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# Suit filed against Bonin, Garcetti and Snapchat for Boardwalk encampment fire



Photo by: Clara Harter

**FIRE: An encampment fire consumed a vacant office building leased by Snap, Inc. on Jan. 13.**

**JAMIE PAIGE**
Special to the Daily Press

The Venice civil rights attorney, who disappeared from the public stage after a 2007 conviction for tax evasion, bankruptcy fraud, and money in 2007, is representing the property owner of 723 Ocean Front Walk, the building that burned down in January because of a homeless encampment.

Stephen Yagman filed the lawsuit on behalf of Benjamin Schonbrun; also a civil rights attorney, against Snap Inc, the city of Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Councilmember Mike Bonin, in their official capacity, for what the lawsuit alleges was a failure to maintain a lease agreement and allowing homeless encampments to

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# Woman charged with assault for attacking 'Survivor' contestant and 2 other victims

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Alexandria Diaz was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon for attacking three victims on Oct. 14, including former 'Survivor' contestant Michelle Yi.

The incident took place at 2nd St. and Arizona Ave. at around 6 a.m. when Yi was opening up the Pilates Platinum studio where she teaches. According to SMPD Public Information Officer Rudy Flores, Diaz struck Yi with a metal pipe and poked her with a reciprocating saw blade.

Yi suffered a one inch laceration to her right eyebrow area after being struck by the pipe and drove herself to a local hospital for treatment. The other two victims sustained scratches to their face and head and declined medical treatment.

An SMPD investigation identified the attacker as Alexandria Diaz, who was listed

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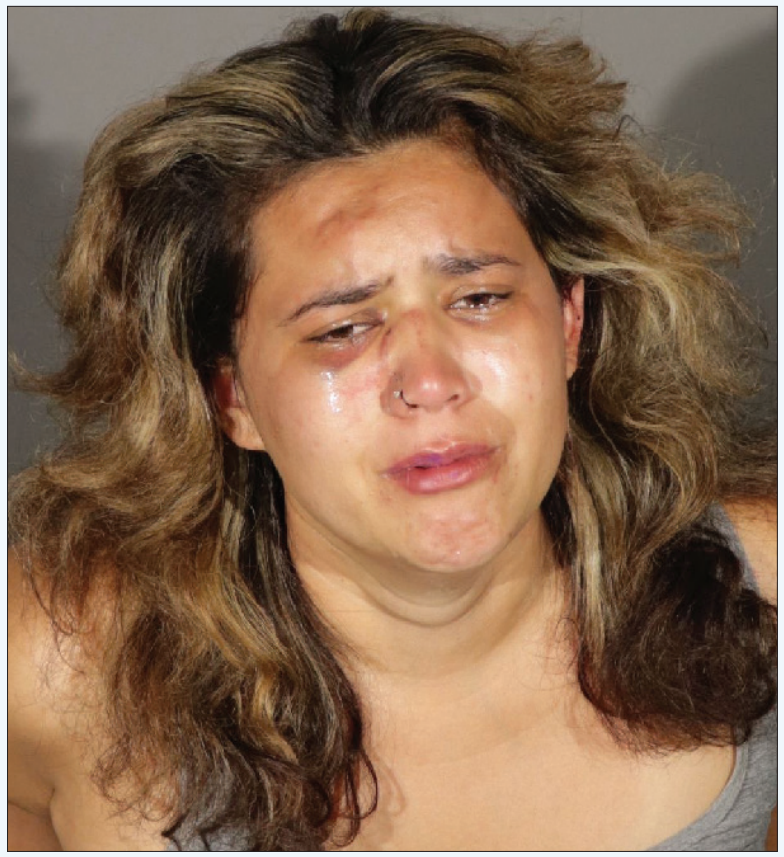


Photo courtesy of SMPD

**ASSAULT: Alexandria Diaz was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon.**

# SMMUSD to continue discussing a potential student vaccine mandate

**DANIEL FARR**
SMDP Staff Writer

SMMUSD will hold a School Board meeting on Oct. 21 and continue discussions over a potential vaccine mandate in light of Governor Gavin Newsom's recently announced statewide mandate.

Newsom issued the nation's first statewide COVID-19 vaccine mandate for school children on Oct. 1, making vaccinations mandatory for all private and public school students as soon as vaccines receive full FDA approval.

Based on current FDA timelines, the State expects this rule to apply to students in grades 7-12 by July 2022. Under the current mandate, exemptions can be granted for parents' personal beliefs, but the State legislature could vote to remove this exemption at a later time.

Newsom said that students are already required to receive vaccinations for measles, mumps and rubella and that there is no reason for COVID-19 to be treated differently.

Many parents do not agree. Just this week, more than a thousand people crowded the front steps of the California Capitol to protest Newsom's decision. In the Santa Monica-Malibu School District, public comment in recent School Board meetings has been dominated by parents who are opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Prior to the announcement of Newsom's mandate, Board members discussed a draft of their own potential COVID-19 vaccine mandate in a Sept. 22 meeting.

SMMUSD's previously proposed plan would have required all students 12 years old and older to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have a medical or other exemption. The resolution that was discussed did not set deadlines for when the potential mandate would come into effect.

Thursday's discussions will not be centered around a resolution, but be more of an open ended discussion responding to the governor's mandate.

"This is an ever changing situation. We have pivots and adjust daily to everything. We have had to stay nimble and adjust all in the name of what is best for ongoing in-person instruction while ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff," said Public Information Officer Gail Pinsker.

Six out of the seven SMMUSD board members were in favor of adding a vaccine mandate in the September meeting. Craig Foster was the lone opponent. He stated, "Americans are willing to give up precious freedoms to try and prevent the fear of the day. I personally want absolutely no part

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

**SUBJECT:** 16ENT-0048 (Development Review Permit)
18ENT-0382 (Major Modification)
17ENT-0011 (Final Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2018011001)
**1242 20th Street, 1925 Arizona Avenue**
APPLICANT: Lina Lee, CIM Group
PROPERTY OWNER: 1925 Arizona (LA), LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request: Applicant requests approval of Development Review Permit 16ENT-0048, Major Modification 18ENT-0382, and certification of Final Environmental Impact Report 17ENT-0011 to allow the retention and partial rehabilitation/adaptive reuse of an existing Tudor-style commercial building and the construction of a new Tier 1 three-story, 45-foot tall research/development and medical clinic facility ("Wellness Center") consisting of approximately 76,167 square-feet and a five-level subterranean parking garage. The subject site includes multiple adjoining parcels consisting of 45,008 square feet and is located on the northwest corner of 20th Street and Arizona Avenue within the HMU (Healthcare Mixed-Use) District.

**DATE/TIME:** **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

**LOCATION:** In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/huqtyqzv or by dialing in at (415) 466-7000 (PIN: # 8153326)

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling (408) 740-7256 (Meeting ID: 327716306 and Passcode: 4366 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner
Re: 16ENT-0048, 18ENT-0382, 17ENT-0011

**MORE INFORMATION:** If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at steve.mizokami@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**ESPAÑOL:** Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.






# Indicted LA councilman to 'step back,' but won't resign

Associated Press

Days after he was indicted on federal charges, Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas said he will "immediately step back" from participation in council meetings and committees, but will not resign.

Ridley-Thomas wrote in a letter to fellow council members on Monday that he will fight the "outrageous allegations" and plans to resume participation on the legislative body "at the earliest appropriate time," the Los Angeles Times reported.

"I fully appreciate the importance of the council being able to conduct its business with minimal distractions," Ridley-Thomas said in the letter, adding that he was stepping back with that in mind.

Ridley-Thomas, a former Los Angeles County supervisor, was charged last week in a bribery scheme along with Marilyn Louise Flynn, former dean of the University of Southern California's School of Social Work.

Ridley-Thomas, 66, and Flynn, 83, have each denied the allegations.

Federal prosecutors said that in 2017 and 2018, then-supervisor Ridley-Thomas offered to support county contracts to the School of Social Work — which had a multimillion-dollar budget deficit — in exchange for helping a relative.

In return, Flynn promised to provide the relative with a full-tuition scholarship and a paid professorship, and concocted a scheme to funnel $100,000 in Ridley-Thomas campaign funds through the university "to a non-profit to be operated by the relative," said a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

The indictment refers to the relative only as "MRT Relative 1."

# California congressional race could help tilt House control

**MICHAEL R. BLOOD**
Associated Press

What could be one of the most competitive House races in the country is taking shape in California's agriculture-rich Central Valley, where a Democratic assemblyman Monday became the latest candidate to announce a bid to oust Republican U.S. Rep. David Valadao.

The heavily Latino, strongly Democratic 21st District has been a perennial battleground, and the outcome next year is likely to play into which party controls the House. Democrats have 220 seats in the chamber and Republicans have 212, with three vacancies.

However, the shape of the district and its political complexion could shift, with a commission still working on adjustments to boundary lines as part of once-a-decade reapportionment, which accounts for population changes.

Five-term Assemblyman Rudy Salas formally announced he is entering the race during a kickoff event in his hometown of Bakersfield, where he had been the first Latino to serve on the City Council. He joins a lengthening list of Democratic candidates, including Delano Mayor Bryan Osorio, former Assemblywoman Nicole Parra and Angel Lara, a former aide to California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein. Valadao also is facing challengers from within his own party.

Salas said in a statement that he wants to "make sure that Washington once again delivers for the Central Valley."

Valadao campaign spokesman Andrew Renteria declined to comment on Salas' entry into the race, saying the congressman is concentrating on his work for constituents and "isn't focused on politics."

The district is politically quirky. Democrats hold a commanding edge in voter registration – 43% compared with 27% for Republicans. But the Republican Valadao held the seat from 2013 until January 2019, after he was defeated by Democrat TJ Cox. Valadao then recaptured the seat in rematch with Cox in 2020.

Salas is considered a moderate, though Republicans immediately attacked him as out of step with the district. "The last thing the Central Valley needs is another tax-raising, liberal politician," said Torunn Sinclair, a spokeswoman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Despite the lopsided Democratic registration edge, Valadao has proven durable, in part by highlighting a bipartisan streak. Democrat Joe Biden carried the district over then-President Donald Trump by 11 points in the 2020 presidential election.

Valadao was never a Trump loyalist, and the former president's continued influence over the GOP could prove tricky for the congressman, who is one of a handful of Republicans remaining in the House who backed Trump's impeachment.

Valadao didn't support then-candidate Trump in 2016, but he then backed his reelection four years later. However, Valadao would break with Trump's White House at times, including criticizing the administration for family separations at the border. He ran in 2020 as "an independent problem solver" and in one ad highlighted his work with former President Barack Obama on water issues critical the farm-belt region.

He has called Trump a driving force in the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. Trump's "inciting rhetoric was un-American, abhorrent, and absolutely an impeachable offense," Valadao said.

Signs of friction already are emerging in the nationally important race. In a recent interview with conservative talk show host John Fredericks, Trump complained about GOP financial support going to Valadao and other House members who voted to impeach him. In an apparent reference to Valadao, Trump said he's "much more of a Democrat, probably, than a Republican."

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 314 CALLS ON OCTOBER 18

Person Down Commonwealth/Linc 4:20 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 3200Blk Urban Ave 9:03 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1900Blk Arizona Ave 9:08 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 600Blk Arizona Ave 9:09 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:10 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1300Blk Princeton St 9:14 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 4th St / Colorado Ave 9:16 a.m.
Fire 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:38 p.m.
Public Intoxication 100Blk Broadway 12:37 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2200Blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:02 a.m.
Attempt Homicide 1000Blk Marine St 1:05 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 6th St / California Ave 1:45 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:20 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2100Blk Ocean Ave 2:28 a.m.
Arson 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:45 a.m.
Fire Request Police 1600Blk Main St 4:11 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 700Blk Broadway 4:38 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 00Blk Pico Blvd 5:04 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 2600Blk Main St 5:17 a.m.
Family Disturbance 3100Blk Pico Blvd 5:18 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500Blk The Beach 5:25 a.m.
Trespassing 2900Blk Glenn Ave 5:34 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 6:45 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400Blk 2nd St 7:04 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000Blk 20th St 7:18 a.m.
Arson Interstate 10 / Lincoln Blvd 7:20 a.m.
Arson Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 7:21 a.m.
Arson Interstate 10 / 4th St 7:21 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / California Incline 7:22 a.m.
Arson 2500Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:23 a.m.
Arson 1500Blk Bay St 7:24 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 25th St 7:46 a.m.
Burglary Report 700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:53 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900Blk Ocean Ave 7:54 a.m.
Lewd Activity 800Blk Montana Ave 7:57 a.m.
Encampment 1000Blk Palisades Park 8:03 a.m.
Identity Theft 200Blk W Ventura Blvd 8:19 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3000Blk 3rd St 8:20 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Euclid St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:22 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 16th St / Hill St 8:23 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700Blk Robson Ave 8:23 a.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 200Blk Ashland Ave 8:25 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:26 a.m.
Trespassing 700Blk Navy St 8:33 a.m.
Burglary Report 900Blk 14th St 9:17 a.m.
Battery Report 200Blk Broadway 9:42 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:45 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Colorado Ave 9:47 a.m.
Person With A Gun 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:07 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:10 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2100Blk 21st St 10:12 a.m.
Identity Theft 1700Blk 5th St 10:25 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 800Blk Olympic Blvd W 10:39 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 400Blk 19th St 10:41 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2700Blk Neilson Way 11:27 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300Blk Pearl St 11:31 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3300Blk Barnard Way 11:33 a.m.
Burglary Report 1900Blk Delaware Ave 11:35 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:40 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1200Blk 16th St 12:02 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:06 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:17 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 3300Blk Pico Blvd 12:19 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 12:25 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 16th St / Michigan Ave 12:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300Blk 4th St 12:41 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1900Blk 12th St 12:42 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 300Blk Pico Blvd 12:53 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1200Blk 7th St 12:56 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 1:03 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:05 p.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:16 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300Blk 9th St 1:18 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1400Blk 16th St 1:52 p.m.
Found Senile Person 100Blk California Ave 1:55 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Ocean Ave 1:58 p.m.
Burglary Report 1200Blk 10th St 2:11 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200Blk Virginia Ave 2:53 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1500Blk

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## ASSAULT

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as a missing person in the Fresno area.

Yi is a 37-year old Asian American, who competed on the 2007 season of Survivor set in Fiji.

"There is no indication whatsoever that this was a hate crime," said Flores. "Unfortunately, the suspect suffers from mental illness and it appears she was off her medication."

Officers initially responded to a disturbance of the peace radio call reporting a woman carrying a baton and striking cars. Upon arriving on scene, officers witnessed Diaz striking a male victim with two hollow metal pipes and immediately took her into custody.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed three counts of assault with a deadly weapon against Diaz on Oct. 18.

Anyone with additional information pertaining to this incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at 310-458-8451 or the Santa Monica Department's Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**
**CALLING FOR BIDS**
**DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**
**BID: 101521RS**
**GLASS REPLACEMENT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND STUDENT SERVICES CENTER (EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR GLASS)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as:

Furnish all glass, materials, supplies, equipment and prevailing wage labor to replace glass at specified locations:

**Student Services Center**

1. Exterior - First floor near the northeast corner of the building - 1" insulated glass unit.
2. 1nterior - Second floor lobby next to stair 2 -laminated glass.

**Performing Arts Center**

1. Exterior - Second story on the east side of the building - 1" insulated glass unit.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 10:00 AM PDT**

BIDDER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE JOB WALK IS MANDATORY. COVID 19 PROTOCOLS IN EFFECT; SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE COVERING OVER NOSE AND MOUTH REQUIRED. SIGN-IN IS REQUIRED. LATE ARRIVALS NOT PERMITTED. BIDDERS ARE TO MEET OUTSIDE OF THE SMC FACILITIES TRAILER AT THE WAREHOUSE/RECEIVING PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE STADIUM BLEACHERS, 2121 16TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. THE BID PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY A BIDDER WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE(S) DID NOT ATTEND THE ENTIRETY OF THE MANDATORY JOB WALK WILL BE REJECTED BY THE DISTRICT AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE.

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| PROJECT ESTIMATE: | $40,000.00 |
| CONTRACT DAYS: | 14 |
| LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: | n/a |

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 AT 2:00 PM PST.** All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.
The Contractor is required to have a CSLB C-17 license and CADIR registration at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

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# 2 dead, 2 injured in Los Angeles cannabis business fire

Associated Press

Human remains were found Tuesday in an apparent Los Angeles cannabis business that was gutted by fire and one of three burn victims also died, authorities said.

A dog capable of detecting human remains was being brought in to make sure there were no other victims, said fire Capt. Erik Scott.

The fire erupted early Monday afternoon in the one-story commercial structure in the Canoga Park area of the San Fernando Valley. Explosions occurred and a huge column of smoke rose from the building.

Three burn victims ran outside and indicated someone else was inside. In addition, authorities were unable to account for whoever was driving one of six burned vehicles parked outside, Scott said.

"Tragically, this morning we did find what appears to be an adult male in an area that is determined dead," he said.

A victim who was burned over 90% of his body also succumbed, Scott said. One victim remained in critical condition and another was in serious condition.

Hash was found in the building and testing was continuing to determine if THC and other substances were present, Scott said.

## POLICE LOG

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19th St 3:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:08 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:16 p.m.
Found Person 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:23 p.m.
Fight 600Blk Pico Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 1900Blk Ocean Ave 3:37 p.m.
Person Down 21st St / Wilshire Blvd 3:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 16th St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:09 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1200Blk 4th St 5:30 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1300Blk Olympic Blvd 5:31 p.m.
Person Down Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 5:43 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800Blk 17th St 6:00 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1400Blk 17th St 6:05 p.m.
Encampment 3000Blk Glenn Ave 6:18 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200Blk 16th St 7:13 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1000Blk 4th St 7:45 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:08 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1100Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:37 p.m.
Encampment 2500Blk The Beach 8:46 p.m.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Citywide**

### A message from our new Police Chief

Hello everybody, my name is Ramon Batista, and I am the newly appointed Police Chief for the City of Santa Monica. Here's a little bit about me.

I have spent the majority of my adult life serving in public safety. Becoming a police officer was a childhood dream. I had the opportunity to live that dream starting with the Tucson Police Department where I spent the first ten years of my career as a police officer. During my tenure there, I worked in every major area of operations. And, after 31 years, I retired as an assistant chief of police. On my career path to becoming a police chief, I attended every major law enforcement executive training program in the country.

And, in 2017 I became the chief of the Mesa Arizona Police Department where we accomplished numerous breakthrough achievements, and reinforced community partnerships while keeping both the community and the officers safe.

I am married to my amazing wife, Nina, and we have two great kids and one beautiful grandchild.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to lead the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department in the mission of providing you unparalleled public safety. The Santa Monica Police Department has a history of dedicated service and collaborative community engagement. My goal is to strengthen and support the ideals of building trust and legitimacy in pursuit of advancing the principles of 21st Century Policing.

It is my strong belief that we have an outstanding police department. The members of this agency stand ready to grow into the future. We have the internal capacity, our members possess an exceptional, intellectual body of knowledge and understanding. Our goal will be to apply our strengths in conjunction with our community to solve problems.

I will be everyone's chief. I will fight for justice and safety in our community and I will stand proudly for the officers and professional staff, showcasing and talking about the good work they're doing.

The goals of community safety and officer safety are not mutually exclusive; they are two arcs of strength and resilience that are at their best when they are complimentary of each other and moving in the same direction. Put another way, public safety and justice in policing are not mutually exclusive, we can and will do both.

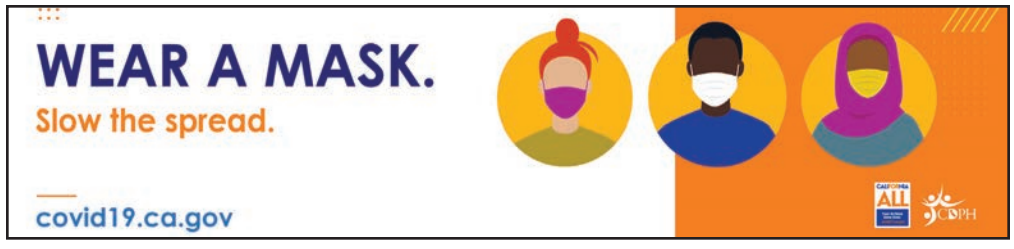
I am excited about our future and I look forward to meeting you and working with you as we, collectively, move forward with our new City Manager and City Council to continue the work of making Santa Monica one of the best places to live and play.

SUBMITTED BY: RAMON BATISTA, POLICE CHIEF

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 47 CALLS ON OCTOBER 18

EMS 2800Blk Neilson Way 12:27 a.m.
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EMS 1000Blk Marine St 1:06 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:21 a.m.
EMS 600Blk 16th St 3:34 a.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injury 23rd St / Ashland Ave 8:53 a.m.
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# VENICE

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expand around the building.

The fire destroyed 723 S. Ocean Front Walk on January 13, 2021. It started at an encampment on the south side of the nearly 70-year-old, 6,952-square-foot structure. It took 116 firefighters two hours and 17 minutes to extinguish the flames in a largely defensive firefighting operation.

Although Schonbrun owned the building, the lessee at the time of the fire was Snap Inc., who was not occupying the building. Snap Inc., is headquartered in Santa Monica and is the parent company of Snapchat.

According to the lawsuit, Schonbrun regularly notified Snap, Garcetti, Bonin, and the Los Angeles Police Department of the homeless encampment and its potential negative consequences to the building. But, the lawsuit says that was to no avail.

The lawsuit stated that once Snap had abandoned the building, the company ceased having their private security keep the building safe and secure, ceased enforcing the "No Trespassing" signs, and thus materially breached the lease agreement. The lawsuit alleges the company permitted a homeless encampment to begin and to continue immediately adjacent to and abutting the building, and Snap took no action.

The fire, however, started at the height of a significant encampment outbreak on the Boardwalk. The Westside Current reported numerous stories of multiple businesses and homeowners who had grown frustrated by what they said was Bonin's permissive behavior of allowing the encampments to remain on the Boardwalk, including at this particular location.

## VENICE UP IN FLAMES

On October 10, 2020, NBC's Joel Grover did an investigative story called Venice Up In Flames: Frequent Homeless Tent Fires Threaten Residents and Tourists. In the report, Grover stated that a homeless person's tent went up in flames in Venice every week, sometimes more than once a day.

The report went on to say that just that week, a tent on the Venice Boardwalk was on fire at 9 a.m. while surfers and tourists strolled by. Venice resident Allan Parsons spoke to Grover and asked, "Are these fires putting nearby homes in danger with embers that could blow off in the middle of a fire?"

Data from the city at the time showed that fires related to homelessness citywide were up 82% compared to the same time last year—naming Venice as one of the epicenters of the fire problem. Unhoused residents told the NBC I-Team most of the fires are arson—homeless people setting other homeless people's makeshift dwellings on fire.

During a public safety town hall in November of last year, the LAPD pointed to its inability to enforce LAMC 56.11, which would mandate that encampments be dismantled during business hours to curb some violent behavior, including fires, that saw a drastic uptick on the Boardwalk. A question was whether or not Bonin directed the LAPD to stop the enforcement of the ordinance, citing COVID.

In a LA Times report, the Los Angeles Police Department said it would resume enforcing a ban on homeless people pitching tents and lean-tos on the beach and grass areas around the Venice boardwalk after Chief Moore and Bonin ceased the enforcement, citing COVID. However, the reversal was only to begin after the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority had a chance to find spots in shelters for people.

Then, in January of 2021, just a few weeks before the fire, Bonin introduced a motion to stop the city's mandatory cleanups of homeless encampments and replace them with voluntary, service-based protocols that comply with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines citing COVID.

Bonin said that Los Angeles policy should be guided by the Hippocratic oath, "first, do not harm." Adding that clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread."

## MORE ON SNAP, INC.

The lawsuit also alleges that Snap breached its duty to keep the exterior of the building free from graffiti, stating that SNAP duly was notified of this breach, and failed and refused to cure it, and would paint over the graffiti with paint that did not match the surrounding exterior paint color, thus further defacing the building.

It also alleges that Snap refused to provide the insurance policy information and, on knowledge and belief, failed to comply with the term of the lease contract that required Snap correctly to insure the premises, to protect both the plaintiff and itself.

At question, why Yagman asked for monetary damages in the lawsuit instead of injunctive relief. Bonin, the City, and Garcetti are protected under discretionary immunity, meaning they are immune from lawsuits. Injunctive relief, also known as an injunction, is a remedy that restrains a party from doing certain acts or requires a party to act in a certain way.

There's also the question of why Schonbrun, who works at the same law firm as Catherine Sweetser, a civil rights attorney representing CANGRESS, otherwise known as LACAN, as an intervener in the LA Alliance Lawsuit, is suing the city for nuisance when Sweetser is fighting against the enforcement of laws used to enforce anti-camping.

After the fire, the Westside Current reached out to Schonbrun for comment and have yet to hear back.

Schonbrun is seeking $8 million in damages from an estimate of $2.5 million to rebuild the building and additional damages from trebling or asking the court for three times the amount due to deliberate wrongdoing.

Snap has issued no comment regarding the lawsuit after being contacted for this article.

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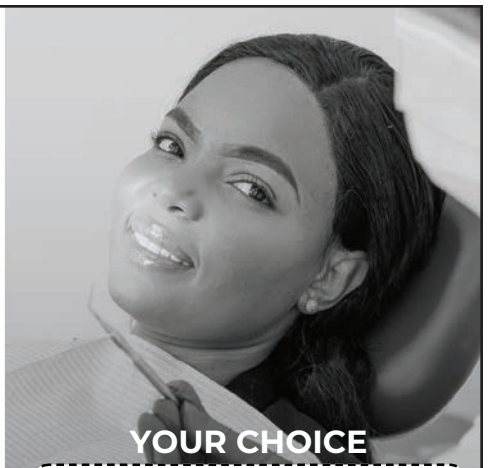
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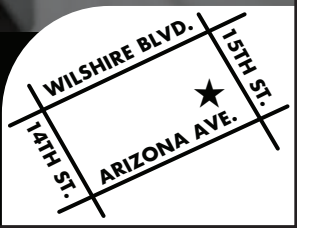
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### Residents encouraged to participate in ShakeOut earthquake preparedness day

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As soon as you feel an earthquake or receive an early earthquake alert, it's critical to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" to protect yourself from serious injury during a major earthquake. DROP to the ground. Take COVER under a sturdy table or desk. HOLD ON to the table or desk so that it continues to shelter you throughout the earthquake.

**Early Earthquake Warning**

Earthquake Warning California is the nation's first widely available statewide earthquake warning seconds. The alert is designed to give residents advanced notice, even seconds, to protect themselves before shaking begins. This tool is available through the MyShake App or all phones will receive a Wireless Emergency Alert for emergency situations during an earthquake of a magnitude 5.0 or higher or when the earthquake shaking intensity scale is at Level IV, indicating light shaking that will disturb indoor household items will be disturbed.

**Tsunami Impacts**

A tsunami is a series of waves usually case by an undersea earthquake. A large earthquake on land can also cause a tsunami impacting the Santa Monica coastline. When you're at the beach, if an earthquake occurs, immediately Drop, Cover, and Hold On. When shaking stops, immediately walk inland and out of the tsunami hazard zone. There are Tsunami hazard signs throughout the city, and these signs will help determine the best route to find safety. Every minute counts during these events. Walking or bicycling out of the hazard zone is the fastest way to ensure your immediate safety.

**Information After an Earthquake**

After an earthquake, power and internet is not a guarantee. Often radios are the best way to get information from local news sources. After a major earthquake event, Santa Monica's radio station KRSM 1680AM will broadcast local information updates as they become available. This radio station is designed to only be accessible when in the City limits and is best accessed using a radio outdoors or when in a car. To easily remember the station, it's a good idea to label your emergency radio with this station so you don't forget.

During the 2021 ShakeOut, Santa Monica will broadcast a ShakeOut drill message over the 1680AM radio station. Use this year's ShakeOut as a time to test this important emergency communications tool.

Thanks to our Santa Monica community for taking steps to be informed, prepared, and resilient in all emergency events. Learn more about ShakeOut at: www.shakeout.org/california/

SUBMITTED BY: LINDSAY CALL, CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER

**Countywide**

### Keep our Shops on the Block launches Digital Accelerator Program

Following the success of the Keep Our Shops on the Block grant earlier this year, which deployed financial aid to 481 small brick-and-mortar businesses in the retail and personal care sector, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation Los Angeles (LISC LA) has expanded the program and the services offered and launched an invite-only digital literacy accelerator for diverse-owned businesses. The virtual accelerator program is designed to help Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) owned small businesses in the personal care, retail and food industries utilize digital technology towards business growth. This program was made possible through the Together for LA partnership and the generosity of Wells Fargo.

The Digital Accelerator Program inaugural cohort will consist of 24 local businesses and will

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# Data shows ship crossed over oil pipeline that ruptured

**MATTHEW BROWN AND BRIAN MELLEY**
Associated Press

A massive cargo ship that was supposed to be at anchor was buffeted by high winds during a January storm and repeatedly crossed over an undersea oil pipeline that later ruptured off the Southern California coast, according to vessel monitoring data.

Federal investigators are examining whether on Jan. 25, the anchor from the Panama-registered container ship MSC DANIT caught the pipe and pulled it across the seafloor, Coast Guard Lt. j.g. SondraKay Kneen said. Tracking data analyzed by the environmental group Skytruth showed that on that date the MSC DANIT drifted several times over the pipeline that is about 100 feet (30 meters) below the surface.

The storm came as an overflow of vessels was backed up outside the Los Angles-Long Beach ports complex, which has experienced huge delays as shipping volumes surge amid the pandemic. It had winds up to 63 mph (101 kph) and 17-foot (5.2-meter) seas, prompting 24 vessels to go to deeper waters to ride it out, according to a report by the Marine Exchange of Southern California, which oversees vessel traffic at the ports.

The tracking data "is looking very consistent with a vessel that is in trouble and getting knocked around out there," Skytruth President John Amos said Monday. He said other ships also could have dragged anchor over the pipeline, and Kneen acknowledged the Coast Guard is "still looking at multiple vessels and scenarios."

The Skytruth data is based on automatic broadcasts from the DANIT showing its location and status. It remained around its anchor point from Jan. 18 until early on Jan. 25, then began drifting erratically while still broadcasting that it was at anchor, the data showed.

The ship crossed over the pipeline at 5:47 a.m., then three more times over the next three hours, before its status changed to "under way" and it moved farther offshore and behind an island, presumably to shelter from the storm, Amos said.

The data doesn't explain the long delay between the anchor dragging and the sudden appearance of oil in the water off Huntington Beach in early October.

"The bigger question is how is responsibility going to be determined?" Amos said. "If it turns out a ship in distress did snag this pipeline and pull it out of place, does that explain an oil spill that happened many months later?"

The Coast Guard is trying to determine if the DANIT's anchor drag caused the leak, if the line was hit by something else at a later date, or if it failed due to a preexisting problem, Kneen said, adding the investigation could take a year.

The accident just a few miles offshore sent about 25,000 gallons (94,635 liters) of crude into the water and then onto the sands of Huntington Beach and several other communities. While not as bad as initially feared, it has reignited the debate over offshore drilling in federal waters in the Pacific, where hundreds of miles of pipelines were installed decades ago.

A crack was found in the steel pipeline that sits exposed on the seafloor and is owned by Houston-based Amplify Energy. Video of the site showed the line's concrete coating — meant to weigh it down to the seafloor — had broken off, suggesting it was hit by a large object such as an anchor.

The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee held a meeting Monday in Orange County to hear about the spill's impact on wildlife and businesses. Dr. Michael Ziccardi, director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, said nearly 100 oiled birds were found, two-thirds of which died. Five mammals and more than a dozen fish were also recovered.

Scott Breneman, a fourth-generation commercial fisherman who has a retail and wholesale business and owns a seafood restaurant, said his business crashed after the spill. He said it reminded him of what his father dealt with after the oil tanker American Trader pierced its hull with its anchor off the coast in 1990, spilling over 400,000 gallons (1.5 million liters) of oil in the same area.

"I watched my father struggle for months," Breneman said. "I've seen the same exact thing happen here."

Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif., said the spill should provide support for President Joe Biden's proposed budget that would ban new offshore oil and gas leases in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico. She also called for an end to "outdated" subsidies for oil and gas companies.

"These subsidies and so many others are the reasons that oil wells like the ones behind this leak are still active," Porter said. "Getting rid of the subsidies is the first step to get rid of the problem."

The investigation into what caused the spill could lead to criminal charges or civil penalties.

A team of federal investigators boarded the DANIT on Saturday, hours after the 1,200-foot (366-meter) ship arrived at the Port of Long Beach from China. Kneen declined to say if any damage was found to an anchor on the DANIT.

The Coast Guard has designated the ship's owner and operator as parties of interest in its investigation.

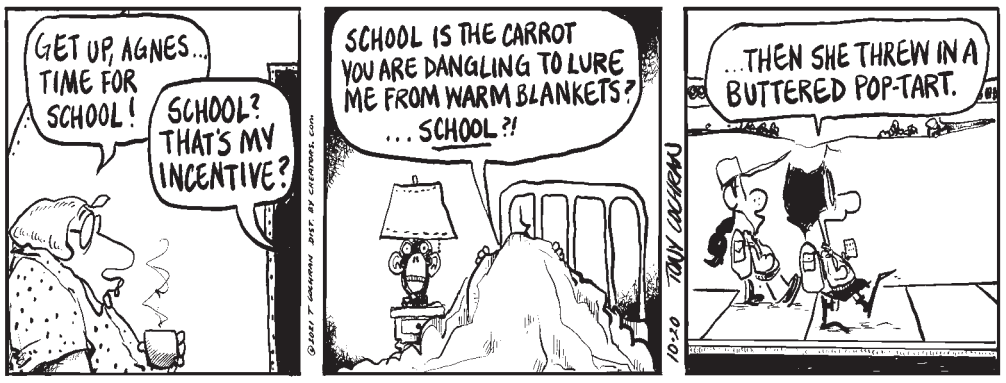
The DANIT's operator, MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company, is headquartered in Switzerland and has a fleet of 600 vessels and more than 100,000 workers, according to the company. MSC spokesperson Giles Broom said Monday

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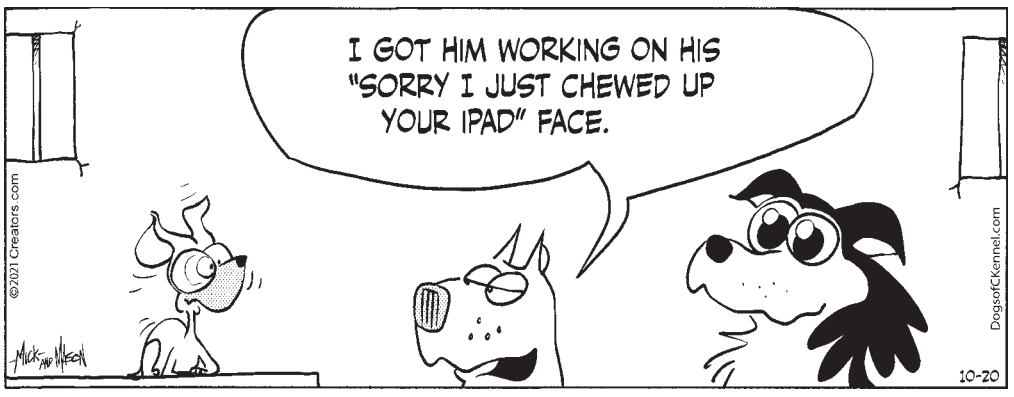
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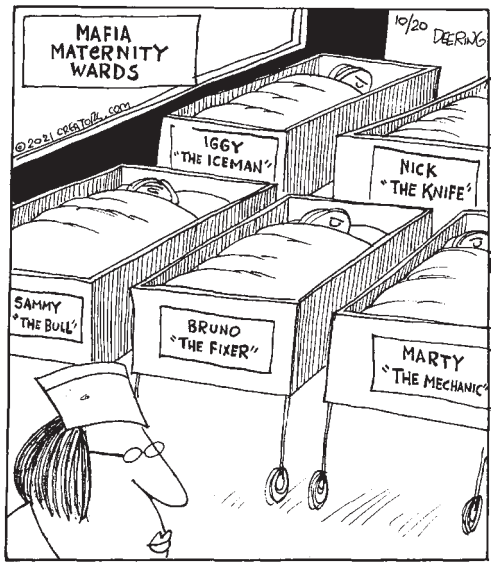
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## SURF FORECASTS

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Still some SSW swell in the mix but it will be trending down. New WNW swell doesn't show till late. Deep mid AM high tide.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Clean morning window but get on it early before tide gets too full. Wind may stay light into afternoon. Fun WNW swell on hand - biggest west of Pt. Dume.

## WEATHER

**Wednesday:** Cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 65.
**Wednesday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 54.
**Thursday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Satisfaction in a relationship depends on overlooking the shortcomings and fixing attention on what is working beautifully, which will be particularly easy for you to see today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may not seem like it, but you have room in your life for a new group of people. Dip your toe in. You'll start enjoying yourself straight away and have something unique to contribute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When honesty seeps uncomfortably into the situation, it means there's something important, healthy and meaningful occurring. A degree of discomfort is necessary to an exciting and interesting life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are well-aware of the nature of an adrenaline rush. What goes up must come down. Every mood has its opposite, and the pendulum will swing. You're ready for it. The thrill will be worth it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Beware of mesmerizing opportunities. If you have to be hypnotized to do a thing, it's probably not reasonable and likely not good for you either. Act as your own advocate. Seek straightforward arrangements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). After a long string of making no mistakes, you sense a rebellious spirit revving up to take more risks. You very well may miss the excitement and drama of a good, old-fashioned mess.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What was bad is now good; what was ugly is now beautiful. Arbitrary and interchangeable labels are ultimately meaningless. So don't bother trying to categorize; just accept what is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do not try to get a zig out of a thing that clearly likes to zag. To learn the nature of things and let it inform your efforts is intelligent, respectful and, ultimately, the most profitable move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the pretty words come floating to your ears, it is very tempting to hold onto them as though they were tangible enough to build on. They might be, but you won't know until there are behaviors and facts to back them up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The only one who knows whether someone is good for you is you. Don't listen to those trying to sway your feelings. Your feelings are loyal informants in your employment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Challenge yourself to drop your assumptions about who people are so you can learn who they actually are. Wishing people to be any certain way is the enemy of close, productive relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One decision will change everything. That decision is entirely yours, but have no fear. There's nothing to get right here, really. Let your curiosity guide you. What do you want to learn?

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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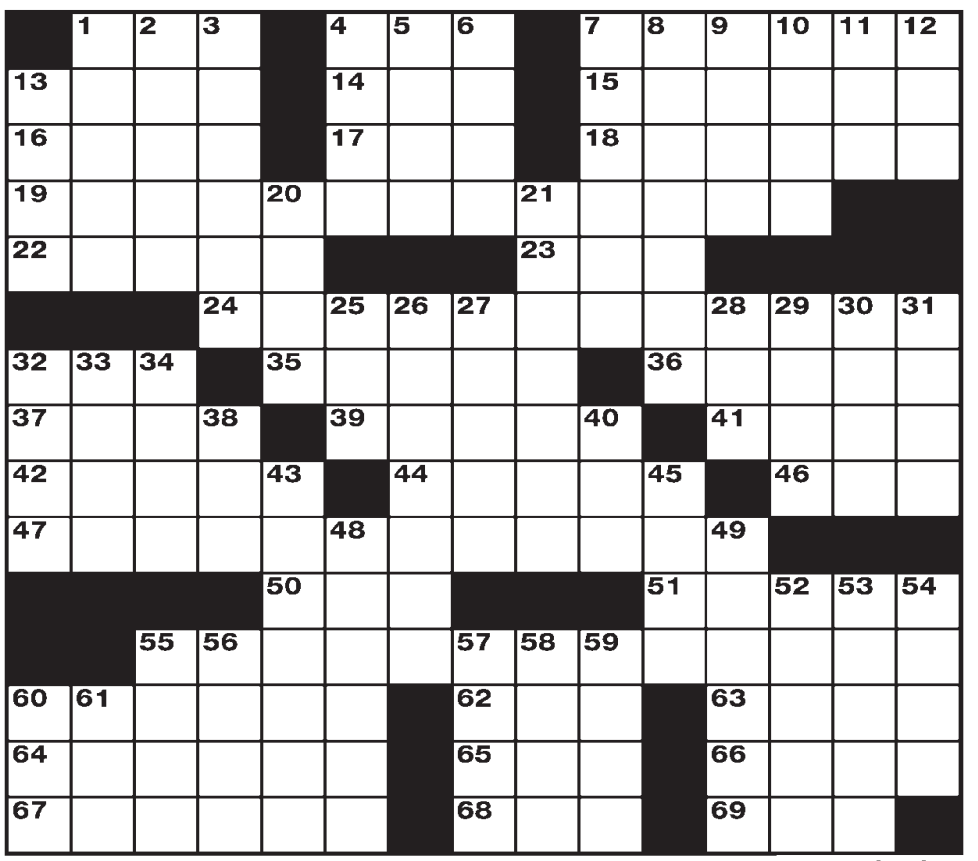
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## Newsday Crossword

**CANDID CONVERSATIONS** by Winston Emmons
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**ACROSS**
1 Sphere, to poets
4 Fuel in the tank
7 Half a diameter
13 One-on-one combat
14 Sound booster, for short
15 Nevertheless
16 Sicilian volcano
17 Director Spike
18 Artistic styles
19 Candid dialogue
22 Verizon or Sprint, in brief
23 End of a Web non-profit's address
24 Candid dialogue
32 In the manner of
35 Colleague of Byron and Shelley
36 Goliath's adversary
37 Going out on a __
39 Long curtain
41 Cairo's river
42 Remote in manner
44 Stash of treasure
46 Any of a DC 100
47 Candid monologue
50 Originally named
51 Bulgaria's capital
55 Candid monologue
60 Big ingredient for an Australian omelet
62 Shear (off)
63 Ye __ Tea Shoppe
64 Burrito relative
65 Pub beverage
66 '70s Israeli leader
67 Penny's coating
68 Tip of a slipper
69 Praiseful verse

**DOWN**
1 Unconventional
2 Of the kidneys
3 Become pale
4 High wind
5 MasterCard rival
6 Blueprint detail
7 Look upon
8 Got even for
9 Successor of 61 Down
10 Concerning
11 Deploy
12 Plea from the sea
13 Highly skillful
20 Eccentric one
21 Popular nightclub
25 *The Simpsons* neighbor
26 Made of baked clay
27 Onset
28 Prohibit by law
29 Hertz competitor
30 Ceramic flooring
31 Adam's first home
32 "Regrettably . . ."
33 Happy tune
34 Love, in Spain
38 Squeezing snake
40 Actress Longoria
43 Obtain by trickery
45 *Frozen* queen
48 Whom a radiation "counter" is named for
49 Indiana city
52 Submitted tax forms
53 Non-studio film
54 Ending for teen
55 Dispenser for 4 Across
56 Jump (over)
57 Park bench plank
58 Casual shirt
59 Fencing sword
60 And so forth, for short
61 Chinese leader met by Nixon



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# What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

## WEDNESDAY | OCT 20

**MYSTERY MONTANA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE**
Read and discuss this intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz, by the author of The Devil in the White City and Dead Wake. 7 - 8:30 p.m. To register for this program, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**
Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m. https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video.

**DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET**
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean). 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY | OCT 21

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
10 a.m. Visit https://smchamber.com for more information on joining the Chamber and Chamber events.

## FRIDAY | OCT 22

**CALIFORNIA HERITAGE MUSEUM OPENING RECEPTION**
October 23: Ocean Park Portraits by Marco Pallotti and Desert Views by D.J. Hall. View the exhibitions Wednesday - Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Opening Reception is Friday, October 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m. https://californiaheritagemuseum.org/contact-email-list or call 310-392-8537 to RSVP. 2612 Main Street

**TASTE OF CAMP FUNDRAISER**
Mezcal El Silencio and Tequila Dahlia are teaming up with Happy Trails for Kids, a nonprofit organization providing overnight summer camps and other yearround outdoor adventures/programming for youth in the Southern California foster care system, as they host their 4th annual Taste Of Camp Fundraiser, inviting guests to reminisce over camp memories or make new ones in an outdoor evening filled with philanthropy and outdoor fun. 101 Wilshire Blvd. 6:30 p.m. $150. Visit happytrailsforkids.org for tickets.

**FREE LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY NIGHTS**
Good-time, Americana band Wild Rust delivers high energy honkey tonk songs to soulful ballads with beautifully blended vocal harmonies at the Third Street Promenade's Main Stage. Live music from 7-8 p.m.

**MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOUR**
Santa Monica Conservancy docents are on hand to share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## SATURDAY | OCT 23

**DUETS – DIANNE REEVES, CHUCHO VALDÉS & JOE LOVANO**
Three legends. Twelve GRAMMY® Awards. One night. This all-star evening of piano duets features the most influential figure in modern Afro-Cuban jazz, Chucho Valdés, sharing the stage with preeminent jazz vocalist, Dianne Reeves, and celebrated saxophonist Joe Lovano. Broad Stage, 1310 11th St, 7:30 p.m., $60, https://thebroadstage.org/performances/2021-22/jazz-blues/duets.

**STORY TIME AT THE SANTA MONICA PIER AQUARIUM**
The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will host story time in the Dorothy Green Room. Children (and adults) love to hear a good story, and the Aquarium has a nearly endless supply of books celebrating life of the sea. while you're here, be sure to get a hug from a sea urchin, check out the new-born sharks in the nursery, make a marine-themed craft to take home and learn about the more than 100 species on exhibit - all marine life found in the Santa Monica Bay. $3 - $12. 1600 Ocean Front Walk. 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY | OCT 24

**MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET**
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. 2640 Main Street. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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# 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 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.**

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## Space travel

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Australis
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## BRIEFS
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run from October 18 through December 10, 2021. At no cost to the participants, each business will have the opportunity to access digital growth strategy plans, one-on-one advising support, networking events and more through a customized program.

"Having a strong online presence has been essential to the survival of small businesses, but many have been left behind, said Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Executive Director of LISC LA. "LISC LA is proud to work with our Together for LA partners to expand the Keep our Shops on the Block program and provide our local diverse-owned small businesses with the digital resources and tools to succeed."

LISC LA will operate the virtual accelerator program under the Together for LA initiative – a strategic partnership with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, The Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society, The Institute for Sustainable Development, the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles – to strengthen women and diverse-owned businesses impacted financially from the COVID-19 pandemic. This collaborative effort, which aims to provide no cost technical assistance and small business resources, was made possible through the support of Wells Fargo.

The Center for Innovation, Excellence and Leadership (IXL Center), which specializes in management consulting and capacity building, will be working with LISC LA to drive the program forward over the next 6 weeks. The IXL Center helps businesses build up their organizations through advisory, coaching, workshops, speeches, and training that are customized to achieve innovation and growth.

For many Angelenos, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated a growing divide between small, brick-and-mortar businesses and the e-commerce sector. LISC LA and its Together for LA partners are dedicated to helping diverse business owners adapt to a more digital world and economy – ensuring an equitable road to recovery.

"Being a native Angeleno with a retail shop in the heart of Los Angeles this LISC LA accelerator is the dream program I've been waiting for," said Rheena Mae, CEO of MaeMae Jewelry, one of the businesses in the inaugural cohort. "I have so many aspirations of expanding the love, good juju and reach of MaeMae that I feel this cohort can help me make a reality!"

For more information on the Keep our Shops on the Block Digital Accelerator program and the businesses in the cohort, visit: https://www.lacovidfund.org/digital-accelerator-program

SUBMITTED BY: JORDAN BURNS, CERRELL

**Countywide**

### Supervisor Hahn wants mental health professionals on Metro

On Oct. 19, the LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a proposal by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis that allows the LA County Department of Mental Health to enter negotiations with Metro about the possibility of using county mental health professionals to respond to mental health crises aboard Metro's trains and buses.

"I, personally, think this is a great idea," said Supervisor Hahn, who authored the motion. "Anyone who has taken Metro knows there is a need for mental health professionals on our transit system. Our County mental health professionals are trained to handle difficult situations and connect people with the long-term treatment and support they need."

Following the death of George Floyd and protests nationwide, Supervisor Hahn co-authored a motion with fellow Metro board member Councilman Mike Bonin to rethink public safety on our transit system and create a Public Safety Advisory Committee. In anticipation of the Committee's recommendations, Metro staff reached out to the County Department of Mental Health to discuss implementing mental health crisis response teams in the transit system. There is no agreement currently. The passage of this motion allows the Department of Mental Health to begin official conversations with Metro about providing mental health crisis response services and give the department the authority to enter into a contract if an agreement is reached.

"This potential partnership between our Department of Mental Health and Metro is crucial to re-imagining how we can assist and support residents who experience mental health crises on buses and rail cars throughout Metro's transit network," shared said Metro Board Chair and Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hilda L. Solis. "Providing our riders with the resources and services they need is how we can bring equitable transportation to every resident."

The County Department of Mental Health currently operates two types of mental health crisis teams. One is known as a Mental Evaluation Team (MET) which consists of one highly trained law enforcement officer paired with one DMH-licensed mental health clinician to provide a specialized response to the highest-risk crises with the goal of diverting these individuals to treatment, minimizing uses of force and harmful outcomes, and mitigating incarceration and justice system involvement. The other type of team is an unarmed, non-law enforcement Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) with teams consisting of at least one licensed mental health clinician and at least one other mental health professional.

Under the leadership of Supervisor Hahn, the County is working to expand the number of PMRT teams available and move the program to 24/7. These professional mental health teams will be accessible through the upcoming national mental health crisis hotline 9-8-8, which is set to launch next summer.

SUBMITTED BY: LIZ ODENDAHL, SUPERVISOR'S COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

## OIL
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the company had no comment on the investigation.

The vessel's owner, identified by the Coast Guard as the Dordellas Finance Corporation, could not be reached for comment.

At least two other vessels were previously boarded by investigators, who are examining logs kept by the ships' captains, officers and engineers and voyage data recorders — equivalent to the so-called black box on airplanes.

## VACCINE
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of forcing anybody else to put a needle in their arm."

The vaccine mandate is back on the agenda this week under a discussion item that also includes information requested at the Sept. 22 meeting such as weekly screening testing data, staff and student vaccination rates, and supports that have been put in place for sixth graders who need to quarantine. An update will also be provided on new shortened quarantine options in line with changes announced by the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

As Newsom's vaccine mandate is part of a discussion item, no action will be taken to enforce a local mandate. However, a mandate could come back as a resolution for Board Member approval at a future meeting.

This section of the meeting is time stamped to begin at 7 p.m. and is earmarked for one hour of discussion, however Pinkser said she expects it to go much longer.

The overall public portion of the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and can be live streamed by visiting https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977.

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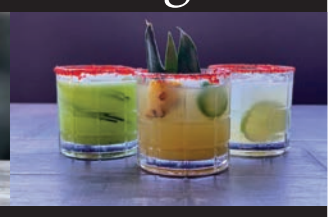
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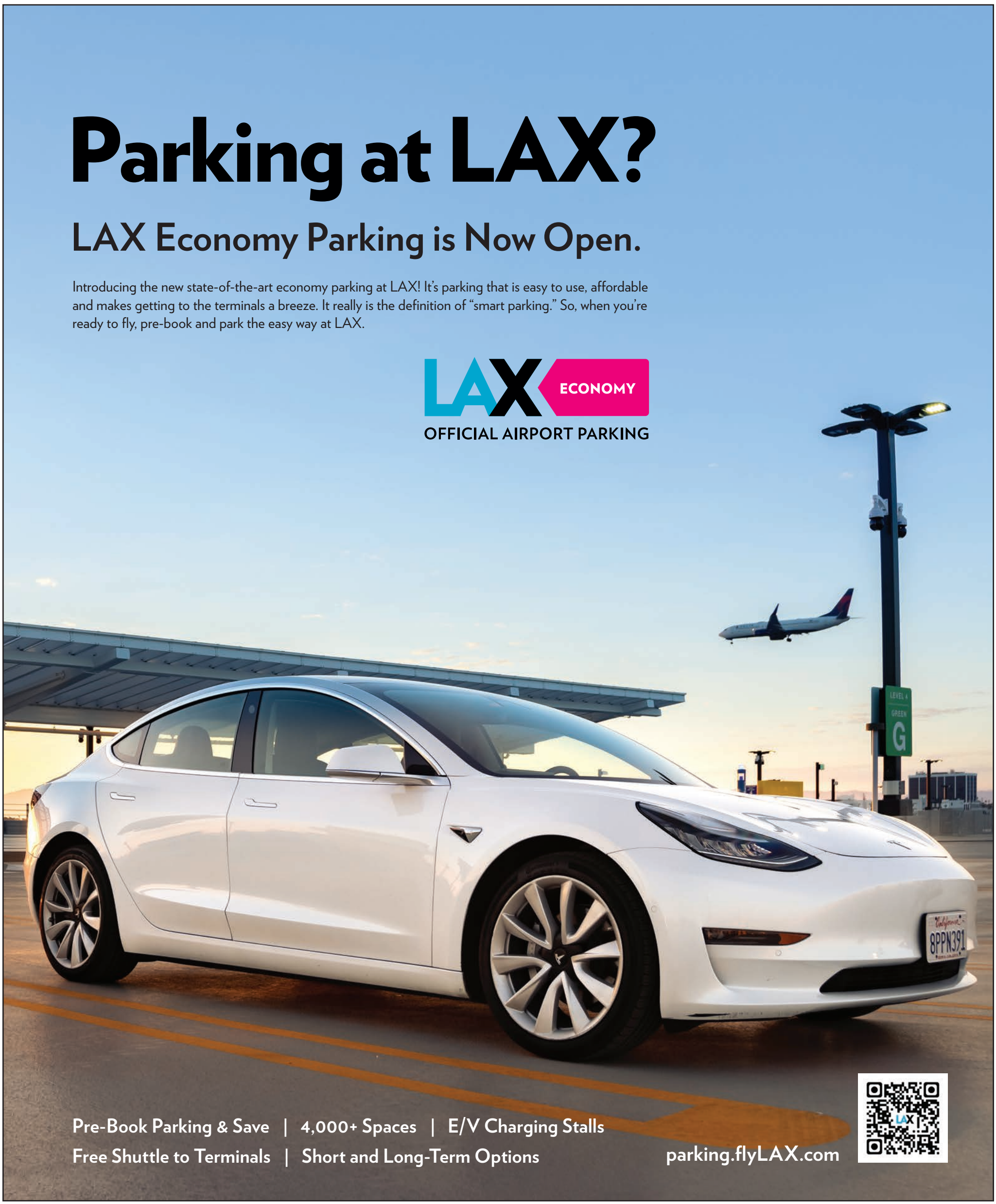


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