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# Council to discuss future of Third Street Promenade

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Matthew Hall

**PROMENADE: Officials are searching for ways to revitalize the area in the wake of the pandemic closures.**

Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade has been an economic engine for more than 30 years, but the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting safer-at-home orders have city leaders wondering how the three-block retail area can be improved for an evolving future.

The Promenade has generated approximately 15% of Citywide sales tax revenue in recent years, according to a staff report for an upcoming City Council meeting.

"However, the Promenade is facing a combination of challenges unparalleled in its history, and is currently not well-positioned to weather evolving trends in retail and dining that have only accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic," said the report.

Council is set to discuss the Third Street Promenade Stabilization & Economic Vitality Plan during a study session on Tuesday.

Nearly 40% of the Promenade's storefronts are currently vacant, with over 60% of these vacancies predating the onset of the pandemic, the staff report adds. Meanwhile, an increasing predominance of national chains and lack of unique engaging uses on the Promenade limit both its attractiveness to residents as well as its ability to compete against a growing number of neighborhood nodes and private developments across Greater Los Angeles.

As a result, Downtown Santa Monica Inc., in close collaboration with the City, has embarked on an effort that seeks to rapidly assess the current landscape and hopefully will lead to recommendations to redevelop or re-tenant the Promenade, so the area can regain its appeal to residents and competitiveness in retail and entertainment landscapes, DTSM Inc. CEO Kathleen Rawson said in an interview Friday.

Rawson recalled the previous iteration of City Council directing staff to be bold, innovative and creative in reimagining the future of the Promenade back in November 2019 when the Promenade 3.0 plan, which sought to reimagine the Promenade for the 21st century, was presented to the public.

The efforts continued for several months afterward.

"But we had to pivot when the pandemic happened, because the Promenade 3.0 was really focused on a substantial investment, which would be funded by the City and private property owners," Rawson said. "Well, the economics have changed dramatically, so the current effort is really focused on how can we convert the spaces that are on the Promenade, which are not conducive to today's retail needs, into something that would expand the type of uses that we have and would encourage

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# Santa Monica celebrates Black History Month

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Santa Monica residents celebrated the beginning of Black History Month this week, but locals who missed the fun will have plenty of other opportunities to get involved when the festivities continue later this month.

Because of COVID and the need to stay home, this year's Black History Month events will all be held virtually, Delana Gbenekama, Equity and Communications Coordinator for the City of Santa Monica, said. However, this month's activities still look to highlight the history, diversity and achievements of Santa Monica's Black community.

Gbenekama and locals kicked off this year's Black History Month Celebration Thursday evening during The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity Opening Ceremony, which featured music, special dance performances, and segments that highlighted the

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# Malibu City Manager alleges harassment by councilman

**BY HANS LAETZ**
KBUU News / Daily Press

Malibu city manager Reva Feldman appears ready to sue the City of Malibu and one new city councilman, Bruce Silverstein, for defamation or invasion of privacy, as she asks to be bought out of her contract.

The city council voted in secret session in January to refer the matter to its insurance pool, which represents Malibu and numerous other cities. The insurance company would be involved in any legal settlement or lawsuit brought by Feldman.

Feldman remains city manager, but has offered to leave the job as soon as a replacement can be brought up to speed. Her contract runs until May 2022, but she is offering to leave in May of this year for the contract's value: $375,000.

But, the language of her letter makes it clear she may go to court to collect big money from the city and/or its insurance company, if a court agrees with her arguments about a hostile workplace, created by Silverstein.

In a letter sent to the city by her attorney, Feldman calls Silverstein's behavior "unhinged" and says he is acting in a way that "exposes the City of Malibu to future claims for ... harassment, retaliation, hostile work environment, discrimination, constructive termination, and who

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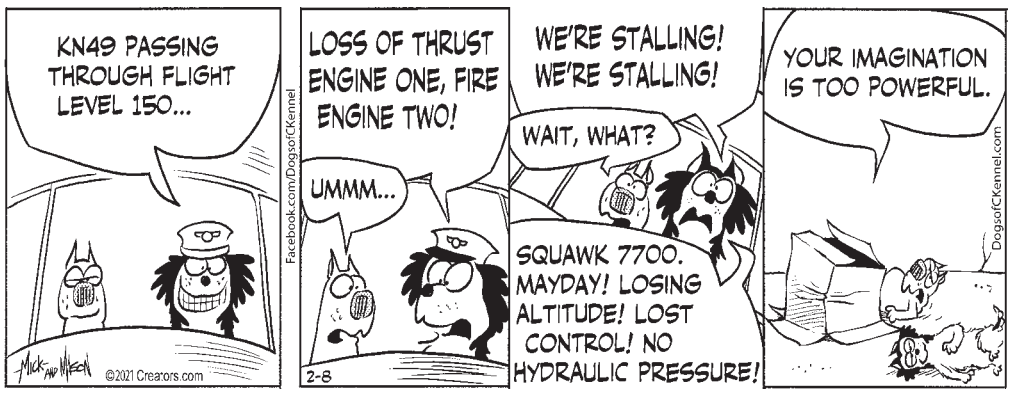
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By TONY COCHRAN



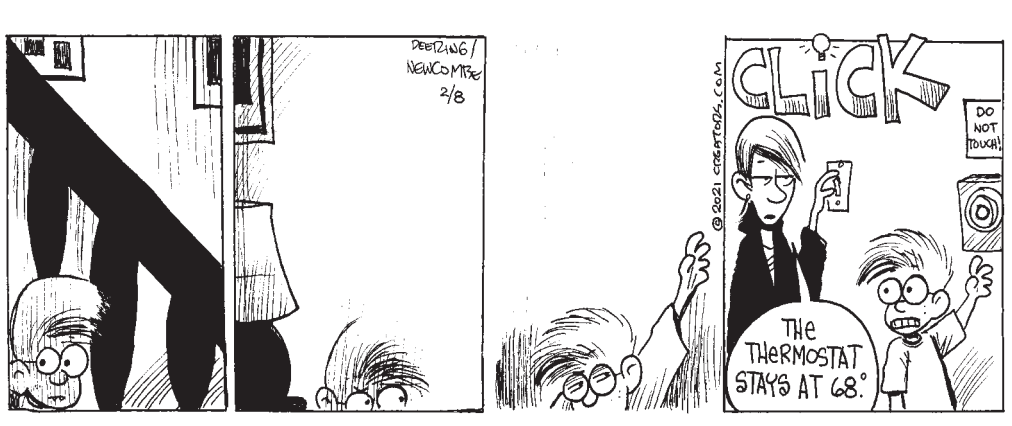

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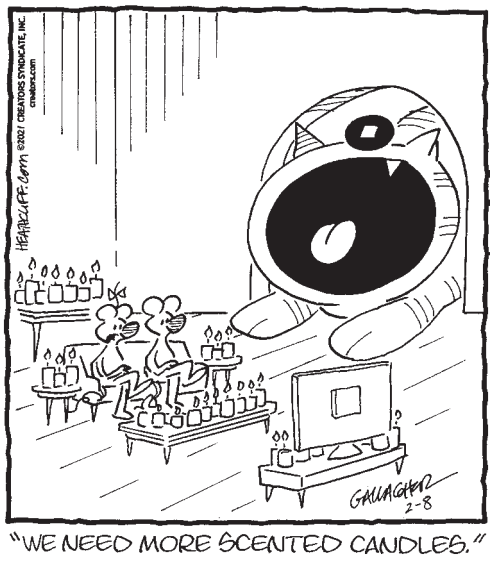

## Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE




## Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER




"WE NEED MORE SCENTED CANDLES."

## Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING







## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.2°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Small surf with ok conditions but looking marginally rideable at this point.

SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high
Small surf with ok conditions but looking marginally rideable at this point..

## WEATHER

**Friday:** Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted (ft) | High/Low |
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| 2021/02/08 | Mon | 12:03 AM | 2.27 | L |
| 2021/02/08 | Mon | 06:23 AM | 6.02 | H |
| 2021/02/08 | Mon | 1:46 PM | -1.25 | L |
| 2021/02/08 | Mon | 8:21 PM | 3.77 | H |
| 2021/02/09 | Tue | 12:59 AM | 2.05 | L |
| 2021/02/09 | Tue | 07:12 AM | 6.24 | H |
| 2021/02/09 | Tue | 2:26 PM | -1.43 | L |
| 2021/02/09 | Tue | 8:54 PM | 3.97 | H |
| 2021/02/10 | Wed | 01:46 AM | 1.80 | L |
| 2021/02/10 | Wed | 07:56 AM | 6.32 | H |
| 2021/02/10 | Wed | 3:03 PM | -1.42 | L |
| 2021/02/10 | Wed | 9:26 PM | 4.11 | H |
| 2021/02/11 | Thu | 02:27 AM | 1.58 | L |
| 2021/02/11 | Thu | 08:35 AM | 6.24 | H |
| 2021/02/11 | Thu | 3:37 PM | -1.25 | L |
| 2021/02/11 | Thu | 9:57 PM | 4.21 | H |
| 2021/02/12 | Fri | 03:07 AM | 1.43 | L |
| 2021/02/12 | Fri | 09:13 AM | 5.97 | H |
| 2021/02/12 | Fri | 4:08 PM | -0.94 | L |
| 2021/02/12 | Fri | 10:27 PM | 4.27 | H |
| 2021/02/13 | Sat | 03:46 AM | 1.36 | L |

## DAILY LOTTERY

**POWERball**
Draw Date: 2/3
5 37 40 64 66
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 30 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 2/2
13 37 38 40 67
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 54 M

**SuperLotto PLUS**
Draw Date: 2/3
4 15 27 28 34
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 18 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 2/4
2 11 16 19 24

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 2/4
EVENING: 5 0 8
Draw Date: 2/4
MIDDAY: 1 3 8

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 2/4
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:40.92

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 08)

The maxim that stands you in good stead: Be nice to everyone every day. It's actually easy for you, and it brings all the bounty your heart desires. You'll learn a group's culture and customs, assimilate and rise through the ranks. It will seem as though you're being constantly gifted, but this is just the universe paying you what your due. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 46, 33, 38 and 5.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're not looking for the evidence of what people can and can't do for you, you see others for who they are. Therein lies an entirely different kind of connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is one of those times when the idea of something is almost as good as the thing itself -- and a lot less expensive. Indulge yourself in visualization and save your money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you feel the situation is edging toward expectations you cannot fulfill, you'll avoid it. In a healthy relationship, both people feel free. Togetherness is a choice, not a trap.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). History is not destiny; however, when using data to predict the potential of different outcomes, the past is all we have. You'll use your knowledge of the past plus innovation and will to create something new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once again, it's time to update your standards. This is not to be confused with upgrading, as they were serving you just fine for a time, but times have changed (and how!) and the bugs must be fixed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you find yourself in a pretty pickle, take out a fork and knife and start making sandwiches. The rule of thumb here: Everything goes down better in bite-sized pieces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can value what you don't understand, and that is the magnetizing effect of mystery. Learning more about a thing doesn't necessarily make you want it more, and, in fact, demystification often lessens desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't worry about learning who you are. When you're in action, your own identity is the farthest thing from your mind. Focus solely on doing what needs doing and your character forms quite on its own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It gets so cinematic you'll be looking around for the camera crew -- is this for real? Yes and no. The drama is heightened for effect by those who are fueled by people's reactions. They'll go until the attention runs out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A certain amount of outrageousness will be tolerated and rules will be bent right to the edge of their breaking point. It's all in the name of love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What didn't work the first time might not work the second or third time either, and yet you are undeterred. Pause to examine this. Why do you keep coming back? Does this problem need persistence or a change in approach?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone you do business with or socialize with will have their own expectations, each with a contagious influence, and they all, at certain points, intersect. Your experience and awareness allow you to manage it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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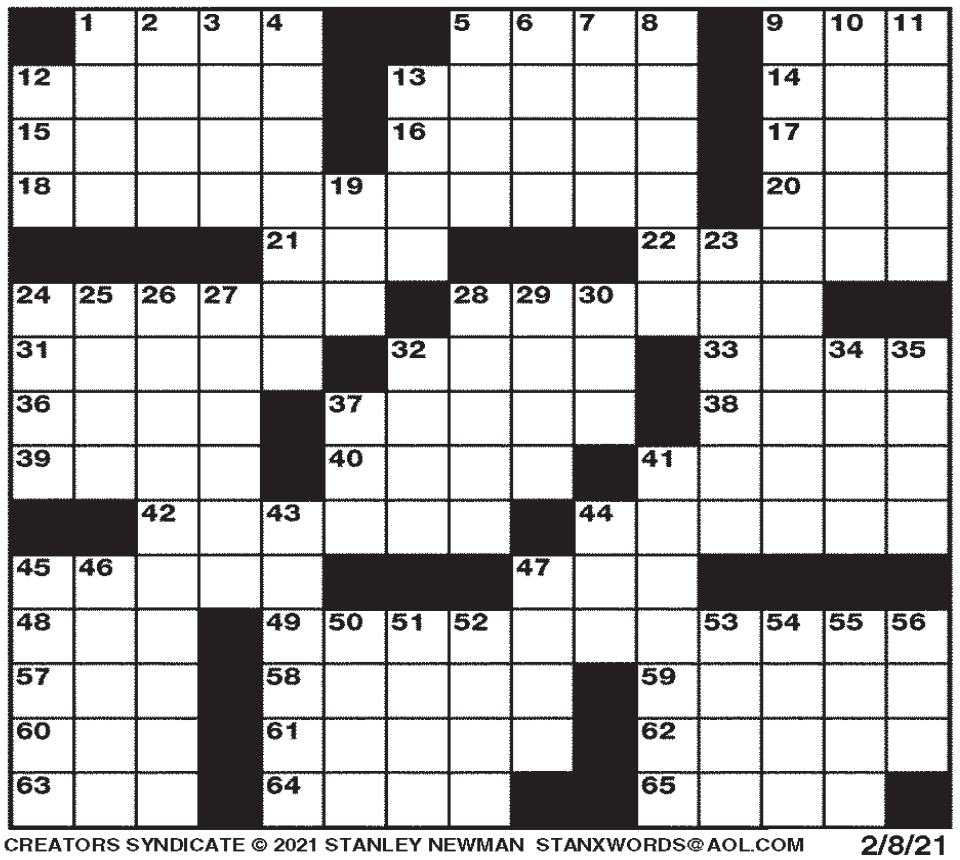
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## Newsday Crossword

**IN CONCLUSION** by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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**ACROSS**
1 Peas' natural holders
5 Skeptical
9 Team supporter
12 Brother of Moses
13 Dutch Caribbean island
14 Wedding assent
15 Shorthand expert, for short
16 Battlefield healer
17 "Ready or __, here . . ."
18 Very close horse race
20 "My lips __ sealed!"
21 Tablet for writing
22 Ceramic floor pieces
24 Topped, as pretzels
28 "C'mon already!"
31 Crisscross clothing pattern
32 Hard-to-please actress
33 Sci-fi saucers, for short
36 Toward sunrise
37 Powder for copy machines
38 Puffy hairdo
39 HANDLE __ CARE
40 Spanish cheers
41 Sinister smile
42 Nonconformists
44 Thinly scattered
45 The ones right here
47 Twosome
48 __ in "Robert"
49 Typical fairy-tale conclusion
57 Numero __ (the boss)
58 Well-informed
59 Aladdin's magical pal
60 Neither's partner
61 Soldier's bravery
62 Exclusive group
63 Model airplane package
64 Keep one's __ on (watch)
65 Location

**DOWN**
1 Hiking route
2 Triple-decker cookie
3 "__ you dare!"
4 Was a busybody
5 Small songbird
6 German auto
7 Slugger's stats: Abbr.
8 Luxurious boats
9 Negotiation ultimatum
10 Like very much
11 Short memos
12 Nile serpent
13 At the center of
19 Passing craze
23 Mexican lizard pet for some
24 Gush like a volcano
25 Jai __ (fast-moving sport)
26 Desperate strategy
27 Ten-percent donations
28 Sentences in film scripts
29 Days before holidays
30 Driveway material
32 GI Joe or Barbie
34 Rocks from mines
35 Feeling achy
37 Any of five on a foot
41 Kitchen spill absorbers
43 Mind one's manners
44 Take to court
45 Place for a spare tire
46 Vietnam's capital
47 Person coloring clothing
50 On vacation
51 Not bright, as colors
52 Full-time athletes
53 Local sandwich shop
54 "What's __ for me?"
55 Evening, on marquees
56 "Wow!"



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## Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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## North Queensland

C O A L H O D A Y D R E A M T
A V O C A D O S E W A L O O P
N E B O S E R E N E Y M L A B
T N E G L U D N I R F G U F O
N U T A L N N I O I A D R N A
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Balmy
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Boat
Bowen
Buses
Cairns
Cays
Charm
Coal
Coral
Dawn
Daydream
Escape
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Eulo
Fine
Free
Friendly
Get wet
Giru
Heron
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Inviting
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Nelia
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Rain
Relax
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South-easterly
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## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00005Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Donald Chambers Norton for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Donald Chambers Norton filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Donald Chambers Norton to Donnie Anothony Rosello. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date March 5 , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 01/06/2021

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 20SMCTCP04199Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Robert David Lawrence for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Robert David Lawrence filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Robert David Lawrence to Robert David Law. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date March 22 , 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m, Dept: 74, Room: 735The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 North Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 12/22/2020

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00018Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Virgina De La Torre for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Virgina De La Torre filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows A) Gianluca Daniel Hernandez to Gianluca Thiago Becker. B) Sofia Valeria Hernandez to Sofia Valeria Beker The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date March 19 , 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.Date: 01/12/2021

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00023Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Maria Del Carmen Bonilla for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Maria Del Carmen Bonilla filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Maria Del Carmen Bonilla to Mia Carmel Bonilla. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date March 26 , 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 01/22/2021

## DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2021004250 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/07/2021 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Strata Design Collaborative 1528 W Artesia SQ Unit F Gardena, CA 90248 . The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Melita Marquez Libunao 1528 W Artesia SQ Unit F Gardena, CA 90248. This Business is being conducted by: An Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) N/A Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Melita Marquez Libunao Title: President , Melita Marquez Libunao, Melita Marquez Libunao This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/07/21 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish , 01/25/21, 02/01/21, 02/08/21, 02/15/21

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2020220825 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/18/2020 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Deadbud 520 N Croft Ave Apt 321 Los Angeles, CA 90048 . The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Marina Fontes Figueiredo Mendes 520 N Croft Ave Apt 321 Los Angeles, CA 90048. Marina Camila Romer Anaya 5416 Fair Ave Apt 3102 North Hollywood, CA 91601. This Business is being conducted by: An General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 02/2020 Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Marina Fontes Figueiredo Mendes Title: CEO, Marina Fontes Figueiredo Mendes, Marina Fontes Figueiredo Mendes This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/18/20 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 01/18/21, 01/25/21, 02/1/21, 01/08/21

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2021013180 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/15/2021. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Pychicwalter.com 8142 Redlands St #205 Playa Del Rey, CA 90293. . The full name of registrant(s) is/are Walter Zajac 8142 Redlands St #205 Playa Del Rey, CA 90293. This Business is being conducted by: An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 01/2021 Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Walter Zajac Title: Owner, Walter Zajac, Walter Zajac This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/18/20 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 01/25/2021, 02/1/21, 2/8/21, 2/15/21

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2021014935 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/19/2021. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jennifer Oliveira D.D.S. 2428 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 401 Santa Monica, CA 90404. . The full name of registrant(s) is/are Jennifer K. Akagi, D.D.S 10740 Clarkson Rd Los Angeles, CA 90064. This Business is being conducted by: A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 01/2014 Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Jennifer K. Akagi, D.D.S Title: President, Jennier Oliveira, Jennifer Oliveira This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/19/21 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/01/21. 02/08/21, 02/15/21, 02/22/21

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2021018727 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/25/2021. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Law Offices of JM Artistryla 1358 5th St , Studio 201 Santa Monica, CA 90401. . The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Jacquelyn R. McWilliams 11964 Kiowa Ave Apt 15 Los Angeles, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 06/2016 Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Jacquelyn R. McWilliams Title: Owner, Jacquelyn R. McWilliams, Jacquelyn R. McWilliams This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/25/21 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/08/21, 02/15/21, 02/22/21, 03/01/21

## HARASSMENT

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knows what else, if Mr. Silverstein persists with his lies and paranoid, delusional grievances against the City Manager."

Silverstein circulated the letter to his political allies this afternoon, but said he had been advised not to comment on it.

Feldman's letter says Silverstein prepared "a 100-plus page diatribe, filled with false and misleading statements about the City Manager and shove(d) it into that City employee's personnel file without regard to the internal process and review by other Council members and the City Attorney.

"When informed of this error in judgment, he published that same personnel complaint on his social media platform with reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of the claims and for the purpose of harming Ms. Feldman's professional reputation, in violation of Ms. Feldman's privacy rights," the letter claims.

Silverstein has been in office for less than two months. He and two other candidates, Steve Uhring and Andy Lyon, ran as a ticket dedicated to firing Feldman and city attorney Christi Hogin. Hogin retired in December, as she had announced she would a year ago.

Silverstein and Uhring finished one-two in the November election, but those two men plus Lyon together gather amassed only 42 percent of the vote. The other four official candidates, who generally supported Feldman and Hogin, won the near-landslide total, 58 percent, but they split the vote, and only one got elected: Paul Grisanti.

Feldman's letter was sent by Therese Cannata, a high powered San Francisco lawyer who has represented several high-ranking government officials who recovered large settlements after being fired.

Of particular note in the letter is a declaration by Feldman accusing former city council member Jefferson Wagner of making false accusations in a "sworn affidavit" that Silverstein has circulated. The affidavit, which has no force of law, contains what some lawyers who live in Malibu have described as hearsay, innuendo, and unproven allegations.

The "affidavit" all but accuses Feldman of organizing the county District attorney's raid on Wagner's house – outside the city of Malibu in Los Angeles County – despite laws that require city council candidates to live within the city where they seek election. No charges were ever brought.

"To be clear, Ms. Feldman had no knowledge nor any involvement whatsoever in the search warrant that was signed by a Superior Court Judge and executed by local police. The so-called citation to evidence (the "opposition research") is literally a link to nowhere.

"I must add," the letter continues, "that while Ms. Feldman maintained professional relations with Mr. Wagner while he served on the City Council, it was well known that Mr. Wagner possesses and stores multiple weapons in his home and appeared to have issues concerning accurate reporting about his true residence for purposes of holding political office.

"Also, for the record, Ms. Feldman's contract was approved by a vote of 4-1, and there is not one shred of evidence that Mr. Wagner's vote was sought or mattered in that regard."

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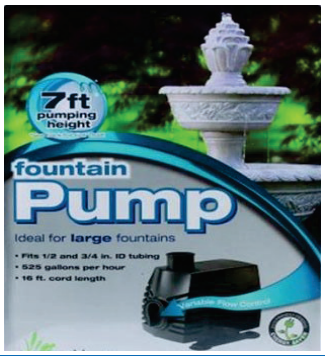
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2021020715 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/27/2021. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Law Offices of Christopher Drews 1040 4th St #306 Santa Monica, CA 90404\3. . The full name of registrant(s) is/are Christopher Drews 1040 4th St #306 Santa Monica, CA 90403. This Business is being conducted by: An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) N/A Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Christopher Drews Title: Owner, Christopher Drews, Christopher Drews This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/27/21 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/08/21, 02/15/21, 02/22/21, 03/01/21

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## PROMENADE

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property owners to put money into their buildings."

Rawson explained there could be uses for light manufacturing for shops wanting to produce handcrafted sweaters in the back while maintaining a retail space in the front. Breweries could also take advantage of the Promenade's shops, which Rawson said are nearly three times larger than the space needed for today's retail arrangements.

"So we aren't focusing on generic retail; instead we are looking to expand the diversity off the types of businesses on the street and make them much more reflective of the city and the citizens of Santa Monica," Rawson said. "Think more entertainment and other things that Santa Monicans would not only embrace but celebrate."

That's what the stabilization plan is really focused on, she added.

"And I'm proud to say the six people who are serving on the advisory committee are made up of residents, people who understand building form, people who understand marketing and promotions, people who understand real estate; so they are residents of this community with that expertise who are smart and believe in the Third Street promenade and believe in the mission and love their community. And I think with those voices at the table putting this plan together, there's going to be some really great things for the community to respond to," Rawson said, mentioning the City will not have to pay a dime because DTSM Inc., has been fortune enough to build up a reserve of funds. "And our reserves have allowed us to go through with this exercise for the benefit of the community... This is rainy day money and it's raining cats and dogs."

Aside from the advisory committee, city officials said outreach to Santa Monica residents and Downtown employees will be critical to ensuring the Promenade of the future is reflective of the community's needs and desires so a virtual town hall meeting and workshop will be held in early Spring to equip the consultant team with a better understanding of the types of stores, dining, entertainment, and experiences that will foster greater engagement with the Promenade by Santa Monicans.

"In the meantime," the staff report states, "those interested in following the project's progression and providing feedback should visit www.DowntownSM.com/Promenade."

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## HISTORY

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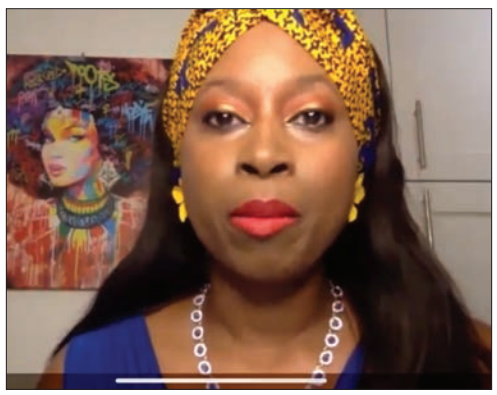
cooking traditions of Black families.

"It's important to understand that the Black community is a group of diverse people from all around the world," Gbenekama said during the event. "We're born with various skin colors, hair textures and physical features. We even speak different languages, including indigenous languages of Africa and the Americas, and other regions... Although we come from different cultures, we have many shared experiences because of the color of our skin. We also share a spiritual connection that is intrinsically ingrained in our souls; that connection is so profound that when we cross paths with one another, no matter the city or the state or country or continent, we somehow feel at home."

Prior to the start of this month's festivities, Gbenekama said she's excited for all that's planned because the Black community is not a monolith. This is why she organized dances, poetry readings and other virtual meet-ups that will allow residents many chances to see the diversity of Santa Monica's community, Gbenekama added during the event, where she asked residents to take a moment to hear directly from Black community members who shared their family history and contributions to Santa Monica.

"We're a diverse community, so we really wanted to display that during the Opening Ceremony and throughout the different events this year. And given we're in a pandemic, I think these virtual events will be a nice reprieve for community members, which is something that I've always thought was important — but it is even more so now," Gbenekama said, instructing residents to visit Santamonica.gov/blog/blackhistorymonth2021 for a complete list of this month's Black History activities.

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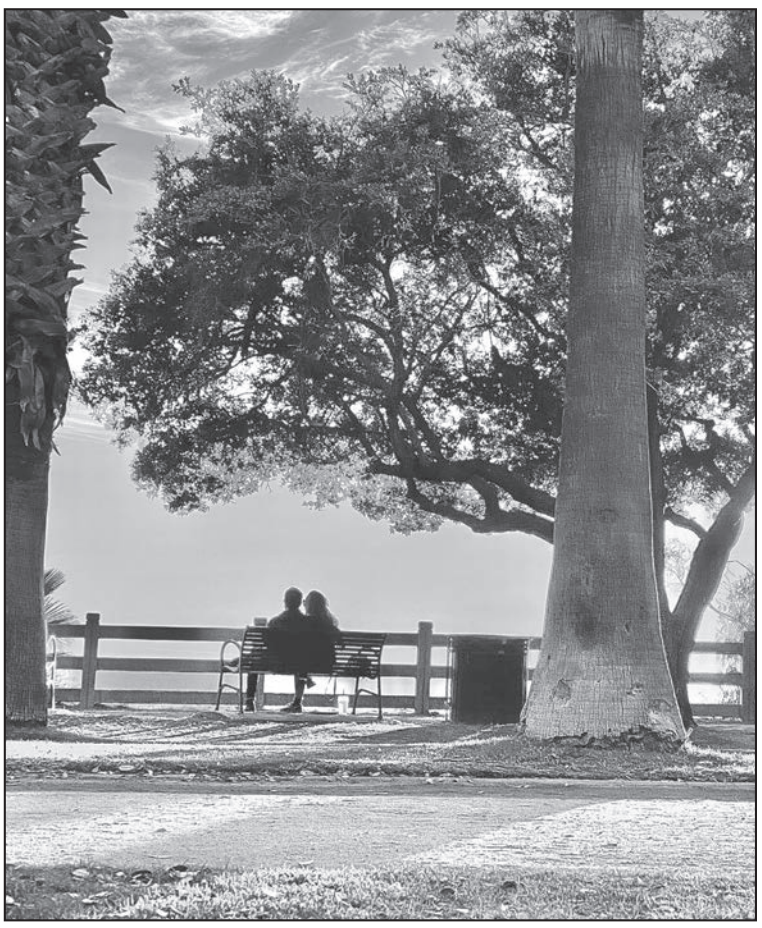
**HISTORY: Black History Month began with a virtual program featuring several residents.**

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# Remembering Our Community Valentines



*Ruth Rosen was a talented artist and musician.*

## Thoughts on My Mother, Ruth Rosen

***By Brant Rosen***

The sweetness people saw in Ruthie Rosen was very real. It was honest; it was genuine. My mother was truly young at heart; she had that beautiful smile and that ready laugh for her entire life. Ruthie was also, for lack of a better word, a pure artist.

Ruth Rosen was born in 1933 in

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Each of the women we are writing about on this page was an active part of our community. It is with great sadness that we share the news of their passing. So many of us have fond memories of their smiles, talents, adventures, and genuine concerns about others.



*Florence Kinney modeled at the local Salvation Army Fashion Show when she was 104 years old.*

## Jean McNeil Wyner aka Mrs. Santa Monica's Passing a Big Loss For Our Community



*Jean McNeil Wyner, at one of her many meetings.*

***By Tara Pomposini***

It is with a heavy heart that I write about the passing of Jean McNeil Wyner, my mentor, protectress, and loyal friend throughout the years.

As director of the Santa Monica Family YMCA, I first met Jean when she joined the Y Board in 1991, serving as president from 2005-2006, and remaining active until her passing on January 12.

There are so many memories, and the words to describe her are endless. She was fierce, kind, caring and compassionate. She appropriately earned the title of *Mrs. Santa Monica* for all of her good work in the community. And, she was our own beloved Nurse Ratched in promotional skits, assuring our annual campaign always met its goal.

Jean was committed to community service in Santa Monica from the time she arrived and has received many awards and honors for her service. A few of them are: YWCA Woman of the Year; Presidential Awards Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce 1988, 1997, 2002 and 2003; "One in a Million Award, American Cancer Society; Service Ace Award; Westside Challenge to Beat Breast Cancer; Humanitarian Award, the National Conference of Community and Justice; Roy E. Naylor Lifetime Achievement Award, SM Chamber of Commerce; Commendations from the City of Santa Monica, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1999 and 2002.

Some local organizations in Santa Monica that she was active

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## Santa Monica Native Florence Kinney Will Be Remembered for Her Style and Spunk

***By Anne Wallentine***

The oldest Santa Monica High School graduate, Florence Kinney, passed away peacefully on New Year's day at the age of 108. After graduating from Santa Monica High School in 1930, Florence worked at Van de Kamp's Bakeries in downtown Santa Monica before marrying LAPD officer Ray Kinney. They were married for 60 years, until Ray's death.

Florence is survived by her daughter and husband, Patricia and John Burnett, three grandsons, and six great-grandchildren.

In the 1920s and 30s, Florence loved to dance to big band music at the many local ballrooms in Santa Monica and have picnics on the beach. She recalled the small-town atmosphere fondly, explaining that, "On Saturday nights, you'd walk down Third Street, and you would know everybody."

As much as Florence enjoyed her youth, she also liked to brag about how old she was. Neighbor Maurice Jordan said they first met when Florence was pushing her trash can from the sidewalk into the back yard.

Florence asked him, "How old do you think I am?" She refused to accept his politely evasive answers. She gleefully informed him that his guess was off by 20 years: at the time, she was 103. "A special place was put aside in my heart just for her," Maurice said. "The lessons of life I learned from our conversations will live on in me wherever I go."

Florence enjoyed recounting her stories to younger generations, ensuring that her snapshots of the past would be passed down. "I will remember Florence fondly," Evelyn Lauchenauer said. "We had fun conversations sharing stories at the Santa Monica History Museum Remembering Santa Monica group monthly meetings."

During their marriage, Florence and Ray also dabbled in real estate, rehabbing, and renting out houses together. After Ray retired from the police force, they moved to Las Vegas, where he worked in private security for Howard Hughes for 16 years. When they retired for good, they spent time traveling around the U.S. in a camper van accompanied by friends.

One of Florence's favorite games was Scrabble. She continued to beat her daughter Patricia while Florence was well past 100. She said she wanted Patricia to know "she still had it."

When we last spoke in person, Florence spoke of missing her friends and family who had predeceased her. Still, she retained her vivacity, humor, and enthusiasm for living to the end. As she said herself, "I've had a wonderful life."

# Financial Bliss for the Blended Family



***By Carolyn Hemann, CFP***

Ask anyone who's merged two families into a new family unit, and they'll likely tell you it's a bit of a challenge. In addition to learning how to adjust to new roles and rules, blended families face the complicated task of combining their finances. If you are in this process, keep these six tips in mind to enhance the financial compatibility of your new blended family.

**1. Look at the entire picture.** To make the most of your shared finances, take the time to understand all aspects of your separate and combined financial resources and obligations. Hopefully, you and your spouse fully disclosed your assets and debts before your vows were exchanged. It's also important to look at the new financial responsibilities for your household so you can formulate a collaborative plan of action.

**2. Create new guidelines.** This means having some rules of the road as you make decisions. As a new couple, it's up to you to determine how you will divide and conquer your bills, deal with alimony or child support, dole out allowance, and so forth. You'll also want to figure out whether you want to maintain separate bank accounts and agree on who pays for what and how much of your income goes to the kids.

**3. Make a blended budget.** After you know what you have to work with and understand your individual needs and expectations, it's time to put together a budget. Your new budget will help your family stay within their means, provided that you review the numbers at the end of the month. Keep in mind your budget isn't set in stone – it's a document you should update as circumstances change.

**4. Include the kids.** Make sure your children on both sides of the family understand your new financial philosophy. Provide clear expectations for every child, whether they are with you full- or part-time.

**5. Protect your assets**. It's not always best to combine every aspect of your finances in a blended marriage. You may want to pass on assets or family heirlooms that you brought into the marriage to your children. Consider working with a financial advisor who can help you determine how to ensure your children receive the inheritance that you wish – whether it's through beneficiaries or a trust. Regardless, it's important to update life insurance beneficiaries and establish or update your will to provide specific instructions for dividing your estate.

**6. Invest in your future together.** This may be the most important step you take as a newly married couple. Ask your financial advisor to help you sort through finances that may be complicated by a previous divorce or alimony payments. Together, you can explore opportunities to save for the future and protect the financial security of your new blended family.

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*Planning Ahead*

# Take Your Property Tax With You When You Move



***By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq.***

California Proposition 19 approved in the November 3, 2020 election has expanded the ability of homeowners age 55 and older to take their low property taxes with them when they move.

Beginning April 1, 2021, if you sell your primary residence and buy a new home as your primary residence, you can transfer the assessed value of your old home to the new home, no matter where you move, anywhere in California and no matter how much you pay for the new home. You have to be over 55, severely disabled or a victim of a wildfire or natural disaster and you have to buy the new home within two years of the sale of the old home. You can now do this up to three times.

If the new home is of equal or lesser value than the old home, the assessed value of the old home can be transferred to the new home and you won't have to pay any higher property taxes than you did at the old home. If the new home is of greater value than the old home, you will pay higher property taxes but the assessed value of the new home won't be equal to the full purchase price. The assessed value of the new home will be equal to the assessed value of the old home plus the difference between the full cash values of the old and new homes.

It is important to distinguish between the assessed value of your old home which is the value for property tax purposes and can be found on your property tax bill, on the one hand, and full cash value which is the purchase or sale price.

The old law still applies for transfers before April. Under the old law, with some exceptions, the old and new homes had to be in the same county; you could only transfer the assessed value of the old home if the value of the new home was equal to or less than the value of the old home; and with limited exception, you could only do this once.

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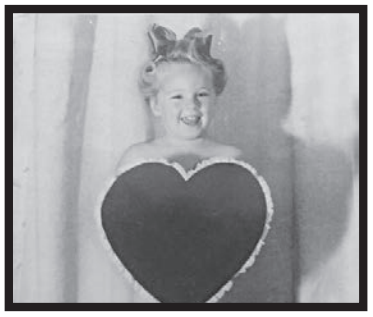
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*Brain Matters*

# What is Multiple Sclerosis?



***By Dr. Barbara Giesser***

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) occurs unexpectedly, usually when people are just embarking on their adult lives. MS is believed to be an autoimmune disease. Normally, the immune system recognizes the body as "Self' and protects it from outside entities, such as germs. The central nervous system or CNS (brain, optic nerve, and spinal cord) usually does not allow most immune cells to enter. However, in MS, the immune system no longer recognizes parts of the CNS as "Self" and gains the ability to get into the CNS and to attack the nerves.

Nerves are very similar to electrical cables and communicate by sending electrical and chemical signals. Many of them are coated with an insulating material, myelin, which helps the electrical signal be conducted in an efficient manner. In MS, the myelin insulation is damaged or destroyed, and scar tissue or "sclerosis" occurs, leading to slowed or blocked transmission of electrical information. In addition to myelin damage, the nerve wire or "Axon" can be damaged, as well.

Common symptoms of MS include fatigue, numbness or tingling, weakness, poor coordination, visual disturbances, muscle spasms, change in bladder, bowel or sexual dysfunction, and problems with mood, memory, and thinking.

There are two categories of treatment for people with MS. Disease Modifying Therapies (DMT) and Symptoms Management. DMTs are medications that interfere with the immune system's ability to attack the nerves. We now have 20 FDA-approved DMTs that we can use to treat patients. Most symptoms of MS can be greatly relieved using symptoms management which usually involves a combination of appropriate medications and other treatments such as rehabilitative therapies, equipment, lifestyle practices and alternative and complementary therapies.

Living with multiple sclerosis requires patience and diligence, but the good news is that the prognosis for leading a full life is better than ever.

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*Teen Scene*

# Students' Progress Affected by How Much Parents Can Afford



***By Julia Abbott***

With rumors swirling around about when LAUSD and SMMUSD will return to school, it's interesting to think about how students will interact after the return.

After all, students have had vastly different experiences while at home. While some parents have shelled out for private tutors, personal printers, and extra online courses, others parents have been lucky to get food on the table. The emotional, physical, and financial stress of a pandemic has proved vastly different depending on socioeconomic factors.

One student I interviewed claimed that on the 2020 AP exams, many students simply had tutors take their exam. Another student mentioned widespread cheating on exams by students who had two computers. Almost every student I interviewed complained of the mental toll from switching to online school. As one student succinctly put it, "We're getting the same amount of work, the same tests, and much worse instruction."

Even issues such as reliable internet service, computers to complete schoolwork, or sharing electronics with other members in a household will have a lasting effect on students. According to (NCES), 14% of children ages three to 18 don't have internet access at home, while 17% of kids live in households without a laptop or desktop computer. California's wealthiest households are 16 times more likely to have home internet access than our poorest ones. One student I interviewed spent four months completing online school-

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# Thoughts on My Mother, Ruth Rosen

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Los Angeles to Simon Israel and Gertrude Ellenberg. Mom was the youngest of three sisters, something of an unexpected surprise; she was born nine years after her next older sister, Francie.

As a child, my mother took skating and ballet classes, as well as art and violin lessons. She also loved the movies – a love she would later bequeath to me and my two brothers, Ian and David.

Ruth described her college years at UCLA as big and a bit overwhelming. She did pursue her dance and music studies, became an avid folk dancer and artist, drawing and painting landscapes, which she continued to do for the rest of her life.

Shortly after she graduated, she met Larry Rosen, who was home in L.A. after finishing up his medical studies at Northwestern. My mom had recently graduated from UCLA and my dad was about to enter the navy and set out to sea as a flight surgeon. They dated and became increasingly close that summer.

One day, as they were driving up the California coast together, my mom said she wanted my dad to meet her cousin Phil and his wife Jackie. In response, he gave her a silver mezuzah on a chain and said, "I will if you marry me." My mom responded with the now immortal words, "You're kidding."



*Ruth transitioned from playing classical music to traditional folk music in a traveling band.*

After they were engaged, my dad promptly set out to sea with the navy and my mom worked as a public school teacher, teaching physical education and art to junior high students.

Even if they were so different in many ways, my parents' marriage truly modeled how two people could learn to grow together. More than anything, Ruth and Larry showed us what a committed relationship could look like: how to grow together, and how to lovingly

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**Reflections From The East**

# Love During The Hard Times



***By Qin Sun Stubis***

We are a nation built on love. Lots and lots of it. In fact, it is often our persistent love that helps us to plow through difficult periods in our history: Our love for democracy, science and innovation, our love for our neighbors, friends and family, and our love for our sacred motherland, her mountains and rivers.

There can never be too much love, so we say. The more we give, the more we shall receive; and the more we receive, the more we have to give again in return. In that regard, love grows like a glorious multiplication formula. And, often, it is a serious lifelong commitment, like the traditional wedding vow, which calls upon us to love through thick and thin, until death do we part.

For me, the most precious form of love is that of a parent for a child, for it is rendered unconditionally, without any boundaries or selfish motives. It forms a lifeline for the young and vulnerable, like seedlings depending on the gardener for care, patience and tenderness.

If one wants to know how a garden will grow, whether those seedlings will eventually thrive, look no further than those who take care of them. Remember, the love from a parent should never be about that parent, but the child who receives it. It is this selflessness that ultimately makes this kind of love the most pure and rewarding.

When my husband and I finally became parents in 1993 and again in 1998, we started our very own journey of learning how to swaddle the new generation in that kind of selfless love. It was during this journey that I started to look back at my own life and recall the love that I was blessed with from a very special woman, my mother.

Hers wasn't what we expect from a mother these days because she raised her four girls during a very harsh time. We grew up in China during three years of famine followed by ten years of the Cultural Revolution. Abandoned by her family and friends, my mother was all alone attending us, without a job or income, and not knowing if her imprisoned husband was alive or dead.

In some ways, we grew up with so little. We couldn't stay warm in the winter or cool in the summer, and never had enough to eat. Our mother never kissed or hugged us because the revolution discouraged such bourgeois rituals. And yet, she generously showered us with her love every day, giving us everything she could. Some days, she starved herself so we would have something to eat. She took apart her own sweaters to knit small ones for us. And, she told us stories to teach us about hope and determination.

On this Valentine's Day, I want to toast my very special mother's tender love during those tough times, without which, today I wouldn't be me.

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## Student Progress (Continued from Page 3)

work on a cell phone. He nearly failed two of his classes, but a schoolwide policy made it impossible to fail students. Since then, he has gained a computer and a hotspot, and his grades have improved. But, there are many kids who are completing school in similar situations.

It's been almost a year since I've sat in a classroom. The longer schools remain closed, the harder it will be for some students to catch up. When students return to school, the effects of parents who could help with homework and students who couldn't get any support will lengthen the gap in school performance between different socioeconomic levels. At the end of day, students can only do so much.

Coronavirus does discriminate; perhaps not in who it infects, but most certainly in who it affects academically. Looking at the faces of students on my screen, it's difficult to guess at what their circumstances are; perhaps the student taking notes will have a tutor take his test later or the student with his camera off is at a public coffee shop, desperately using his wifi. The digital divide, often an ignored problem, has now been thrown into the public eye with online school.

Normally, school evens the playing field. Your grades are determined by how hard you work, and tutors or test prep have a stunted impact. With online school, that playing field has been skewed; only time will show how much.

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## Thoughts on My Mother (Continued from Page 3)

share the passions in your life with one another along the way, which they did for 63 years of marriage.

Ruth eventually transitioned from classical music to traditional folk music. She joined her niece Dodi and traveled with the Upstairs String Band. She also played klezmer music with her local temple band.

She also was a passionate political activist for most of her adult life. She advocated for gun control for many years. Like the Impressionist artists she idolized, Ruthie painted countless oil and watercolor paintings of her garden. Her gardening, her art, and her music were singular passions for her.

So many people are telling me that they have her paintings hanging in their homes, and how lucky that makes them feel. That means in a very real way, Ruth Rosen's beauty is all around us. It literally lives on all over the country.

## Jean McNeil Wyner (Continued from Page 1)



*When Jean received the Lions Club's Community Service Award, Tara Pomposini, left, and Patty Loggins did a hilarious skit reflecting Jean's stylish looks.*

in were the Chamber of Commerce, NCCJ, College Advisory Board, Salvation Army, Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Kiwanis Club, the Family YMCA, Breakfast Club, Historical Society, the Rotary Club, and the Police Activities League (PAL).

In October of 2012, we honored Jean at the Y's Past President's Luncheon, and her good friend Iao Katagiri spoke these words about her. "Jean, you remind me of a Santa Monica mist that rolls across the streets of downtown Santa Monica, and if the elements are just right, builds through the day until it quietly and softly rises above the tallest buildings reaching for the sky.

"Since you first came to Santa Monica in 1983, you, like the rolling mist, have permeated our community with unwavering support to so many community service organizations, helping to improve the quality of life for so many from the very young to the very old.

"You have advocated for the healthy development of our community, whether it is to nurture our youth, provide care for our seniors, or to bring awareness and support to eradicate the health risks that plague so many."

Jean was then given an award for "Decades of Unwavering Service and Extraordinary Leadership to the Santa Monica Community."

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