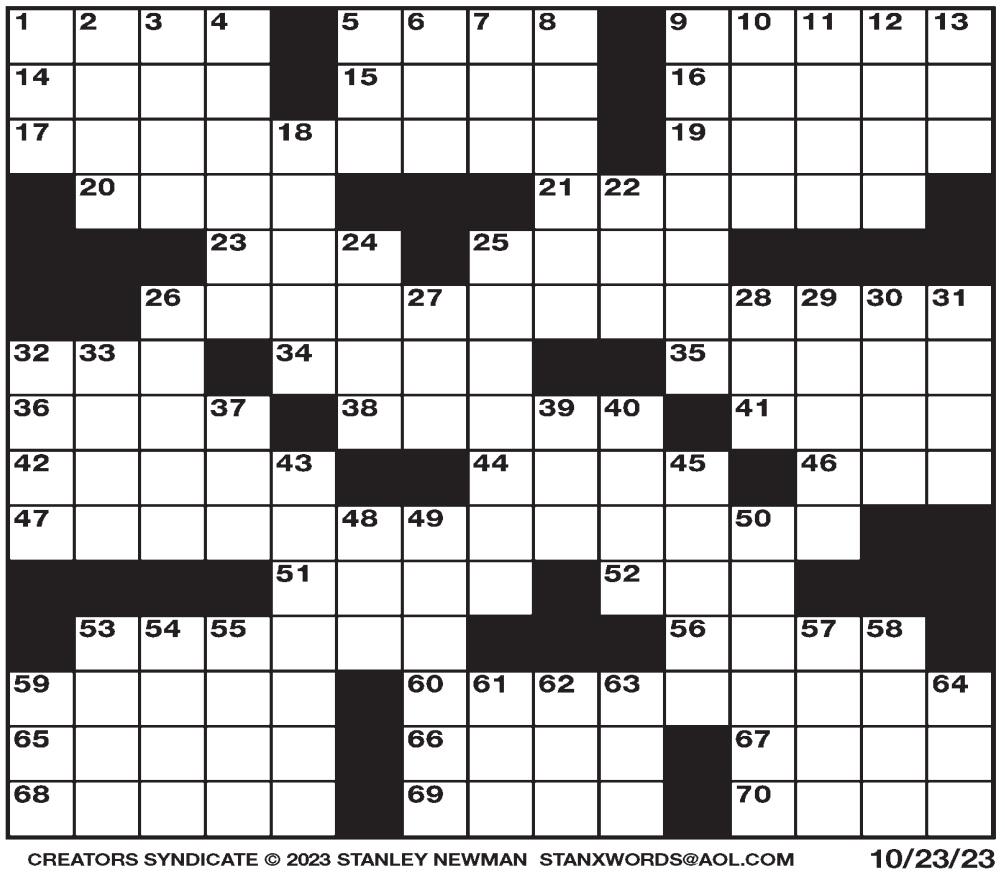
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ACROSS

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5 Church benches
9 Back-of-book alphabetical listing
14 Intend (to)
15 Overcast sky's color
16 Easily deceived
17 "Picture" souvenirs that are mailed
19 Highest digits in sudoku
20 Horse-stopping shout
21 Person who alters clothes
23 "Single" prefix for cycle
25 Philadelphia's state, for short
26 Souvenirs that stick to a metal door
32 Lifesaving technique: Abbr.
34 Shed a __ (weep)
35 Four-door car
36 Resounding victory
38 Despise
41 Singer Turner or comedian Fey
42 Criminal's false name
44 All over again
46 Small amount of sugar: Abbr.
47 Souvenirs that pry off caps
51 Colored part of the eye
52 Make a knot
53 Container for an apple-filled dessert
56 College transcript numbers: Abbr.
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60 Souvenirs that hold door inserts
65 Stood up
66 Smooth out
67 Revered celebrity
68 Piano technician
69 University official with a "list"
70 Wet with dawn moisture

DOWN

1 Band's sound-boosting box
2 Cat's cry
3 Crush, as potatoes
4 Traveling, as a rock band
5 Group for expert putters: Abbr.
6 Make a blunder
7 Big bundle of dollars
8 Methodical procedure
9 Baseball game divisions
10 Hammer's target
11 T. Rex, for short
12 Hardly __ (rarely)
13 Crosses (out)
18 "Hush up!"
22 Get __ (do great on a test)
24 Creative thought
25 Maybe
26 Apricot or papaya
27 Chatter on and on
28 Tennis court barrier
29 Polishes for publication
30 Light brown shades
31 Break like a twig
32 Lobster relative
33 Team sport on horseback
37 Body art, informally
39 Smallest digit in sudoku
40 Payment to a landlord
43 After-bath footwear
45 Measure with a scale
48 Historical period
49 Grunted like a pig
50 Settled a debt
53 Lima's country
54 Computer symbol to click on
55 Make simpler
57 Office assistant
58 Blizzard stuff
59 Long-tailed rodent
61 Adam and __
62 Vote like "aye"
63 Atlanta-based news channel
64 Cunning



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Malibu's Halloween Bu-Bash Carnival, October 27

Join the City of Malibu for family-friendly Halloween fun at the Halloween Bu-Bash Carnival on Friday, October 27, 2 – 4 p.m. at Malibu Bluffs Park (24250 Pacific Coast Highway).

The event is open to the public. The entrance fee is $8. Pre-registration is highly recommended at www.MalibuCity.org/Register. A limited number of walk-up registrations will be available on the day of the event.

Kids ages 2 – 10 years old can enjoy carnival games and prizes, bounce houses, and a costume parade. Parents, there will be lots of great photo-opportunities of your kids participating in the fun activities. Tasty food will be available for purchase from the D'Amores Pizza food truck.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 310-317-1364 or visit www.MalibuCity.org/BuBash.

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NEWS

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as Samohi Homecoming King and Queen during the proceeding.

FOUR PEPPERDINE STUDENTS DEAD IN MALIBU CRASH:

A Malibu resident killed four people and injured two others on the evening of Oct. 17 after losing control of his car. The crash occurred around 8:30 p.m., with four female adults pronounced dead at the scene and two others taken to the hospital. The driver was identified as Fraser Michael Bohm, 22, of Malibu, and was arrested for vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. Bohm was subsequently released pending the results of the investigation.

GO GET EM TIGER CLAWS ITS WAY INTO LOCAL COFFEE SCENE:

Go Get Em Tiger has been a strong addition to the Montana Ave. dining scene since its opening in 2022, making coffee drinks with its own sourced coffee beans, as well as featuring protein-rich breakfast food. Cafe General Manager Cassandra Santos has made a quick rise through the ranks, starting as line cook last year before transitioning to kitchen manager and eventually the GM position.

THE STATE OF REAL ESTATE IN SANTA MONICA:

A combination of high interest rates, taxes, cost of living expenses and general instability are starting to weigh on the Santa Monica real estate market, according to local realtors. While a real estate crash is not expected, there are early signs of a softening market, such as an increase in the number of days homes are for sale and fewer homes selling at or above their listed price.

COUNCIL REJECTS PROPOSAL FOR LOTTERY FORM OF OUTREACH REGARDING FUTURE USE OF AIRPORT LAND:

At the Oct. 10 meeting of Santa Monica City Council, councilmembers rejected a public lottery form of public outreach to determine the future of land use at the Santa Monica Airport. A 4-3 vote by council instead asks Boston-based company Sasaki, initially selected to undertake design work for the land, to include a standard public outreach element when they present their proposal to City Council next month.

WIDESPREAD SPEECH CONDITION FOUGHT HEAD-ON WITH WORKSHOP:

The American Institute for Stuttering (AIS) held two events over the weekend to open up lines of communication for those interested in speech therapy. On Oct. 21, AIS hosted a one-day "jumpstarter" workshop at its Santa Monica clinic, located at 1250 6th Street. On Oct. 22, the organization observed International Stuttering Awareness Day with an outing on the 3rd Street Promenade, engaging visitors with facts about "common misconceptions" of the condition.

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HOMES

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wait of being developed into housing; the structures can be easily relocated when the project breaks ground.

DignityMoves pushed a bill in the state Senate this year to allow non-congregate, relocatable tiny home projects to bypass certain permitting procedures, and direct cities and counties to make available empty land for those uses.

She said she didn't expect the controversy she sparked. A group of advocates pushed back on the bill, arguing that, as Alex Visotzky of the National Alliance to End Homelessness put it, "it blurred the line between housing and shelter." Sharon Rapport of the Corporation for Supportive Housing pointed out that certain shelters already can bypass permitting restrictions.

"It should be that kind of expedited process is reserved for housing projects or any other kind of projects that are really promoting good policy," Rapport said.

Despite some amendments requiring the projects to include plans for residents to get permanent housing when the land is needed for other uses, the bill died in the Senate appropriations committee in May. Its author, San Mateo Democratic Sen. Josh Becker, said he intends to bring it back next year.

Even Pallet Shelter, an early tiny homes builder that has supplied units for 36 sites across 32 California cities, was opposed to Becker's bill. Amy King, CEO of the Washington-based company, said she asked for the bill to be amended to prohibit such sites from charging rents to tenants. No such change was made.

"I am not a supporter of this type of housing becoming a substitute for permanent housing," King said.

Funk said she wasn't trying to divert resources from one end of the housing spectrum to the other, but said the lines between the two may be too rigid when permanent housing is so scarce.

If someone needs or wants to stay in a tiny home for multiple years until they're "ready" to move into a permanent apartment, she says, why shouldn't it count as their housing?

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MONDAY | OCTOBER 23

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.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 25

INGLEWOOD OPEN CHESS NIGHT

Drop in for beginner friendly chess. Chess sets will be available for families to play or you can bring your own. No experience necessary! For Children & Families. 4 - 6 p.m. 101 W Manchester Blvd, Inglewood, https://www.cityofinglewood.org/calendar.aspx?EID=6620

LYNCH MOB, PRIMA DONNA RISING, RUSTED STONE, ASTRA XXII

All sales are final. Whisky A Go-Go, 8901 W Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, 6 p.m. $30 - $750. https://www.ticketweb.com/event/lynch-mob-prima-donna-rising-whisky-a-go-go-tickets/13559228

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 26

OUR PICO OPENING RECEPTION

The Pico Improvement Organization (PIO) partnered with renowned Los Angeles photographer Sam Comen to create Our Pico, a portrait gallery celebrating the workers who invest their lives in the Pico neighborhood's economy and revealing the humanity behind the Pico storefronts. For more information visit OurPico.com. Pico Culture House Gallery, 3018 Pico Blvd, 5 - 7 p.m.

TECH & TASKS

Need a little help? Visit our Tech & Tasks program to receive one-on-one assistance from our 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.

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A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law. 2 - 6 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: THE WITCHES (1990)

Have fun with a Halloween-themed craft and a screening of the frighteningly funny Roald Dahl classic. Light snacks are provided. Film starts at 6:00pm. (Film runtime: 91 min) Rated PG. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

NICOLE MITCHELL AUTHOR TALK

Flutist, composer, improviser, and music educator Nicole Mitchell discusses her book, The Mandorla Letters: For the Hopeful, a blend of memoir, artist statement, Afrofuturist fiction, and ecofeminist manifesto. A book sale and signing follows. Presented by Soundwaves and the Angel City Jazz Festival. Book sale by Village Well Books and Coffee. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 27

UCLA ART HISTORY GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM: IN/ON/ACROSS BODIES OF WATER

The 58th Annual UCLA Art History Graduate symposium, In/On/Across Bodies of Water, will examine bodies of water as media of expression, spaces of connection, frameworks of critical thoughts, and systems of cultural exchanges in art history. 10 a.m. Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd. https://bodiesofwater23.wordpress.com/

CAN WE TALK? WOMEN'S OPEN MIC

This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. Hollywood Improv (The Lab), 8162 Melrose Avenue, $5, http://ticketmaster.evyy.net/c/253158/264167/4272

FREE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING OF FLASHPOINT: PROTEST, POLICING, AND THE PRESS

The film features the stories of several journalists who were assaulted or arrested while reporting at protests and explores the conflict and tension experienced on the front lines, the changing role of the press, and the hardening of attitudes among the police towards journalists. The event will be held at the Center for Media & Design Auditorium at Santa Monica College, 1660 Stewart Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 on Friday, October 27, 2023, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Doors open at 5:30pm. https://flashpointsantamonica.eventbrite.com/

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