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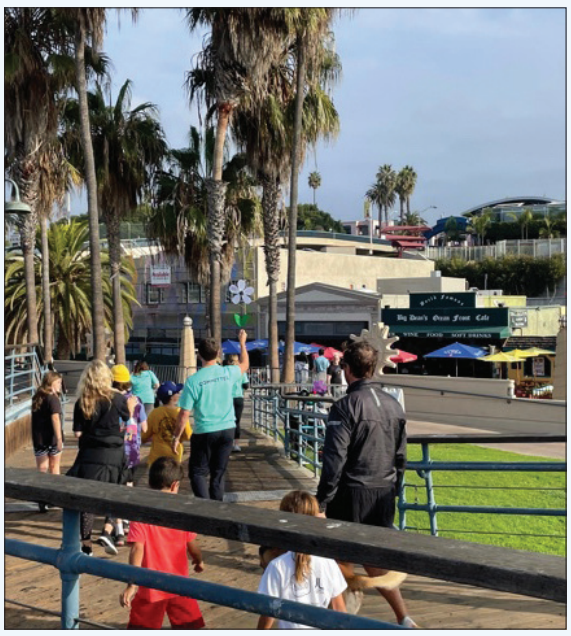
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WALK: The Alzheimer's Association held their annual fundraising and awareness walk on Sunday, Oct. 24 with an in-person event near the Santa Monica Pier. The Walk to End Alzheimer's brought more than 350 participants to the City and raised more than $121,000 toward free, local support as well as global research and advocacy at every level of government for those living with Alzheimer's at their caregivers. Prior to COVID-19, the Association offered free-in person support and education in the Santa Monica area but the organization has transitioned to offering more than 40 local online and telephone support groups and education per month to the community. Additionally, 24/7 support is offered through the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline (800-272-3900), offered 365 days a year and providing translations in over 200 languages. Santa Monica is one of 13 walks in the Association's California Southland 2021 series. Visit. act.alz.org/socal for more information on upcoming walks.

Chess Park to become chess-less due to crime and homelessness



Courtesy photo

PARK: Chess Park has been overrun in recent years making it impossible to use for its intended purpose.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

It's endgame for chess enthusiasts at longtime player haunt Chess Park. After five years of unsavory behavior and issues around homelessness, Recreation and Parks Commissioners have voted to remove all benches and tables and temporarily close the park.

Problems have been brewing at the park for years. Between the waning popularity of chess and spiking rates of homelessness, the area has become a den for drug sales, violent incidents, mental

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California still deep in drought despite atmospheric river

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

The deluge California received from a powerful atmospheric river made streams and waterfalls come alive while coating mountains with snow, but as the storm headed east to the Plains on Tuesday it left the Golden State still deep in drought.

The atmospheric river, a long plume of moisture pulled in from the Pacific, capped a series of back-to-back storm systems that abruptly switched the state's immediate emergency concerns from wildfires to flooding.

But the long-term problem of a drought that scientists say is part of a warming and drying trend driven by climate change was not washed away.

"One storm this early in the water year does not predict the rest of the winter storm season," state climatologist Michael Anderson said in a statement. "After this system we see a period of dry conditions return to California."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 2021 winter forecast shows the probability of precipitation in California to be significantly below average while temperatures run well above average.

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Potential legal woes mount after 'Rust' shooting tragedy

STEFANIE DAZIO, LINDSEY BAHR AND ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
Associated Press

Alec Baldwin the actor, who pulled the trigger on a prop gun while filming "Rust" in New Mexico and unwittingly killed a cinematographer and injured a director, likely won't be held criminally or civilly liable for the tragedy.

But Alec Baldwin the producer might be, along with several others in leadership positions for the Western.

Experts predict a tremendous legal fallout from the tragedy, definitely in civil lawsuits and potentially in criminal charges. In addition to Baldwin, a call sheet for the day of the shooting obtained by The Associated Press lists five producers, four executive producers, a line producer and a co-producer. They, as well as assistant director Dave Halls and armorer Hannah Gutierrez, could all face some sort of liability even if they weren't on location Thursday.

The payouts — which could be covered in part by insurance held by the production company, Rust Movie Productions — would likely be in the "millions and millions" of dollars.

"There was clearly negligence on the set," said Adam Winkler, a professor at the UCLA School of Law and a gun policy expert. "The producers had a duty to preserve the safety of the crew. There were obvious hazards on the set."

Authorities said Friday that Halls, the assistant director, had handed the weapon to Baldwin and announced "cold gun," indicating it was safe to use. But it was loaded with live rounds. Cinematographer Halyna Hutchins was fatally shot and director Joel Souza, who was standing behind her, was wounded.

Baldwin, who is known for his roles in "30 Rock" and "The Hunt for Red October" and his impression of former President Donald Trump on "Saturday Night Live," has described the killing as a "tragic accident."

The production of "Rust" has been beset by disputes from the start in early October and included seven crew members walking off the set just hours before the shooting. The Los Angeles Times, citing two crew members it did not name, reported that five days before the shooting, Baldwin's stunt double accidentally fired two live rounds after being told the gun didn't have any ammunition.

Alarmed by the misfires, a crew member told a unit production manager in a text message, "We've now had 3 accidental discharges. This is super unsafe," according to a copy of the message reviewed by the newspaper.

Winkler called the previous misfires — and an apparent lack of any action taken after them — "a recipe for a very significant liability in damages."

"You can't have a dangerous situation, know about it and then do nothing," he said.

Rust Movie Productions, the production company, says it is cooperating with Santa Fe authorities in their investigation.

"Though we were not made aware of any official complaints concerning weapon or prop safety on set, we will be conducting an internal review of our procedures while production is shut down," Rust Movie Productions said in a statement to The Los Angeles Times.

Although New Mexico law defines involuntary manslaughter in part as a lawful act that resulted in death from "an unlawful manner or without due caution and circumspection," defense attorney Nina Marino said she doubts any criminal case would be filed.

"If a local agency in New Mexico was going to go forward with criminal charges, that would have a real chilling effect on further filming taking place in New Mexico and I think New Mexico appreciates the business," said Marino, who specializes in white collar cases as a co-founder of the Kaplan Marino law firm.

Any film requires insurance coverage and any policy for a Western would hit upon the use of horses, other animals and firearms. The call sheet for Thursday alone mentions multiple guns, several horses and a daily snake wrangler.

An insurer would likely cover any accidental events but the company might not pay for negligence claims on a movie set, according to Julie Shapiro, law professor and director of Loyola Law School's Entertainment and Media Law Institute.

The insurance company will do its own investigation, Shapiro said, to determine if negligence occurred. The exact wording of the policy will determine what the company would pay.

While Baldwin, the other producers, the assistant director and the armorer might be named as parties in a civil lawsuit, not all may be found to be liable — particularly if they played no role in the safety aspects of the production or only held a vanity credit. The plaintiffs would likely go after the production company's deeper pockets.

"How much? To what extent will insurance cover it? This is a loss of life — there is no dollar amount you can place," Shapiro said.

On-set fatalities have led to safety reforms in the past, but Jeff Harris — founding partner at Harris Lowry Manton LLP and the lead attorney in two high-profile trials involving accidental deaths on television and film sets, including stuntman John Bernecker on "The Walking Dead" and camera assistant Sarah Jones on "Midnight Rider" — said incidents like these are rare if the cast and crew follow regulations that are standard for the use of firearms in the film industry.

"They're not complicated," Harris said. "They've been around for years. And it struck me — you don't have this happen if basic safety policies are being followed. The end."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Patients counting on blood donors as shortage continues

With Thanksgiving and the holidays approaching, the American Red Cross urges donors to continue to make and keep appointments now and in the weeks ahead to help overcome the ongoing emergency blood and platelet shortage that has significantly impacted the nation's blood supply. In fact, the current blood supply is the lowest the Red Cross has seen this time of year in more than a decade.

Since declaring an emergency need for donors last month, thousands of people have come to Red Cross blood drives across the country to roll up a sleeve and help patients who are counting on lifesaving transfusions. The Red Cross is incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of these blood and platelet donors, but hospital demand remains strong. At least 10,000 more donations are needed each week in the coming weeks to meet patient needs - ahead of the upcoming holiday season, which always presents seasonal challenges to blood collection.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

In honor of the new series, I Know What You Did Last Summer, those who come to give Nov. 1-12, 2021, will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video.* The trip will transport you to where the series was filmed and includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations for nine nights, meals, $1,000 gift card for expenses and on-trip transportation with tour stops from Honolulu to Maui. Plus, those who come to donate Nov. 1-23 will receive a $10 Amazon.com Gift Card* by email, thanks to Amazon.**

BLOOD DRIVE SAFETY

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

UPCOMING BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES NOV. 1-23

11/1/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/2/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/3/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/4/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Virginia Ave Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.
11/6/2021: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/8/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/10/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/10/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lady & Larder, 828 Pico Blvd, Unit #2
11/12/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Sunset Masonic Lodge 369, 1720 Ocean Park Blvd.
11/15/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/16/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/17/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/20/2021: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/22/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
11/23/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Community Center, 2500 Broadway

SAVE TIME DURING DONATION

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

HEALTH INSIGHTS FOR DONORS

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600Blk Barnard Way 12:54 a.m.
Loud Music 200Blk Bay St 2:16 a.m.
Loud Music 1900Blk Ocean Way 3:13 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:32 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:34 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 500Blk Colorado Ave 5:53 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:53 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400Blk Ocean Ave 7:03 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 7:15 a.m.
Found Property 1000Blk Grant St 7:52 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 500Blk 4th St 7:55 a.m.
Encampment 16th St / Colorado Ave 8:09 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900Blk 18th St 8:20 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 100Blk Hart Ave 8:23 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 17th St / Pico Blvd 8:28 a.m.
Lost Property Euclid St st / Wilshire Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2500Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:48 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:52 a.m.
General Parking Problem Lincoln Blvd / Pacific St 9:06 a.m.
Burglary Report 400Blk Broadway 9:07 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:09 a.m.
Encampment 1900Blk Expo Bike Path 9:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1100Blk Chelsea Ave 9:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 9:26 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900Blk 19th St 9:44 a.m.
Burglary Report 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:49 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 700Blk Marine St 9:51 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:59 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:05 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300Blk Pearl St 10:07 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 800Blk 19th St 10:20 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:22 a.m.
Expired Registration 1000Blk 3rd St 10:29 a.m.
Fraud Report 1900Blk 17th St 10:35 a.m.
Fight 600Blk Arizona Ave 10:39 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700Blk Highland Ave 10:45 a.m.
Expired Registration 800Blk 2nd St 10:59 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400Blk 10th St 11:11 a.m.
Found Property 1600Blk Hill St 11:36 a.m.
Missing Person 7500Blk W Manchester 11:37 a.m.
Identity Theft 400Blk 20th St 11:42 a.m.
Identity Theft 400Blk 20th St 11:44 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk 7th St 12:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2900Blk Virginia Ave 12:34 p.m.
Prowler Report 1200Blk 22nd St 12:46 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300Blk California Ave 12:55 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 100Blk Georgina Ave 12:55 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 1:00 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100Blk 26th St 1:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Drinking In Public 800Blk 9th St 1:49 p.m.
Expired Registration 1500Blk 4th St 1:51 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:04 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:04 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 5800Blk West Adams Blvd 2:29 p.m.
Identity Theft 400Blk 20th St 2:41 p.m.
Fraud Report 1600Blk 11th St 2:47 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk Virginia Ave 3:11 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500Blk Berkeley St 3:20 p.m.
General Parking Problem 600Blk Pico Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000Blk 19th St 3:26 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400Blk 4th St 3:31 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 600Blk Pico Blvd 3:36 p.m.
Expired Registration 200Blk Idaho Ave 3:37 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:52 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:59 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:06 p.m.
Fraud Report 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:18 p.m.
Expired Registration 800Blk 6th St 4:23 p.m.
Expired Registration 800Blk 6th St 4:25 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk Stewart St 4:33 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 00Blk Pico Blvd 4:34 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:25 p.m.
Burglary Report 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:38 p.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 6:15 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 900Blk California Incline 6:50 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400Blk 10th St 6:53 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:57 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 7:05 p.m.
Loud Music 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:08 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 28th St / Pico Blvd 7:30 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 800Blk Broadway 7:47 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 4th St 7:54 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 8:28 p.m.
Lewd Activity 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:31 p.m.
Panhandling 800Blk Montana Ave 8:41 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2900Blk Pennsylvania Ave 8:47 p.m.
Fraud Report 1100Blk 21st St 9:19 p.m.
Burglary Report 1300Blk Ocean Ave 9:41 p.m.
Party Complaint 800Blk 3rd St 9:57 p.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Montana Ave 10:23 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 10:26 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:32 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 11:21 p.m.
Burglary Report 100Blk Pico Blvd 11:22 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800Blk 20th St 11:58 p.m.

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EMS 2100Blk Neilson Way 12:11 a.m.
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EMS 1800Blk 9th St 1:22 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Ocean Ave 2:04 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Berkeley St 2:34 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Marguerita Ave 2:38 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Pier Ave 2:56 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Euclid St 3:24 a.m.
Arcing Wires 700Blk Pacific St 7:12 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 7:30 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Pico Blvd 7:50 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Arizona Ave 7:50 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 8:45 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:39 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Stanford St 9:41 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 9:50 a.m.
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EMS 900Blk 2nd St 10:25 a.m.
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EMS 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:04 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:24 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Main St 11:27 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 2nd St 11:34 a.m.
Transformer Fire 1700Blk 14th St 11:36 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200Blk 6th St 11:51 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:54 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 12th St 12:57 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:20 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Odor Investigation 2900Blk 2nd St 1:29 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:56 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Broadway 1:58 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1500Blk 6th St 2:23 p.m.
EMS 21st St / Wilshire Blvd 2:40 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:02 p.m.
Structure Fire 1500Blk 6th St 3:04 p.m.
Public Assist 1700Blk Pico Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000Blk Broadway 4:01 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 4:19 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Montana Ave 4:22 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 21st St 4:32 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:56 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000Blk Broadway 5:03 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:20 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Virginia Ave 5:34 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 5:47 p.m.
Lock In/Out 200Blk Ashland Ave 5:49 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Neilson Way 6:34 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 7:41 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:34 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:10 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 10:01 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 11:51 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NEW YORK

Visa's profits jump as credit, debit card spending recovers

Profits at payments giant Visa Inc. jumped in its most-recent quarter, driven by consumers and businesses getting back to spending on their credit and debit cards after the pandemic.

The San Francisco-based company said Tuesday that it earned $3.58 billion in its fiscal fourth quarter that ended Sept. 30, or $1.65 a share. That's was up from a profit of $2.14 billion, or 97 cents per share, in the same period a year earlier.

Excluding one-time adjustments, Visa earned $1.62 a share, up 42% from a year earlier. Analysts had been expected $1.55 a share, according to FactSet.

Visa's results last year were hampered the pandemic-induced global slowdown in travel and economic activity, which cut the amount of money traveling on Visa's credit and debit card networks. As economies worldwide have reopened, there's been a tick up in payment volume as well, which goes straight into Visa's bottom line.

Consumers and businesses spent $2.783 trillion on Visa's network in the latest quarter, up 17% adjusted for currency fluctuations. Visa saw double-digit growth on both Visa-branded credit cards, as well as debit cards.

Visa executives said they observed that the pandemic brought about a permanent change in consumer behavior: More consumers became comfortable purchasing items online or with their smart phones, which often requires a credit or debit card. This was seen in parts of the economy that have traditionally been cash heavy, like grocery stores, coffee shops and bars.

"The pandemic has further digitized cash," said Al Kelly, Visa's CEO and chairman, in a call with investors. "We are positioned even better than where we were before the pandemic."

That ultimately will be good for Visa's bottom line. The company earns a fee on each transaction that uses its payment network. The fee varies depending on whether it's a debit card transaction or what type of credit card is used.

Kelly also said the growth of cryptocurrencies will also be good for Visa's profits because cryptocurrency investors will need to move money from a traditional bank account to a third-party service to buy Bitcoin and other coins. While Visa's bread and butter will always be credit and debit cards, Kelly said, he sees its network as being a "single connection point" between cryptocurrencies and traditional sources of money.

Visa also reported its full-year results. The company earned $12.93 billion on an adjusted basis, up 16% from its previous fiscal year. Total revenues last year were $24.11 billion.

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Letter to the Editor

Tim Tunks — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Reducing Hazards from California's Aging Oil Infrastructure

This month's ruptured pipeline oil spill should be a wake-up call for our legislature to address the huge elephant in the room. The older this stuff gets, the more hazardous it becomes. The less valuable these less productive assets become, the less able its owners are to cover spill liabilities as the deep pockets companies continue to sell off these older assets. Consider the additional hazards our backed-up supply chains have added with more and more large ships anchoring while awaiting dock space to unload, and you start to see the potential for more and more expensive government clean-ups as infrastructure is damaged and those responsible go bankrupt.

Let's look at some more aspects of this problem to find some ways to reduce the perils our environment faces.

First, it is vital that anchoring ships have accurate charts mapping underwater pipelines and such—but they don't. It would be very expensive for the operators to expedite accurate comprehensive underwater surveys, and then distribute updated electronic chart overlays freely to all large vessels permitted to anchor in state controlled waters. That is the only reason not to insist they undertake such a mission immediately before more accidents like this one happens.

Imagine that somehow such laws could be written soon to compel operators to pay for this effort, and the multitude of challenging lawsuits from the oil producing companies could be expeditiously settled. Then, wouldn't the expenses of such a charting operation when properly charged to the companies who profit from them drive many into bankruptcy with their walking away from their responsibilities? Wouldn't their abandoning the rotting infrastructure create costs beyond the bonds the oil lessors paid years ago to cover the costs of capping the wells and removing the remaining underwater hazards?

The answer is that once again the public would have to pay the difference between the lease bonds and the actual decommissioning costs.

The next question is: How would the government's share of decommissioning a bankrupt operation compare with the actual clean-up costs and the environmental damage for which there is no mitigation? The answer is probably that cleaning up the mess would be more costly than plugging the problem before it happens. Remember that complete environmental restoration after a spill can never be expected.

Now look at the actual leases under which these oil operations are licensed and you'll see that revoking a lease leaves the government on the liability hook for the value of lost oil production. However, if the company abandons the operation, they forfeit their deposit bonds and have no claim for lost income damages.

Put these factors together and it looks like the smart move is to get started writing the new laws to get the underwater infrastructure surveys done and delivered as costs to the operators. If some companies go bankrupt to avoid paying their share, that might not be such a bad outcome. Even it their shut down activities are incomplete and we the people have to pay for finishing it, at least we won't have the spill damage to clean up. Wouldn't it be better to shut down the operation before they spill oil in our waters and on our shores?

I propose that we'd get a twofer by requiring underwater oil infrastructure surveying and chart distribution right now. Visiting ships could more easily avoid potential anchoring hazards with accurate information and the marginal operators would be driven out of business before their infrastructure spills petrochemical plague in our water.

Let's stand up to the oil industry and write new laws now.

Tim Tunks, Ocean Park

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Ports of LA, Long Beach to fine firms over container backlog

In an effort to ease congestion at the nation's busiest port complex, officials said Monday that they will start fining shipping companies whose cargo containers linger for too long at marine terminals.

The twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach said in a statement that arriving containers scheduled to be moved by trucks will be allowed to stay for nine days before fines start accruing. Containers set to move by rail can stay at the ports for three days.

After that, ocean carriers will be charged $100 per container, increasing in $100 increments per container per day, the statement said.

The new rules will go into effect Nov. 1.

"The terminals are running out of space, and this will make room for the containers sitting on those ships at anchor," Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero said in the statement.

It's the latest step aimed at relieving the logjam of cargo ships that has interrupted the global supply chain. The backlog prompted the Biden administration to allow the port complex to operate 24 hours a day to try to get goods unloaded and out to consumers.

About 40% of all shipping containers entering the U.S. come through the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports.

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Citywide

Google ads gain fuels profit for parent company Alphabet

A continued rebound in digital ad spending at Google drove its parent company's profit up 68% in the third quarter.

Mountain View, California-based Alphabet Inc. said Tuesday that it earned $18.94 billion, or $27.99 per share, in the July-September period. Revenue rose 41% to $65.12 billion.

Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of $23.73 per share on revenue of $63.53 billion. Shares nonetheless slipped 1.7% to $2,740 in after-hours trading.

Google is the world's dominant search engine, owns the biggest mobile operating system in Android and runs the behemoth video site YouTube. It holds 29% of the global $455 billion digital ads market, according to eMarketer, followed closely by Facebook. Both tech giants are benefiting as companies that scaled back on advertising last year during the pandemic pump more money into marketing.

The company's dominance has drawn scrutiny for years, and regulators in the U.S. and other countries have gone after Google over different aspects of its business, including search, ads and its app store, to try to curtail its reach.

The advertising business, the core of the company, rose 43% to $53.13 billion. YouTube's ads jumped 43%, to $7.21 billion, and the cloud-computing business climbed 45% to $4.99 billion.

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Citywide

Public Health Inspectors Continue to Check Business Compliance

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) inspectors continue to visit businesses across the county every day to ensure compliance with required safety measures, including masking guidelines and vaccination verification, provide technical assistance, and respond to complaints of non-compliance. Between October 16 and October 22, Public Health inspectors visited 1,008 restaurants, 78 bars, 226 food markets, 26 breweries, wineries or distilleries, 10 nightclubs, 21 lounges, 21 hotels, 35 gyms and fitness centers, 10 hair salons or barber shops, 52 food manufacturing plants, 33 garment manufacturing plants, 22 personal care businesses, 11 office sites, and 5 large outdoor and indoor venues.

Overall, the inspections revealed that while the majority of businesses were in compliance, there is room for improvement with employee masking at garment manufacturers, office sites, bars, nightclubs and lounges, and customer vaccination verifications at bars. Inspectors noted 73% of garment manufacturers, 73% of office sites, 82% of bars, 80% of nightclubs and 86% of lounges were in compliance with employee masking. Eighty-five percent of bars were in compliance with customer vaccination verifications. Public Health utilizes education as the primary step in gaining compliance, and when compliance is not achieved, enforcement may include issuance of a notice of violation or a citation. Between October 16 and October 22, two citations were issued to schools for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders.

Violations of safety requirements and dangerous conditions can be reported anonymously to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov .

Boosters are available for eligible individuals for all three FDA-approved vaccines; Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

Los Angeles County residents eligible for a booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine include those who received the second of the two-dose vaccine series at least 6 months ago and are either:

65 years and older

Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings

Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions

Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings

For people who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish) to find a vaccination site near you, make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more. If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound.

Vaccinated middle and high school students are eligible for free UCLA football tickets. UCLA has partnered with Public Health to give away free tickets to a UCLA football game at the Rose Bowl to middle or high school students in L.A. County who've received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, while tickets last. Students aged 12 to 18 who've received at least one dose can sign up for the free tickets online by visiting: http://ph.lacounty.gov/DPHUCLAVaxforTix.

COVID-19 Sector Protocols, Best Practices, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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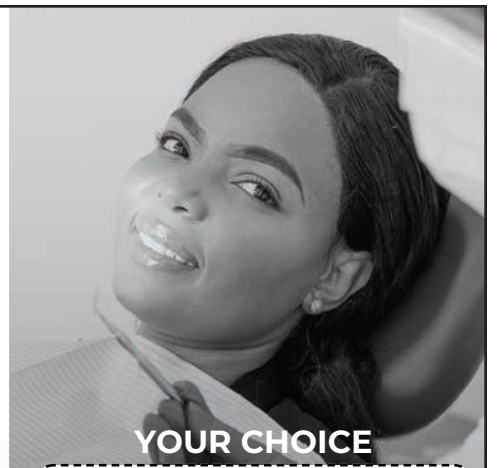
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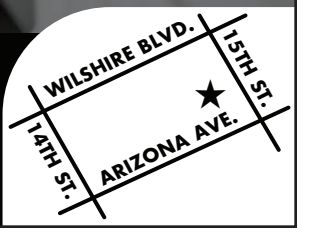
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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2683 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.12.1055 TO EXTEND A THE MORATORIUM ON THE DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATION OF AUTONOMOUS DELIVERY DEVICES ON SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS OF TRAVEL AND TO EXTEND THE CITYWIDE OPERATION OF REMOTE-CONTROLLED DELIVERY DEVICES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2683 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 3.12.1055 imposes moratorium on the operation on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel of any autonomous delivery vehicle or device, which the ordinance defines as a motorized vehicle or device used to transport items, products, or any other materials on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel for commercial purposes, without its movements being actively and physically controlled by a human operator, either in person or remotely. This Ordinance extends the moratorium on autonomous delivery vehicles or devices from October 28, 2021 to October 28, 2022.

SMMC Section 3.12.1055 also imposes a moratorium on the operation on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel of any remotely controlled delivery vehicle or device, except as part of the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator pilot program within the voluntary zero emissions delivery zone as defined for purposes of that pilot program. This Ordinance extends the moratorium on remotely controlled delivery vehicles or devices from October 28, 2021 to October 28, 2022.

The Ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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"Buy it when you see it." Retailers dread holiday shortages

MAE ANDERSON
AP Business Writer

The Perfect Pigg, a gift shop owned by Ginger Pigg, is the go-to place for residents of Cumming, Georgia, to pick up gift items like kids toys and home goods.

But this year, store shelves might be a little sparse. Because of bottlenecks in the global supply chain, many stores like Pigg's are scrambling to try to get all the inventory they can ahead of the crucial holiday shopping season.

"I'm a little stressed," said Pigg, who has about 60% of the Christmas inventory she usually has at this time. Some stock she ordered in July hasn't arrived yet. "I feel like I've done everything I could do," she said. "I'm hoping and praying it all comes in."

The global supply chain has been buffeted by a multitude of problems, from factories having to close due to COVID-19 surges, a lack of containers to ship items in, backups at ports and warehouses, and a shortage of truckers.

While bigger retailers like Walmart and Target have the power to buy their own containers, use air freight and take other steps to make sure they get inventory, smaller retailers are at the mercy of their vendors, who are increasingly suspending delivery guarantees and sometimes not communicating at all.

For Pigg, a pepper jelly she sells usually has a two-week turnaround time; now it takes four to six weeks to arrive, with no guarantee it will arrive at all. An order she placed for the jelly in July got delivered in October. And she's having trouble getting miscellaneous things, like shopping bags, and candles, due to shortages of the wicks and glass jars the candles come in.

"It's just been one thing after another," she said.

Last year, Renee Silverman, owner of Irv's Luggage in Vernon, Illinois, didn't buy luggage ahead of the holidays – no one was traveling. This year, people are traveling and in need of luggage – but now the problem is finding luggage to sell them.

Inventory that was supposed to come in August and September has been pushed back to December due to supply problems. Silverman has tried spreading orders between five or six vendors, such as Samsonite and Ricardo Beverly Hills.

Meanwhile, prices are rising due to a surge in shipping costs. At this time last year, ocean freight rates from China to the U.S. West Coast were $3,847 per 40-foot container.

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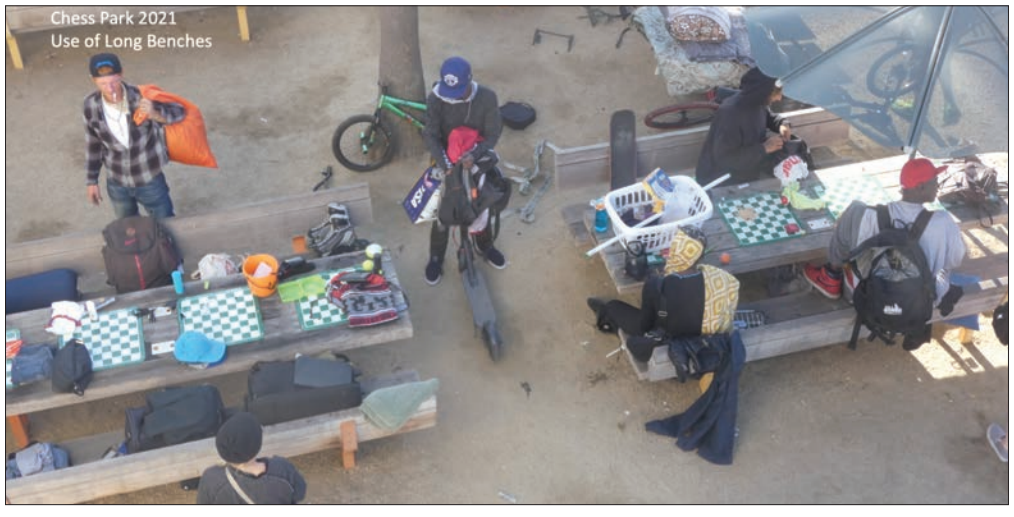
"They've already had stabbings, they've already had serious injuries, there is active prostitution going on right now," said Commission Vice Chair Maryanne LaGuardia. "I think the best first step is to close it. I say that with great reluctance, but I don't know what else we can do."

According to Chair Lori Brown, Chess Park has been a longstanding subject of discussion at the Recreation and Parks Commission. Brown said commissioners have requested more police patrols, increased engagement from the Homeless Liaison Program and the installation of a blue light emergency call box. None of these changes materialized in an impactful manner.

The .29 acre park is located at Ocean Front Walk at Seaside Terrace, directly behind Santa Monica's Original Muscle Beach. It includes 14 large tables with four chess boards per table, 10 small tables with one chess board per table and a large chess board with large chess pieces set on the ground. It is open sunrise to sunset with the tables available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

These tables are frequently occupied by unhoused individuals and covered in their belongings, leading to low rates of chess play.

"I am calling in because well frankly Chess Park isn't safe anymore. It used to be one of my favorite places to go, but the last time I did try to go there someone threatened me with physical harm, threatened to kill me," said 13-year-old resident Lucky Bisary during the Oct. 21 Commission meeting.





Courtesy photos

CLOSING: Officials are proposing to remove the furniture and then redevelop the park.

Residents in the two adjacent apartment buildings have also been negatively impacted by the deteriorating conditions in the park. According to Brown, The Purser Apartment building has been broken into numerous times in recent months.

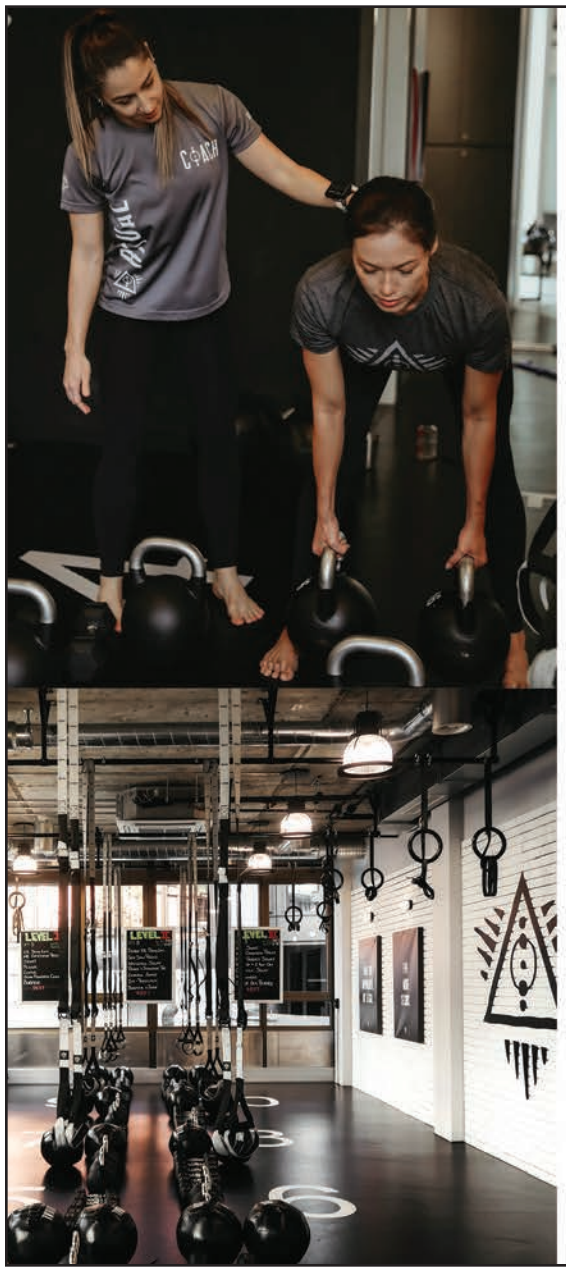
"I've been here for 30 years with this balcony, 25 of them were heaven, the last five have been pure hell," said Tom Lackey, a Purser resident whose unit directly faces the park. "It's gross; It's filled with drugs, prostitution, danger, mentally ill everywhere everyday."

Upon reviewing residents' complaints and video evidence of the park conditions, commissioners voted unanimously to take action. They recommended removing all of the benches and tables and temporarily closing the park with a fence.

The park is earmarked to be activated for a new use. Commissioners discussed several potential ideas such as the addition of more Muscle Beach sports equipment or the installation of new sports courts. There is a strong desire to transform the park in advance of the 2028 Olympics, when the Beach Volleyball games will be played on the nearby sand.

The new use of the park will be decided at a later time in a process involving public input. Their recommendations will be passed on to City Councilmembers for final approval at an upcoming Council meeting.

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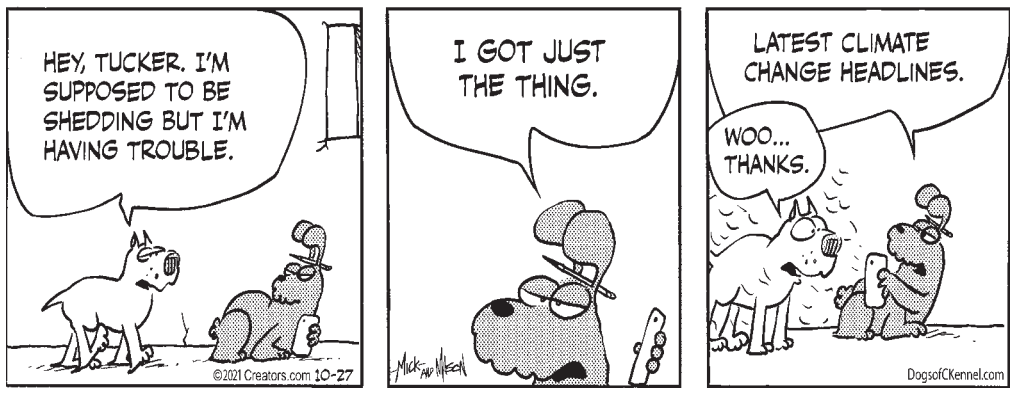
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.9°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Offshore morning wind looking likely with a fun combo of fading WNW/NW swell and lingering SSW/S swell on tap. Tide is a touch full but there should be some fine waves on offer.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Approachable, peaky, and still clean in the morning for combo breaks out west. Old SSW/S swell lingers and WNW/NW swell mix levels off down a notch in size.

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Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 60. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's pressure to show your work before you know if it's ready. The urgency here is manufactured. Honor your feelings on the matter. Know why you're doing a thing before you do it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's said that nothing is inherently boring except the mind that would deem it so. However, you have abundant inner resources and still, if you're being honest, the scene fails to stimulate their usage. An exit will remedy all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your quick reflexes and talent for catching and handling problems in their infancy state will make people dependent on you. To avoid the constant pressure of adapting to life's exigencies, don't be so readily available.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Others might mistake your humble reserve for shyness, but in fact you do not lack confidence at all. It takes you time to warm up to new situations because you have the proper amount of respect for them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No need to minimize or deny experiences. You're entitled to your version of the story and you get to frame it however you want. The place to be honest is in the safety of a private journal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a traffic jam-like situation. Inching along feels hopeless, but movement, even if it's only a few inches at a time, is still movement. Relax and listen to life's music. You'll get there eventually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You use your time differently from the way people around you do. You're on different paths, neither of which is inherently better in any way other than fit. Do what suits you and you will be successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You appreciate the historic building, the old bridge and the ancient treasure — proof that mortal hands can create immortal achievements, or at least very lasting ones. You'll work toward goals beyond you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind works in images. You may find yourself doing the opposite of what you tell yourself to do. Take it as a cue to stop telling yourself and instead picture the desired behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The complaint is covering something up. Griping can be a way of bragging, getting attention, showing dominance, indicating intelligence or an array of other motives beyond expressing dissatisfaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can avoid getting lost in the maze of other people's needs by avoiding other people. That sounds drastic, but it's temporary. Guarding blocks of solo time is crucial to your productivity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Strangers, foreigners and fresh faces of all kinds will be interesting to you. But the most fascinating potential already exists in your realm. There's a secret and fascinating truth inside someone who has been there all along.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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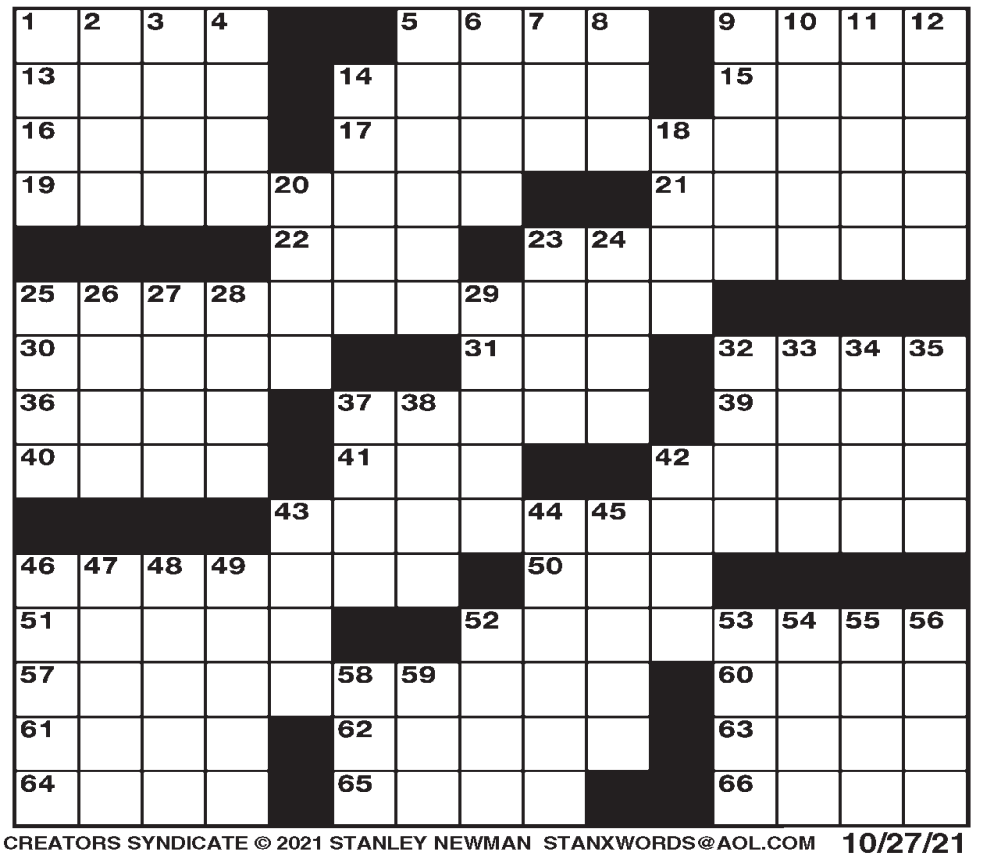
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Newsday Crossword

REPEAT AFTER ME by Mark McClain
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Parts of a vise
5 Interoffice note
9 Phony offer
13 Black-and-white cookie
14 Irreligious one
15 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
16 Barking sea mammal
17 Book collector's prize
19 Construction workers' toppers
21 __ Sketch (drawing toy)
22 Pie __ mode
23 Nome native
25 Dentist's reflector
30 Big name in kitchen foil
31 In the past
32 Big brass horn
36 Not working today
37 __ noir (red wine)
39 Oil cartel
40 Act as a guide
41 Part of a towel rack
42 Subsequent to
43 Punctuation starting a song title
46 To no avail
50 *Simpsons* storekeeper
51 Title for some ambassadors
52 Criticized strongly
57 Alexa's smart speaker
60 Wander around
61 A few
62 Very pale
63 Elbow's lower counterpart
64 Impertinent talk
65 Hive dwellers
66 Ship off

DOWN
1 Kid around
2 General vicinity
3 Dress in
4 Got cash for
5 Tiki bar cocktail
6 Dozens from dairies
7 Britain's Isle of __
8 Valedictorian's class rank
9 Splinter groups
10 Countdown device
11 First Greek letter
12 Mexican ancestor
14 Biblical song
18 Letter starter
20 "Very funny!"
23 Golden Fleece ship
24 Burglar's haul
25 Postal delivery
26 Quaint "Shoppe" descriptor
27 Sunset Blvd. campus
28 __ the line (obeyed)
29 Soul music, for short
32 Vegan cheese ingredient
33 Not higher than
34 Red veggie
35 Farmland measure
37 Reliable experts
38 Debt slips
42 Seascape's blue
43 Showroom model
44 Sites for mascara
45 Computer printer brand
46 Amherst sch.
47 Polynesian nation
48 Cheeses from Holland
49 Lounges around
52 Muscle soreness
53 Vexes
54 By oneself
55 At a tie score
56 Homeowner's document
58 Arrest, informally
59 Suffix for language names



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | OCT 27

NEW HEROES CELEBRATION
The 27th Annual New Heroes Celebration, sponsored by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 5 p.m. in a virtual program. This event is an opportunity for the business community and City to welcome Santa Monica's finest educators, firefighters, and police officers. For more information visit http://smchamber.com/new-heroes-celebration/

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean). 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MARINA MONSTER PADDLE PARADE
Pro SUP Shop's Annual Monster Paddle is when stand-up paddle board enthusiasts in costume paddle on the water in Marina del Rey, Calif. The spooktacular sunset paddle will feature a costume contest and prizes. Staff will be on hand to provide a lesson on the beach and different groups will go out (depending on experience) with our instructors for a guided Marina tour. Lights will be provided. Some experience is required. Participants are urged to arrive 15 minutes early. Marina "Mother's" Beach, 4175 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey. Book online at https://www.prosupshop.com/ and register for your spot. $40 per person; stand-up paddle board, paddle, brief lessons, fun lights and guided Marina tour are included

THURSDAY | OCT 28

HALLOWEEN TRAIL AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
Kids and families are invited to walk through our not-too-scary trail of fun activities and receive a Halloween treat at the end. Costumes are encouraged. 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCT 29

ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN! A MAGICAL, MARVELOUS MUSICAL
ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN is one in a series of original Rudie-DeCarlo fairy tale musical comedies that make up the award-winning Family Theatre Musical Matinee Series for Kids 2 to 102 that celebrates 51 years as it cuts across the imaginary generation gap by providing an experience the entire family can enjoy. Santa Monica Playhouse, $12 - $15, 1211 4th Street. 6:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN LIGHTS ON THE PACIFIC WHEEL
The Santa Monica Pier will be doing a special light program on Pacific Wheel for Halloween/Dia de los Muertos this year from 10/29 - 11/2. The Wheel will be lit in fall colors of orange, red, and yellow and feature spooky ghosts and pumpkins. The lights can be seen from dusk to midnight. If you can't make it to the Pier, be sure to check out the live-streaming webcams at: https://pacpark.com/santa-monica-pier-live-cams/wheel/. 380 Santa Monica Pier, 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

YAPPY HOUR AT MIRAMAR GARDENS
Enjoy cocktails in the Miramar Garden area from Nosotros Tequila, treats from Healthy Spot, and alongside a doggy costume contest where the winner will receive a one-night stay at the Fairmont Miramar. 7 p.m. 101 Wilshire Blvd,

SATURDAY | OCT 30

PRESERVATION RESOURCE CENTER LIVE VIRTUAL TOURS
Step inside the last intact shotgun house in Santa Monica with one of our friendly and knowledgeable docents. Built in 1897, the little house features three board-and-batten rooms where you can look behind the walls and the floor to reveal the original materials. Learn about life, history and architecture in Santa Monica in the early 1900s on our virtual tour. Sign-up online at https://smc.givecloud.co/prc-virtualtour. 1 p.m.

MANOS A LA OBRA WALKTHROUGH WITH COG•NATE COLLECTIVE
In conjunction with the exhibition Manos a la Obra, Cog•nate Collective will be leading a tour in Spanish and English from 1:30 – 2 p.m. on October 30, with a meet & greet with artists from 2-3 p.m. Please join us for this casual and fun event. 18th Street Arts Center | Propeller Gallery. 3026 Airport Avenue.

THE SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE BFF BINGE FRINGE FESTIVAL OF FREE THEATRE
Join organizers for the 6th Annual BFF Binge Fringe Festival of FREE Theatre, Oct 10 - Nov 9, offering over two dozen plays and family-oriented events thanks to generous grants from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Arts Commission and Playhouse PALS. 3 p.m. 1211 4th Street https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/the-bff-calendar-of-events.html

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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5280

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Answer	Crowd	Late	Portfolio
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Break	Email	Mouse	Reply
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DROUGHT

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And the state is already running a water deficit.

During normal years, the winter snowpack in the Sierra Nevada supplies about 30% of water statewide when the spring melt comes and water runs off to be captured in the state's system of reservoirs.

Winters, however, have not been normal lately.

Last April 1, the date when the snowpack is typically at its deepest and contains the greatest amount of water, the state Department of Water Resources' system of electronic monitors found it was only 59% of average.

Then, in a stunning development, about 80% of the predicted runoff never appeared. Soils were so dry and temperatures so warm that the water instead was soaked up or evaporated, and reservoir water storage fell to shocking levels.

One of those huge reservoirs, Lake Oroville, has risen more than 20 feet since the series of storms began last week, but the Department of Water Resources website showed it was at just 27% of capacity Tuesday.

The early season storms were beneficial but officials say much more rain is needed.

"We have much less accumulated precipitation over the past few years than we should normally receive and the soils are particularly dry — we cannot fix this condition with one storm," Anderson said.

The northern Sierra generally received 2-20 inches of snow, with a few sites reporting more, but snow depth dropped to 1-2 inches in the central Sierra and just a trace fell in the southern end of the range, according to the department.

Even before the rains, the pace of California wildfires that have burned nearly 3,900 square miles this year was slowing and then the wet weather pushed several of the remaining huge blazes to 100% containment.

In Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, the lightning-sparked KNP Complex fire was 69% contained after receiving several inches of rain and snow. Firefighters sheltered in place Monday and on Tuesday supervisors were to assess conditions. "When safety permits, the crews will reengage the fire," a situation report said.

Most of this year's major fires have occurred in now-saturated Northern California. In Southern California, however, the fire season typically begins in fall, when the region's powerful, dry Santa Ana winds blow.

SHORTAGES

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Now, the same container will cost $17,377 to ship, according to Freightos, a Hong Kong-based online freight marketplace.

Most vendors Silverman works with have raised prices one or two times over the past six months to offset the rising costs — normally they raise prices once every several years. So, she tried to place orders ahead of the price increases.

"I feel like I have 14 plates spinning in the air, not knowing what's coming when," she said. "Vendors don't call back or don't have answers."

Most of the delays involve inventory coming from China, and to a lesser extent Thailand, she said. Her vendors have told her the delays stem from ports being backed up.

The average time it takes for ocean freight to go door-to-door has increased 45% over the last year, from 51 days to 74 days, according to Freightos. Ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, account for 40% of all shipping containers entering the United States. As of Monday evening, 73 container ships were at anchor, waiting to unload.

Normally, there's no wait for container ships to unload, said Kevin Ketels, a lecturer in global supply chain management at Wayne State University.

"These are major delays," he said.

Rob Pickering, owner of five Snapdoodle Toys & Games stores in the Seattle area, said ordering for the holidays has "been a real struggle."

Big holiday orders that are typically placed in August were instead moved up to July. So, the company's warehouse and stockrooms are fuller than normal for this time of year.

Still, some items that Pickering ordered in June and July haven't arrived. Some smaller toy makers have already stopped taking and filling any more orders for the holidays. Some popular items, including Ravensburger puzzles and Bruder trucks, both imported from Germany, are likely to be gone from shelves long before Christmas, Pickering said.

"We are telling our customers to buy it when you see it, and don't plan on hoping to buy it later in the season," he said.

Some retailers have shifted production or created their own private label products to try to have more control over the stock they have on shelves.

Chris Lynch is co-founder of Everyday California, in La Jolla, California, a clothing brand with an online store and retail store, along with an adventure tour business.

He has been experiencing supply chain issues "across the board," he said. COVID-19 cases surged in Vietnam in July and August, forcing some factories that make hats and other headwear to shut down. And there have been transportation problems with manufacturers in China, where he gets items like hoodies and sweatshirts.

Lynch shifted some production closer to home. He's making popular items like hats and T-shirts in Tijuana, Mexico. But he's still facing delays due to a shortage in raw materials.

Christine Noh, CEO of Nohble, an independent chain of five shoe and apparel stores in New York and New Jersey, says she is terrified about the upcoming holiday season. Her inventory is down 58% and half the shelves in her warehouse are empty. Big shoe brands like Nike and Adidas were heavily affected when factories in Vietnam closed.

Noh started a private label line to help make sure to have enough stock in stores. The line makes fleece athletic sets and basic tees. It's manufactured in Bangladesh, where she has a relationship with the factory.

"When we're placing an order with them, we have more communication and visibility," she said. And she elected to air freight some of the clothes to make sure they come in.

Timing is key because of the short holiday window.

"If everything shows up in January, that's not really helpful," she said. "Hence, there's a feeling of everyone holding their breath collectively."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECTTO THE ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMICDEVELOPMENT BANK FOR THE BENEFIT OFTHE CROSSROADS SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND SCIENCESNOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on November 4, 2021, the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (the "Issuer") will conduct a public hearing (the "Public Hearing"), by teleconference as further described below, at which the Issuer will hear and consider information concerning the issuance by the Issuer, from time to time, pursuant to a plan of finance, of one or more series of its tax-exempt bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness for the benefit of The Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (or any related or successor entity thereto) (collectively, the "Borrower"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars ($40,000,000) (the "Obligations"). The proceeds of the Obligations will be used by the Borrower to (a) (i) refund approximately $25,000,000 of existing tax-exempt bonds issued by the California Municipal Finance Authority, the proceeds of which were loaned to the Borrower and used to finance and refinance the acquisition, construction, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Borrower's educational facilities located at 1709, 1713-1715, 1719, 1727, 1729, and 1731 20th Street, Santa Monica, California 90404, 1701, 1706, 1714, 1718-1720, 1721-1725, 1728, 1730-1732, 1734, 1737-1745, 1748 and 1753 21st Street, Santa Monica, California 90404, 1704, 1728, 1736 and 1740 22nd Street, Santa Monica, California 90404, 1713-1715 and 1906 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404 and 12099 Wagner Street, Culver City, California 90230, (ii) reimburse the Borrower for a portion of the purchase price of the real property and improvements located at 1750-1756 22nd Street, Santa Monica, California 90404, which will initially be used for administrative, educational and related functions, and (iii) finance, refinance, and/or reimburse the Borrower for a portion of the cost of the design, development, construction, installation and equipping of an approximately 32,700 square foot, two story building, including a 650-seat performing arts center, recital and flexible classroom space, music classrooms, library, space for the Borrower's program for its Equity and Justice Institute, and other related and appurtenant facilities located at 1740 22nd Street, Santa Monica, California 90404 (collectively, the "Facilities"), and (b) pay certain costs of issuance in connection with such financing, refinancing, or reimbursement. The Borrower is an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and owns and will own the Facilities financed or refinanced with the Obligations. The Facilities will be used by the Borrower to foster the development of a student population of social, economic, and racial diversity and to the development of each student's physical well-being and full human potential. The Obligations will be paid entirely from repayments and other funds made available by the Borrower under a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") to be entered into among the Issuer, the Borrower and First Republic Bank.Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Issuer, the State of California (the "State") or any other political corporation, subdivision or agency of the State is pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Obligations, nor shall the Issuer, the State or any other political corporation, subdivision or agency of the State be liable or obligated to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Obligations, except to the extent that the Obligations will be limited obligations of the Issuer payable from funds received from the Borrower pursuant to the Loan Agreement.The Public Hearing is intended to comply with the public approval requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. Those wishing to comment on the proposed nature and location of the Facilities and the financing and refinancing of the Facilities with the proceeds of the Obligations may attend by phone (888) 398-2342 (participation code 212999), or submit written comments to the Public Hearing, which must be received by the Issuer c/o Mr. Clint Kellum, Chief Deputy Executive Director, California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, 1325 J Street, Suite 1300, Sacramento, California 95814 prior to the start of the public hearing.Date: October 27, 2021CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANKBy /s/ Clint Kellum Chief Deputy Executive Director

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