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Due to ongoing Covid restrictions there are no in-person events in Santa Monica this year.

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Draft Housing Element released to public

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After several months of community engagement and discussions, Santa Monica's Housing Element has been released to the public for review ahead of this Wednesday's Planning Commission discussion.

State law requires the City of Santa Monica to update its Housing Element every eight years since the mandated document serves as the City's future housing plan and sets clear goals and objectives that will help local leaders meet the housing needs of all segments of the city's population and prevent the displacement of existing residents.

Santa Monica's 6th Cycle Housing Element must be adopted and certified by October 2021 if the City wishes to avoid penalties and avoid the loss of important State funding. So, staff has been hard at work conducting webinars and study sessions to work through the many concepts that have been proposed since the launch of the update process in September 2020.

Some proposals included in the recently released document call for the increased density in existing neighborhoods as a way to acknowledge the impact that past discriminatory practices have had on housing development. Other propositions will allow the City to satisfy the Housing Element's most basic requirements, but some local leaders have taken issue with such a mindset.

Councilwoman Christine Parra said in December it's very difficult for the state to make a local municipality do its bidding without giving it the proper financial support

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Council completes two-day study session on proposed budget

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The Santa Monica City Council completed a two-day study session last week that featured a review of the City Manager's Proposed FY 2021-23 Biennial Budget and concluded with City Council naming the priorities it wishes to see incorporated into the Final Biennial Budget, which will return to Council for adoption on June 22.

The FY 2021-23 Biennial Budget comes on the heels of pandemic-induced revenue losses totaling tens of millions of dollars and a required restructuring that included the loss of more than 400 staff members. Thanks to the painful but necessary budget actions taken throughout the last year, the FY 2021-22 General Fund budget is $349.5 million, almost $100 million less than the FY 2018-19 General Fund.

Before his unanticipated retirement last week, Councilmember Kevin McKeown commended staff for bringing forward a Biennial Budget that reflects no deficit – either now or in the associated five-year forecast.

"It's just phenomenal that you're so on the money about being out of money," McKeown said before his peers spent hours this week considering public comment and weighing the benefits of different programs and City offerings.

With finances so tight, Council

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Moviegoers trickle back as the lights flick on at local theaters



Courtesy image

MOVIE: Theaters are reopening following more than a year of forced closures due to the pandemic.

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After 14 months of closure local theaters are coming back to life, luring cinephiles with the promise of fresh popcorn and strict safety protocols.

While the Arclight theater permanently closed, the AMC Broadway 4, AMC Santa Monica 7, Laemmle and Aero theatres are all reopening or reopened.

The Santa Monica Laemmle, a venue that specializes in independent films, was one of the first theaters to return and has been running movies for over a month. Its lineup includes foreign films, indies, and documentaries with a sprinkling of big budget films. It has also brought back its popular Q&A screenings where viewers can hear directly from filmmakers.

The President of the family-owned theater chain Greg Laemmle is thrilled to be back in business, but recognizes that the road to economic recovery runs steeply uphill.

"A lot of people are on the fence. For a lot of people sitting inside for two hours is not the first activity on their agenda," said Greg. "But as more information gets out about the effectiveness of the vaccines, I'm really hopeful that people will feel comfortable coming out to the movies."

The Laemmle is running with a series of strict safety precautions in place, which Greg acknowledges hurts its ability to turn a profit but posits are essential measures for the time being.

Capacity is currently restricted to 50 percent, but with 6 feet spacing between parties, is actually closer to 35 percent. There are also less screenings daily to allow for more time cleaning between seatings and less crowding in the lobby.

The Aero Theater, which has been around since 1940, recently announced that its grand reopening will take place on June 10 with a special advance screening of "Into the Heights".

The historic building has undergone a series of renovations since its closure. The lobby has been repainted, the vintage film protectors restored and the

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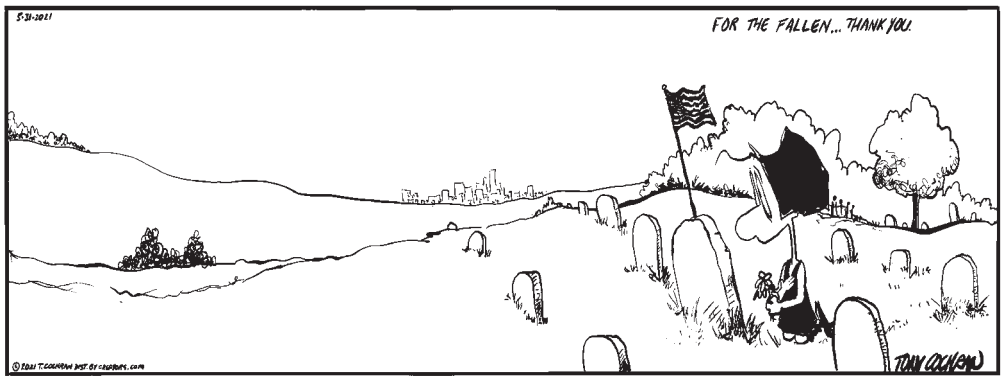

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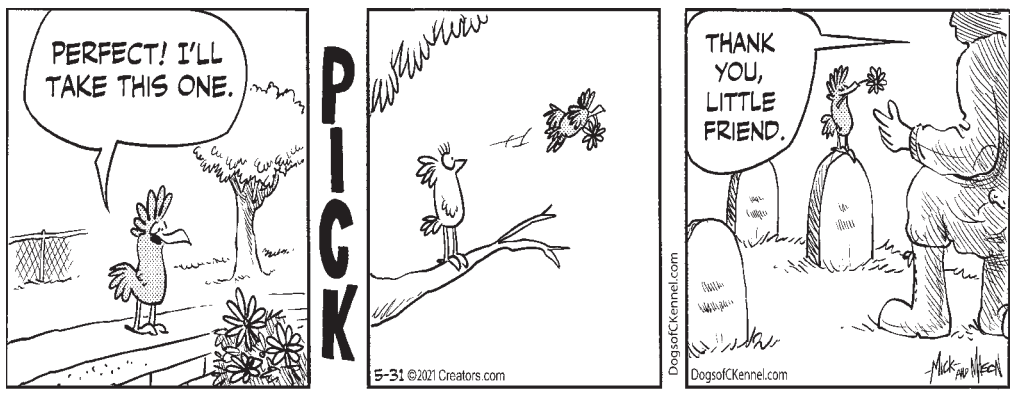
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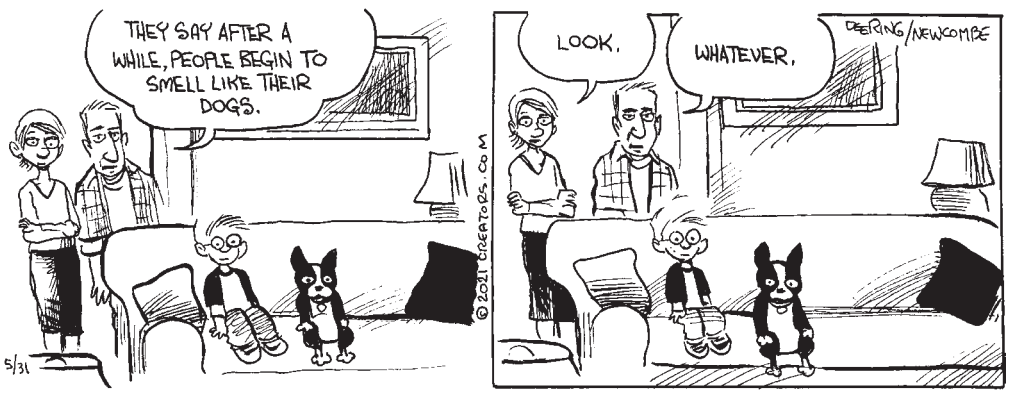
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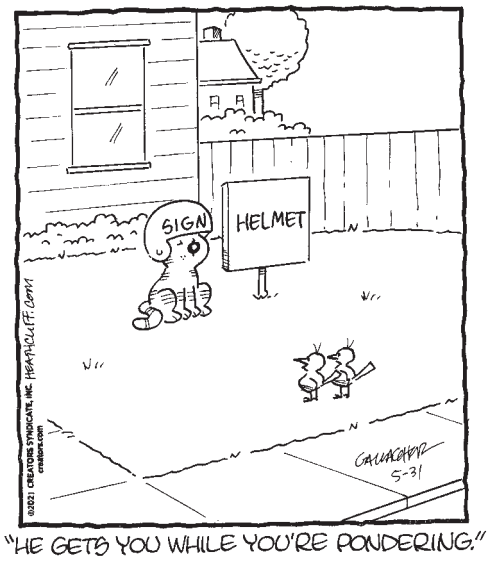
Zack Hill

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.4°

MONDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
AM wind trending less favorable and surf is small. SW swell eases and NW swell mix drops off significantly from the weekend.

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Should be a clean morning but the surf looks pretty small/slow. New SSW swell should start to slowly build through the day but some onshore wind bump for the PM.

WEATHER

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Tuesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/05/31	Mon	01:07 AM	5.26	H
2021/05/31	Mon	08:46 AM	-0.53	L
2021/05/31	Mon	4:04 PM	3.83	H
2021/05/31	Mon	8:32 PM	2.88	L
2021/06/01	Tue	02:18 AM	4.62	H
2021/06/01	Tue	09:50 AM	-0.11	L
2021/06/01	Tue	5:04 PM	4.11	H
2021/06/01	Tue	10:28 PM	2.66	L
2021/06/02	Wed	03:43 AM	4.09	H
2021/06/02	Wed	10:49 AM	0.26	L
2021/06/02	Wed	5:51 PM	4.42	H
2021/06/02	Wed	11:54 PM	2.15	L
2021/06/03	Thu	05:08 AM	3.75	H
2021/06/03	Thu	11:39 AM	0.61	L
2021/06/03	Thu	6:28 PM	4.72	H
2021/06/04	Fri	12:55 AM	1.58	L
2021/06/04	Fri	06:23 AM	3.58	H
2021/06/04	Fri	12:20 PM	0.95	L
2021/06/04	Fri	7:00 PM	5.00	H
2021/06/05	Sat	01:43 AM	1.02	L
2021/06/05	Sat	07:27 AM	3.51	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 5/26
2 8 21 34 62
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 253 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 5/25
14 21 31 34 54
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 22 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 5/26
1 6 8 23 42
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 50 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/27
5 9 12 14 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/27
EVENING: 6 6 0

Draw Date: 5/27
MIDDAY: 8 2 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/27
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:49.81

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 31)

You break into new territory and make the rules. As the founder of the culture, you'll ask excellent questions like, "What would this scene be if we all do it this way?" You'll follow through, and in years to come, they'll tell the story. The deeper you go into an interest, the happier you become. Interpersonal agreements are enriched. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 3, 1 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In the same way you can't make up a nickname for yourself, your reputation is up to other people to decide. Any detectable shaping of that will have an effect opposite than intended.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll experience a friendship luxury. You'll bring your half-formed ideas and your knottiest dilemmas to the one you trust implicitly and have an exciting, intelligent conversation about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What happens in your personal life can also be seen through the wider lens of society. In fact, you'll notice how your actions play into the politics of these times. It seems there are no purely personal choices to be made.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a reason you keep coming back. You wouldn't return unless it was doing something for you. If this is an unwanted cycle, it's an ideal time to brainstorm: What am I getting out of it?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're already playing at a higher level, some consider the quest for more to be greedy. You see it as a continuance of your education. You desire improvement without hating where you're at.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Many people learn best by doing, and for good reason. In action, you can feel the excitement of each move, the thrill of getting it right and the pain of doing it wrong. You're brave, and you want to learn quick. Throw yourself in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Harmony depends on not only hitting certain tones but also doing so in the right timing with others. You nail it. You pace yourself so timetables can match up -- between friends, colleagues, professional allies and more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Surface qualities may attract a relationship, but they won't carry it. You want to connect with, help and learn from others, and it requires you to bring much more consideration and effort to the table.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The future knows how it wants to look and will defy any image of it you've created in your mind's eye. Don't let this stop you from dreaming, though. Your influence over the future, while not absolute, is still significant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Inside every stage of life is many seasons. To gain, lose, molt, flower, fruit and more will happen again and again. All the gains and losses of today will be for the short term.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is too much to ask yourself to muscle down and do a thing without support. At the very least, support yourself by creating an environment that is conducive to accomplishing the aim.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Understanding is a kind of pleasure akin to fitting the right puzzle piece into a hole. It's even more satisfying when you are seeking to understand and it finally happens, which is what occurs today.

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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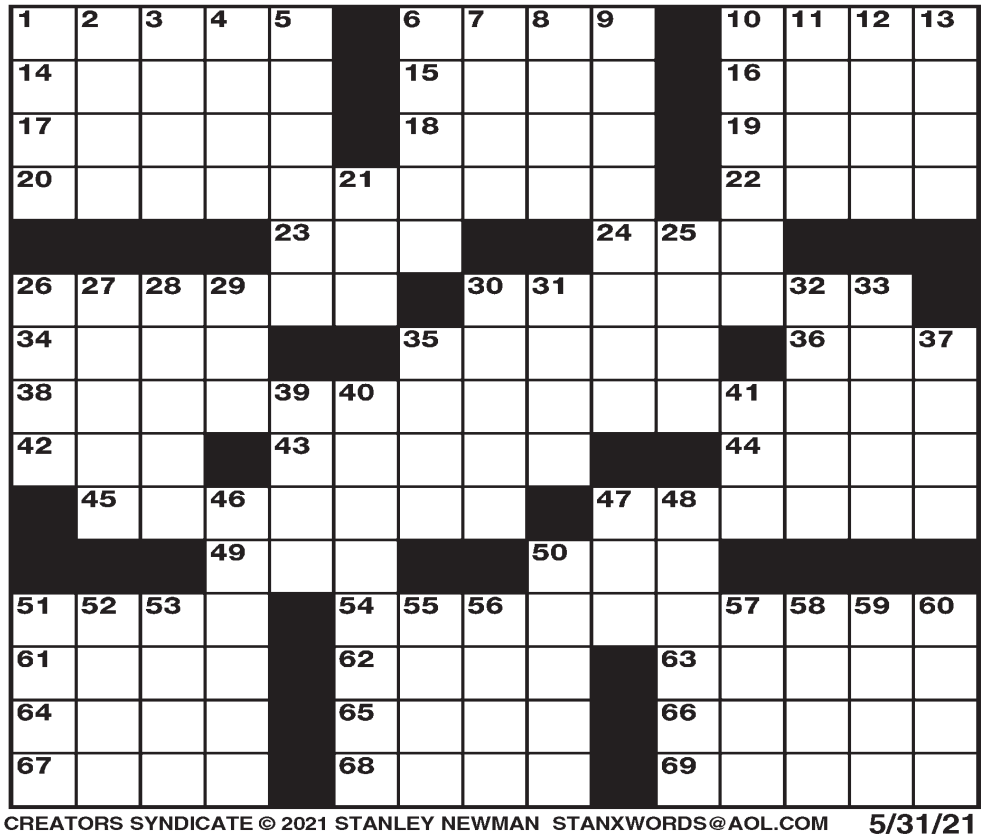
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Newsday Crossword

AT THE BAR by Brad Wilber
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Entryways
6 Make a sound of fright
10 In no danger
14 Taj Mahal's country
15 Sch. near Beverly Hills
16 Ship's docking place
17 Full of rocks, as a beach
18 Sailor's greeting
19 Brainstorm
20 Wine bottle openers
22 Scarlet and crimson
23 Head's gesture of agreement
24 Tax deduction expert: Abbr.
26 Movie director's "Start!"
30 "Should all of us do this?"
34 Raisin __ cereal
35 Large antlered animal
36 60-min. periods
38 Hand-held martini mixers
42 __-fi (outer-space stories)
43 Apportion, as budget money
44 Remove clothes wrinkles
45 Sculptures of people in parks
47 Seniors to "respect"
49 River barrier
50 "Without further __ . . ."
51 Corporate symbol
54 Containers for keeping Champagne cool
61 Right away, in a memo
62 Seagoing military force
63 Tennis great Agassi
64 Narrow fabric cut
65 Puts into service
66 Valid reasoning
67 2,000-pound measures
68 Untidy room
69 Cleaned off with a broom

DOWN
1 Hockey puck shape
2 Hold __ (keep)
3 Aroma
4 Indoor skating venue
5 Refuses a request
6 Sentry at a bank
7 Muscle soreness
8 Reduce one's speed
9 Hands over dollars and cents
10 Winding staircase shape
11 Assistant
12 Serve a meal to
13 Historical periods
21 Negative side of a debate
25 Urgent request for help
26 First lessons in reading
27 Gators' cousins
28 Unspoken yet understood
29 Liquid in a pen
30 Songs sung alone
31 Person running a party
32 "In what place?"
33 Mistake
35 Marathon measure
37 Nine-digit government IDs: Abbr.
39 "Bye-bye!"
40 Kitchen foil metal
41 Baby goat
46 Takes in, as a rescue dog
47 College Web address ender
48 People who live nearby
50 Bottomless pit
51 Be durable
52 Capital of Norway
53 "No pain, no __"
55 Violin container
56 Days before holidays
57 Be acquainted with
58 Slight advantage
59 Vacation excursion
60 Religious offshoot



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SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

Public hearings on the following topics will be conducted during the Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference:

1) Consideration of imposing a $39 ceiling (or maximum increase) on the 2021 annual general adjustment of 1.7%; and

2) Consideration and adoption of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget.

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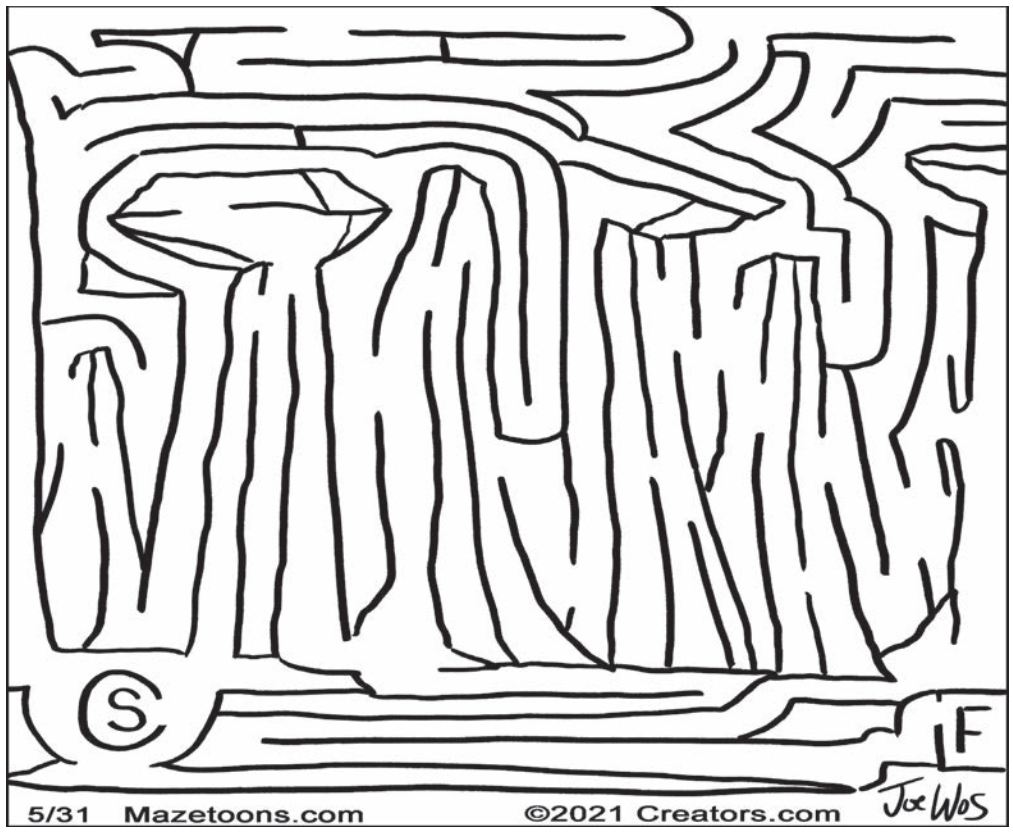
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21NWCP00148Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Srisaran Ananth Raghuraman for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Srisaran Ananth Raghuraman filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Srisaran Ananth Raghuraman to Srisaran Ananth Sundaram . 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 July 2nd , 2021 Time: 10:30 a.m, Dept: C, Room: 312 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650A 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: 05/03/2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00181Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Jennifer Qian Liu for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Jennifer Qian Liu filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Jennifer Qian Liu to Juno Ryu Blees . 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 July 2nd , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: 213 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401. A 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: 04/21/2021

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BUDGET

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struggled to balance new allotments and cuts.

"I'm just trying to think outside of the box and see how we can look at different ways we are able to open up these community resources," Parra said during the discussion.

But Director of Finance Gigi Decavalles-Hughes noted this year's budget is strapped as a result of the pandemic and acknowledged there may be a disconnect will remain between City resources, which have been reduced as a result of the pandemic, and community expectations, which have not.

"We cut our operating costs by 20%; we cut our budget so much last year that what remains are essential services, so whatever we could cut, we cut last year, and any kind of expansion that we are showing this year is very measured and very much focused on the priorities that you asked us to look at," Decavalles-Hughes said. "So, bottom line is any additions to this budget, especially in the general fund, would require an equivalent amount to be taken away from something else. It would require a trade off of the same amount, because, as (Councilmember Kevin McKeown) said, we're at zero fund balance."

After hours of discussion and input from department leaders and residents from throughout the City, Council agreed that it was most important to focus on a return of street sweeping to a weekly frequency; increase resources to address homelessness, which includes the continuation of multi-disciplinary street teams and the addition of a staff member in the Human Services Division who will support homelessness efforts. Council also called for staff to find ways to maintain the Reed Park Ambassador program through Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., implement a park planner for a limited two-year period who can support existing and new park spaces, and dedicate one-time funds to upgrade a generator that would facilitate the return of Downtown Santa Monica's seasonal ice rink.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich concluded the study session thanking staff for their hard work.

"I want to say that I received phone calls from people who used to work for the city when we were doing this budget telling me that we should just leave it the way it is, keep going and we would be fine," Himmelrich said. "Well, let me just say, had we not done what we did, we would not be fine. We would be in a big, fat hole that we aren't getting any funds to bail ourselves out of. So, I am so grateful to you for doing this work and for hanging in there with us."

This week's study session did not feature a vote, but Council is expected to convene a public hearing on June 22, to consider, receive public comment, make revisions to, and adopt the first year and approve the second year of the Biennial Budget.

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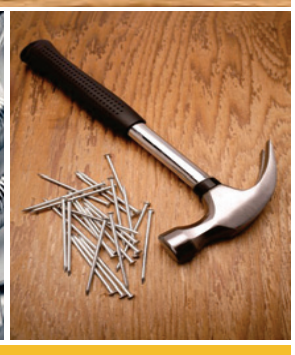
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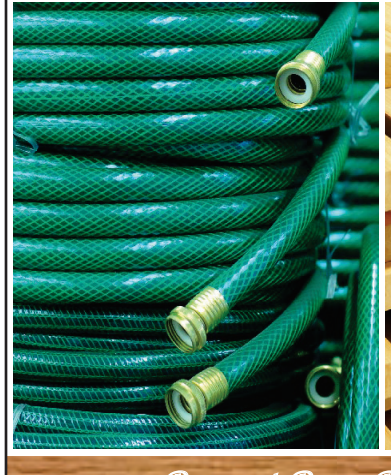
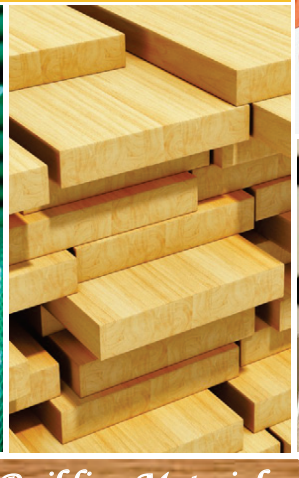
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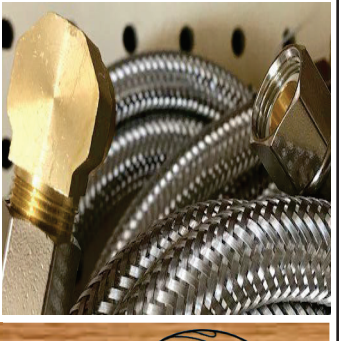
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THEATERS

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sound system enhanced.

Both the Aero and the Laemmle believe that their unique offerings of films and interactive movie-going experience will successfully draw back customers, even as theater chains across the country close down.

"We believe that cinema is a communal experience with the power to entertain, enlighten and inspire," said Deputy Director of the American Cinematheque Gwen Deglise, the company that operates the Aero. "If you're looking for retrospectives, classic films, new films, or amazing Q&As with filmmakers, the Aero Theatre is the perfect theatre to immerse yourself and find fellow film lovers."

One obstacle theater owners face in drawing back visitors is the lack of money currently being spent on film advertising.

Laemmle describes it as a "chicken or egg" scenario: distributors are hesitant to spend on advertising if people aren't going to the movies and people aren't going to the movies if they don't see films being advertised.

While theaters wait for demand to grow and capacity restrictions to ease, most are relying on PPP funding and other government relief programs. Many also hope to receive money from the Small Business Association's Shuttered Venue Operators Grant.

"Ultimately it is a unique experience to be able to see a movie in a movie theater," said Greg. "We'll get back to a place where we can operate without government support."

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ELEMENT

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or considering how the changes will affect infrastructure and the residents in a city.

"I really would like to see our city attorney send a letter to SCAG to ask them for a review of our RHNA numbers. And then I also would love to have staff research and assemble a report on the other California cities that are actively mounting legal challenges through the regional RHNA allocations," Parra said.

Organizations like Santa Monica Forward feel the document doesn't go far enough though, according to a petition that's circulating online.

"If left unaddressed, we fear that Santa Monica's Housing Element will not be the strong plan that our City is capable of producing, but rather a box-checking exercise that perpetuates Santa Monica's history of exclusion, segregation, and placating non-representative opposition at the expense of planning for the future," the letter states.

City staff previously reminded residents that the Housing Element does not build new units, but rather provides a plan of action for producing housing of all types and income levels in the City. Residents are invited to learn more about the process by tuning in to this week's meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. It will be live streamed and a link to the upcoming discussion can be found by visiting bit.ly/3uqJETq.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00103Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Anil Arunrao Timbe and Prajakta Madhav Sakhavalkar for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Anil Arunrao Timbe and Prajakta Madhav Sakhavalkar filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Krishna Anil Timbe to Krishnapriya Anil Timbe . 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 June 18th , 2021 Time: 8:30 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: 03/09/2021

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00218Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Aaron Brumfield, Jr for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Aaron Brumfield, Jr filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Aaron Brumfield, Jr to Harvey Brumfield, Jr . 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 August 6th , 2021 Time: 8:00 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A 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: 05/10/2021

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21TRCP00146Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Sasha Andreas-Myers for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Sasha Andreas-Myers filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Sasha Andreas-Myers to Sasha Andreas . 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 July 9th , 2021 Time: 8:00 a.m, Dept: B, Room: - . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 825 Maple Avenue, Room 100 Torrance, CA 90503 A 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: 05/13/2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00162Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Aersima Gabrihiwet Cahsai for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Aersima Gabrihiwet Cahsai filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Aersima Gabrihiwet Cahsai to Sima Cahsai . 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 July 2nd , 2021 Time: 8:00 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A 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: 05/13/2021

Case No. 21SMCP00221 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Andrew Scott Graczyk for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Andrew Scott Graczyk filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Andrew Scott Graczyk to Andrew Grayson . 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 July 23rd , 2021 Time: 8:00 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A 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: 05/13/2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00183Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Cyedmonta B. Wilson, et, al. for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Cyedmonta B. Wilson filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Cyedmonta B. Wilson to Ahava Faria Esther Ali. 2.) Elijah E. Wilson to Elijah David Ali 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 July 2nd , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A 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: 05/11/2021

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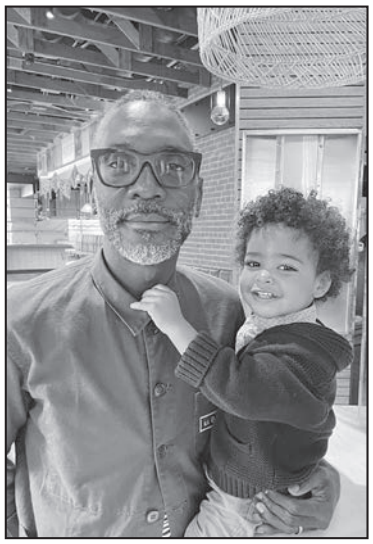
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Martyn Felix Crown holds his two-year-old son, Merritt.



Steve Litvack, left, is at a Dodger game with his grandson, Jackson, granddaughter Rosalyn, who is obviously a Justin Turner fan, and their dad, Mike Litvack. The eight-year-old twins say they like playing Frisbee, building stuff, and family reading with their dad.



Here are three generations of Dobkins. From left, Evan and Jonah, their dad, Eric, with his dad and their grandfather, Jerry Dobkin. Evan and Jonah like to travel, exercise, watch Lakers games, and cook with their dad, Eric. ***(More photos on Page 6)***



Santa Monica native, Tim Kusserow, plans special events with his daughter, Monica, 14, and son, Cha, 12. They enjoy going to the beach, playing "catch" (baseball or football), being read to, and travelling!



Discover the many special spots in Tongva Park on Ocean Avenue opposite the Santa Monica City Hall. Six acres are divided into four hills: Dicovery, Garden, Gathering and Observation. There is a children's play area, plus shaded picnic areas, free wi-fi, and gardens to explore.

Photo by Julie Dobkin Gilberg

Congratulations to Our Local Graduates



Dyllen Andrews

Dyllen Andrews, class of 2021, comes from a long line of Samohi graduates – four generations in fact. Her great-grandmother graduated in 1920, grandmother, 1954, and mother in 1986. She joins her great-uncle (1964), two uncles (1980 and 1981), aunt (1979), and her brother (2018) as a proud alum. Dyllen spent the last four years at Samohi playing on the girl's varsity lacrosse team, participating in the drama program, being active in clubs, and volunteering in the community.

She is also the recipient of the P.E.O. Star Scholarship. Dyllen plans to study psychology to become a child psychologist. She has yet to decide which college she will attend.



Alanna Shepard

Santa Monica resident Alanna Shepard recently graduated with highest honors from Loyola Marymount University with a BA in Communications Studies with a History Minor. Alanna plans to complete her graduate degree in Sports Management and then pursue a career in professional sports. She also wants to travel the world.

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Planning Ahead

Found Money - Unclaimed Property



By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq.

It is not so hard to lose track of a bank account, or misplace and never cash a check or money order, or lose the key and never visit a safe deposit box. If a financial institution loses track of a depositor, the financial institution does not get to keep the money. It must pay it over to the State so it can be returned to the rightful owner.

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If the State is holding money owed to you, you may be able to claim it electronically with minimal effort. You will receive the money in as little as two weeks. Some unclaimed property such as cashier's checks, money orders, royalties, and safe deposit box contents will require additional proof of ownership and cannot be claimed online. When someone has passed away, there may be unclaimed property owing to the beneficiaries of the decedent's estate. A certified copy of the Death Certificate will be required in addition to other documents, depending on whether there is a Probate, a Trust or small estate without a Probate. Information about the required documents is available on the Unclaimed Property website.

Unclaimed property is the truest form of "found money." Maybe you will find money owed to you.

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"Drop and Give Me Ten": A Technique for Interrupting a Quarantine-Induced Binge

By Dr. Sheila Forman

When the COVID crisis began and we were instructed to stay at home, many of us joked that we would gain the quarantine fifteen. It was funny at first, but then when it happened, and the quarantine fifteen became eighteen, twenty, or thirty, it became not so funny anymore. Eating in response to boredom, fear, and loneliness is a common phenomenon, and as a clinical psychologist who helps people with eating and weight issues, I saw this behavior increase – a lot.

We've all done it. Put your hand in the cookie jar and before you know it all the cookies are gone! Or, your fingertips scrape the bottom of a potato chip bag before you realized you had eaten so much. Or, the ice cream didn't even have a chance to melt before your spoon came up empty. This type of eating is called emotional eating, and is sometimes referred to as binging when you feel out of control.

Fortunately, there is a simple technique to gain control of this kind of out-of-control eating. All you have to do is "Drop and Give Me Ten." When you find yourself eating and can't seem to stop, follow these simple steps and interrupt your binge by the count of ten: First, wherever you are - SIT!

That's right, sit. If you are already sitting, good for you! Next, put down the food you have in your hands and place your hands by your side. If you are still chewing, swallow, and then, take a deep breath. To take a deep breath you want to fill up your belly with air. Belly breathing is probably the most soothing breath you can take. If your shoulder or chest rise as you inhale, that's chest breathing.

Chest breathing is okay when you need oxygen, but it is not as helpful when you need calm. After you have taken a nice deep belly breath, exhale to the count of ten. If you can't get to ten on your first try, that's okay. As you practice belly breathing it will get easier.

For now, take another deep breath and after you exhale, stand up. That's the "Drop and Give Me Ten" technique. It's not hard and can be very effective. After you have dropped and given me ten, you can continue eating if you choose, or you can choose to move on – back in control!

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What is Hoarseness of the Voice?



By Dr Omid Mehdizadeh

Hoarseness is a general term referring to changes in the voice. Synonyms or other words commonly used include raspy, rough, deep, weak, breathy, or strained. Occasionally, hoarseness can be uncomfortable or associated with other symptoms such as difficulty swallowing or sensation of a lump in the throat.

Most causes of hoarseness are benign, but some should be taken more seriously. In general, voice changes lasting more than one month should be evaluated. Causes include acid reflux or laryngopharyngeal reflux, or excess or prolonged voice use. Certain risk factors, including a history of tobacco use, increase one's alertness to a possible growth or cancer of the vocal cord.

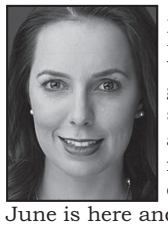
Stroboscopy is the most advanced method to evaluate hoarseness by gently inserting a camera through the nose or mouth and visualizing the vocal cords. There are a pair of vocal cords which sit low in the throat and are protected by the voice box. Stroboscopy is performed by a laryngologist, who is a fellowship-trained specialist in voice and swallowing conditions. Stroboscopy is quite remarkable in that it can reveal gross abnormalities on the vocal cords such as a nodule, polyp, cyst, swelling, or growth. But, its utility truly shines by detecting small changes in the vibration of the vocal cords, such as a scar, mild weakness, or age-related thinning or shrinkage.

Fortunately, modern medicine has provided us with the ability to evaluate, detect, and treat hoarseness early in its course. Medications are used for some conditions.

For others requiring procedural intervention, minimally invasive lasers and even fillers (similar to those used in the face) can be applied to the vocal cord in awake patients in the office, avoiding the need for general anesthesia. Remarkably, these procedures are tolerated well.

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It's Time for Fun in the Sun



By Cheryl Thode

Have you noticed that the days are getting longer, the sun looks brighter, and the air is feeling warmer? What can that mean? June is here and it has brought our first month of summer.

Like many of you, I am ready to get out and celebrate. Thankfully, our city is opening back up, and not a minute too soon! Whether you are new to Santa Monica, a seasoned veteran, or just the average visitor, the city of Santa Monica is a great place to celebrate summer.

As a mother of a toddler, before the pandemic closures, I enjoyed taking my son to the local Douglas playground, the beach at Tower 26, and the Annenberg Beach House. While last summer our plans had to change, this summer I cannot wait to get out with my son again.

Santa Monica is a wonderful place, especially over the summer. We are so blessed with great weather, many fantastic eateries along Montana and Main Street, and outdoor spaces which let you get out and enjoy the sun.

For parents with young and older children, this summer you can enjoy the benefits of our wonderful city's outdoor spaces again! With the coming of summer, you are sure to find some amazing things to do, places to go, and memories to make. Here are some of my favorite activities for you to try.

First, I recommend rollerblading or biking along the Marvin Braude Bike Trail. The path is 21-miles, starting at Will Rogers State Beach and ending in Torrance. Second, make sure you have yourself a regular old B-B-Q. Nothing smells more like summer than chicken or burgers on the grill. If you top it off with some watermelon from the local Farmer's Market, you will be on your way to Summersville in no time. As a third option, have a Beach Day with a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic). Pick a spot anywhere along our 3.5-mile beach and bring some of your favorite food and drinks. You are sure to have a wonderful time, not to mention an amazing view.

Next, I suggest you plan a hike in our lovely Santa Monica Mountains. Specifically, Inspiration Loop Trail (2.1 miles) for a family friendly hike or Los Liones Trail (2.6 miles) for a more challenging experience. Just make sure you bring some water. Last, take a walk down or

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Byte by Byte

Surviving Summer, Whether Screened-In or Screenless



By Dr. Miceala Shocklee

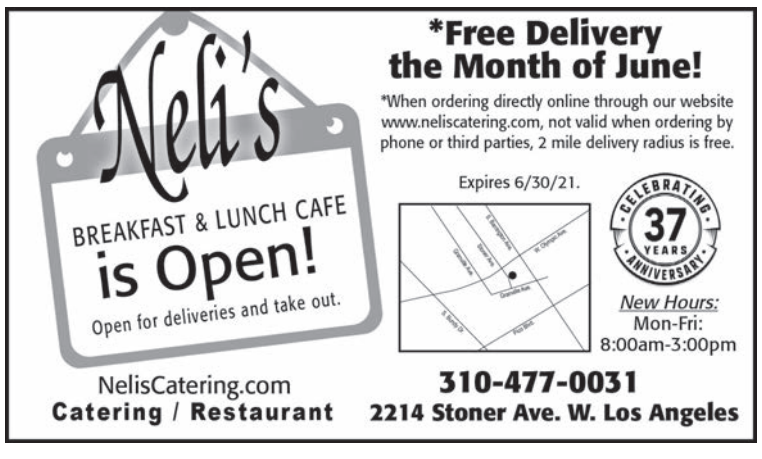
With another summer on the way trying to escape not just heat waves but also viral ones, people are becoming hard-pressed for inspiration on how to spend the next few months. For those feeling tapped-out on Netflix and at-home workouts, consider reaching for tech tools both screened and screenless to help bust the boredom.

1. Wheels - Tired of watching a circular loading wheel spin itself ad nauseum? Consider grabbing a more physical set of wheels to get out and exploring instead. Running, walking, and hiking are all fantastic forms of escape, but for those who find themselves in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, moving at foot-speed might mean longer exposure times to the uncertain breath of the masses. Get going faster and farther with bikes, scooters, and the modern take on the unicycle – all of which now offer models with "e-" in front of their name, indicating they've all got an electric boost to help speed up any pace of rider. Back in April, *Wired* released a review of the "13 Best Electric Bikes for Every Kind of Ride." The *New York Times* itself released a 2021 review of the best electric scooters on the market under their "Wirecutter" column, and the DoubleCheck site even has a review of the best boardless skateboards available for mass riding.

2. Windows - While the past year may have everyone grown well weary of the view outside their window, come nighttime, there remains a whole literal universe for exploring. The aptly named Space.com has already written up their 2021 review of telescopes suitable for everyone from kids and amateur astronomers to those more keen on tracking scientific particulars. For those more reluctant to give up their portable window to the world, smartphone apps also abound for figuring out which constellations are visible by merely lining up a phone screen with the night sky.

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"Did My Child Fall Behind in School During COVID-19?"



By Tim Kusserow

We are thrilled to see our school-aged children return to the classroom where optimal learning occurs!

Parents, many of whom have become "resident teachers" over the past 12 months, can begin to breathe a sigh of relief as their children receive "real life" instruction from professional educators. However, the fact remains that an academic regression has occurred and the long-term impact of our children receiving "distance learning" for over a year is unknown.

However, recent studies are already raising the alarm on the issue of "learning loss" – the idea that students have learned less during the pandemic than in prior years. Emerging research shows significant setbacks in reading, especially in oral reading fluency (ORF). See the PACE study, "Changing Patterns of Growth in Oral Reading Fluency During the COVID-19 Pandemic" (Dr. Benjamin Dominigue, Stanford University, March 21, 2021).

Not surprisingly, the most frequently asked question from our clients is, "How far behind is my child in school?"

The most important thing that parents can do is to have their child assessed in reading. All schools – public or private – measure and track children's reading levels. In fact, there are a multitude of assessments that schools use to measure a student's reading performance and, therefore, it is completely appropriate for parents to ask their child's classroom teacher how he/she is performing in reading comprehension. Or, if parents are unsatisfied with a school's response or seek a more comprehensive analysis, they can find a highly-qualified reading specialist who will be able to perform this assessment and provide parents with an objective summary. Once parents determine their child's reading level, finding an appropriate book for him/her to enjoy is much easier and more enjoyable!

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Reflections From The East

Life Lessons Learned from China's Master Jade-carvers



By Qin Sun Stubis

When I was young, I couldn't wait to grow up. I looked forward to the future, knowing that my whole life was ahead of me and that there was so much to learn. With the high spirits of an adventurer, I was always ready to explore what was coming my way.

It takes years of living to realize the value of the past. After decades of always looking ahead, I am now starting to treasure the nostalgia of being pulled back in time to find new meaning in events from the past.

Lately, I've been thinking about the times when I took American tourists to a jade-carving workshop in Shanghai, and how the artisans there started every project with a unique piece of natural stone, varied in shape and color, and eventually transformed it into a special piece of art.

Some of these valuable stones were smaller than a fist, while others were as large as boulders. Using their trained eyes, the workers envisioned what they were inspired to create before carefully marking out pencil guide lines. Rough shapes were cut before fine details were finally chiseled out.

Every time I took a tour group there, I could see the progress each worker had made, from the initial examination and understanding of a rough stone to the final polishing of a finished piece. Some projects took months to finish, testing their patience and tenacity.

One could often tell how talented sculptors were by the way they incorporated the varied stone colors into their designs. Sometimes I saw a layer of pale green on a dark piece of jade perfectly made into foamy waves. At other times, I watched as spots of discoloration were turned into the centers of flowers, or decorative hairpins in an ancient lady's hair.

Once, I stood in awe as a master magically transformed a dark flaw on a piece slated to become a carp, a Chinese symbol of luck, into its eye. The fish instantly jumped to life. But how did he know that would be the exact spot where an eye was to be set? Had he used this piece of stone for a different purpose, what could have become of that discoloration?

As I let my mind roam, it suddenly occurred to me that even the most perfect stone is never perfect. And, the same can be said of us human beings. Our idiosyncrasies are like specks of discoloration on stones. Sometimes they may be buried beneath the surface only to be discovered later on. We can either work with our unique selves and even benefit from them, or let them ruin our lives.

Truthfully, whether to call ourselves inherently flawed or one-of-a-kind individuals may just be a matter of perspective. How well we understand ourselves may be the secret to carving out our successful lives, like a master jade-maker, transforming not-so-perfect qualities into something extraordinary – like the eye on that magical carp.

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around Palisades Park. This is 26.4-acres of spectacular views, no matter the weather.

Whatever you do, just get outside, and enjoy our city. We are truly blessed. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Enjoy the sun!

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Surviving Summer

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3. Weeds - While dispensaries are popping up all over Los Angeles, the wilds of summer offer amusement of a more dandelion variety. Just about everyone tried out new tastes for the domestic over the last year, whether it was with cooking subscription boxes, sourdough starters, or the sweeter banana bread bonanzas. For those looking to get a little bit more flower than flour this summer, hydroponics offer indoor opportunities to try one's hand at, well, getting a green thumb on it.

For those wanting some more foliage in their foyer but not yet ready to take too big a plunge, houseplant subscription services have taken root this past year as well. Finally, for those not necessarily wanting to get dirt under their fingernails but interested in exploring the green and growing already around them, there are a number of plant-identification apps, like iPflanzen and iNaturalist, that turn even the scrubbiest of weeds growing out of L.A. sidewalks into a chance for discovery.

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