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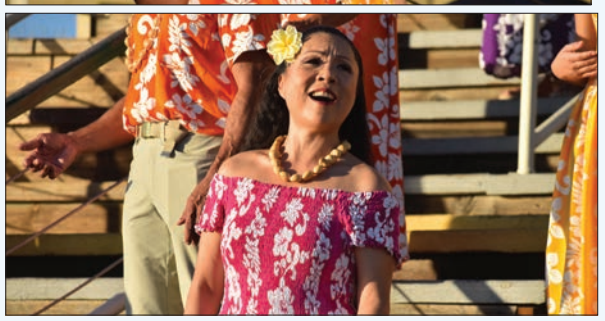
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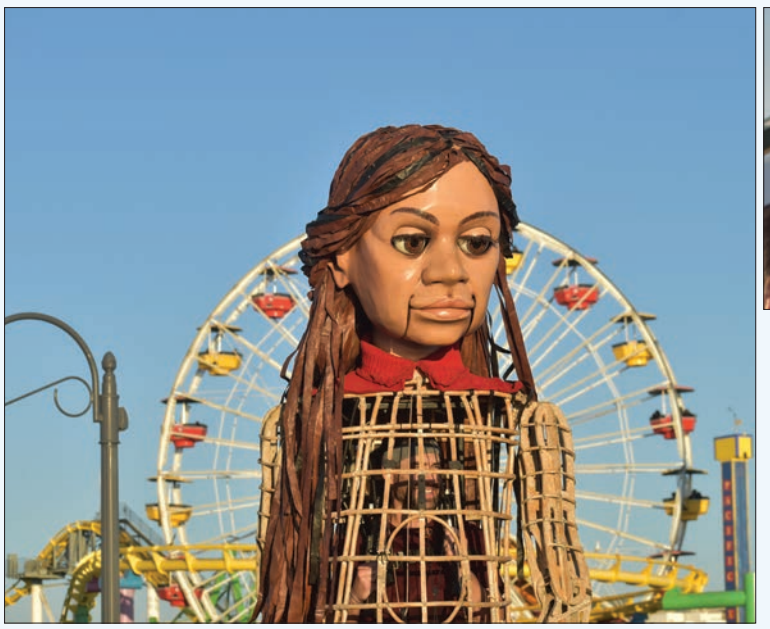
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# Amal anything but little during Pier visit











Thomas Leffler

**PUPPET:** Among the thousands of visitors at the Santa Monica Pier on Nov. 2 was your average, everyday 12-foot-tall puppet.

Little Amal, the puppet depicting a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl, amazed Pier goers with its "walk" down the landmark as part of the Los Angeles stop of "Amal Walks Across America."

With a man inside the puppet to control movement, along with others from the Handspring Puppet Company on its side, Amal walked the length of the pier all the way to the west end, where the puppet was greeted by acclaimed Hawaiian and Polynesian dance teacher Kumu Hula Keali'i Ceballos and his award-winning dance company Halau Hula Keali'i O Nalani.

Inspired by a character in Joe Murphy and Joe Robertson's play "The Jungle," about a refugee camp in Calais, France, Amal was made to represent refugees and displaced people roaming the globe. Amal's own journey across America has spanned more than 35 cities and 100 events since landing in Boston in September, culminating in trips to Los Angeles and San Diego this past week.

"Little Amal's experience walking across America is made possible because of our amazing partners in every city, who make it a point to show Amal the best of their communities," said Walks Across America Artistic Director Amir Nizar Zuabi. "In Los Angeles, we have 17 amazing partners who are working together to create 8 beautiful events of welcome for Little Amal. We hope Angelenos of all ages ... (can) bring attention to the urgent needs of refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers."

## Climate literacy resolution seeks to keep district 'accountable' in fighting crisis

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

The Nov. 2 meeting of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education saw a lengthy discussion on the future of climate literacy education throughout the district.

At the meeting, the board approved a Climate Literacy Resolution provided by the students of Santa Monica High School's Team Marine, an environmental activism group dedicated to "rising up against the climate crisis." The resolution asks for the district to support "age-appropriate discussions" about climate topics in elementary schools, along with enhancing curricula in secondary schools to "go more in-depth on climate issues, where applicable or advantageous, particularly across content areas and beyond science classrooms."

Presented to the board by members of Team Marine, the resolution directs staff to "facilitate effective integration of climate-related topics across disciplines," with an ask to commit at least one lesson per semester on a climate topic through either a social, economic, political or science lens. District teachers are to be granted discretion over lessons, and are

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## Council votes to support the Justice for Renters Act by the narrowest of margins

**SCOTT SNOWDEN**
SMDP Staff Writer

In last Tuesday's meeting, City Councilmembers voted to support the Justice for Renters Act by the narrowest of margins, passing the motion with four votes for yes, one vote for no and two abstentions.

The motion had been made at the request of Mayor Gleam Davis and Councilmembers Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick. Moreover, the California Secretary of State has verified that the Justice for Renters Act has qualified for the November 2024 state ballot.

Not only does Costa Hawkins prohibit cities from establishing rent control over single-family dwellings, condominiums and rental units built after 1995, it also prohibits "vacancy control" where the base rent the landlord charges may not increase

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# Los Angeles Moves To End Rent Freeze, Lower Rent Increases

A Los Angeles City Council committee voted 3-2 last week against extending the existing pandemic-related rent increase freeze that is set to expire January 31, 2024.

The five-member Housing and Homeless Committee instead approved a proposal to allow smaller rent increases for properties that fall under 1979's Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

The amendment to the freeze extension proposal by Hugo Soto-Martinez was made by council member Bob Blumenfield and requests the city attorney, with the assistance of the Housing Department, draft an ordinance that would temporarily set rent increases for rent-controlled units from Feb. 1 to June 30, 2024.

Blumenfield cited the legality of extending the freeze in introducing the amendment. "The rent freeze proposal by council member Soto Martinez raised legal, practical, and fairness concerns," a Blumenfield spokesperson said in a statement..

Soto-Martinez's original motion to extend the freeze pointed to landlords' ability to raise rents from February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 by as much as 7% with an additional 1% for gas and 1% for electricity if the landlord provides that service for the tenant.

The Blumenfield amendment would end the freeze, but cap the amount of permissible increases for rent-controlled units for the same period of time at 4%.

Rent hikes would be calculated using a formula outlined in the city's rent control law, using the consumer price index from October 2022 to September 2023 instead of from October 2021 to September 2022.

According to Blumenfield, using the most recent consumer price index the formula achieves the 4% increase instead of the original 7%.

"This is a very difficult spot that we're in," Blumenfield told City News Service. "And I'm very sympathetic to both sides — trying to figure out how we can, in effect, create a compromise that nobody's going to like, but will move us forward in a way."

He added, "If we do nothing, (rent) potentially goes up by 7%, and if it goes to the council it can stay at zero. So, there's a risk on all sides."

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## RENT

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upon the departure of a tenant from a rental unit.

The Act removes this ban on rent control in California, giving local communities the right to stabilize rents and make apartments more affordable for low-income and middle-income renters. Thus Repealing Costa Hawkins will help local government address one of the root causes of homelessness—skyrocketing rents and unaffordable housing.

"What this essentially does is, for lack of a better analogy, take the foot of Costa Hawkins off the neck of the city and allows the city to make decisions that are better suited to keeping a more diverse population," said Davis.

Torosis, who spent six years on the Rent Control Board, said, "Costa Hawkins is the single biggest threat to renters in this state. And it is a threat to the 70% of our residents who are renters, it prevents our ability to regulate rents, for units built after 1979.

"There's a direct correlation between when we fully implemented Costa Hawkins in 1999 in the city and the diversity, both from an ethnic standpoint and socio economic standpoint, of the residents of the city," Torosis said.

If the Act does pass in 2024, it would not immediately affect the way the city enforces rent control. Currently the city only sets rent control on units in apartment buildings constructed in, or before, 1978 and the city's ordinances cannot be changed without voters instigating a change with a city-wide ballot.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete, herself a renter in Santa Monica, gave an impassioned and empathic speech about living in rented accommodation.

"As someone who lives in rent control in a building that is not well maintained, I can tell you that when people do move out and there's the [opportunity] to raise it to market rent, market rates, they do … but they continue to not maintain the building.

"Once you've seen one, you know which ones are the buildings that are poorly maintained. And there's constant movement [in my building] because we have lots of students from SMC. So it's constantly being rented at the higher rate, at the higher rate, at the higher rate," she said.

"I grew up in rent control and [it's] literally the only reason my family is still here … We have a countertop that's from 1963 and windows that are single pane, mold issues … and all sorts of problems. And every time we look to move to anything comparable for a family, it's impossible to find anything less than $5,500 a month, that's an apartment, that's three bedrooms, two baths," Negrete said, adding, "We feel fortunate that we're 14 blocks from the beach, but we also feel trapped. I'm trapped by the apartment I live in, I don't have the ability to rent another apartment.

"Until we came up with something [new], the current rent control regulations would still exist where they [landlords] can raise it to market rent, we're just removing the inability to have more flexibility as a city to really look at rent control," she said.

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre expressed his desire to direct staff to bring this item back as a study session, saying, "Because I think we all need to be educated on Costa Hawkins and what it would look like if this is repealed," before making a motion that was seconded by Councilmember Phil Brock.

However, Torosis said, "This has been on the agenda for two meetings in a row, this has been on the ballot before, we've had our city manager send us an analysis and I think we're pretty clear," before making a substitute motion to approve the item as written, which was seconded by Davis.

Davis, Negrete, Torosis and Zwick all voted in favor of supporting the Justice for Renters Act. Both Brock and de la Torre abstained and councilmember Christine Parra was the only vote against.

"It's not because I don't agree with stabilizing the the rental market, but it's [because] I still have some concerns and I'm in full agreement with councilmembers de la Torre and Brock, that we need to study this and talk about this quite a bit more before we blanket approval on supporting something that we clearly all don't understand," Parra said.

Both Brock and de la Torre have filed paperwork relating to their council positions indicating they have received income from renters. Zwick also lists income as having come from renters.

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# News Binge: Last week's stories all in one place




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**ANGEL FLIGHT WEST:** Hollywood actor Edward Norton gives a short speech to gathered AFW pilots and other dignitaries on Oct. 30.

**GET YOUR SKATES ON AS ICE OF SANTA MONICA OPENS:**

The new and improved Ice at Santa Monica opened to the public last week after finishing touches were put into place, such as Netflix co-branded outer perimeter boards and a giant Netflix logo incorporated into the ice itself. The streaming service's sponsorship made it possible for Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. to provide free skate nights for the community. The updated rink also features hangout areas, a firepit, food and merchandise stalls and a seasonal-themed projection on the side of the adjacent Bank of America building.

**RUGGED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT MAKER STRAUSS OPENS FIRST US STORE ON MAIN ST:**

Popular European rugged clothing and equipment manufacturer Engelbert Strauss opened up its first retail outlet in the United States on Main Street. The new store sports a stylish interior with an industrial-themed decor, holding a selection of items in workwear, safetywear and personal protective equipment. The store is now open at 1320 Main St in Venice.

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT A SCARY GOOD TIME:**

On Oct. 25, Santa MoniCARES held its second-annual Volley-Ween fundraiser tournament, raising money for local Santa Monica nonprofits during the holiday season. Teams were able to play volleyball on the beach in their chosen costumes, and those in Halloween garb took part in a costume contest.

**ANGEL FLIGHT WEST CELEBRATES ITS 100,000TH MISSION:**

Santa Monica-based Angel Flight West, a nonprofit organization that arranges no-cost non-emergency air travel service, celebrated its 100,000th mission last week. Made up of a network of 1,800-plus volunteer pilots, Angel Flight West provides access to medical care, transport veterans, rescue animals and aid in disaster relief; flying approximately 5,000 missions each year. Joining the organization at the celebration was actor and new Angel Flight West recruit Edward Norton, who flew a young man and his mother back to San Diego following a post liver transplant treatment.

**STRIDES MADE IN FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER:**

On Oct. 28, the Santa Monica Pier was the location of an American Cancer Society "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk; bringing together cancer survivors, thrivers and allies to spread awareness of the fight against the disease. The walk took travelers along Ocean Avenue, through Palisades Park and back to the Pier, where the finish line featured various musical performances. The American Cancer Society's fundraising goal of $200,000 for the event was surpassed, with the organization raising $229,039 as of Oct. 30.

**SANTA MONICA TO GET ITS OWN SPHERE (OR TWO):**

During an Oct. 26 meeting of the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board, members voted unanimously to move ahead with a 360-degree immersive entertainment activation on the former site of Parking Structure 3. The project will consist of two 360-degree entertainment domes similar to the newly-opened Sphere in Las Vegas, scaled down to 100 and 180-foot diameters, respectively. The activation will focus around

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.1**

MONDAY
***POOR TO FAIR***
**SURF:** 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Potential to be a pretty fun day for the better winter exposures as mid-period WNW swell mix holds. Not a whole lot of SPAC swell in the mix, so the summer spots are slower.

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

Potential for some more WNW swell to be moving in, stay tuned. Southerly swell stays down. Winds looking to stay on the light side.

## Weather

**Monday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
**Monday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.
**Tuesday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted | (ft) | High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023/11/06 | Mon | 05:56 AM | 4.25 | | H |
| 2023/11/06 | Mon | 11:20 AM | 2.77 | | L |
| 2023/11/06 | Mon | 4:28 PM | 4.14 | | H |
| 2023/11/06 | Mon | 11:23 PM | 0.71 | | L |
| 2023/11/07 | Tue | 06:14 AM | 4.51 | | H |
| 2023/11/07 | Tue | 12:00 PM | 2.22 | | L |
| 2023/11/07 | Tue | 5:26 PM | 4.20 | | H |
| 2023/11/07 | Tue | 11:54 PM | 0.81 | | L |
| 2023/11/08 | Wed | 06:31 AM | 4.80 | | H |
| 2023/11/08 | Wed | 12:34 PM | 1.65 | | L |
| 2023/11/08 | Wed | 6:15 PM | 4.24 | | H |
| 2023/11/09 | Thu | 12:20 AM | 0.95 | | L |
| 2023/11/09 | Thu | 06:48 AM | 5.12 | | H |
| 2023/11/09 | Thu | 1:06 PM | 1.10 | | L |
| 2023/11/09 | Thu | 6:57 PM | 4.25 | | H |
| 2023/11/10 | Fri | 12:43 AM | 1.14 | | L |
| 2023/11/10 | Fri | 07:06 AM | 5.45 | | H |
| 2023/11/10 | Fri | 1:38 PM | 0.57 | | L |
| 2023/11/10 | Fri | 7:37 PM | 4.21 | | H |
| 2023/11/11 | Sat | 01:06 AM | 1.35 | | L |

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Draw Date: 11/1
22 26 39 47 63
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 173 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 10/31
14 35 37 55 70
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 181 M

**SUPERLOTTO PLUS**
Draw Date: 11/1
8 10 23 26 45
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 11 M

**FANTASY 5**
Draw Date: 11/2
6 12 28 31 38

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 11/2
EVENING: 6 4 8
Draw Date: 11/2
MIDDAY: 6 4 3

**DAILY DERBY**
Draw Date: 11/2
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:41.95

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# *Pennywise and pound foolish*

These days you hear a lot of talk about affordability. We talk about inflation, growing inequality, rents, our growing homeless population, how expensive housing and food is and how we've become ever more divided between the haves and the have nots.

And it's a lot to make sense of as individuals and as a city. Do we believe in a livable wage? Do we want the people in the service sectors to be able to be our neighbors? I mean do we? Are we prepared to pay what it costs for people who work in our community to afford to live in it?

Last time around we looked at some class size issues and I repeatedly asked, where's the money, SMMUSD? Without an option to hire more teachers, the administration's best solution offered was to hire more in-classroom aids. But they can't seem to find anyone. Let's look at what being a SMMUSD classroom assistant looks like:

Starting pay is $16/hour with a three or a six-hour daily assignment. If you work over 7 hours you qualify for full benefits—they only allow up to 6 hours a day max.

Gee, I wonder why they can't find anyone? Now I understand that two of the biggest annual SMMUSD expenditures go to certificated teachers and benefits programs, and of course I understand that there's a lot of other pots to fill with limited resources. But sometimes paying people less costs you more later or as the English say, it's "pennywise and pound foolish."

Case in point: the 2022 $45M jury award for the use of corporal punishment by a behavioral aid (Paraeducator—special education starting salary $16.40/hour).

(https://smdp.com/2022/10/22/special-needs-parents-win-45-million-lawsuit-over-abuse-at-smmusd-school/) What made the jury award so high was that the abuse was reported and allowed to continue for months. Then as the Juan Cabrillo Elementary closed and the lawsuit progressed administrators moved the behavioral aid to Franklin Elementary. https://smdp.com/2022/11/05/questions-persist-about-aid-involved-in-45-million-settlement/ It wasn't until the jury award that they put her on home assignment.

Why did they allow the aid to continue to work with these two non-verbal autistic kids after she'd been reported abusing them? And why would they keep her on staff and move her to another school after an allegation of abuse was known about?

I'm not part of the administration, so I can only speculate on how a situation like that was allowed to persist, but I have been told by other aids (again not administrators) that it was simply because they didn't have anyone to replace her and they legally had to have someone there with the twins. I would love to hear a better explanation from the SMMUSD, but the issue is clear, they can't seem to fill these positions, they pay terribly, but they legally must have the positions filled, which leads us to third-party contractors...

Case in point 2: According to the SEIU 99 rep, the labor union that represents classified workers (inclusive of aids and paraeducators) "SMMUSD is subcontracting out paraprofessional work due to high demand and low retention. Low pay makes it difficult for the school district to recruit and retain paraprofessionals and instructional assistants."

So how much are they paying these third-party sub-contractors? I would imagine it would have to be more than $16/hour since that's barely above minimum wage... so if that's true, instead of paying SMMUSD employees a livable wage they're paying third-party for-profit companies more?

Seems pretty short-sighted to me, not to mention upsetting. I mean these are people working with kids with special needs and assisting our teachers in classrooms, both difficult important jobs, and we're not taking care of them?

And before you @ me, just know that according their website, LAUSD pays a starting salary of $20.52 for classroom assistants/$22.85 paraeducators, which is not great but it's a lot better than $16 & $16.40/hour and LAUSD operates on a much tighter per pupil budget than SMMUSD.

So, who really suffers here? Well definitely the kids and teachers who aren't getting enough assistants. Not to mention the assistants themselves who are under paid and often have to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Is this who we are?

Can we as a city have it all? Can we have beautifully manicured lawns, amazing weather, excellent public infrastructure and a livable wage? Can we be a town that attracts the wealthiest people in the world, is also is feasible for service workers and takes care of its homeless population?

I don't have an easy answer for those questions, but I do know we can afford to pay the people who work with our kids and assist our teachers something comparable to our larger less-funded neighbors to the East.

SEIU is currently negotiating a new contract. So, my sincerest hope is that they walk away with something that is fair for all.

Next time we'll take a break from the schools and discuss some city politics. In the meantime, thanks for reading and happy belated Halloween!

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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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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

I am very distressed about extremely high density being proposed for new housing development in Santa Monica.

There is a property at 2501 Wilshire that was being planned as a four-story building with 71 units. Now somehow it has morphed into an 8-story building with 170 units.

That is appalling density. Follow my math below...
170 units built on a lot of 19,000 square feet
Assuming about 1.5 people per unit on average, that's home to about
250 people
19,000 sq. ft is slightly less than one half acre
That means density for this project would be about 500 people per acre
640 acres per sq. mile
500 x 640 means density of a rate of 320,000 people per square mile
Santa Monica density is currently about 11,000 people per square mile
Santa Monica is 8.4 sq. miles
Applied citywide that density would mean a Santa Monica population of...
2,688,000 people
Current population is about 92,000

Projects like this, 30 times our current density are proposed or currently under construction all over town and the impact on our city will be horrible. Buildings like this will become the tombstones to the passing of what was once a pleasant place to live.

Richard Orton

# *The Invisible Piece of the Housing Puzzle: Access.*

When you're out and about in Santa Monica, look at the homes on any given street - the charming cottages, the apartments, the dingbats. Now imagine you can't walk up stairs. How many of those homes would be immediately inaccessible to you?

If you haven't contemplated this, you're not alone: the intersection of homelessness, rent burdens and disability and the lack of truly accessible affordable low and moderate income housing seem to be routinely overlooked. According to the Coalition to End Homelessness, Housing and Urban Development doesn't even require data collection about disability. Given that 27% of the US population - roughly 42 million, greater than the population of California- is disabled, this seems like a grievous oversight. There are about 7 million disabled people in California; almost 1 million in Los Angeles County alone. Disabled people in LA County are about three times more likely to experience housing instability than non-disabled individuals. With all of this in mind, you'd think there would be more attention paid to this neon elephant waving a red flag in the middle of the room.

Apartments that are both affordable and accessible are few and far between. Disabled people may be caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, so to speak: Older housing often lacks access features such as elevators and wide doorways that can accommodate wheelchairs. Newer ADA compliant housing may be too expensive. Some disabled people make too much to qualify for local housing programs, but not enough to afford the extremely high market rate rents in new developments with elevators and other access features. If they do qualify for a housing program of any kind, they may encounter Rube Goldberg-level red tape or wait for years for a unit.

Even if the building is both accessible and affordable, exterior access may still be a problem. Developers and policy makers seem to have completely forgotten that vehicles need access to buildings independent of resident parking. Mass transit, walking and cycling are not panaceas. Is someone's new refrigerator going to be delivered by bicycle, for example? This affects everyone, but disabled and elderly residents may depend more heavily on services like curb to curb paratransit, grocery and meal delivery and home healthcare visits, and thus experience greater hardship when access to services is impeded. Compounding the problem, 2022's AB 2097 law limits cities' ability to intervene and mandate any parking at all.

Do disabled people - especially those who are rent burdened or at risk of homelessness - really have the time, energy and resources to navigate this gauntlet and find the needle-in-a-haystack apartment that is actually fully accessible? Is there help? Not so much. Many seem to assume that "disabled" is synonymous with "elderly," and younger people are often referred to programs for seniors they're not even eligible for. Similarly, disabled individuals may find themselves pointed toward assisted living when it is a completely inappropriate setting for them.

Widespread accessibility at all income levels helps disabled people find housing for now, but it's also an insurance policy for later: it ensures someone will not necessarily need to find a new home if they become disabled or ill. Any one of us is an illness, accident or surgical procedure away from requiring accommodation, either permanently or temporarily. All of us will become elderly, if we're lucky enough to live that long. Will our housing still be accessible, or will it drive us away?

If Los Angeles County wants to keep people housed, they desperately need to stop treating accessibility as an afterthought, a luxury accoutrement or a need exclusive to seniors. They need to push to amend AB2097 to acknowledge the need for exterior access. They need housing programs for both low and moderate income, and they need them to be less complicated and frustrating. And they need a clear, direct way to address and mitigate access shortcomings, other than shifting the burden to disabled individual to navigate the court system or make countless calls to different government offices and charitable organizations pleading for help.

Right now, NGOs and policymakers aren't listening - they don't even seem aware anyone's speaking. As long as that continues, disabled people will continue to struggle to find safe, affordable, accessible homes.

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# Poll shows most US adults think AI will add to election misinformation in 2024

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The warnings have grown louder and more urgent as 2024 approaches: The rapid advance of artificial intelligence tools threatens to amplify misinformation in next year's presidential election at a scale never seen before.

Most adults in the U.S. feel the same way, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

The poll found that nearly 6 in 10 adults (58%) think AI tools — which can micro-target political audiences, mass produce persuasive messages, and generate realistic fake images and videos in seconds — will increase the spread of false and misleading information during next year's elections.

By comparison, 6% think AI will decrease the spread of misinformation while one-third say it won't make much of a difference.

"Look what happened in 2020 — and that was just social media," said 66-year-old Rosa Rangel of Fort Worth, Texas.

Rangel, a Democrat who said she had seen a lot of "lies" on social media in 2020, said she thinks AI will make things even worse in 2024 — like a pot "brewing over."

Just 30% of American adults have used AI chatbots or image generators and fewer than half (46%) have heard or read at least some about AI tools. Still, there's a broad consensus that candidates shouldn't be using AI.

When asked whether it would be a good or bad thing for 2024 presidential candidates to use AI in certain ways, clear majorities said it would be bad for them to create false or misleading media for political ads (83%), to edit or touch-up photos or videos for political ads (66%), to tailor political ads to individual voters (62%) and to answer voters' questions via chatbot (56%).

The sentiments are supported by majorities of Republicans and Democrats, who agree it would be a bad thing for the presidential candidates to create false images or videos (85% of Republicans and 90% of Democrats) or to answer voter questions (56% of Republicans and 63% of Democrats).

The bipartisan pessimism toward candidates using AI comes after it already has been deployed in the Republican presidential primary.

In April, the Republican National Committee released an entirely AI-generated ad meant to show the future of the country if President Joe Biden is reelected. It used fake but realistic-looking photos showing boarded-up storefronts, armored military patrols in the streets and waves of immigrants creating panic. The ad disclosed in small lettering that it was generated by AI.

Ron DeSantis, the Republican governor of Florida, also used AI in his campaign for the GOP nomination. He promoted an ad that used AI-generated images to make it look as if former President Donald Trump was hugging Dr. Anthony Fauci, an infectious disease specialist who oversaw the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Never Back Down, a super PAC supporting DeSantis, used an AI voice-cloning tool to imitate Trump's voice, making it seem like he narrated a social media post.

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> - Andie Near

"I think they should be campaigning on their merits, not their ability to strike fear into the hearts of voters," said Andie Near, a 42-year-old from Holland, Michigan, who typically votes for Democrats.

She has used AI tools to retouch images in her work at a museum, but she said she thinks politicians using the technology to mislead can "deepen and worsen the effect that even conventional attack ads can cause."

College student Thomas Besgen, a Republican, also disagrees with campaigns using deepfake sounds or imagery to make it seem as if a candidate said something they never said.

"Morally, that's wrong," the 21-year-old from Connecticut said.

Besgen, a mechanical engineering major at the University of Dayton in Ohio, said he is in favor of banning deepfake ads or, if that's not possible, requiring them to be labeled as AI-generated.

The Federal Election Commission is currently considering a petition urging it to regulate AI-generated deepfakes in political ads ahead of the 2024 election.

While skeptical of AI's use in politics, Besgen said he is enthusiastic about its potential for the economy and society. He is an active user of AI tools such as ChatGPT to help explain history topics he's interested in or to brainstorm ideas. He also uses image-generators for fun — for example, to imagine what sports stadiums might look like in 100 years.

He said he typically trusts the information he gets from ChatGPT and will likely use it to learn more about the presidential candidates, something that just 5% of adults say they are likely to do.

The poll found that Americans are more likely to consult the news media (46%), friends and family (29%), and social media (25%) for information about the presidential election than AI chatbots.

"Whatever response it gives me, I would take it with a grain of salt," Besgen said.

The vast majority of Americans are similarly skeptical toward the information AI chatbots spit out. Just 5% say they are extremely or very confident that the information is factual, while 33% are somewhat confident, according to the survey. Most adults (61%) say they are not very or not at all confident that the information is reliable.

That's in line with many AI experts' warnings against using chatbots to retrieve information. The artificial intelligence large language models powering chatbots work by repeatedly selecting the most plausible next word in a sentence, which makes them good at mimicking styles of writing but also prone to making things up.

Adults associated with both major political parties are generally open to regulations on AI. They responded more positively than negatively toward various ways to ban or label AI-generated content that could be imposed by tech companies, the federal government, social media companies or the news media.

About two-thirds favor the government banning AI-generated content that contains false or misleading images from political ads, while a similar number want technology companies to label all AI-generated content made on their platforms.

Biden set in motion some federal guidelines for AI on Monday when he signed an executive order to guide the development of the rapidly progressing technology. The order requires the industry to develop safety and security standards and directs the Commerce Department to issue guidance to label and watermark AI-generated content.

Americans largely see preventing AI-generated false or misleading information during the 2024 presidential elections as a shared responsibility. About 6 in 10 (63%) say a lot of the responsibility falls on the technology companies that create AI tools, but about half give a lot of that duty to the news media (53%), social media companies (52%), and the federal government (49%).

Democrats are somewhat more likely than Republicans to say social media companies have a lot of responsibility, but generally agree on the level of responsibility for technology companies, the news media and the federal government.




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## SMMUSD

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"encouraged to provide real-world, hands-on learning opportunities" in such forms as classroom discussions, guest speakers, age-appropriate environmental films and various research projects.

Team Marine co-captain and Samohi senior Maya Williams noted that climate topics are of utmost importance to many SMMUSD students due to its wide-ranging repercussions. The SMMUSD board previously approved a district sustainability plan in March of 2019 that stated the district "has a responsibility to prioritize climate literacy and sustainability for all of its students to be prepared to tackle climate change."

"The climate crisis has already had a devastating impact on our environment and our communities, consequences ranging from loss in biodiversity and extreme weather events, to increased risk of physical and mental illness," Williams said to the board.

The resolution was approved unanimously with the exception of an abstention from board member Jon Kean, who cited a lack of adequate time to prepare questions and comments, but nonetheless appreciated the work of Team Marine. In the short-term future, faculty and staff will collaborate with students to measure and report on the success of curricula integration, reporting back to the board on a yearly basis.

"When we were writing this resolution, we wanted to make sure we incorporated a way to keep us all accountable, because I know a lot of times when certain bodies adopt resolutions, sometimes we lose track," Williams stated.

To properly develop staff in crafting curriculum ideas, Team Marine suggested that one already-planned meeting per semester would be appropriate to educate teachers on climate literacy, and provided several samples of lesson resources available to SMMUSD. On top of keeping the board accountable, Williams noted that Team Marine wants "to make sure that this is really a priority for all of (the district's) teachers" because "students really want climate literacy."

Prior to the board presentation, the resolution was endorsed by such groups as the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association and the SMMUSD Teaching and Learning Council. After hearing the passion from Team Marine, board members were also quick to commend the group.

"The students with Team Marine have been so consequential and successful and effective at impacting board policy on questions of the environment … I hope you'll say to those that are behind you that we see the good work … it really is rare," said board member Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton concurred with the credit to the student-led organization, stating that Team Marine was able to take "a collaborative approach" to the climate literacy topic, integrating thoughts from district leadership.

"Our schools are doing quite a bit of this already, which is a key part of this," Shelton said. "Informing, providing information, allowing kids to draw from that information that is being shared … thank you so much for following the guidance that we provided."

Directly tied to the resolution was a discussion about the adoption of board policy regarding environmental education. The policy, which is set to be voted on at the board's next meeting, would focus on promoting environmental literacy among students, teachers and staff through integration into existing curricula. Overseeing implementation of said policy would be an Environmental Education Working Group consisting of STEM Coordinator Rosa Serratore, Life and Environmental Sciences Instructor Benjamin Kay, Samohi Librarian Dana Bart-Bell, Grant Elementary School Principal Christian Fuhrer, Sustainability Manager Austin Toyama and the students of Team Marine.

Another item during the board meeting related to environmental sustainability was the bestowment of the Golden Sneaker Award to Grant Elementary School. The award was given to the school for having the highest daily student participation percentage during the annual Bike It, Walk It, Bus It week held in October. Grant's participation percentage of 86.98% narrowly edged out Franklin Elementary School, which had a participation rate of 86.89%. In total, over 2,500 students took part in the week, something Grant principal Fuhrer beamed with pride over.

"I'm so proud of our school community for demonstrating their commitment to long term sustainability … I'm happy to see such enthusiasm for this event by our sister schools across the district, and I'm proud of their commitment as well," Fuhrer said to the board. "One of the most important concepts we can teach our students is that there are many ways they can keep their planet clean, healthy and functioning."

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**CLIMATE RESOLUTION:** Students with Samohi's Team Marine were all smiles after the SMMUSD Board of Education passed Team Marine's Climate Literacy Resolution for the District.

## BINGE

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a brand new animated universe aimed at children, centering around indigenous character Haibu that is gifted with the ability to speak to animals. Parking Structure 3's site has remained empty since demolition of the structure was completed in November 2022.

### PANEL TALKS COUNTERING 'TRUTH DECAY':

Santa Monica College played host to a community conversation entitled "Countering Truth Decay" on Oct. 30, with a panel speaking on how to create more robust discourse on societal issues, avoiding arguments where two parties disagree on facts and observations. The term "truth decay" was coined by RAND Corporation President Emeritus Michael D. Rich, who co-authored a book on the subject and spoke at the event, citing reasons like cognitive and media biases for heightened disagreement about "objective, verifiable, observable facts." Speaking on the panel were Los Angeles-based Digital Media Wellness Educator Julia Storm, Provost Professor in the Dornsife Department of Psychology and the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California (USC) Norbert Schwarz, KCRW housing and homelessness reporter Anna Scott, and RAND Corporation Distinguished Chair for Countering Truth Decay Ray Block Jr. Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis was also present as a guest speaker on the topic.

### TRICK-OR-TREATING BRINGS 'NORMALCY' TO YOUNG PATIENTS:

Halloween at UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center meant a chance for patients to take part in trick-or-treating, coordinated by the medical center's Child Life department. The young patients were able to don various costumes, play games and pet therapy animals like dogs and the mini-horse "Blue Moon." For patients unable to make it down to the hospital garden, medical center staff also organized "reverse trick-or-treating," where rooms are decorated for the holiday and staff members bring goodies to the patients directly.

### ROOSEVELT BENCHES CULTIVATE CAMARADERIE:

The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica dedicated three "Buddy Benches" on the campus of Roosevelt Elementary School on Oct. 30, continuing the installation of the benches at SMMUSD schools. The concept of the "Buddy Bench" is helping promote friendship and inclusion, as the benches are put at schools and playgrounds where kids feeling lonely or left out can signal that they need a friend.

### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CULINARY EXCELLENT AT SATDHA PLANT-BASED THAI KITCHEN:

Gourmet plant-based Thai restaurant Satdha, located on Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, is celebrating a 10-year anniversary this month with an anniversary dinner on Nov. 9, featuring a unique 10-course tasting menu. The brand new dishes showcase Chef Gunn Pankum's skill and the diversity of flavors found in Thai and plant-based cuisine.

### MALIBU GROUP PLANTING ROOTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE:

On Sunday, The Malibu Foundation hosted its 2023 Replant Love event at Juan Bautista De Anza Park in Calabasas, bringing together volunteers to plant a native microforest using seeds collected and propagated in the foundation's nursery. The microforest, a small grouping of native plants, combats increasing ground temperatures and cleans carbon-based greenhouse gasses from the air. The Malibu Foundation has planted over 21,000 plants since the devastating Woolsey Fire in 2018.

### BIG REAL ESTATE RULING MAY BE YEARS AWAY FROM TRICKLING DOWN TO SANTA MONICA PROPERTIES:

Last week, a multi-billion lawsuit shook up the real estate industry, though the impacts to the local market are still hard to predict. The National Association of Realtors was ordered to pay nearly $1.8 billion in damages last week over accusations that the organization's policy of forcing home sellers to pay commission charged to home buyers is a violation of federal antitrust laws. Consensus among locals is that there will be changes to the way commissions are paid, but any impact is likely years away due to the prolonged nature of lawsuits. Websites like Zillow and Redfin, says Brian Maser of The Condo Experts, will attempt to grow their services and grab market share from Realtors in the aftermath of the suit.

### ATTEMPT BY MAYOR DAVIS TO REFINE LANGUAGE REGARDING COUNCIL'S DIRECTION FOR A ROTATIONAL MAYOR FAILS:

At an Oct. 24 meeting of Santa Monica City Council, a proposal made by Mayor Gleam Davis to amend Rule 9(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure concerning the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore was rejected. After the 2022 election cycle, council changed its system from a nomination process to a rotation based on seniority, and current rules are not subject to suspension and can only be changed via a repeal or amendment. Mayor Davis proposed altering the rule by deleting the language that precludes suspension of the rule. The administrative item pushed to the forefront a bevy of criticism, who believed it was an attack on the upcoming Mayorship of current councilman Phil Brock. This was a notion Davis denied, stating she did not intend "in any way" to affect the mayoral rotation.

### INNER SCIENTISTS EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE AT UCLA:

On Sunday, the Explore the Universe event at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) hosted science-related departments to provide activities and experiments for youths aged 8-18. Booths offered demonstrations on a variety of subjects including astronomy, biology, geology, chemistry, sustainability and psychology. "It's all about exposing kids to all these different questions and it encourages them to be inquisitive, especially when it's interactive," said PhD student and Explore Your Universe Organizing Committee Publicity Chair David James.

### LOCALS PAY TRIBUTE WITH DIA DE LOS MUERTOS DECOR:

The start of November brought annual Dia de Los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead, celebrations to Santa Monica. At the carousel at the Santa Monica Pier, guests were able to honor loved ones who have passed on by contributing personal photographs in communal altars. The Santa Monica History Museum also had a pop-up exhibit with altars created by local high school students, with students from Santa Monica High School and Venice High School among those contributing. The exhibit at the museum will remain up for viewing through Nov. 17.

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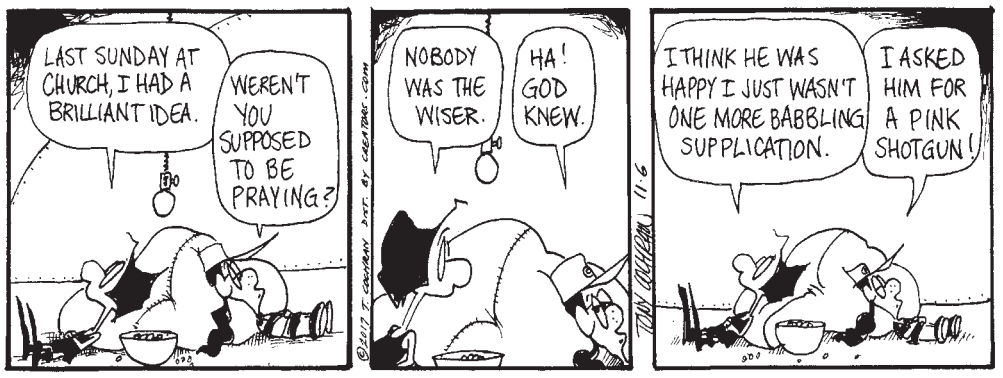
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Other (specify) $ f. Other (specify) $ g. Continued on Attachment 1.g. 2. Special damages a. Medical expenses (to date) $ b. Future medical expenses (present value) $ c. Loss of earnings (to date) $ d. Loss of future earning capacity (present value) $ e. Property damage $f. Funeral expenses (wrongful death actions only) $ g. Future contributions (present value) (wrongful death actions only) $ h. Value of personal service, advice, or training (wrongful death actions only) $ i. Other (specify) Costs incurred $300,000.00 J. Other (specify) Lost profits $150,000.00k. Continued on Attachment3. Punitive damages: Plaintiff reserves the right to seek punitive damages in the amount of (specify) $ 1,000,000.00when pursuing a judgment in the suit filed against you. Date: Sept 20, 2023 Robert S.Ross

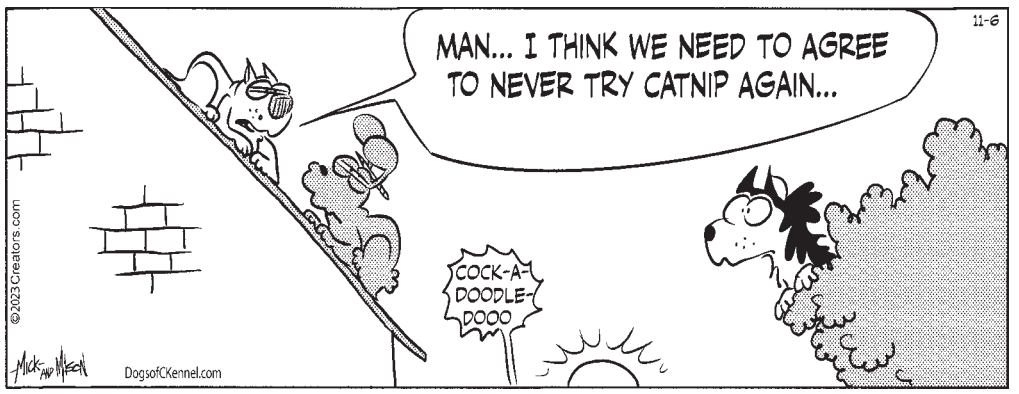
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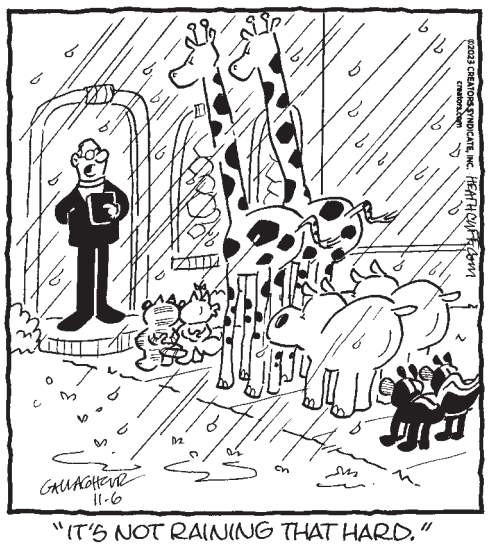

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By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE




## Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER




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

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## Out in the garden

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Bunch
Classes
Cress
Dahlia
Deliver
Erica
Hemp
Henna
Iris
Ixia
Jacaranda
Larkspur
Leaf
Leek
Lily of the valley
Lotus
Lupin
Moss
Musk
Myrtle
Okra
Open
Pansy
Path
Petal
Phlox
Posy
Pots
Rakes
Ribbon
Rose
Sage
Salvia
Show
Snail
Sorrel
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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 6)

Your heart is elastic, and you won't be sorry for who you let in. Your heart will also hold as much joy as you can get. Even so, your main focus is on your ambition to care for and make a difference to others. You'll expand your capability for earning, and you'll rearrange your lifestyle to accommodate new energy and input. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 24, 44, 16 and 5.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you're very good at what you do, you could embody a role so thoroughly you can't tell where the role ends and where you begin. It's worth investigating because it's easier to love yourself when you're being yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can have things the way you want them if you assert yourself. Say what you mean. No flinching, no looking away, no apologies, no checking back. Assume a powerful calm, look at them without speaking, and wait.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Like a marathon runner in training who runs hundreds of miles to get ready for the big day, you'll push yourself. Your endeavor is different, but you'll put in your reps regardless in service of being stronger than you need to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As you do what's right for your emotional health, a resilience kicks in, which leads to a shift in your focus. It becomes clear that a problem is simply too pitiful to waste your beautiful brain contemplating for too long.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though there is very little of the good stuff available, do not be discouraged. You are not taking an exhaustive survey of terrible things. You are looking for one stellar, lovely exception; there will be many. Believe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Passivity is prevalent, but you'll choose action. You may care more and say more, or you may care more and vibrate with a charged silence you hold inside until you're ready to deploy your power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may not be able to choose your feelings, but you can steer them. For instance, a failure to comply with social norms could lead one person to embarrassment and another to revolt, innovation, triumph, revolution, art and more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Knowing that people can sometimes get bored when they get what they want, you will instinctively bring out the goods like a fine dining establishment — in small courses that seem to produce more appetite than they satisfy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Driven by your high expectations of yourself, you'll soon complete what you set out to do. The moment after you finish, let it go. There will be a temptation to hold on and keep polishing, but forward momentum depends on release.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Resist thinking about unpleasant things more than you have to. People will disappoint. Circumstances will fall short. Weather will be less than cooperative. There's always an opportunity in it. That's what you're looking for and that's what you'll find.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In business and sports, strategic bluffing can be used to gain a competitive edge, as can tactics of misdirection and mind games. But in matters of the heart, transparency will be the only mode you should adopt or accept.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Double down on the ideas that are helping you. This will be much easier than trying to will yourself not to think negative thoughts. As soon as you recognize what's working, get behind it with conviction.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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## Newsday Crossword

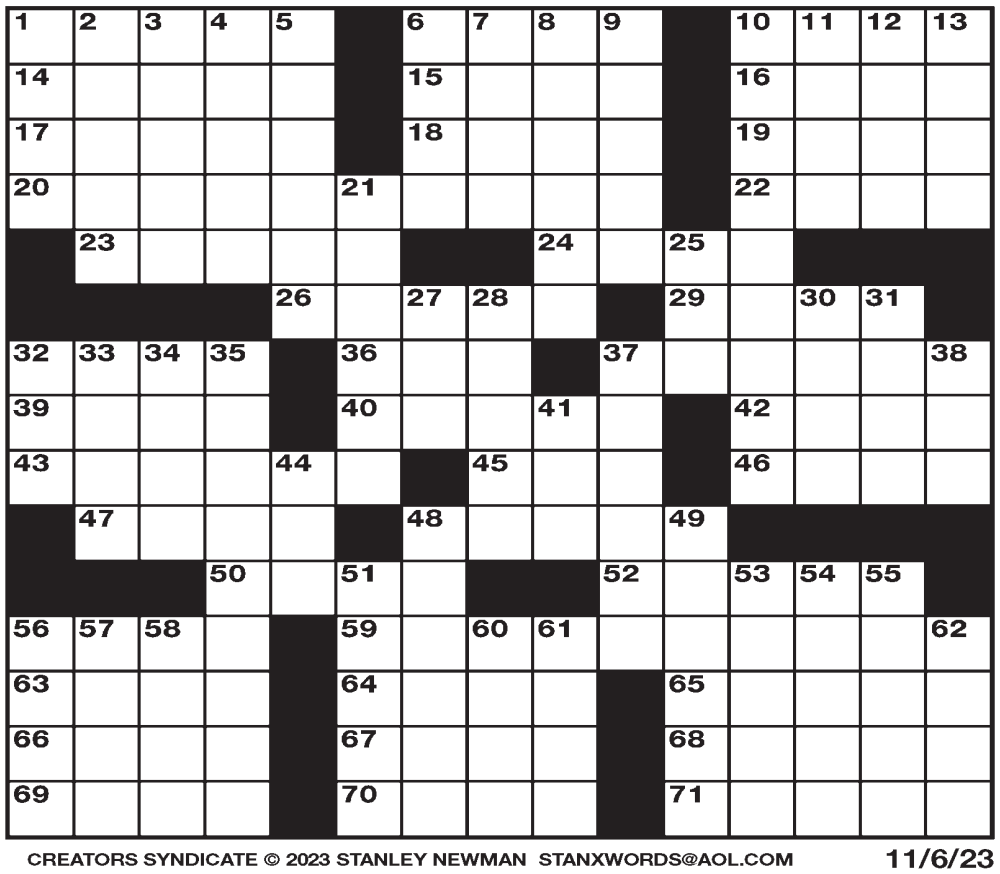
**WHAT'S SHAKING?** by Doug Peterson
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

**ACROSS**

**1** "Close but no __"
**6** At the very end
**10** Blogger's entry
**14** Like very much
**15** Ancient Andes native
**16** Look __ (investigate)
**17** Establish, as an organization
**18** Part of a molecule
**19** Great joy
**20** Percussion instrument that jingles
**22** Exercise centers
**23** Absorb knowledge
**24** Swirling current
**26** Leans to one side
**29** "A likely story!"
**32** __ and crafts
**36** Road's black surface
**37** Pasture
**39** Horse rider's strap
**40** Banish from a country
**42** Notorious Roman emperor
**43** Very well-known
**45** Earl Grey or pekoe
**46** Was sure of
**47** Church benches
**48** Human __ (person)
**50** Neutral, first, or reverse
**52** Wipe from a blackboard
**56** Weep loudly
**59** Noisy crib toy
**63** Money of France
**64** Cajun veggie
**65** Deliberately delay
**66** Typical Syrian or Iraqi
**67** Cutlet meat
**68** Untidy heaps
**69** Sticky cellophane roll
**70** Slight advantage
**71** Excerpt of a play

**DOWN**

**1** Group of performers
**2** Best possible
**3** "I have no idea"
**4** Dutch Caribbean isle
**5** Tell what you saw
**6** Person telling fibs
**7** Prefix meaning "against"
**8** Breakfast cakes
**9** Made docile
**10** Kid's cute coin holder
**11** Nothing more than
**12** Plant's stalk
**13** Tips of slippers
**21** Brings together
**25** Game cube with round dots
**27** Overly lenient
**28** Overly familiar, as a phrase
**30** Eve's first residence
**31** Made a rip in
**32** Comic strip bark
**33** Gather up a harvest
**34** Daylight saving __
**35** Small sphere holding a winter scene
**37** More cruel
**38** "That's amazing!"
**41** Hawaiian floral necklace
**44** Find a purpose for
**48** Slowed down a car
**49** Holds tightly
**51** Higher than
**53** House's upper storage area
**54** Not fresh, as bread
**55** DeGeneres or Burstyn
**56** Pulsate
**57** Mysterious glow
**58** Cover a present in paper
**60** Be boastful
**61** New Haven university
**62** Otherwise



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Malibu**

## City of Malibu Marks Annual Day of Preparedness

Five years ago on November 9, 2018, the Woolsey Fire tore a path of destruction through Malibu.

On November 9, 2023, the five-year anniversary of the Woolsey Fire, the City of Malibu renews its pledge to never stop working to help the community rebuild and recover. On September 9, 2019, after the Woolsey Fire, the City proclaimed November 9 as the Annual Day of Preparedness to cement its commitment to help the community to be better prepared and more resilient for wildfires.

This year, on Thursday, November 9, the City will host an Open House in the Public Safety Department's office in City Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help the community get prepared for wildfires.

### PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

Community members are invited to come by any time during the Open House hours. Meet the Public Safety staff, learn about the City's wildfire preparedness and resiliency efforts, receive a free NOAA weather radio, and pick up a free print copy of the Malibu Survival Guide.

Visitors can learn about their Evacuation Zone and the County's new Genasys evacuation zones, maps and website, hear updates on this year's fire season conditions, schedule a home wildfire assessment, and see the City's new Beacon Boxes that are installed across the City with maps and local information to assist out-of-area firefighters responding to fires in Malibu. Meet representatives from the LA County Fire Department, learn about volunteer opportunities from the Sheriff's Volunteers on Patrol (VOPs) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and enjoy snacks and refreshments.

### WOOLSEY FIRE REBUILD UPDATE

The City continues to offer resources and assistance to homeowners working on their Woolsey Fire rebuild projects. On September 25, the City Council adopted a resolution extending the deadlines by three years to apply for the Woolsey Fire Rebuild Fee Waiver Program. The Council approved extending the fee waivers for the last four years, totaling $5,353,046 million to date in support for those working to rebuild.

The City's Environmental Sustainability Director / Building Official, Yolanda Bundy, who leads the City's rebuild efforts, provided an update on the progress of the Woolsey Fire rebuild effort. As of October 25, 273 building permits to begin rebuilding single-family homes destroyed in the fire have been issued, and a total of 358 have been approved by the Planning Department. To date, 144 single-family home rebuilds have been completed, and 12 multifamily units have been completed.

Bundy continues to personally assist homeowners along every step of their rebuild process. Anyone who needs help moving their project forward, or needs advice or resources, is urged to schedule an appointment for one-on-one help with the Rebuild Team. To schedule an appointment, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Appointments or call 310-456-2489 or email ashah@malibucity.org. Many rebuild resources, handouts and other information are available on the Rebuild webpage at www.MalibuCity.org/Rebuild.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN DUEÑAS, PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGER

## Weekly Crime Stats for Santa Monica

### SMDP Calls for Service
Oct 27-Nov 2

| This Week | Last Week | Year Ago |
|---|---|---|
| 2,283 | 2,172 | 2,058 |

### Weekly Arrests

| Crime | Arrests |
|---|---|
| Robbery | 6 |
| Shoplifting | 6 |
| Assault & Battery | 5 |
| Violation of Stay-away Order | 3 |
| Possession of Methamphetamines | 2 |
| Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol | 2 |
| Aggravated Assault | 1 |
| Battery on a Peace Officer | 1 |
| Child Endangerment | 1 |
| Corporal Injury To Spouse | 1 |
| Domestic Battery | 1 |
| Drunk in Public | 1 |
| Indecent Exposure | 1 |
| Jaywalking | 1 |
| Possession of Drug Paraphernalia | 1 |
| Probation Violation | 1 |
| Resisting Arrest | 1 |
| Sexual Battery | 1 |
| Warrant outstanding | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **37** |




## MONDAY | NOVEMBER 6

### KIDS' STORY WORKSHOP WITH ZEENA PLISKA

In celebration of National Novel Writing Month, author and LAUSD teacher Zeena Pliska leads a workshop for young people in story crafting, using art materials to excavate the heart of the story. Students can expect to write the beginnings of their own story. For grades 4-6. Limited space. Email library@santamonica.gov to register. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

### MEMORY MATTERS: CARING FOR YOUR BRAIN

Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### JOHN STAMOS IN CONVERSATION WITH JOSH PECK

Television, film and Broadway theatre actor John Stamos talks about his memoir IF YOU WOULD HAVE TOLD ME to actor, writer and podcast host Josh Peck. John's memoir is a universal story about friendship, love and loss. It is, of course, filled with some of the most memorable names in Hollywood, but is at its core, a brutally honest yet funny and poignant portrait. $48 to $70 — including general admission, signed book & virtual viewing. Moss Theatre, 3131 Olympic Blvd. 8 - 9:30 p.m. https://livetalksla.org/events/john-stamos/

## TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 7

### GAME DAY FOR KIDS & FAMILY

Celebrate International Games Month by playing board games at the library. Explore new adventures, solve murders, and give your heart to a princess. Family session for ages 3-9. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

### GRAPHIC NOVEL READING CLUB

Online discussion of Fullmetal Alchemist Vol. 1 by Hiromu Arakawa. 11:15 a.m. https://smc-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtdOmqrT0jHtepD1qecVWMzystsnPSccc1#/registration

### CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE PANEL

Learn first-hand information and practical advice from healthcare industry professionals. All SMC majors welcome! This event is co-sponsored by the Career Services Center and the Pre-Health Professional Association (PHPA). If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please email dsps@smc.edu or call 310-434-4265 at least 5 business days prior to the event. 11:15 a.m. https://smc-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtdO-uqzIrGtHH6PFNuiqdaWgX9EBFQMit#/registration

### LA MADE: SOUND BATH MEDITATION

Sound bathing is a form of meditation, a massage for your brain, using crystal bowls, drums, elemental chimes, and other modalities. The frequency of sound transmutes and relaxes the subconscious to lighten our psyche. After a sound bath, you can expect to leave feeling lighter, more at ease, and deeply connected to the world around you. This vibrational healing technique is especially beneficial when we realize that everything is vibration. So when we begin to heal ourselves at a vibrational level, we are healing ourselves at the most basic root of existence. 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 8

### COMPUTER CLASS - TIPS FOR ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING

TIPS FOR ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING - Find the deals and avoid the scams. Learn tips for getting the most bang for your buck online this holiday season. All levels. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### STUART HOUSE: PRESENTS SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Conversations around body safety should happen in every family and can be done with ease and without fear or discomfort. Come discover how you can start this conversation with your child today.

Las conversaciones sobre la seguridad del cuerpo deberían ocurrir en todas las familias y se pueden hacer con facilidad y sin temor ni incomodidad. Venga a descubrir cómo puede iniciar esta conversación con su hijo/a hoy.

Register online at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcuqsrDgqHtLiKAtSs2o8RrPgjHcK2m33#/registration 6 - 7 p.m.

### VENICE BACKGAMMON CLUB WITH LIVE JAZZ

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. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, 8 p.m. $20.

## THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 9

### ICE AT SANTA MONICA GRAND OPENING

Come take part in the fun and festivities all under the starlit Santa Monica sky! Join us for an enchanting evening of free ice skating after the ceremony-a perfect way to kick off winter!Free skate from 5-9:30PM Groove to the coolest beats spun by our talented DJ while you skate. Corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue

### REFRAME: CITY HALL MURAL - OPEN HOUSE AND COMMUNITY MIXER

Join organizers in the Historic Santa Monica City Hall for a public preview of findings from the Reframe: City Hall Mural project community engagement phase and to celebrate the months-long process. Meet the organizers and public participants in the project, view art in the lobby and the "Lives that Bind" exhibition in City Hall East, and meet fellow residents and interested stakeholders. Learn about the recommendations that arose from the process before they're presented to City Council for consideration in early 2024. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and to tell us how you would like to be involved in the next phases of the project. This will be a casual evening of connection and celebration with light refreshments and good conversation. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 6 - 8 p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reframe-city-hall-mural-open-house-and-community-mixer-tickets-744635624197

### RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

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

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Santa Monica, CA 90405
*By Humana*

**10 a.m.**
**Wednesday, November 8th**
Fromins Deli:
1832 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90403
*By West LA Baby Boomers Insurance Services (Broker-Multiple Plans Presented)*

**11 a.m.**
**Thursday, November 9th**
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