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Airborne banner tackles sky-high hospital prices



Courtesy photo

COST: Beachgoers may have seen information about hospital prices on plane banners.

SOFIA LAUREL PIRRI
Special to the Daily Press

Last weekend, Santa Monica beachgoers may have noticed several planes bearing artwork by Shephard Fairey, the artist behind the iconic Obama "Hope" poster and the OBEY Giant campaign.

The recent Fairey design flying above Santa Monica was created for Power to the Patients, a grassroots movement that began in March to inform patients that they now have the right to know the price of healthcare before receiving it. The organization's plane pull campaign followed President Biden's July 15 executive order reinforcing hospital price transparency and was the first of several flybys in Santa Monica scheduled for the next nine weeks.

Although the federal rule requiring hospitals to disclose the prices they negotiate with insurers was put in effect on January 11, 2021, many citizens have no idea they even have the right to know cost before receiving care.

"Very few people are aware," said Kevin Morra, one of the leaders of the Power to the Patients campaign, a director and producer, and a former Santa Monica resident. "That's why there was a need for a grassroots organization like Power to the Patients: because somebody needs to raise awareness. The general media has not done it. Politicians have not done it."

Advocates said hospitals have not only downplayed the new rule but have blatantly disobeyed it. According to a June 21 study by the American Journal of Managed Care, only 60% of the 20 hospitals on the US News & World Report honor roll display their cash prices online and only 5% display their minimum negotiated charges online, a direct violation of the January federal requirement.

This lack of transparency can wreak disastrous consequences on the lives of those who receive medical treatment without knowing the cost.

"We have met directly with hundreds of patients who tell their stories and how their entire lives have been derailed by having no understanding of what their financial obligations would be," Kevin Morra said.

"That begins with getting a bill in the mail that oftentimes patients could never afford. Then if they don't figure out how to pay it, suddenly they're being harassed by collection agencies. Hospital associations are suing patients, their credit scores are being devalued, and they can lose their homes."

Morra also explains that the financial hardship posed by unforeseen medical bills has

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Council directs staff to draft ban on lobbyists serving on boards or commissions

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

City Hall will consider tougher rules for lobbyists serving on City boards and commissions after authorizing staff to pursue the topic at their July 13 meeting.

In the interest of "sunshine and transparency" for the City of Santa Monica, Councilmembers Christine Parra and Phil Brock proposed a new ban on lobbyists serving on boards or commissions.

Councilmembers Parra and Brock requested the City create a formal definition of a lobbyist or legislative activist and then bar individuals who meet this definition from serving on a board, commission, or task force within two years of being an advocate. This proposed ordinance would strengthen Santa Monica's existing lobbying ordinance, which requires all paid lobbyists to disclose their work, clients, and compensation with the City.

"I and Councilmember Parra wish to make sure that the legislative happenings in our city are above and above reproach," said Brock. "This is another way to make sure that the residents of the city have the right to influence our council and influence their boards and commissions, but people who were paid do not have that same right."

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Council plans education campaign in face of eviction tsunami

ASHLEY NAPIER
Special to the Daily Press

City Hall will consider a new communications campaign to inform renters and landlords about the extended eviction moratorium recently passed in Sacramento as part of a bill known as AB 832.

AB 832 extends the statewide eviction moratorium through September 30 and provides financial relief to struggling tenants and their landlords. Coauthored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), AB 832 is an extension of SB 91, also known as the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020.

The new act puts forth $5.2 billion to be put towards tenants past due rent, relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. This allows 100 percent payment of low-income tenants past due rent, back to April 2020, up from the previous 80 percent. It also prohibits landlords from issuing unlawful eviction notices, so long as the tenant pays at least 25 percent of their past-due rent by September 30 and follows all other rules set under a person's lease agreement.

According to research done by PolicyLink and the USC Equity Research Institute for the National Equity Atlas, some 807,000 of California households are behind on rent, with the average amount per-household behind being $4,400.

Of those, 76 percent are people of color, 75 percent are classified as low-income and 57 percent are unemployed.

The motion passed this week was made at the request of Mayor Himmelrich, Mayor Pro Tem McCowan and Councilmember Negrete and asks for a communications campaign to inform renters and landlords about

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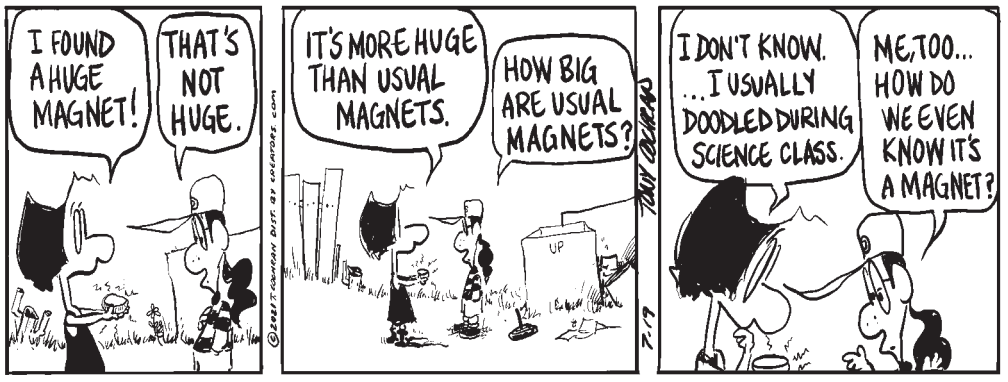

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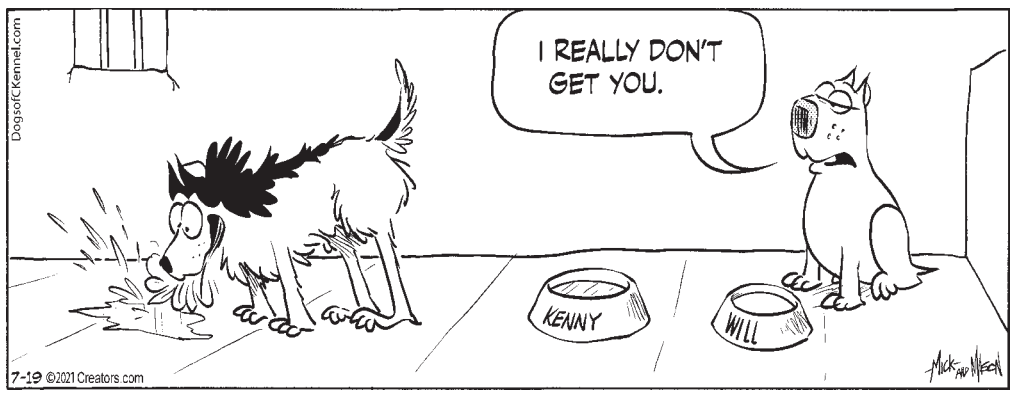
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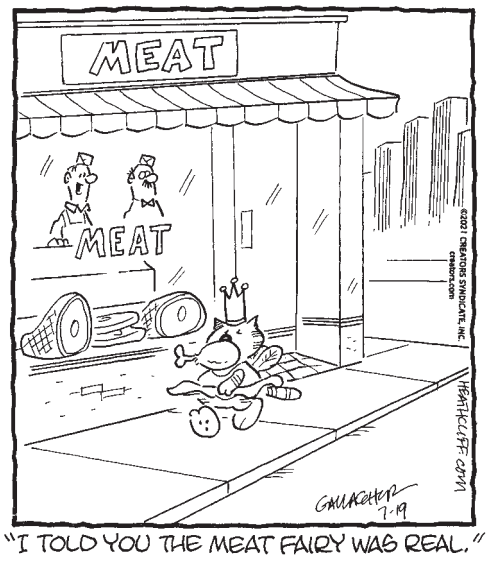
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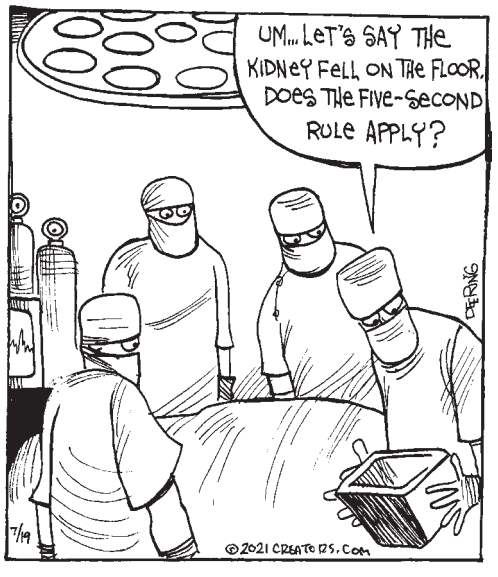
By PETER GALLAGHER



"I TOLD YOU THE MEAT FAIRY WAS REAL."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 70.3°

MONDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small morning -- good day for a lot of foam or limited experience. Old Southern Hemi swells bottom out early, fresh SW swell creeping in late in the day.

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Modest round of SW/SSW swell. Small NW swell blends in. May see tropical SSE swell building through the day.

WEATHER

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/07/19	Mon	12:37 AM	0.61	L
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2021/07/19	Mon	6:06 PM	6.09	H
2021/07/20	Tue	01:35 AM	-0.16	L
2021/07/20	Tue	07:59 AM	3.48	H
2021/07/20	Tue	12:18 PM	2.27	L
2021/07/20	Tue	6:58 PM	6.52	H
2021/07/21	Wed	02:26 AM	-0.79	L
2021/07/21	Wed	08:55 AM	3.74	H
2021/07/21	Wed	1:17 PM	2.31	L
2021/07/21	Wed	7:48 PM	6.86	H
2021/07/22	Thu	03:12 AM	-1.22	L
2021/07/22	Thu	09:42 AM	3.97	H
2021/07/22	Thu	2:12 PM	2.25	L
2021/07/22	Thu	8:36 PM	7.06	H
2021/07/23	Fri	03:56 AM	-1.41	L
2021/07/23	Fri	10:24 AM	4.13	H
2021/07/23	Fri	3:04 PM	2.15	L
2021/07/23	Fri	9:22 PM	7.07	H
2021/07/24	Sat	04:39 AM	-1.39	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/14
33 46 52 59 62
Power#: 10
Jackpot: 150 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/13
3 10 17 26 55
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 117 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/14
8 15 28 38 39
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/15
3 5 8 12 22

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/15
EVENING: 1 9 4

Draw Date: 7/15
MIDDAY: 2 8 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/15
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:45.72

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 19)

Cultivating the collective spirit is your specialty; you have gathering powers. You pump people up and encourage everyone to win together, generating many creative breakthroughs for yourself and the group. There's a significant purchase in the fall that will pay off to future generations. Contracts are signed in October. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 4, 33 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Endings aren't always sad. They can also be proud moments, victorious celebrations, releases that bring immediate relief. Today you let go with excitement and hope.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's like you're sitting down to a movie having seen only an intriguing poster. You're willing to go along for the ride without knowing what you're in for and whether you'll be led to laughter, tears or thrills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowing that the level of kindness in a person's outside voice speaks volumes as to what's happening on the inside, you'll extend kindness and compassion to those who can't seem to reach a gentle tone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Decisions must be made. Whether it has to do with furniture, songs, styles, people... the goal is the same. Choose what makes an impact you can return to without getting tired of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are certain endeavors most appropriately approached in solemnity. What you do in the spirit of fun will be more meaningful than what you're supposed to be serious about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone who looks very different from you on the outside has a story that reveals an inside experience very similar to your own, involving heartbreak, longing and triumph you can relate to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Reductions will improve matters, but this is a time to trim, not shop. Cutting back too far just means making extra work for yourself when you have to go get stuff again. If throwing something away is uncomfortable, then keep it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're plum in the middle of an embarrassment of riches. In fact, you've been there for some time but didn't realize it. Now that you know nothing is out of your reach, relax and decide what you'd like to add to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What ruins a conversation doesn't have to ruin a friendship. What spoils the hour doesn't have to spoil the day. You shine as you contain, overlook and move on from the foibles of the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You rightly stand at the center of things. It's not because you feel you're more important than the others; rather, it's because you bring so much to the table and have a plan about how to distribute that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're an excellent sleuth! You'll take on an intricate puzzle and solve it. This generates not only order but also balance. From a place of balance, much more is possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you could dazzle with clever conversation, consider what you might pitch using a wordless example. Embodiment will be the most effective way of putting your point across.

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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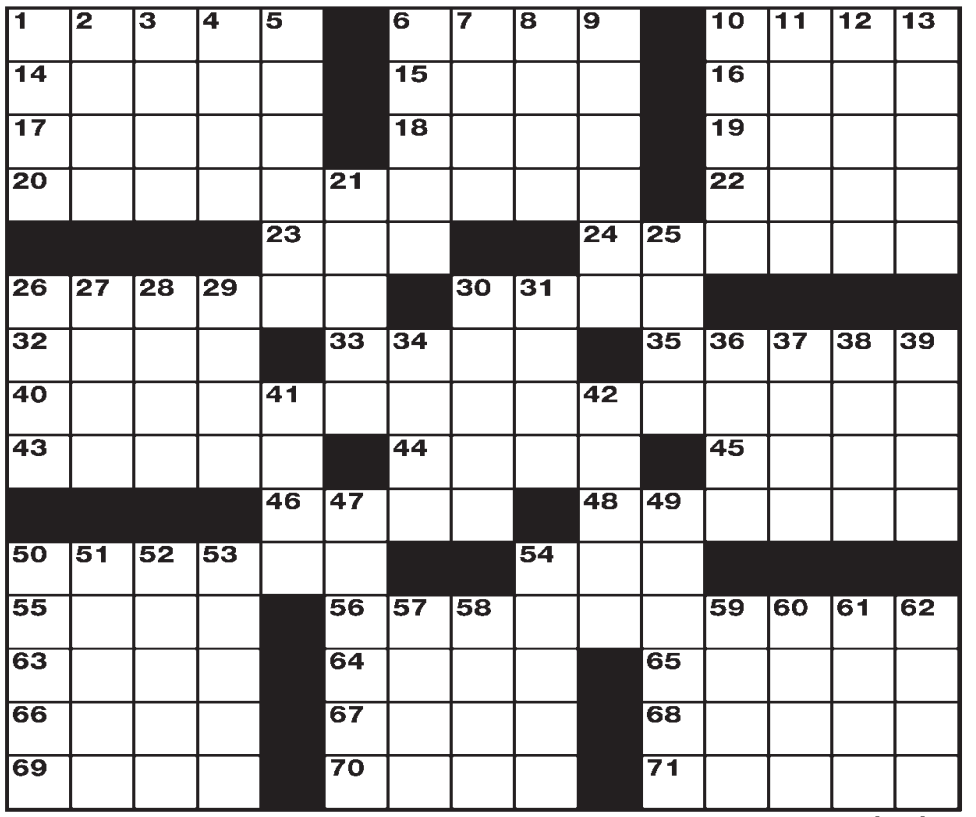
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Newsday Crossword

FISH AND CHIPS by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Be jealous of, as in the Bible
6 Spongy
10 __-browned potatoes
14 Drama with sopranos
15 Horse-stopping shout
16 Prefix meaning "against"
17 Danger
18 Stops from squeaking
19 Hollywood headliner
20 Tortilla chips and banana chips
22 Get weary
23 Helpful hint
24 Removes a DVD from a player
26 Observe from the sidelines
30 Land surrounded by water
32 Unknown author: Abbr.
33 Regarding, in a memo
35 Gets thinner
40 Where students buy tuna fish sandwiches and potato chips
43 Exams such as midterms
44 Alda of *M*A*S*H*
45 Bronze disk instrument
46 Chemists' work rooms
48 "Letter-shaped" steaks
50 Bronco-riding events
54 Service charge
55 Prophetic sign
56 Competitions where chips are thrown on tables
63 Wife or husband
64 A Great Lake
65 Volunteer's offer
66 Throat-clearing sound
67 Mobile phone
68 Untrue
69 __ a soul (no one)
70 Two-year-old kids
71 Frozen rain

DOWN
1 Police officers, informally
2 Unwrap
3 Aloe __ (soother in lotions)
4 __ the Red (Norse explorer)
5 Converse with
6 Descend like an eagle
7 Cincinnati's state
8 Paper crease
9 Graduation cap attachment
10 Impulsive speed
11 Playful prank
12 Get underway
13 Adds to the work force
21 Semester-ending exam
25 Josh around
26 Most recent
27 Fairy tale's first word
28 __ and aahs
29 Tie on a necktie
30 Slanted letters: Abbr.
31 Living room seating
34 Natural bandage
36 Brand of toy bricks
37 Laundry appliance
38 Underground source of ore
39 Droops
41 Capital of Norway
42 Walk onto a stage
47 Facet of a situation
49 Gets underway
50 Person from Italy's capital
51 Nebraska city
52 Discourage from doing
53 Foe
54 Has an opinion
57 Triple-decker cookie
58 Bagpiper's skirt
59 No-show soldier: Abbr.
60 Minimal amount
61 Otherwise
62 Piggy bank's opening



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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.

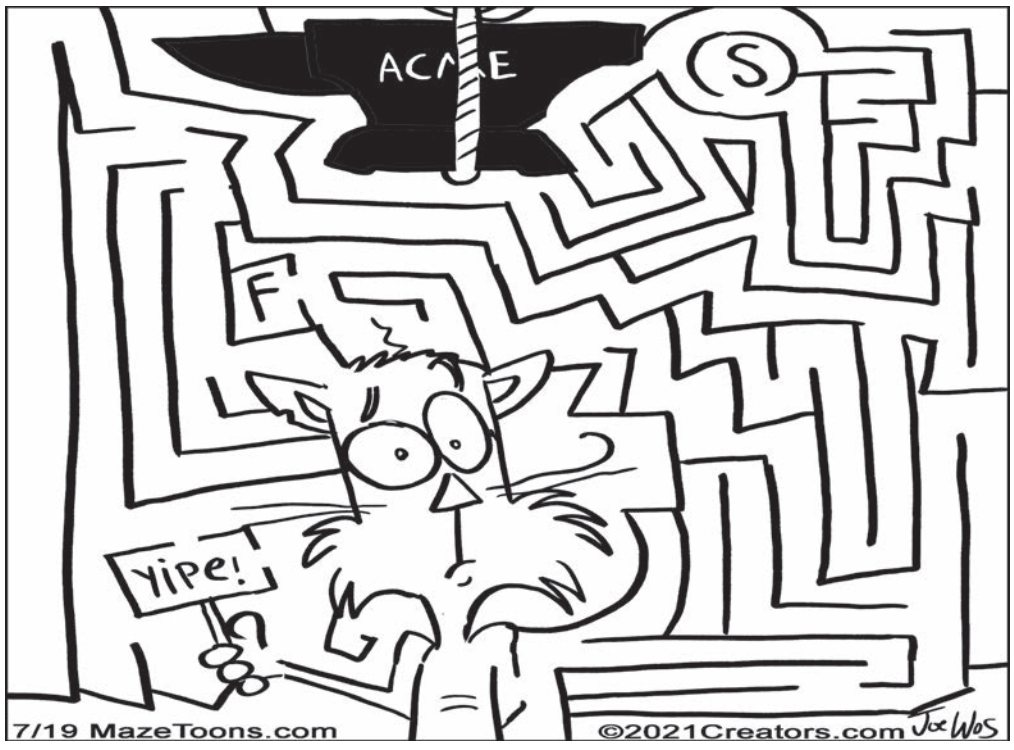
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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00168Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Barbara Berman for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Barbara Berman filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Barbara Berman to Barbra Berman he 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 08/26/21Time: 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:06/21/2021

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00276Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Quincy Rae Tawatao Felipe for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Quincy Rae Tawatao Felipe filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Quincy Rae Tawatao Felipe to Quincy Rae Colarossi he 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 08/27/21Time: 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:06/18/2021

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HOSPITAL

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prevented families from being able to send their kids to college and has even led to suicide — either out of the despair of not being able to pay enormous medical bills or because people refuse mental health treatment out of fear they cannot afford it.

"Everybody has a story, that's what we're finding out," said Morra. "Unfortunately, the chances of becoming a patient in our lifetimes is almost 100%. So this is truly a situation that will affect all of us."

The goal of the campaign is not only to allow patients to choose the most affordable option and to prevent them from being blindsided by medical costs, but also to bring about an overall decrease in the price of medical care as a result of transparency.

"There's no incentive right now for any hospital to lower their prices because it's not a factor in people's decision," said Morra. "There needs to be transparency so that patients have the ability to shop for the financial situation or hospital that meets their needs… that's essential in competition."

Power to the Patients has attempted to spread awareness for the campaign primarily via artistic means. In addition to the Santa Monica plane pull campaign, the organization has commissioned local artists around the country to paint murals with Fairey's logo, everywhere from New York to North Carolina.

The awareness movement has also resonated with many celebrated artists in addition to Fairey, including actors Cynthia Erivo and Susan Sarandon, photographer Martin Schoeller, the artistic group Tats Cru, and the dancer and survivor of the Boston Marathon bombings Adrianne Haslet.

In a promotional video for the campaign, Shephard Fairey explained his involvement with the cause: "I'm participating in the Power to the Patients movement because I'm a type 1 diabetic, my wife has multiple sclerosis, and I've seen the devastation that the high cost of medical bills can create in people's lives."

Fairey's artwork for Power to the Patients will be flying from Malibu to Marina Del Rey the next nine weeks, on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 to 2 p.m.

"It is everybody's responsibility as an American, not only to understand that this is now a patient right, but also to help spread the message and spread the word," emphasized Kevin Morra. "We won't be able to do it alone."

Visit https://www.powertothepatients.org for more information.

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LOBBYIST

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The proposed ban on lobbyists serving in appointed roles was based on an ordinance already in place in Beverly Hills.

Mayor Himmelrich raised concerns that an ordinance akin to Beverly Hills' may be too restrictive as it considers certain fundraising activities as acts of lobbying.

"As I read the Beverly Hills ordinance, I think it is a much larger net that could capture some of our advocates here who may raise money or do other things for various causes," said Himmelrich. "Under the Beverly Hills ordinances, I saw people who raise $5,000 for a cause become lobbyists, even if they're volunteers."

Councilmember McCowan asked if the ordinance wording could perhaps be changed to exclude lobbyists from serving on a commission related to their lobbying activity, but still allow them to participate on a commission if its activities are unrelated to their work. She said that from her experience working with legislative advocates, they are often policy experts and could bring useful skills to the City, if there is no conflict of interest.

"I think there's a way we could preclude them from being on a board or commission that's within the subject matter jurisdiction of what they're being paid for and not preclude them from any board or commission," said McCowan. "They're still residents, they still care about the city and I think they bring an expertise that might actually be beneficial to a commission."

City Attorney George Cordona said that he heard the concerns raised in the discussion and that the staff report on the draft ordinance will outline some of the policy concerns for councilmembers to consider.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON JULY 11 AT A 3:49 P.M.

SMPD officers responded to the 1900 block of Lincoln Blvd for a report of an active petty theft. Witnesses stated an individual threw several tables and chairs causing damage to the patio area of the restaurant at the location. Based on a description of the subject, officers searched the area and located James Wagner, a 30 year old male. Witnesses confirmed Wagner was the individual that had damaged the furniture at the location. Wagner was found to have an outstanding $60,000 warrant for violation of probation. Officers are seeking a vandalism charge for property damage exceeding $500.

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LA County Property Valued at $1.76 Trillion for 2021

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang certified the 2021 Assessment Roll, reflecting economic growth for the 11th consecutive year with an increase in the assessed value of taxable property countywide.

The 2021 Assessment Roll (Roll) grew by $62.9 billion (or 3.7%) over the prior year to $1.76 trillion in total net value. While this overall value indicates growth, the total also reflects a reduction of $5.5 billion in business personal property, which includes machinery, equipment, boats and aircraft.

The reduction reflects the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local economy. To recognize the impact specifically on small businesses, about 73,000 personal property assessments were proactively reduced in the hardest-hit areas.

Other examples include commercial aircraft as air travel was severely restricted, resulting in reduced aircraft assessments. Additionally, daily commuting and other travel declined due to stay-at-home orders, resulting in reduced fuel demand, which in turn led to reduced fuel prices. Consequently, several major refineries saw a decrease in net cash flow and a commensurate reduction in fixture value.

The $1.76 trillion total net value translates into about $17 billion in property tax dollars that will be allocated to vital public services such as public education, first responders, and public health, as well as other County, municipal and public education services.

"I am pleased to report that the 3.7% increase in assessed property values in Los Angeles County represents the 11th year of consecutive growth," Assessor Prang said. "We continue to improve our ability to produce a fair, accurate, and timely Assessment Roll, which is aided in large measure by new, enhanced technology."The Roll is the inventory for all taxable property in the County and, as such, provides some insight into the health of the real estate market. Assessments are based on the value of property as of the lien date of January 1, 2021.

The Roll is also driven in large measure by real property sales, which added $44.9 billion to the Roll; the CPI adjustment mandated by Prop. 13, adding an additional $16.4 billion; and new construction added $8.8 billion.

"Although the 2021 Assessment Roll reflects growth, which is good news, other factors are now indicating the exact nature of the economic slow-down caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," Assessor Prang said. "The mixed implications of this past year will be felt for some time to come. Just as an example, the housing market experienced robust growth during the pandemic while small businesses were hit hard along with hotels, refineries, and airlines."

COVID-19 also presented unanticipated obstacles to produce this year's 2021 Roll, especially with the closure of County facilities to the public. However, Assessor staff adapted well to teleworking protocols while remaining "Safer at Home."

"Most of my 1,300 employees were teleworking while county facilities were closed to the public," Assessor Prang said. "This past year has been beyond a challenge but we pulled together and have produced a thorough, accurate, and fair Roll in a timely manner."

Assessor Prang also reminded residents that the growth does not mean property owners will be subject to a corresponding increase on their annual property tax bills. Nearly 9 out of 10 property owners will see only the modest 1.036% adjustment prescribed by Proposition 13.

The 2021 Assessment Roll comprises 2.58 million real estate parcels and business assessments, including 1,885,579 single-family homes, 250,190 apartment complexes, 248,293 commercial and industrial properties, and more than 161,488 business property assessments.

SUBMITTED BY STEVE WHITMORE, ASSESSOR PIO

COUNCIL

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the newly signed legislation in the form of either door hangers, email, mail or by hotline. Himmelrich is backed by Santa Monica for Renters Rights, who applauded the initiative, while newly elected council member Lana Negrete identified as one of the 70 percent of residents who are renters.

The motion, unanimously passed by the Council, allows staff to put forth a report on what would be the most inclusive and cost-effective way to reach Santa Monica renters and property owners to help them understand their opportunities and how and where to apply for these resources.

Santa Monica for Renters Rights wrote to the council, fearful that many small landlords and renters won't know, or understand their rights under the new legislation. In the letter, they called on the Council to "step up," and "make sure our renter residents and property owners understand the resources available to them and how to access these resources."

Himmelrich reiterated SMRR's words, stating that it is "important that both landlords and tenants understand what their rights are," so the 70 percent of renters in the community don't have to face the "eviction tsunami that everybody is worried about."

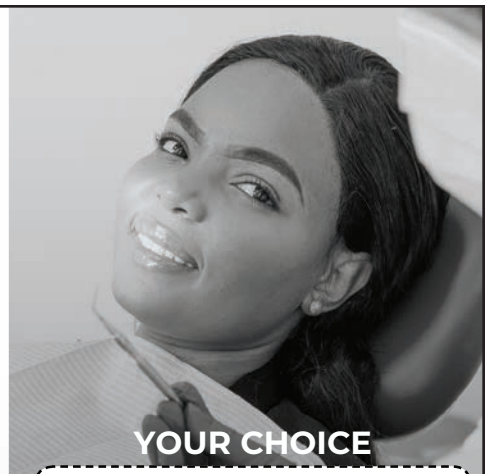
Although the budget and operation of the initiative was not up for discussion, Mayor pro Tem McCowan suggested to the Council that if there is an associated cost for the project, "it may be something we could potentially consider from [the] counsel discretionary [fund]."

Councilmember De La Torre gave his full support for the initiative saying, "I just think it's a great idea."

To qualify for rental relief, the tenant's household income must be at or below 80 percent of the area median income during 2020 or 2021, which is $77,300 for a family of four in Los Angeles County, but varies by number of persons in the household.

While staff works on their report and possible budget for the initiative, Public Information Officer for the City of Santa Monica, Constance Farrell says that the city is actively reaching out to residents who can benefit from rent help through social media, community email newsletter, website, and will be looking at additional tools in the coming weeks.

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Susan Loranger Named New President of Landmark Equity Properties

Los Angeles-based Landmark Equity Properties has announced the appointment of Susan Loranger as its president, effective June 1.

Previously recognized by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of Los Angeles' Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate, Susan joined the company in 2020 following 19 years as Vice President and Director of Marketing and Leasing for Southern California's largest publicly traded REIT, Douglas Emmett where she had oversight of leasing a portfolio of over ten million square feet.



Susan Loranger is now president of Landmark Equity Properties.

Landmark Equity Properties Chairman Mark Wittcoff added that "Susan's diverse experience and vast expertise is valued by our clients and partners who will benefit tremendously from her stewardship of their real estate investments."

Established in 2016, Landmark Equity Properties is a Los Angeles-based commercial real estate investment management firm that provides asset management, leasing, project management, construction management, acquistions to private equity, and institutional owners of income properties in the United States.

As president, Susan becomes one of very few women to lead a national commercial real estate investment and management firm in the United States. One of her broker friends, Sonya B. Schmidt, Vice President at CBRE, wrote to her on LinkedIn, "Congrats. Susan! You are an inpiration and have been a great mentor for so many female brokers over the years. They are lucky to have you!"

Susan grew up in Grosse Pointe, Michigan where her dad worked in the automobile industry. He wanted his own dealership so he moved his family to Toronto, Canada. It was a big change for 12-year-old Susan, where the people were warm and friendly, but at times she got teased for her Michigan accent. As she got older, during summers she worked at her dad's dealership in reception, accounting, and the parts and service departments. Eventually, she got into auto sales.

A close family friend managed a large national commercial real estate firm, and Susan got really interested in that field as she learned more about it. Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Honors English with Economics from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario Canada.

When her college roommate decided to move to Los Angeles, Susan thought she would join her, work for two years, and then return to university for her MBA. She ended up selling cars at a Cadillac agency in Beverly Hills for a short time, but then decided to pursue a career in real estate when the opportunity arose.

She started with an entry level position typing leases and proposals, and eventually had an opportunity to lease buildings on Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood. Subsequently, she took a listing in the office that no one else wanted to attempt leasing. She ended up successfully leasing it and several others. Soon, she was the person Douglas Emmett management wanted to handle all of their leasing activity. When she started, "There were 40 of us," she recalls, "and we had 700,000 sq. ft. to lease. During my tenure, we grew to 10.5 million sq. ft., and over 500 employees. I

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Rotarian Donna Byrd coordinates the event. She gets the names of the awardees, what guests are attending, and orders the plaques.



Dr. Joe Metoyer is always the moderator for the event, Here he is at the recent Zoom meeting where awards were presented.

Rotary Club of Santa Monica Honors Public Service Workers

For many years, one of the favorite events of Santa Monica Rotary Club members is the annual meeting when public service workers are honored. In charge of the event are Donna Byrd, who arranges for the honorees, attendees, and plaques and Dr. Joe Metoyer, who always serves as the gracious moderator.

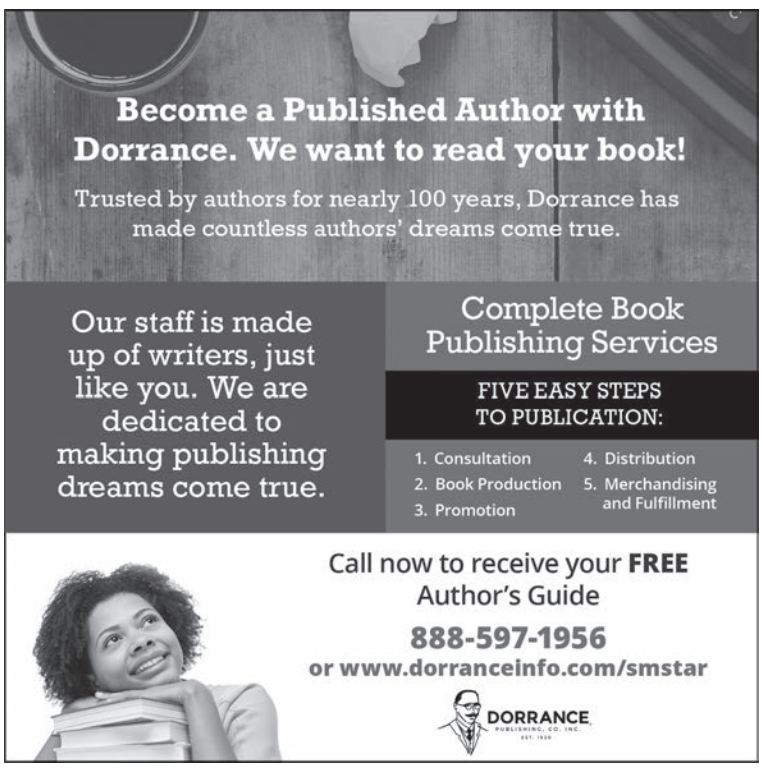
This June, Jabryan Donald presented an award to Big Blue Bus employee Motor Coach Operator Yvette Wilson. Yvette, who grew up in L.A., has been at her job for 20 years. She often gives rides to elderly people to their medical appointments, and students to schools and colleges.

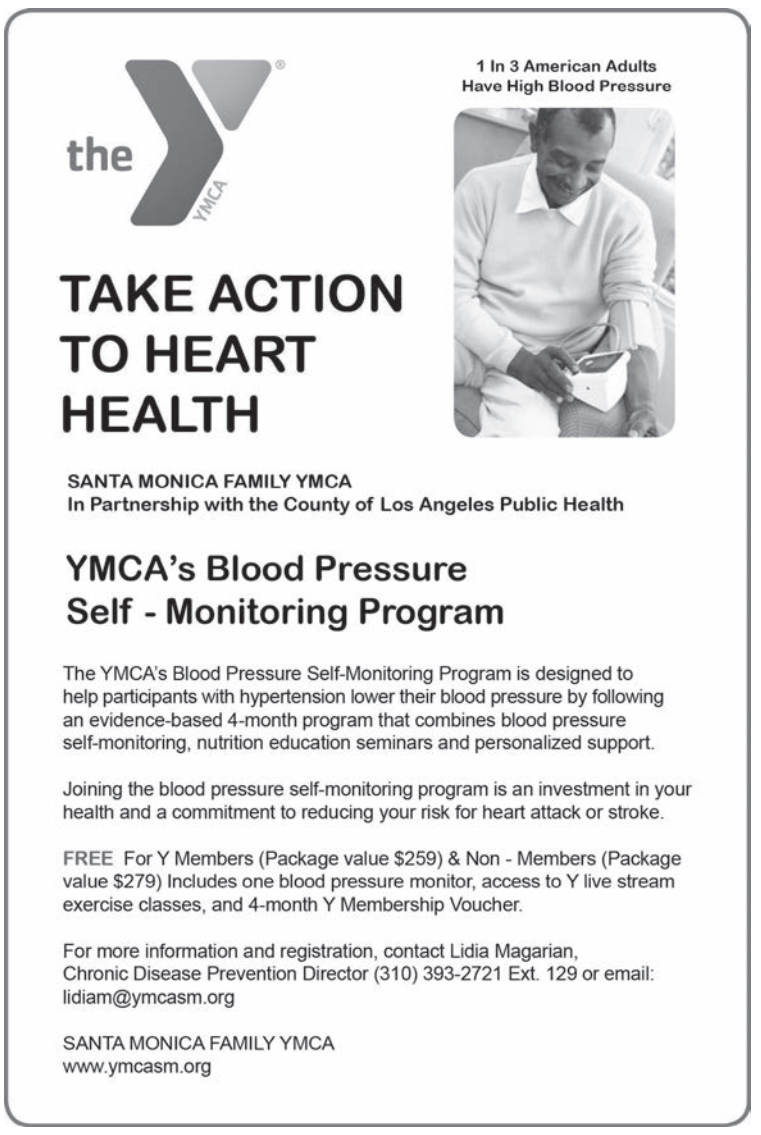
Santa Monica Fire Department Deputy Chief Tom Clemo presented Captain Mike Fitzgerald his award for exemplary service. A fireman for 20 years, Mike has been a captain for eight years.

Santa Monica Police Department Deputy Chief Darrick Jacob presented the award to honoree Sgt. Maury Sumlin. Sgt. Sumlin, a 34-year-officer, has worked on an electronic task force, the Harbor Patrol, and homicide division.

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Ben Drati chose to recognize the 100 people who make up the Operations Team that took care of all the facilities and did all the deep cleaning tasks during the pandemic. He said there were so many people to thank. Several were often on call. He also mentioned that ours was the first school district in L.A. County to re-open. The two who were asked to represent the entire group were Graciela Perez and Tracey Harris.

Thanks and congratulations to all who were recognized.





Paws and Claws

My Elderly Cat Has Digestive Problems



By Dr. Frank Lavac MS, DVM

Q: ***My elderly cat has ongoing constipation issues. What can I do to help her?***

A: I am so sorry that your cat is having this problem. The first step is to have a thorough exam with your veterinarian. Identifying underlying issues are important to management. For over 60% of cats, underlying issues are not identified. The symptoms can vary and include poor appetite, vomiting, and straining to defecate. These patients are often found to be dehydrated. Abdominal x-rays and blood panels are often helpful in further elucidating causes and possible treatments.

For many cats, long term management includes use of a high fiber diet. These include diets like Hill's Prescription Diet W/D or Royal Canin Gastrointestinal Fiber Response cat food. Laxatives including lactulose, DSS and MiraLAX can be very useful, but must be carefully dosed according to veterinary recommendation to prevent potentially fatal side effects of overdose. In a few cases, a promotility drug called Cisapride can be beneficial.

Overall, this problem can be readily managed with the help of your veterinarian.

Dr. Frank Lavac can be reached by calling 310-828-4587.

Adopt a Pet



Henri is a three-and-a-half-year-old poodle mix. He is silly and spunky. He was rescued from the San Bernardino shelter with lacerations down his neck. He went immediately to the emergency vet for the necessary surgery to repair his wounds. Please contact Lange foundation at info@langefoundation.org.

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Connect to Nature in July

By Julie Rensink Hanson
Wild Birds Unlimited
Nature Shop

Many of us will begin our annual migration to the beach in July as summer temperatures heat up. While you're there, remember to share the shore with our bird neighbors who are nesting this time of year. The Western Snowy Plover, a small shorebird now listed as threatened, nests along the coast, estuaries, offshore islands, bays, and peninsulas from March through September. They carefully camouflage their nests to look like sand, making them difficult to see and vulnerable to human activity. We can help their efforts by allowing these birds to nest undisturbed while we enjoy our own day at the beach.

Orioles, who have been nesting, now start to look for more food supplies for their fledglings. Meanwhile, you may see the baby orioles visiting your nectar feeders and bird baths as they begin to explore the world outside their nests. They are paler in color than their bright yellow and black parents. Enjoy these visitors for the next two months before they begin their journey back south.

Bushtits, who had paired up earlier for mating, now start to form large flocks again. With hot buggy weather upon us, especially upon our plants, the Bushtits perform a valuable service, eating as many insects, such as aphids, as they can. Watch these little gray birds fly in and out of trees and bushes, conducting natural pest control

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The Snowy Plover

along the way.

While migratory shore birds, such as geese and ducks, won't start arriving until late August, several of our year-round residents will be plentiful this month. With the breeding season finished on the Channel Islands, Brown Pelicans return to the coast in large numbers. Long, slim dark Cormorants can be seen fishing at estuaries, such as Malibu Lagoon, alongside the spectacular white Great Egret.



A Brown Pelican

The equally impressible Great Blue Herons stride the edge of the water in Marina del Rey.



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Teen Scene

Why Birthdays Are Meaningful



By Julia Abbott

By the time you read this paper, I'll be 17 years old. Even though I'll finally be able to sing "Dancing Queen" with a little more conviction, it's strange to think of where the time has gone.

Birthdays are happy days, but they're also a little bittersweet. When my little brothers have a birthday, I cringe at how they get closer to teenagers, and farther from sweet little kids. When my parents have a birthday, it forces me to notice their grey hairs. Birthdays are a day of celebration, a time to reflect on the past year, and anticipate the next. However, when I look back on the past year, I feel a little sad. I wasn't really able to celebrate my 16th birthday, but 16 was so exciting! However, I feel like 16 slipped by me, just like so many others in the pandemic.

We all lost a year of our lives, and some lost many more. Now that the pandemic finally seems to be ending, I hope we can all make the most of this next year. Sixteen might have been a bust, but 17 is looking promising. Even though a birthday is just another day, anyone can make it the start of a new chapter. I sincerely hope everyone can make the next year, whenever your birthday may fall, one where you live the year you want.

Julia Abbott is a local high school student who has been writing for us since she was in elementary school. She has won awards in debating, speaking, writing, piano and dance.

Connect to Nature in July (Continued from Page 10)

The North American Butterfly Association's annual butterfly counts are taking place this month. Each count is organized locally. Find out more by going to: www.naba.org/count.

The Delta Aquarids Meteor shower peaks in late July. An excellent viewing location is Mt. Pinos in the Los Padres National Forest. At over 8,000 feet and away from urban light pollution, you will be amazed at how close the stars appear. Drive up to the Nordic Base, set up a lawn chair, and enjoy the show!

The Wild Bird Unlimited Nature Shop is located across from the Armstrong Garden Center. Call them at 424-272-9000, or go online to www.wbu.com/santamonica.

Susan Loranger (Continued from Page 9)

managed a department with eight leasing agents, three attorneys a marketing coordinator, and administrative assistants."

When the company went public, Susan wanted to make a change. After 19 years, she missed the family feel of a smaller office. "The culture changes," she explained. "It becomes more corporate."

She is looking forward to working with Mark Wittcoff at Landmark Equity Properties because he is also a hard worker, very knowledgeable in commercial asset management, and they both share the same vision to grow the company.

Susan loves living in Santa Monica and riding her bike all over the tree-lined streets and beach bike path. She also enjoys hiking, playing tennis, and skiing. In addition, she serves as a member of the UCLA Stroke Rescue Program Council of Advocates.

—D.M.

From Me to You...



By Diane Margolin

For many years, the magic muffins from Neli's in West L.A. have been a favorite of mine. During this past year when I wanted friends to know I was thinking about them, but couldn't visit, I would often have some of Neli's muffins delivered. The reaction to these over-sized fruit-filled delights was rewarding. People were not only thrilled to receive them, but then to discover that they tasted as delicious as they looked. The muffins sold are blueberry, pumpkin, cinnamon pecan, cream cheese, carrot, banana nut and chocolate. Check Neli's ad on Page 3 for details about free delivery in July. Call 310-477-0031 to place an order.

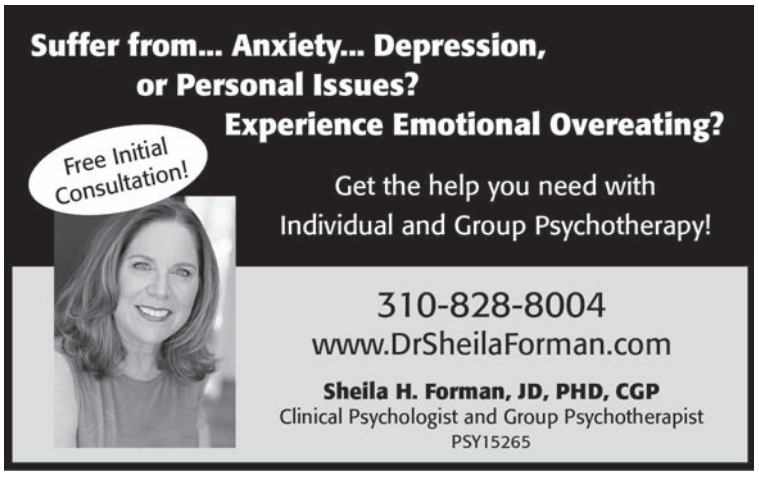
For the last few years, I had looked into purchasing a new bed. There are many mattress stores on Wilshire Blvd., and I visited almost all of them to see if I could find a bed I wanted to buy. One store, part of a big chain, seemed like a good place to visit. When I entered, I was approached by a salesman telling me he knew what I needed because he had 20 years of experience selling beds. That was before I said anything. He showed me a few beds, and I did find one I liked. He then told me he would give me a better price if I came in to buy it over the weekend. I said the sale is through the end of the week, why did I have to decide by the weekend? I was polite, but eager to get away from him as soon as possible. So much for effective customer service.

I remembered visiting Mike at R Mattress store on Wilshire and 10th St. His is a family-owned business, and his approach was quite different. He carried the same mattress that I was interested in, and it was also for sale. He believes that people should go in to the store and see how their body feels on the various beds. He said people often read reviews online. But, you don't know the physical characteristics nor the health issues of the person who wrote the review. He says the salesman can't sell the bed. It's up to the customer. Mike will also give you free delivery and a free bed frame. Call Mike at 310-260-8672 if you are looking for a new bed.

By the time this issue is out, we will have had a chance to "test the waters" so to speak, when we go out in our neighborhoods to shop or dine in a restaurant. Take care.



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Community Service in Santa Monica

Welcome From the New Rotary President



By Bill Powell

Years ago, too many to mention, I attended my first Rotary meeting. A colleague from work was a member and invited me to his Rotary lunch meeting. When I walked in the door, my first impression was, "Here is a gathering of some of the city's leading citizens, and they are all letting their hair down and having a great time." Before the official start, members were saying hi to each other and just catching up and socializing.

My host introduced me to the members, and we sat down to an enjoyable meal. When the club president "rang the bell" signaling the official start, it got even better. First, there were "fines" for some made-up "violations" like buying a new car or helping a neighbor whose medical device broke down.

Next came "announcements" where I was impressed and amazed by all of the service projects aiding the local schools that the group was organizing. Then came a funding drive to purchase an ambulance for a Mexican village whose only ambulance had just broken down. Last, was a reminder of their upcoming 4th of July party.

After the formal "program" where a professor spoke about the desert ecosystem, I came away from the meeting thoroughly captivated by this fun-loving group of people called "Rotarians" who made things happen.

I joined Rotary in 2007, and years after my first taste of Rotary, I begin my term as President of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica during its 100th year! Now, as we again are able to enjoy live, in-person meetings and social events, and we can conduct live, in-person service projects throughout the local community, all of us at the Rotary Club of Santa Monica look forward to a fantastic Centennial year.

For more information about our club, events, and virtual meetings, email rotaryclubofsantamonica@verizon.net, or call our office at 310-917-3313.



Past president Lisa Alexander plants succulents at the club's recent day of service at John Adams Middle School.



Charlie Follette, landscape expert, is getting ready to plant at the club's project at John Adams Middle School.

Photos by Iao Katagiri.

SMBWC Takes Action



By Patricia Webber

The Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club (SMBWC) has a long history of advocating for laws that benefit women and children. Our history also includes support for military service members. We do this through our affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) headquartered in Washington, D.C. Recently, the GFWC contacted its affiliated clubs throughout the country to ask individual members to write letters to our respective U.S. government representatives in support of two bills now in Congress.

The first is addressing the Senate to act to stabilize the Crime Victims Fund. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA, H.R. 1652) grants provide federal funding enabling local organizations serving survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, and other crimes to provide counseling, case management, crisis hotlines, emergency shelters, and community-based programs.

The second is to urge the Senate to enact S. 613, the Puppies Assisting Wounded Service members (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act. The House of Representatives approved H.R. 1448 on May 12, with strong bipartisan support. The bill establishes a five-year pilot program allowing veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to work with service dogs. After graduating from training, the veteran can adopt his or her newly-certified canine partner to provide continuous treatment. The Department will implement and evaluate the pilot program and determine the feasibility and advisability of expanding the pilot program to address mental health conditions other than PTSD.

Here at our Club, we are now open for several of our ongoing activities. These include Monday bridge and canasta, Tuesday Artists' League, and monthly Pass-the-Dish. Anyone interested in these friendly, engaging activities is welcome to call our office at 310-395-1308, or email us at info@smbwc.org.

Variety of Adult Day Care Services Seek to Advance Quality of Life for Seniors

By Grace Cheng Braun, MSPH

Presented by WISE & Healthy Aging, WISE Minds is a research-informed program that empowers older adults in the early stages of memory loss to use the very latest research to impact cognitive ability, stress and depression. WISE Minds offers the best that research has to offer to maximize capabilities. The WISE Minds programming is one of the adult day care services at WISE & Healthy Aging, a community-based nonprofit serving seniors and caregivers headquartered in Santa Monica.

Adult day care programming at WISE & Healthy Aging promotes wellness and includes activities that stimulate mind, body, and soul. Organized in small groups, activities incorporate brain fitness as well as physical exercises to stimulate the heart and breathing rate – yes, getting the blood flowing throughout brain and body!

Participants can engage in lectures with topics ranging from local history to international ones. For those interested in the arts, the program offers music, and even on occasion, comedy improv sessions.

In-person adult day care programming started back up in June, and there is also virtual (via Zoom) programming that continues to be available.

Some say the best part about the adult day care programming is the strong friendships made among participants who can relate to each other about their experiences regarding early stage memory loss and/or physical limitations that come with aging.

All Adult Day Service Center programming is a covered veterans benefit. WISE & Healthy Aging is a social services organization that seeks to advance the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy, and high-quality, innovative services. Visit www.wiseandhealthyaging.org for more details.

SM Lions Plan for the Coming Year



By Linda Levee

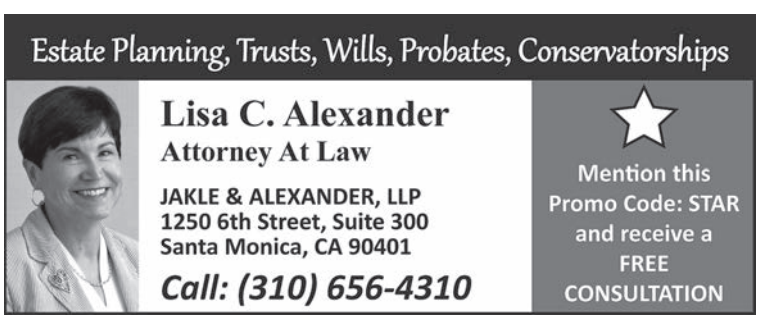
We at last have good news. July is the month that we start our meetings again at the Elks Lodge in Santa Monica. We will have one face-to-face meeting per month, and our Board Meeting will still be virtual. Our regular meetings are attended by members, and we should have no problem providing enough safe space.

Our last regular virtual meeting had three students who won the Lions awards for community service. There were two students from New Roads School and one student from Palisades High School, who is also a member of our Pali Leos Club. These wonderful and resourceful students worked as volunteers with other teens needing help with disabilities such as autism or mental health conditions like anxiety and depression.

The other student worked for a local COVID-19 vaccination/testing site helping with patients signing in for shots or tests.

All of these students were not sitting home worrying about what they were going to do during these challenging times. They found ways to further their life experiences in the process of helping others. We Lions were very proud to acknowledge their activities with a way to help them access their future education.

The wonderful thing about being a Lion is that we get to help others of all ages, colors, religious beliefs and needs far beyond the norm. If you are looking for a way to join a group of like minded men and women, please contact Lion Linda, levelheadedlinda@ yahoo.com, and request information about our meetings and programs.







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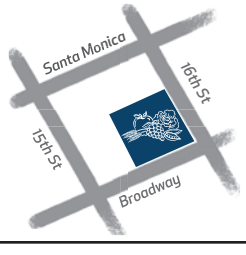
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