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Beloved pastor to retire leaving his congregation twice the size as when he arrived



Courtesy photo

PASTOR: Reverend Eric Shafer has been a local fixture but is retiring.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Many a community member has been touched by Reverend Eric Shafer, be it through attending his services, using the homeless shelter he helped open, or simply being cheered up by seeing his beaming smile on the side of a Big Blue Bus.

After eight years as pastor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, during which time church membership more than doubled, Shafer has announced his plan to retire in May 2022.

At the age of 72 he feels that the time is right, bestowing the news upon his congregation with a favorite bible verse: "For everything, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."

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SAG Awards in-person ceremony to take place in Santa Monica's Barker Hangar

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Awards season is just around the corner and in February one of the most exciting events will take place in Santa Monica for the first time since 1996.

The upcoming 28th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards will be hosted in the Barker Hangar at Santa Monica Airport on Feb. 27, 2021. The last time the SAG Awards were in town was for their second-ever ceremony, which took place at the Civic Auditorium.

While the show has been hosted at the Shrine Expo Hall for the last several years, the hall had already been booked for the date of the 2021 SAG awards, leading the organization to examine other venues, according to SAG Awards Executive Producer, Jon Brockett.

The Barker Hangar was selected because of the site's customizability,

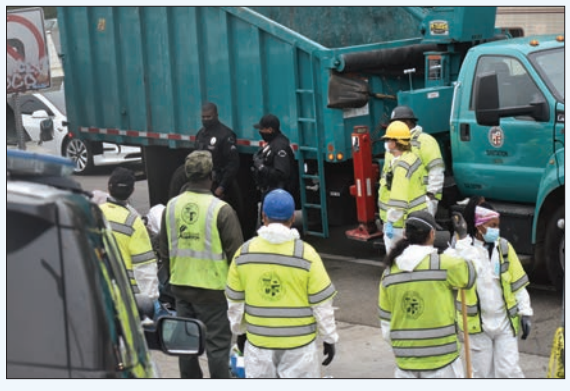
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Homeless Cleanup











Clara Harter

VENICE: The City of Los Angeles held a sanitation sweep this week to clear debris and trash from the sidewalks along Main, just south of Rose after pandemic era rules preventing authorities from clearing some items from residents who lived in vehicles expired.


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EMS 800Blk 20th St 12:33 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:12 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 3:00 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Barnard Way / Wadsworth Ave 3:23 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 10th St 3:26 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:03 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 4:46 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 5:08 a.m.
EMS 2600Blk 31st St 5:51 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 900Blk 3rd St 7:34 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 16th St 7:39 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 4th St 9:11 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 9:12 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Arizona Ave 9:15 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk La Mesa Dr 9:38 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 11:28 a.m.
EMS Main St / Hill St 11:39 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 11:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 24th St / Alta Ave 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 12:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:59 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 500Blk 20th St 2:27 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:36 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Pico Blvd 3:04 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:52 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 5:15 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Broadway 5:40 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 5:48 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:30 p.m.
Public Assist 1500Blk 2nd St 7:43 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk 29th St 8:12 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:08 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:00 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 10:21 p.m.
Smoke Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ozone St 11:46 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 22nd St 11:58 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

The Venice Chamber of Commerce Announces the 10th Annual Venice Holiday Sign Lighting

The Venice Chamber of Commerce, local merchants, and the community welcome all to the 10th Annual Venice Holiday Sign Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 4, under the Venice Sign at the intersection of Windward Avenue and Pacific Avenue in Venice. Those who prefer to participate virtually are invited to watch the event as it is streamed live on the Venice Chamber Facebook page at www.facebook.com/venicechamber. The festivities begin at 6:15 p.m. and at 8 p.m., the special surprise guest will pull the switch lighting the Venice Sign green and red.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Vicki Peterson, co-founder of the iconic and groundbreaking female rock band The Bangles. Peterson will be joined by a number of special guest performers. To back Peterson, Grammy-winning Producer and Sign Lighting Musical Director, Rob Christie will once again assemble the Venice All-Stars, which include heavy hitters such as Warren Ham, a member of Toto and Ringo Starr's All Star Band, Ricky Z, who has performed with the likes of Lauryn Hill and Michael Buble, and Randy Cooke, who has drummed for legends such as Ringo Starr. The expected crowd of thousands will be treated to even more top-flight entertainment from local legend Tom Freund and up-and-coming artist David Frank.

For the seventh year, the Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Art Crawl bring together all local public school children in the "My Venice" Holiday Poster Contest to illustrate what the holiday season means to them. A winner is chosen from each grade level and will receive a $100 gift card and other assorted holiday presents while also having their art on display at the Sign Lighting. "The Venice Art Crawl's 'My Venice' Holiday Poster Contest inspires children in the community to create more art and they become the artists of the future," said Sunny Bak, Venice Art Crawl President.

During the event, the City of Los Angeles will close Windward Avenue east of Pacific Avenue for on-stage entertainment and exhibits.

SUBMITTED BY THE VENICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



DAILY POLICE LOG

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Attempt Burglary Just Occurred 1100Blk 11th St 2:05 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 200Blk Ocean Ave 3:24 a.m.
Prowler 700Blk San Vicente Blvd 3:42 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1000Blk 4th St 4:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 9th St 6:01 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 9th St 6:06 a.m.
Fight 1100Blk 12th St 6:18 a.m.
Arson 1600Blk Ocean Ave 6:25 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 10th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:42 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:17 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:32 a.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 20th St / Arizona Ave 9:15 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 9:21 a.m.
Burglary Report 900Blk 17th St 9:28 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 3300Blk Pico Blvd 9:34 a.m.
Stalking Report 800Blk Broadway 9:37 a.m.
Lewd Activity 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:43 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 11th St / Colorado Ave 9:44 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk The Beach 9:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Colorado Ave 9:51 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400Blk Chelsea Pl 9:59 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk 11th St 10:37 a.m.
Battery Report 3100Blk Main St 10:49 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 700Blk Ozone St 10:51 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1400Blk Yale St 10:51 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800Blk 4th St 10:51 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:12 a.m.
Identity Theft 1900Blk 22nd St 11:24 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Pico Blvd 11:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Hill St 11:40 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 18th St 11:46 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900Blk 18th St 11:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200Blk 4th St 11:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 24th St / Alta Ave 11:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Pico Blvd 12:35 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900Blk Pico Blvd 12:38 p.m.
Sexual Assault 2000Blk 21st St 12:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 200Blk Arizona Ave 12:48 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900Blk 31st St 1:31 p.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk 29th St 1:32 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 1:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / California Ave 1:46 p.m.
Battery Report 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:47 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 900Blk California Ave 1:52 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500Blk Michigan Ave 1:54 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1500Blk 16th St 1:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Main St / Bicknell Ave 2:02 p.m.
Burglary Report 2600Blk Main St 2:03 p.m.
Drinking In Public 11th St / Washington Ave 2:26 p.m.
Encampment 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Identity Theft 2000Blk 14th St 2:50 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Ocean Ave 2:51 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2400Blk 16th St 3:05 p.m.
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Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400Blk 6th St 4:06 p.m.
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Burglary Just Occurred 2000Blk 14th St 6:40 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1500Blk 2nd St 7:29 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1000Blk 9th St 8:04 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2800Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:38 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:18 p.m.
Identity Theft 2000Blk 14th St 9:22 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200Blk 20th St 9:30 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:43 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 2300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:56 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Berkeley St / Arizona Ave 10:04 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1500Blk Berkeley St 10:12 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:25 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk 6th St 10:30 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Main St / Pico Blvd 11:33 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200Blk 22nd St 11:53 p.m.
Encampment 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:59 p.m.

Democrats hope threat to abortion rights will rouse voters

STEVE PEOPLES
AP National Politics Writer

Vulnerable Democrats from Nevada to New Hampshire are promising to make abortion a centerpiece of their political strategy heading into the midterm elections, betting that an intense focus on the divisive issue can rally their voters to beat back a red wave and preserve their narrow majorities in Congress.

Strategists in both parties suggest it may not be so easy.

Democrats have been sounding the alarm on abortion rights in nearly every election cycle this century, including last month's stunning defeat in the Virginia governor's race. In most cases, it's Republicans who have shown to be more motivated by the issue.

Still, as the Supreme Court's conservative majority signals a willingness to weaken or reverse the landmark Roe v. Wade precedent, Democrats insist they can convince voters that the threat to women's health is real and present in a way it wasn't before.

"This isn't crying wolf. This is actually happening," Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, who is facing a difficult reelection test in Nevada, said in an Associated Press interview. She took to the Senate floor Wednesday and warned, "The reproductive freedom of women everywhere is in jeopardy," before casting her Republican opponents as "anti-abortion extremists" in the interview.

The new intensity is prompted by the high court's deliberation over a Mississippi law presenting the most serious challenge to abortion rights in decades. In nearly two hours of arguments Wednesday, the Supreme Court's conservative majority suggested they may uphold a Mississippi law banning all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy and possibly allow states to ban abortion much earlier in pregnancy. Current law allows states to regulate but not ban abortion up until the point of fetal viability, at roughly 24 weeks.

The court's final ruling is expected in June, just ahead of midterm elections that will decide the balance of power in Congress and in statehouses across the country.

Already braced for a rough year, Democrats have been searching for an issue that can both energize a base deflated by slow progress on various issues in Washington and repair the party's strained relationship with suburban voters, who may be drifting back toward the GOP in the months since former President Donald Trump left office.

Abortion rights could be it, but it's not necessarily a silver bullet, said Democratic pollster Molly Murphy, who recently surveyed voters across several battleground states on the issue.

"It's the question I ask myself," she said.

Democrats likely will not win on abortion if they simply recycle the arguments that Republicans are trying to roll back abortion rights, Murphy said. To be successful, they must argue that Republicans are spending their time and energy attacking women's reproductive rights at the expense of issues like the economy, the pandemic and health care. She also encouraged Democrats to focus on Republican-backed measures, like one in effect in Texas, that would penalize health care professionals and the women involved in some abortion cases.

Murphy's guidance acknowledged the nuances of public opinion on abortion rights.

A June AP-NORC poll showed 57% of Americans said that in general abortion should be legal in all or most cases. But the same poll showed many Americans question whether a woman should be able to get a legal abortion "for any reason," and most said abortion after the first trimester should be restricted.

In the second trimester, about a third said abortion should usually — but not always — be illegal, while roughly as many said it should always be illegal. And a majority — 54% — said abortion in the third trimester should always be illegal.

Privately, some Republicans concede that a wave of dramatic new state restrictions on abortion that could follow the court's ruling could change the conversation and disrupt their momentum heading into 2022. Twelve states have "trigger laws" that would immediately ban all or nearly all abortions if Roe is overturned, and other GOP-led states would likely move quickly as well. But Republicans also express confidence in their ability to focus on other issues.

That was the case last month in Virginia's race for governor, where Democrats and their allies invested heavily in trying to tie GOP candidate Glenn Youngkin to a new Republican-backed Texas law that bans most abortions. Democrat Terry McAuliffe's closing message centered on both former President Donald Trump and abortion.

And while Youngkin's campaign privately worried that the abortion focus might hurt him, particularly among suburban women, Youngkin prevailed in part by shifting the conversation toward parents' frustration with local education.

"I didn't see abortion as a big issue," said Linda Brooks, who chairs the Virginia Democratic Party's women's caucus, pointing instead to schools and Trump as the biggest factors in her state's recent elections. "It's just not on people's' minds."

Only 6% of Virginia voters called abortion the most important issue facing the state, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of the electorate.

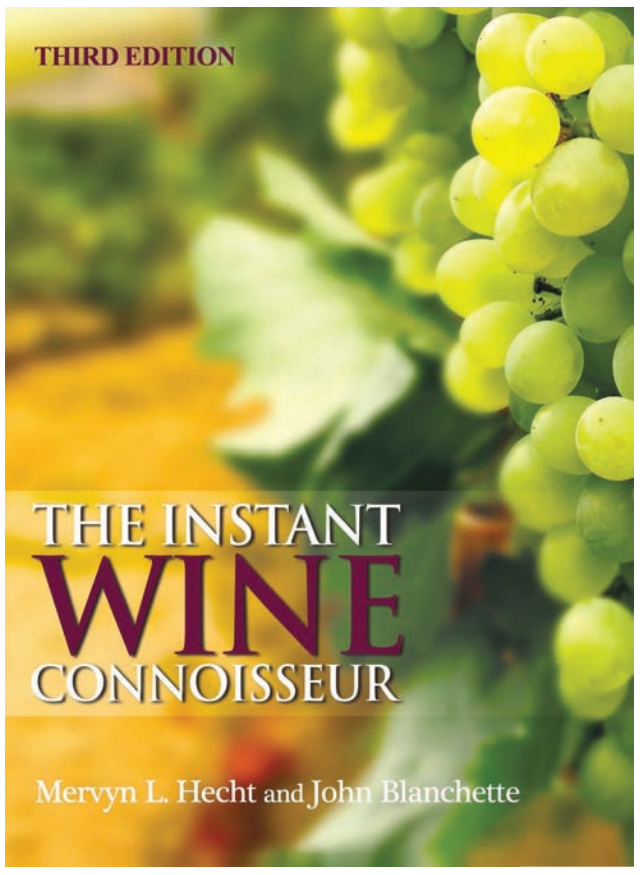
In fact, the issue seems more relevant for Republicans. In last year's presidential election, VoteCast found that the 3% of voters who said abortion was the most important issue facing the country voted for Trump

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Christmas tree buyers face reduced supplies, higher prices

TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

Even Christmas trees aren't immune to the pandemic-induced shortages and inflation plaguing the economy.

Extreme weather and supply chain disruptions have reduced supplies of both real and artificial trees this season. American shoppers should expect to have fewer choices and pay up to 30% more for both types this Christmas, industry officials said.

"It's a double whammy — weather and supply chain problems are really hampering the industry," said Jami Warner, executive director of the American Christmas Tree Association, an industry trade group. "Growers have been hard hit by floods, fires, smoke, drought, extreme weather conditions."

Record-breaking heat and wildfires in late June took a heavy toll on Christmas tree farms in Oregon and Washington, two of the nation's largest growers.

Warner could not provide an estimate of how many fewer trees there will be this year but because it takes up to 10 years to grow, the crop loss will be felt for many seasons to come.

The shortage of truck drivers is making it harder and more expensive to transport live trees from farms to stores and tree lots.

Warner's advice: "Shop early. If you see something you like, buy it."

At Crystal River Christmas Trees, owner Dale Pine and his nephew Stacy Valenzuela struggled to get enough trees to sell at their tree lot in Alameda. Many of its suppliers in Oregon lost trees in the triple-digit heat wave.

"It was looking pretty grim for a while," Valenzuela said. "Every single day you're on the phone checking, 'Hey, you got anything? If you do, send it my way.' So a lot of work to get these trees on the ground this year."

Crystal River had to raise prices this year because the costs of trees, labor and truck delivery have all gone up, Valenzuela said.

Alameda resident Ian Steplowski came to Crystal River lot to buy a Silvertip tree with his wife and two young kids the day after Thanksgiving.

"We're having shortages of everything and of course it had to take Christmas trees," Steplowski said. "Definitely noticing everything's a bit more expensive this year already."

Teri Schaffert heard about the shortage of real trees this year, so she decided to buy an artificial tree for the first time. Almost a week before Thanksgiving, she went to shop at the Burlington showroom of Balsam Hill, which primarily sells its artificial trees online.

"I came in early because I heard in the news that there's not going to be enough fresh Christmas trees," said Schaffert, who lives in nearby San Mateo. Her husband isn't happy about the change. "What else can we do? I have to get ready for the future because I love Christmas. I love to decorate."

But the artificial tree industry is struggling with its own supply troubles as clogged ports and the lack of truckers delay shipments and raise costs, said Caroline Tuan, Balsam Hill's chief operating officer. The company's trees are about 20% more expensive this year and there is less variety.

"We have to bring our products over from our factories (in China), and that has been very challenging," Tuan said. "All of that has impacted us, which means that we have fewer trees to sell as an industry."

Worries about drought and drought led David Cruise and his wife to the Balsam Hill showroom to buy their first artificial tree this year.

"In the grand scheme of climate change here in California, this is really the way to go," said Cruise, who lives in Brentwood. "The sooner everybody gets on board with the artificial tree, the sooner everybody's going to enjoy it."

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON FRIDAY, NOV. 26 AT AROUND 1:40 A.M.

Officers were patrolling the area of City Hall, when they noticed a vehicle parked near the front steps of the water feature- an area not easily accessed by a vehicle. Upon locating the driver of the vehicle, officers noticed that he appeared to be under the influence. A methamphetamine pipe was found in his vehicle as well. A field sobriety test was conducted and the driver also admitted that although he did not smoke methamphetamine, he did melt it down and drink it. He also admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. Art Roy Loya Jr. was arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

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Man arrested in death of Jacqueline Avant, music icon's wife

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 29-year-old man has been arrested in the death of philanthropist Jacqueline Avant, who was fatally shot this week at the Beverly Hills home she shared with her husband, legendary music executive Clarence Avant, police said Thursday.

Aariel Maynor is currently on parole and was taken into custody early Wednesday by Los Angeles police at a separate residence after a burglary there, Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook said.

Police recovered an AR-15 rifle at that home that was believed to have been used in the shooting of Jacqueline Avant. Maynor accidentally shot himself in the foot with the gun, police said, and is being treated before he can be booked into jail.

Authorities do not believe there are any other suspects in the Avant case, and Stainbrook said there are no outstanding threats to public safety.

Police have not yet determined Maynor's motive or whether he targeted the Avant home or it was a random attack. It was not immediately known if he had an attorney.

Maynor has previous felony convictions for assault, robbery and grand theft.

Police were called to the Avants' home early Wednesday after a 2:23 a.m. call reporting a shooting. Officers found Jacqueline Avant, 81, with a gunshot wound. She was taken to the hospital but did not survive.

Clarence Avant and a security guard at their home were not hurt during the shooting.

Surveillance camera footage showed the suspect's vehicle driving east out of Beverly Hills after the shooting, police said.

An hour later, Los Angeles Police Department officers were called to a home in the Hollywood Hills — about 7 miles from the Avant residence — for a reported shooting. They found Maynor there, as well as evidence of a burglary at that home, and took him into custody.

At some point that night, an "astute watch commander" in the LAPD's Hollywood Division "put two and two together" and reached out to Beverly Hills investigators, according to LAPD Deputy Chief Blake Chow.

Jacqueline Avant was a longtime local philanthropist who led organizations that helped low-income neighborhoods including Watts and South Los Angeles, and was on the board of directors of the International Student Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Grammy-winning executive Clarence Avant is known as the "Godfather of Black

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US jobless claims rise by 28,000, but still low at 222,000

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AP Economics Writer

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits rose last week even though the U.S. job market has been rebounding from last year's coronavirus recession.

Jobless claims climbed by 28,000 to 222,000 from the previous week's 52-year low 194,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday. The four-week average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week ups and downs, fell below 239,000, a pandemic low.

Since topping 900,000 in early January, the weekly applications — a proxy for layoffs — have been falling more or less steadily.

Overall, 2 million Americans were receiving traditional jobless benefits the week that ended Nov. 20, down by 107,000 from the week before.

Until Sept. 6, the federal government had supplemented state unemployment insurance programs by paying an extra payment of $300 a week and extending benefits to gig workers and to those who were out of work for six months or more. Including the federal programs, the number of Americans receiving some form of jobless aid peaked at more than 33 million in June 2020.

The job market has rebounded strongly since the spring of 2020 when the coronavirus pandemic forced businesses to close or cut hours and kept many Americans at home as a health precaution. In March and April last year, employers slashed more than 22 million jobs.

But government relief checks, super-low interest rates and the rollout of vaccines combined to give consumers the confidence and financial wherewithal to start spending again. Employers, scrambling to meet an unexpected surge in demand, have made 18 million new hires since April 2020, and the jobs report out Friday is expected to show that they added another 535,000 in November. Still, the United States remains 4 million short of the jobs it had in February 2020.

Companies now complain that they can't find workers to fill job openings, a near-record 10.4 million in September. Workers, finding themselves with bargaining clout for the first time in decades, are becoming choosier about jobs; a record 4.4 million quit in September, a sign they have confidence in their ability to find something better.

Still, economists warn that highly transmissible omicron variant could disrupt the economic rebound.

"Workers are in high demand and businesses

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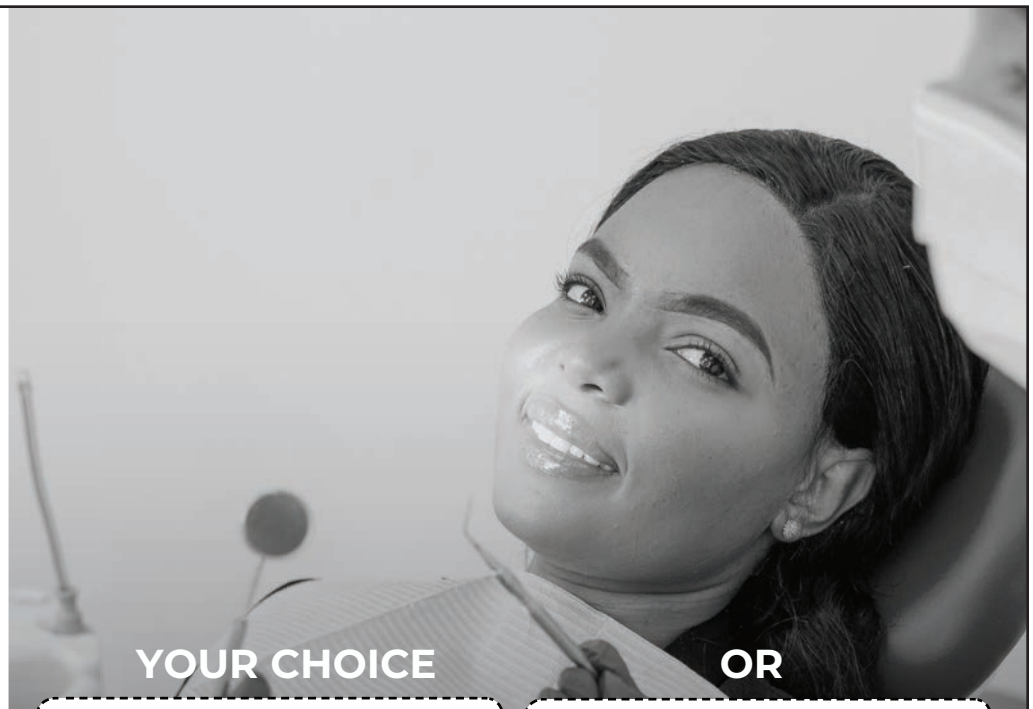
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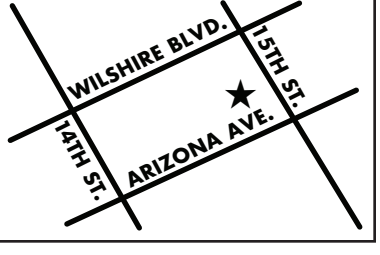


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As his season at Mount Olive comes to a close, Shafer leaves behind him a thriving church with a tight-knit congregation of around 225 members and a vast community footprint, as prior to COVID around 5,000 people visited the church for one of its programs on a weekly basis.

Outside of congregation services, Mount Olive is rich with opportunities for learning, service, music and self-improvement.

It has a preschool on site that provides affordable childcare for many local parents as well as bible study groups, and youth Sunday school. The church also hosts senior luncheons, yoga, 12 Step groups, movie nights, and frequent jazz performances. Under Shafer's leadership it opened the first shelter specifically for homeless college students in the country, which made national headlines.



Courtesy photo

RETIRE: Shafer and his wife will be moving back to Pennsylvania.

To Shafer all these programs are essential to the church and a key part of what has helped the congregation thrive during his time as pastor.

"People come to this congregation for worship because we're the place that sponsors the shelter, because we're the place that has fifteen 12 Step groups, because we're the place with a school," said Shafer. "I think we give people a chance to act out their faith because of all the involvement we have in the community and they can see the work of God at work in this community."

One of the enduring legacies Shafer created is the Bruin homeless shelter, which opened at Mount Olive in 2016 and led to his face being plastered on the side of several Big Blue Buses as part of the City's 2018 "We Are Santa Monica" campaign.

The shelter houses around ten college students at a time, giving them invaluable stability, housing, food, community and support, while they work towards a degree. It is run entirely by student volunteers and helped thrust the hidden issue of college homelessness into the spotlight.

"I didn't know anything about homeless college students when I came here, and I dare to say most of the country knew nothing about homeless college students," said Shafer. "Because of the publicity that we've gotten from your newspaper and others, we've raised the issue of homelessness among college students in the nation."

Indeed the Bruin Shelter at Mount Olive has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, the New York Times, the LA Times and PBS. Under the sponsorship of Mount Olive, the student organization that runs the shelter, Students 4 Students, has opened three more shelters serving college communities in Los Angeles, Santa Cruz and Davis.

"Those things have helped other people become sensitive to this issue. Now there are initiatives for homeless college students across the country, and we help get that started. That's very satisfying," said Shafer.

In addition to the founding of the shelter, Shafer helped found the Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council, which hosts monthly meetings, sponsors worship services and collectively stands up for justice issues in the community and nation. For example, after the mass attack on gay and lesbian people in Orlando in 2016, Shafer helped organize a "Love Orlando, Music Heals" fundraising concert at Mt. Olive.

"People of faith, whatever their faith, have such commonality you know, they believe in caring for the widow and orphan, to use the traditional language, for the poor," said Shafer. "We don't come to the interfaith table to change each other or convert each other—we even love to talk about our differences because they're fascinating—but we know that we have so much more in common than we have different."

Other notable accomplishments during Shafer's tenure include the renovation of the church entryway to make it a more welcoming space and the removal of two-thirds of the fixed pews to create a gathering space that can host a much wider range of activities inside the church.

During the pandemic Shafer served as a pillar for many congregation members, by rapidly converting to online services and launching a weekly YouTube interview series called "Hope Matters." The virtual service proved so popular that the church is continuing it to this day.

While Shafer and his wife Kris are looking forward to moving back to their home of Pennsylvania, they will miss the Santa Monica community and the community here is sure to miss them.

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SAG AWARDS

FROM PAGE 1

size and amenability to COVID safety measures.

"Barker Hangar is great because it's a big blank canvas where we can create any vision we can come up with. It also has plenty of space to accommodate our needs from the red carpet, to the showroom and post-awards gala," said Brockett. "The Barker offers us an open air space where we are able to bring everything together in one place and have a new and exciting cohesive design for the SAG Awards."

The Barker Hangar has a long and storied history in Santa Monica, having served as an event space for the Critics Choice Awards, NBA Awards, MTV Movie Awards as well as many concerts, galas, trade shows, art shows and sporting events.

It was built in 1954 to serve as an aviation manufacturing site and acquired by the Barker family in 1969. Current owner Judi Barker took over the hangar from her father in 1986 and transitioned it to primarily an event space as restrictions on aviation activities tightened.

According to Barker, the SAG Awards will be the first show with an audience to take place at the Barker Hangar since the pandemic began. The People's Choice awards were pre-filmed at the hangar this year and will air on Dec. 7.

"I love awards shows. They are so much fun … and the SAG Awards are a very different awards show from the other ones that we've done," said Barker. I can't wait to see the production side of it and what they're going to do with staging. This is a big one and I'm mostly excited to bring it back to Santa Monica."

The SAG Awards are presented by SAG-AFTRA in the only televised awards ceremony that exclusively honors performers. Awards are given for both individual and ensemble performances in television and film.

The upcoming ceremony will start at 5 p.m. on Feb. 27 and simultaneously air for two hours on TNT and TBS. Last year's show took place in a one-hour pre-filmed format due to the pandemic.

"Bringing the show back live in-person, the way it's meant to be experienced, is something we are all so excited for!" said Brockett. "The SAG Awards has always been about this incredible sense of family that these actors have with each other and when they are all in the same room together, you can feel it. It's palpable."

The hangar is particularly well suited to producing events in the COVID era, because there is no fixed seating or stage, allowing the layout to be customized with any type of spacing in mind. The vaulted ceiling rises to 43 feet at the center while the large hangar doors open up to 30 feet, allowing for great air circulation within the venue.

"The health and safety of our nominees, guests, staff and crew are our number one priority," said Brockett. "We'll be working closely with COVID experts on doing an event of this scale to ensure everyone is safe and we are in compliance with local government and guilds' safety protocols."

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LeBron James out of COVID-19 protocols, cleared to return

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AP Sports Writer

LeBron James has been cleared to return to the Los Angeles Lakers after missing one game under the NBA's health and safety protocols.

The league said Thursday that James is not positive for COVID-19 despite a series of tests that produced conflicting results earlier this week. Additional testing cleared James to play when the Lakers host the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday night.

James got an initial positive test from a sample collected Monday. The sample was retested twice, producing one positive and one negative result. James underwent additional testing Tuesday, but those tests returned one negative result and one clinically inconclusive result, according to the league.

James subsequently had two negative PCR tests conducted more than 24 hours apart, meeting the criteria necessary to return to play.

James said earlier in the season that he is vaccinated. A clear positive test likely would have kept James away for 10 days or more.

James has missed 12 of the Lakers' 23 games this season, with 10 due to injuries. He also missed one game while serving the first suspension of his 19-year NBA career for an altercation with Detroit's Isaiah Stewart.

James is the third-leading scorer in NBA history with 35,651 points. He is averaging 25.8 points, 6.8 assists and 5.2 rebounds in his 11 games this season.

The Lakers are 5-7 without James and 7-4 with him. They began Thursday in sixth place in the Western Conference despite their thoroughly overhauled roster around James and Anthony Davis, along with significant injury problems for several expected regulars.

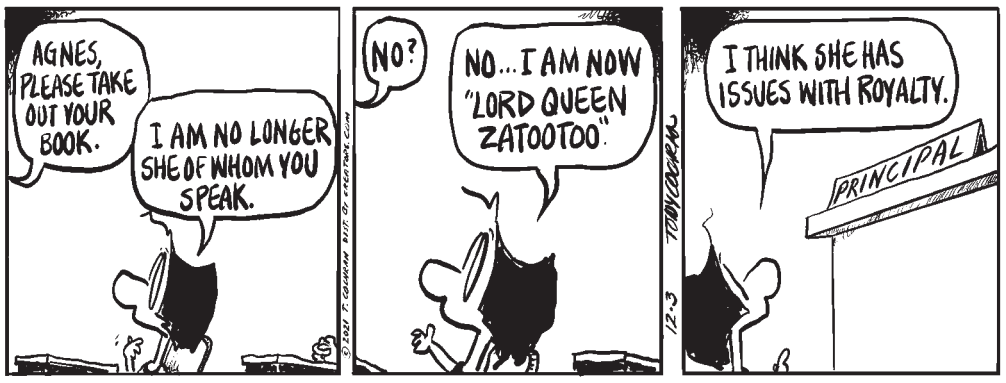
At least 17 players have entered the NBA's health and safety protocols since the start of the season. Philadelphia's Joel Embiid and Milwaukee's Khris Middleton are among the big names who have missed significant playing time while dealing with the coronavirus.

The Lakers' first meeting of the season Friday with their Staples Center rivals was moved off ESPN earlier in the week in the expected absence of both James and injured Kawhi Leonard, who hasn't played this season. Both Los Angeles teams have been hovering near the .500 mark after beginning the year with championship aspirations.



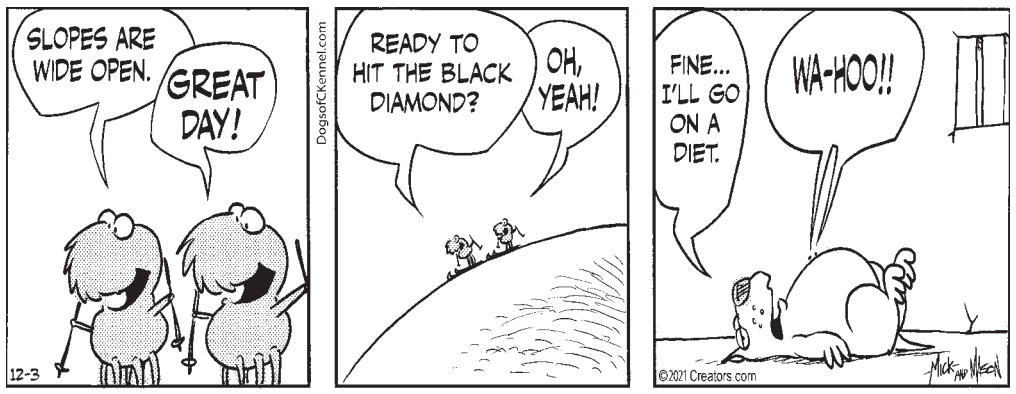
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.0°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Clean but small - most spots under waist high, especially on the AM high tide. Most rideable late AM into the early PM with the dropping tide.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Most spots struggling in morning with the deep high tide. More rideable midday as tide drops. Minor NW/SSW swell mix.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 52.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/12/03	Fri	07:38 AM	6.97	H
2021/12/03	Fri	2:46 PM	-1.41	L
2021/12/03	Fri	9:05 PM	4.13	H
2021/12/04	Sat	01:55 AM	1.70	L
2021/12/04	Sat	08:18 AM	7.16	H
2021/12/04	Sat	3:35 PM	-1.67	L
2021/12/04	Sat	10:00 PM	4.01	H
2021/12/05	Sun	02:38 AM	1.96	L
2021/12/05	Sun	09:01 AM	7.13	H
2021/12/05	Sun	4:25 PM	-1.67	L
2021/12/05	Sun	10:59 PM	3.88	H
2021/12/06	Mon	03:25 AM	2.22	L
2021/12/06	Mon	09:47 AM	6.84	H
2021/12/06	Mon	5:18 PM	-1.46	L
2021/12/07	Tue	12:03 AM	3.79	H
2021/12/07	Tue	04:19 AM	2.49	L
2021/12/07	Tue	10:38 AM	6.35	H
2021/12/07	Tue	6:13 PM	-1.08	L
2021/12/08	Wed	01:10 AM	3.80	H
2021/12/08	Wed	05:24 AM	2.74	L

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/1
12 15 38 57 63
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 278 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/30
7 8 26 30 39
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 112 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 12/1
5 6 10 34 44
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/1
9 28 30 34 35

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Draw Date: 12/1
EVENING: 8 1 0
Draw Date: 12/1
MIDDAY: 0 2 3

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1st: 06 - Whirl Win
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3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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You've never been one to pursue fame, but because you love what you do so much, you'll become well known for it. Finances improve as you deftly handle publicity. Family will be the source of stellar ideas, the reason for celebrations and travel too. March increases cash flow while July offers an excellent investment. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 38, 1, 17, 4 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People want to connect with you and if they don't have a practical reason to do so, they may just invent one. The relationship will be more fruitful when you understand deeper motives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though "tree-hugger" is a stereotype, the embrace of nature is a primal need. The natural world connects people in a way the digital world cannot. Maybe it's not a tree you want to hug, but hugs will be had today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At the very heart of love's nature is an element of risk. You're willing to risk yourself in so many ways for loved ones. You'll risk being disappointed, hurt, feeling foolish and more. Without this risk there is no love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For reasons unclear to you, you'll resist your own plan. Consider this might be your inner wisdom telling you something is not quite right. Take your mind off this for a while and come back later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To invest love is to invest hours, attention and money. So, it is always apparent what and whom you love, just follow where those resources flow and that's where your love lies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel thrown back to an era when eloquence was a symbol of status. Artful conversations will elevate people while dull exchanges will diminish their position. You'll choose your words very carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A noble pursuit is afoot. You will strive to be the one who gives more, knowing you probably won't make it, as your taste in people is excellently skewed to generous souls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Choosing what looks good on paper is best for people who live on paper. As for those in the breathing, feeling world, the rest of the senses are best employed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An ongoing argument rears its head in a new way today. The information is nothing that you don't know already but how it's presented will be a game changer. Pay attention; your next play is important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't know what you've got till it's gone. That is the way it goes in the song and the way it goes in real life too for the careless. You're not careless and you'll take extra measures today to prove it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Different areas of your life will prove related in ways you wouldn't have guessed. Strangely, everything doesn't hinge on one element and yet altering one element can still change everything.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Intentions matter, but typically you don't notice them unless they are followed up by action. People earn a more significant role in your life when they show up for you time and again.

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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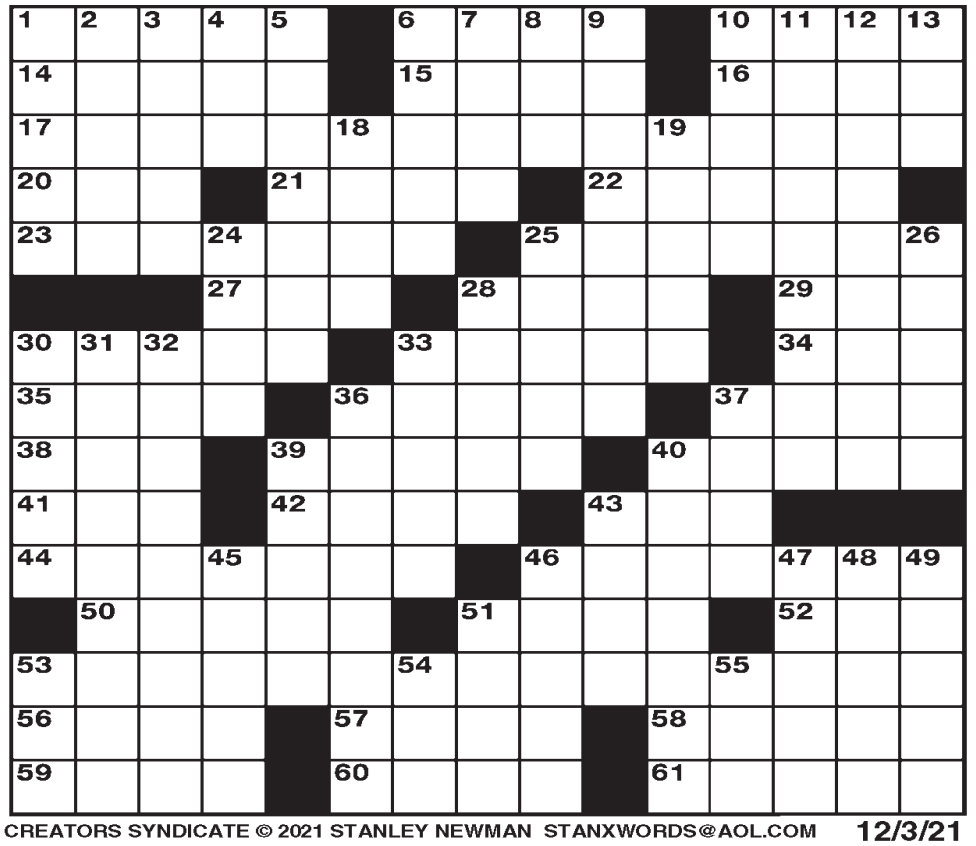
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Fashion/entertainment mag
6 At leisure
10 Trivia quiz array, often
14 Was sore
15 Sort of beach bash
16 *Jurassic Park* paleobotanist portrayer
17 Start of a 35/36 Across quote, after seeing a Murphy bed
20 Cry of fright
21 Make fun of
22 Red deer stags
23 Dust collectors
25 Share the instruction
27 Attendance bk. notation
28 Put under contract
29 Top suit
30 Schedule spoilers
33 Theresa's successor
34 Stick with a kick
35 With 36 Across, source of quote
36 See 35 Across
37 Middle of quote
38 Artery, for short
39 Bantu-speaking people
40 Mackinac Island's surroundings
41 Address since the '90s
42 Guest of honor at the Empire State Building's 60th anniversary
43 Metaphorical intrigue
44 Noblewoman
46 Grandstand spot
50 Circumvent
51 Small bands
52 TV's day starter for many
53 End of quote
56 They're distressful
57 "Checkmate"
58 Noel sextet
59 9:30 AM weekday bell ringer
60 SNUB I USE FOR __ ONE ("none of your business" anagram)
61 Leader of consumerist "Raiders"

DOWN
1 Crowed
2 Shade of autumn leaves
3 Less than steadfast
4 Doc's order
5 Maintenance miscellany
6 Commotions
7 It's a trick
8 Antoine's *agua*
9 Elevated state
10 Flip over
11 Cannes award
12 Increase of volume
13 Tabletop role-playing game, for short
18 Big mouths
19 Expensive spreads
24 Noel trio
25 Wisps overhead
26 Avid about
28 Equine
30 Molasses, essentially
31 "Just kidding"
32 Numbers on toy packages
33 Bugs may be found in them
36 Enters abruptly
37 Seagoing cousins of crates
39 Pipsqueak
40 Amish country souvenir
43 Flooring material
45 Surname on Chopped Cups packages
46 Bugs, e.g.
47 Incited, with "on"
48 Divert
49 Slim down gradually
51 Lectern location
53 Wickedness
54 Complement of 51 Across
55 Culture grant awarder



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

FRIDAY | DEC 3

THE PRACTICE OF DISGUISE - BEHIND THE SCENES
An experimental video trailer by Taiwanese artist Ling-lin Ku, produced under the framework of her solo show entitled The Practice of Disguise, features a behind the scene look at her time as an AiR at 18th Street Arts Center. The video will present footage around her studio and process, interviews with staff members and artists, the exhibition, as a visual collage along with other researched images. Streaming online at Facebook Live (@18thstreetarts) at 12 p.m. to 1p.m. For more information visit https://18th-street.org/event/thepracticeofdisguise/

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE TOUR
Santa Monica Conservancy docents will be on hand Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Annenberg Community Beach House! Discover the site's rich history from the 1920s to present day. Our free 20-minute guided tours are available on a walk-up basis for individuals and groups of up to six people. Please wear a mask as it is required indoors at City of Santa Monica facilities. Reservations not required. 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

SEASIDE CINEMA AT LOEWS SCREENS THE GRINCH
Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel announces its third annual holiday program, Seaside Holidays. Tis the season for FREE holiday movies... beachside. Seaside Cinema Holidays features timeless classics, seasonal culinary treats, and more.Movies show from 6pm-8pm.

SAT | DEC 4

CELEBRATE PICO
Save the date for a free, fun family event at the Pico Farmer's Market at Virginia Park from 9am - 1pm! A 10-ft Wishing Tree will be up at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield, and kid's can spin a prize wheel for candy or toys, and enjoy a spectacular framed kids art project sponsored by the charming new Creative Roads Kids Enrichment Center. We'll hang your child's mural art in a Pico merchant's shop! The Pico Branch librarians have Storytime planned for 10:15am and 11:15am and Pico Improvement Org has some fabulous canvas totes to surprise lucky visitors.

MONTANA AVENUE HOLIDAY WALK
Find wonderful gifts, have your photos taken with Santa, listen to live music, indulge in great food and drinks. This is a fun night for all! 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Montana Ave.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende Saturday. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by poet Pablo Neruda to flee the violence of the Spanish Civil War, a pregnant widow and an army doctor unite in an arranged marriage, only to be swept up by the early days of World War II. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

SANTA VISITS LOEWS HOTEL
Reservations are available for breakfast with Santa from 8:30 - 11 a.m. Pet friendly brunch in partnership with Healthy Spot from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Tea with a Twist for $69 at 4 p.m. featuring cocktails and live music. Visit https://www.loewshotels.com/santa-monica/discover/holidays for event reservations and costs.

SANTA MONICA PLACE HOLIDAY EVENTS
Visitors and shoppers will catch special performances by the dancing sensation, Santa Monica Beach Belles, ballerina performances inside the 14-foot larger-than-life Snow Globe, live DJ holiday sets, as well as festive light displays and a 50-foot iconic Christmas tree in Center Plaza. Saturdays and Sundays from 3 - 7 p.m.

OCEAN AVENUE COMMUNITY POP-UP ART
The Santa Monica community is invited to a one-day pop-up art event to experience Ocean Avenue and Palisades Park in a new way on Saturday, December 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The temporary art installation component between Broadway and Colorado Avenue will remain on view through early 2022.

MENORAH LIGHTINGS ON THIRD STREET PROMENADE
Nightly menorah lightings will celebrate the Festival of Lights during the Hanukkah season from Sunday, November 28 through Monday, December 6. The lighting of the menorah will begin at sundown and take place on the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade (located between Santa Monica Blvd and Broadway.

SUN | DEC 5

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 - you can't get more local than that.

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

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The Southern Ocean

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A N T I T H G I L F U S F B L
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ABORTION

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over Democrat Joe Biden, 89% to 9%.

A significant portion of the electorate simply doesn't believe that the court will overturn Roe, acknowledged Jenny Lawson, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund's vice president of organizing and engagement campaigns. But Lawson said she thinks that could change quickly.

"The court is doing that work for us," Lawson said. "The world has changed. What happened yesterday was earth shaking."

David Bergstein, a spokesman for the Senate Democrats' campaign arm, vowed that the party would put "the threat that Republicans pose to women's health care front and center in Senate campaigns." And vulnerable Senate Democrats in Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and New Hampshire leaned into the issue Wednesday and Thursday.

Sen. Maggie Hassan, another vulnerable Democrat on the ballot in 2022, joined a handful of New Hampshire voters protesting Wednesday outside the Supreme Court. In a subsequent interview, she warned that the court was "on the verge of gutting Roe v. Wade."

"If the Supreme Court won't protect a woman's fundamental decision-making rights, and won't respect a woman's role as a full and equal citizen in a democracy, it leaves people at the mercy of a state legislature like the one we're seeing in New Hampshire," Hassan said.

New Hampshire, like states across the West, has a long bipartisan history of supporting abortion rights — even Republican Gov. Chris Sununu describes himself as pro-choice — but the state's Republican-led Legislature has been moving aggressively to enact restrictions in recent months.

In Nevada, a libertarian-leaning Western state, voters passed abortion rights protections in 1990, and any changes to state law would require another ballot initiative. Former Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval supported abortion rights while in office, and in 2014 the state party removed an anti-abortion plank from its platform.

But as attorney general, current Republican Senate candidate Adam Laxalt joined GOP colleagues from other states in court briefs supporting strict abortion limits in Texas and Alabama. Last July, 12 Republican governors and more than 200 Republicans in Congress asked the Supreme Court to overturn Roe in legal briefs related to the Mississippi case.

Laxalt said he looks forward to standing "for the rights of the unborn" in the Senate.

"Catherine Cortez Masto and the Democrats are desperate to distract Nevadans from the massive job losses, sky-high inflation and open border anarchy they have presided over," Laxalt said in a statement in response to questions about the latest Supreme Court case. "Hiding behind this issue will not save them from the judgment of Nevada voters."

AP writers Holly Ramer in Concord, New Hampshire, Sam Metz in Carson City, Nevada, and Hannah Fingerhut in Washington contributed.

ARREST

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Music" and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year. The 90-year-old was also a concert promoter and manager who mentored and helped the careers of artists including Bill Withers, Little Willie John, L.A. Reid, Babyface, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis.

The Avants' daughter, Nicole Avant, is a film producer and former U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas and is married to Netflix co-CEO and Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos.

Tributes to Jacqueline Avant poured in from across the country. She was remembered by former President Bill Clinton, basketball icon Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Democratic Rep. Karen Bass of California and music star Quincy Jones.

"The heaviness of my heart today is unlike any other that I have ever experienced in my life," Jones said on Instagram. "She was the purest of souls in every sense, & was the Rock of Gibraltar for Clarence, their children, her friends, & community. We are all, every single one of us, better people because Jacquie was in our lives."

Actor and director Tyler Perry tweeted that his "heart breaks for Clarence and Nicole and all the Avant family."

JOBS

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are reluctant to reduce their workforce amid persisting shortages," said Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics. "Our base case was that supply (of workers) would gradually return as the cushion from savings diminished. However, renewed health concerns are a downside risk that may prevent people from returning to the workforce over coming months."

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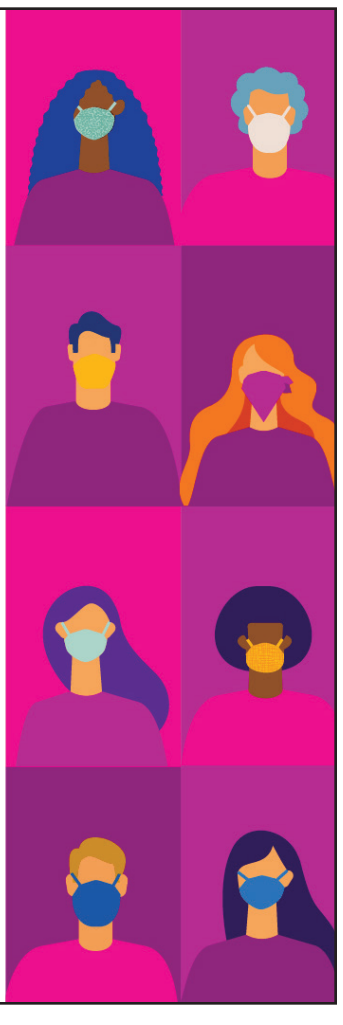
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