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Local author uses book to support animal welfare

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STELLA: The husky now has her own book.

A foster husky was given a fair chance at life and found her forever home along the way thanks to a local family. Samohi graduate, Anastasia Khromova recently released her debut children's early chapter book, titled "Stella" detailing her puppy's inspiring journey overcoming Swimmer Puppy Syndrome.

Stella's journey began in 2016, when Anastasia was a senior at Samohi. Her older sister was running a dog rescue, "Be a Voice. Adopt a Dog" in Los Angeles, when an employee brought in a two-month old, white husky puppy with striking blue eyes and an excited temperament. Although adorable, the puppy had a physical deformity and couldn't walk, stand or run like other puppies her age, making it difficult to find her a home.

The family lived in Venice and had regularly fostered dogs, but "at one point we were fostering this insane amount of dogs," said Khromova with a laugh, and was not sure whether they could take on another. After seeing the puppy's condition, her family decided to make an exception and brought her home, deciding to call her "Stella."

"We were just consumed by her from the moment we met her," says Khromova, "which is a problem when you're fostering." After taking Stella to multiple veterinarians, the family found the dog had a deformity called "Swimmer Puppy Syndrome," where newborn dogs are unable to walk or stand, thus laying flat on their bellies with their legs spread out from their bodies, only able to make flapping motions with their legs, like they are swimming.

Despite her deformities "she didn't act like she had a disability," says Khromova. "She moved as much as she can move, even if there was like this little, like, wiggle effect, you know, so it was really

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SPY has a unique housing solution for young parents facing homelessness

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Photos courtesy of SPY

HOUSING: The program finds housing for young families.

Due to the nuances of LA's homeless housing system, young pregnant and parenting couples can find it near impossible to receive a placement, but local non-profit Safe Place for Youth has a solution.

Dubbed the "Nest", SPY has created a dedicated housing program for pregnant and parenting youth at risk of homelessness. The first location opened in 2019 and following its success, the organization has just opened a second location.

Both buildings provide youth ages 18 to 24 with 36 months of free housing, personalized case management, education and employment training, and supportive family services.

"The unique part of our program is that we allow couples to live together and we really try to maintain whatever the youth considers their nuclear family to increase their circle of support," said Iberia Calix, SPY's senior housing program manager. "I think that there is an opportunity to share what we've learned, so there can be more programs that allow more flexibility."

Currently in Los Angeles, only

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Council charts board and commission reforms, including new nepotism policy

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City Council is moving toward barring any close family member of a councilperson from serving on a board or commission — a move that would currently only affect Mayor Sue Himmelrich's husband.

This suggestion comes from the council's B&C Ad Hoc Committee, which is composed of Councilmembers Phil Brock, Gleam Davis, and Kristin McCowan and is in the process of reforming and improving how the City's boards and commissions function.

In a July 27 meeting, the committee brought forth recommendations on a nepotism policy, chair terms, and council liaisons. Council discussed each of these proposals and then directed staff to formally draft all three policies.

The proposed nepotism policy would prevent siblings, children, parents, or partners of a sitting councilmember from serving on a city board, commission, or task force. Councilmember McCowan said this rule is intended to further the City's efforts to increase transparency.

"This policy is in line with similar efforts to address transparency in government, by limiting lobbyists and others potentially down the

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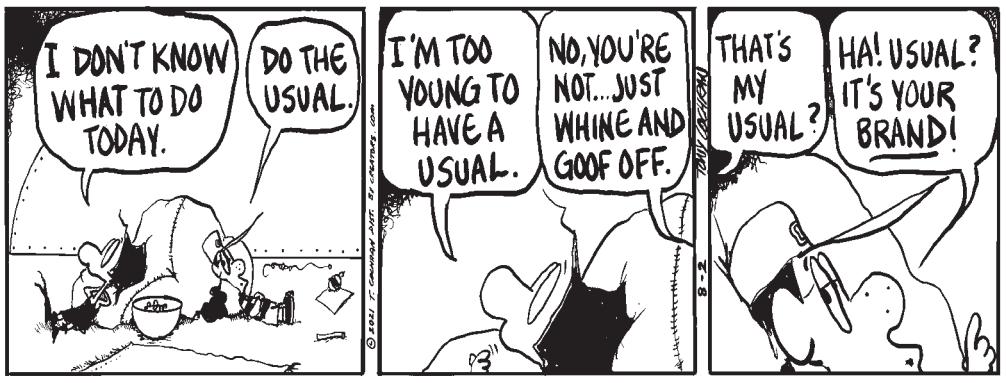

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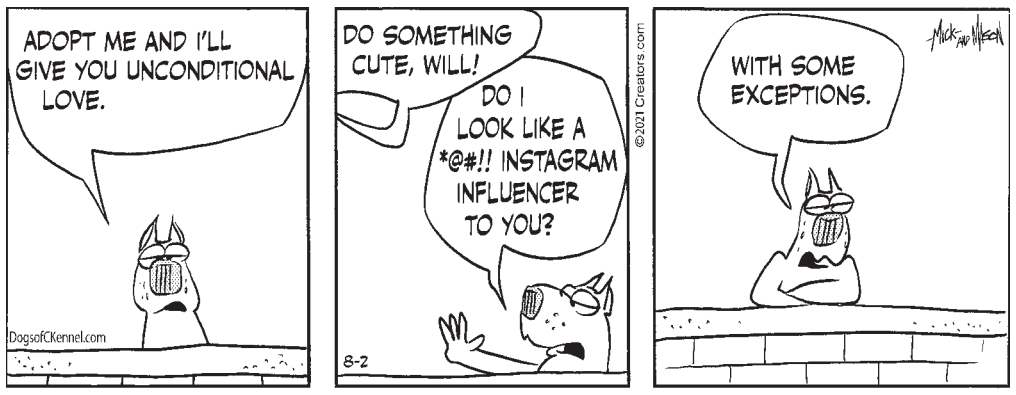
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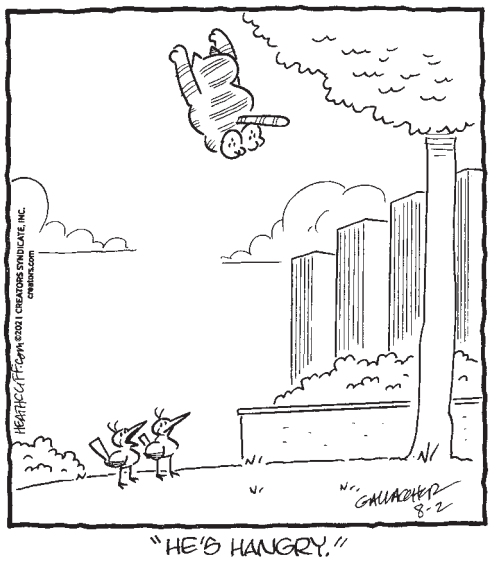
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.9°

MONDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Could be a nice morning of waves as fresh SSW swell builds. NW windswell is up a touch but the summer focal points will be the best offering. Cleanest early.

TUESDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Fun little SSW swell at the summer spots. AM wind looks light at this point and conditions should be clean.

WEATHER

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75..
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/08/02	Mon	12:59 AM	1.20	L
2021/08/02	Mon	07:42 AM	3.14	H
2021/08/02	Mon	11:13 AM	2.81	L
2021/08/02	Mon	5:58 PM	5.08	H
2021/08/03	Tue	01:45 AM	0.73	L
2021/08/03	Tue	08:36 AM	3.38	H
2021/08/03	Tue	12:15 PM	2.89	L
2021/08/03	Tue	6:44 PM	5.34	H
2021/08/04	Wed	02:22 AM	0.32	L
2021/08/04	Wed	09:07 AM	3.58	H
2021/08/04	Wed	1:05 PM	2.84	L
2021/08/04	Wed	7:25 PM	5.64	H
2021/08/05	Thu	02:54 AM	-0.01	L
2021/08/05	Thu	09:33 AM	3.74	H
2021/08/05	Thu	1:47 PM	2.70	L
2021/08/05	Thu	8:03 PM	5.94	H
2021/08/06	Fri	03:25 AM	-0.28	L
2021/08/06	Fri	09:57 AM	3.88	H
2021/08/06	Fri	2:25 PM	2.52	L
2021/08/06	Fri	8:39 PM	6.19	H
2021/08/07	Sat	03:55 AM	-0.46	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/28
25 30 53 59 60
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 199 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/27
2 35 36 54 64
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 166 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/28
20 24 32 35 39
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 12 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/29
13 17 22 35 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/29
EVENING: 4 3 8

Draw Date: 7/29
MIDDAY: 6 2 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/29
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 03 - Hot Shot
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:44.13

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 2)

How do you feel about receiving the gift of stability? It's one that the very fortunate tend to take for granted and the very unfortunate define differently. Celebrate this monumental gift. Stability is never cheap, always cultivated over time and will be the springboard from which much magic will blossom. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 5, 30, 22 and 12.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Many benefit from your loving attention, though it's not all selflessness motivating your goodness. There are advantages to living in the fullest measure of their affection, which you'll enjoy now and in the days to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hooray! What works best will also be what's most comfortable. The tricky part is being aware of your own feelings. As far as your personal development journey goes, if all you do is note your comfort level, you'll be doing a lot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You rush forward right into an opposing force — fear. A dramatic head-on confrontation will take a lot of energy. How tiresome! Instead, pack that trepidation on your back and take as many heavy steps forward as you can.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Recent disappointments have steered you in a good direction. So, in a sense, these events, however unfortunate they may have felt at the time, are what you're most grateful for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Looking back, you realize the great extent to which you've been influenced. You have a taste for something different now. Look to the company. "Show me your friends and I'll show you your future." — Anonymous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The conventional wisdom says things turn out for the best when you come from the heart. But that really depends on where your heart is. Inner turmoil needs expression. With a little loving attention to your own pain, it sorts itself out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is an extra-dimensionality to the events of the day, available to experience or not, at whatever level you prefer. There's no punishment, benefit or personalization of any kind that applies here. Do what pleases you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let people know what you want. Your intensity on the matter will make a huge difference in how you're received. Adjust to the atmosphere. In gravity-strong environments, go heavy. On the moon, a light touch will send it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a mood to embrace all the schmaltzy, gooey romance of life as though its unfolding in cinematic format. One heads up: Lines that work on screen seldom transfer in the full dimension of reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What can you edit down to its essence? A drawer? A business plan? A motto? Your personal life? "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication," Leonardo da Vinci said.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone should be happy. Why not you? Furthermore, you've been so flexible and accommodating lately, so consider going the other direction — ruthless in your pursuit of joy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Children either give themselves over to an experience or run from it without a complicated thought process. You can keep it simple today by handling things with brilliant childishness.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

B	A	W	L	■	F	L	E	E	T	■	C	A	P	E
A	M	I	E	■	L	E	A	S	E	■	A	U	R	A
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B	E	S	T	I	A	R	Y	■	S	T	A	M	E	N
A	B	B	E	S	S	■	■	H	E	L	L	E	N	E
C	A	I	R	O	■	S	E	A	■	A	S	N	E	R
K	E	G	■	N	E	E	D	L	E	S	■	T	D	S
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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

7	5	2	1	9	3	6	4	8
6	1	4	7	8	5	9	3	2
9	3	8	6	2	4	5	1	7
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3	6	9	4	5	2	7	8	1
8	4	5	3	1	7	2	6	9
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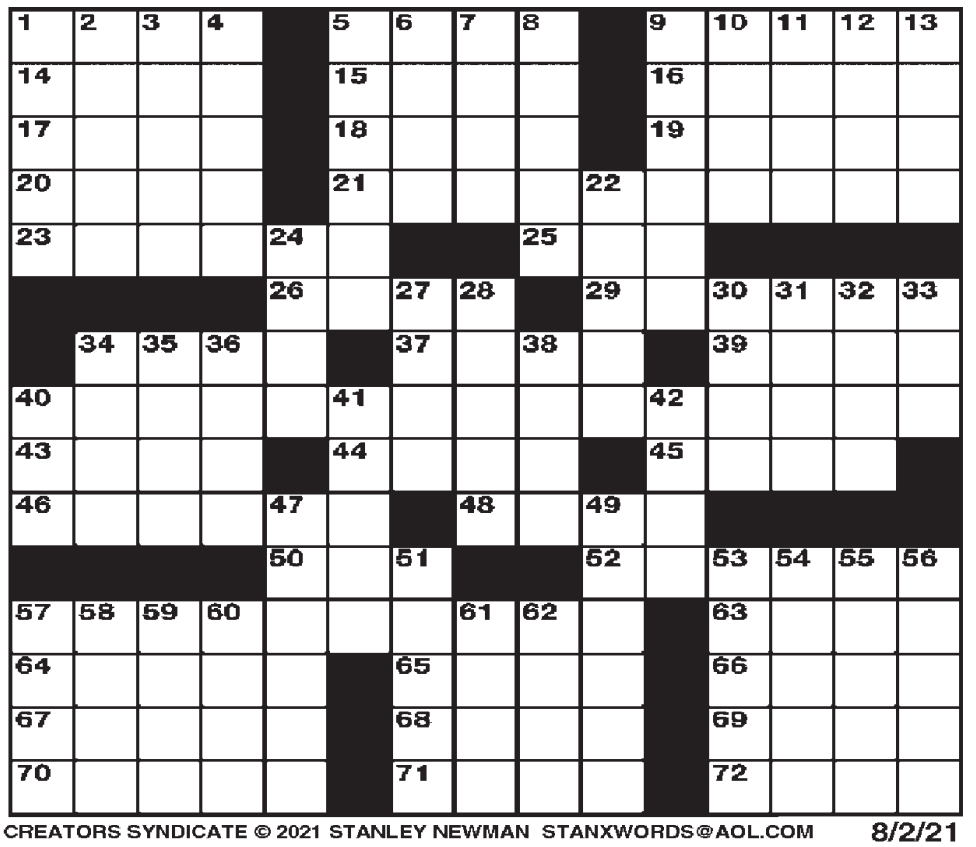
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7		2		8	5			
		1			6	8		5
	8			4			3	6

Newsday Crossword

BEACHWEAR by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Edible bit of a sunflower
5 Mammals that fly
9 Green pasta sauce
14 __ mater (former school)
15 Bounce back, as a sound
16 One more time
17 Give temporarily
18 Actor Alda
19 "It was somebody else!"
20 Long heroic tale
21 Eyewear for the beach
23 Make a choice
25 America's Uncle
26 Right away, in a memo
29 Least risky
34 Place for feet on an escalator
37 Influence unfairly
39 Has a meal
40 Garment worn over a bikini
43 Tree with coconuts
44 Hollywood headliner
45 Cable channel airing athletics
46 Army "Relax!" command
48 Mo. when autumn starts
50 Person paid to play
52 Help out
57 Footwear for wading by the beach
63 All over again
64 Wear away
65 __ and crafts
66 Natural underground chamber
67 Spooky
68 Make an evaluation of
69 Middle-leg joint
70 Jeans or slacks
71 Drinks served at pubs
72 Mailed out

DOWN
1 Store's discount events
2 Run off to wed
3 Online message
4 Waltz or tango
5 Any wild animals
6 Human rights org.
7 Easier said __ done
8 Choral performances
9 Central American country with a canal
10 Swelled heads
11 Weekend matinee days: Abbr.
12 What you read from a clock
13 Lowest denomination bills
22 Rodeo rope
24 Tops of toothpaste tubes
27 Just slightly
28 Breads with pockets
30 Charges billed for services
31 Wyatt of the Old West
32 Surprise greatly
33 Small amt. of sugar
34 Hit at, as a fly
35 Piece of kitchen flooring
36 Actress Watson or Thompson
38 Real estate measurement
40 Healthful resort
41 Software purchasers
42 Docs for dogs
47 Shoppers' splurges
49 Football throws
51 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
53 Bags of potatoes
54 Very silly
55 Typical second-grader's age
56 Message posted on Twitter
57 Have a cry
58 Neighborhood
59 Tattered and __ (raggedy)
60 Revise, as a manuscript
61 Of the mouth
62 "Small" suffix for luncheon



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00286Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Achref Charfeddine for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Achref Charfeddine filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Achref Charfeddine to Ashraf Charafeddine 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 09/03/21Time: 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:06/25/2021

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inspiring to see that."

Khromova said that she and her family knew they had to help Stella overcome her disability, because her sister Dascha has severe Autism and needs help supporting herself, so it was never a question to assist Stella in any way that they could — "my family has a soft spot for, you know, helping people," she says.

Multiple veterinarians recommended putting Stella down due to her condition, but Khromova's family enrolled her in physical therapy and saw progress in just a matter of weeks. Although the Khromovas only meant to foster Stella, she became one of the family and they decided to adopt her, giving Stella her forever home.

Flash forward two-and-a-half years, Khromova graduated early from Chapman University with a degree in Marketing and a minor in Graphic Design and was saving up for an iPad, when her mom gifted her one for her birthday. Khromova started sketching and illustrating, finding a love for detailing her puppies life as a way to relieve everyday stress. She began "spending, like an insane amount of time" on the project she says, and "in a matter of a couple of weeks it was like a done product!"

She realized then that this could be more than a fun passion project, as she called it, and spent the next two years writing and editing the story, while perfecting her illustrations. Once she learned about self-publishing as an alternative to selling it to an editor or a publishing house, she decided to start her very first Kickstarter campaign to raise the funds needed to bring Stella's story to life.

After posting her first Kickstarter campaign in April, Khromova says she received "well over a grand in like the first couple of hours." The experience was an "emotional rollercoaster," she remarked — "I had no idea what to expect."

Her Kickstarter campaign increased in popularity and earned the "Projects We Love" badge on Kickstarter where the crowdfunding campaign site highlights "brilliant examples of creativity" and promotes it.

In just one month, Khromova raised enough money to print her book, appropriately titled "Stella." Although writing a children's early chapter book was never her goal, she has created an emotional story, she says, that details "the power of strength and the importance of the support system."

"Stella" will be available on Amazon by late August in hardcover and Kickstarter backers will receive their copies in August as well. Khromova has pledged to donate half her book sales towards a Los Angeles dog rescue organization, Wags and Walks that finds shelter dogs their forever homes, a mission very close to Khromova's heart.

As for what's next for the new author, she says that her work has been "a great passion project," but doesn't see herself releasing a second book anytime soon, wanting to focus on her career in marketing. For those interested in publishing their own stories she says "just to go for it," but to "take it one thing at a time."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Jenna Grigsby Selected to Lead Criminal Division of City Attorney's Office

Interim City Attorney George Cardona has selected Jenna Grigsby as the Chief of the Criminal Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office. Grigsby enters the role after more than ten years as a Deputy City Attorney and twice serving as the interim chief of the division. The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office Criminal Division, distinguishes itself from the District Attorney's office, in that the division is responsible for filing and prosecution of only misdemeanor crimes committed in the City. This includes family violence, drug possession, driving under the influence, burglary, assault, and quality of life crimes.

"We are thrilled that Jenna Grigsby has agreed to take on duties as the Criminal Division Chief," said Interim City Attorney George S. Cardona. "Having served as a prosecutor in this office for more than 10 years she is familiar with Santa Monica. Her experience, which has included significant work on various diversion programs, makes her ideally equipped to work with the Santa Monica Police Department, social services providers, and the courts as the criminal justice system continues to adapt to new approaches for ensuring public safety."

During her decade with the City, Grigsby has been instrumental in all functions of the Criminal Division, including developing innovative restorative justice programs and prosecuting and arguing complex misdemeanor cases. Before coming to Santa Monica in 2010, she worked in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office's Gang Unit to prepare cases for trial. After earning her J.D. from Loyola Law School, she served as a Public Service Corps Fellow for the Harriett Buhai Family Law Center.

"I welcome this opportunity to serve the City in this new role. Having worked in Santa Monica for over ten years, I feel uniquely qualified to continue to bring justice to victims, work with leaders in the community to better serve our constituents, and help move the city forward as we work towards a criminal justice system that is equitable, transparent, and provides justice for all," said Jenna Grigsby.

The Criminal Division works hand-in-hand with the Santa Monica Police Department in the prosecution of offenses and also provides regular roll call trainings on topics ranging from the Fourth Amendment to body worn cameras to key aspects of effective domestic violence and driving under the influence investigations.

In response to the need for criminal justice reform, the Division has created diversion programs in partnership with the Los Angeles Superior Court, the City's Human Services Division, and direct service providers. These programs seek to connect vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness and addiction, to housing, treatment, and other services that can address the root causes of instability that can lead to criminal behavior.

Grigsby holds a B.A. from the American University and a J.D. from Loyola Law School. She replaces Nicole Gougis, who served as Criminal Chief since February 2019. Grigsby began June 20 with an annual salary of $216,972.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.64.070(B).

WHEN: Tuesday, August 24, 2021
5:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HEARING DESCRIPTION:
The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.64.070(b) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate apartments of $36.49 per square foot would be decreased by $0.99 per square foot of floor area and the existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate condominiums of $42.62 would be decreased by $1.15 per square foot of floor area. Effective on November 1, 2021, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Base fee would be $35.50 per square foot of floor area for new market rate apartment buildings and would be $41.47 per square foot of floor area for new market rate condominium buildings.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a memorandum prepared by the City. A copy of this memorandum is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing section).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You, your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter. If you want to provide public comment at the City Council's public hearing, you can call by phone at (310) 312-8173 when the caller queue opens for the public hearing for this item. The caller queue for this agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will then remain open until the first five public comments are heard.

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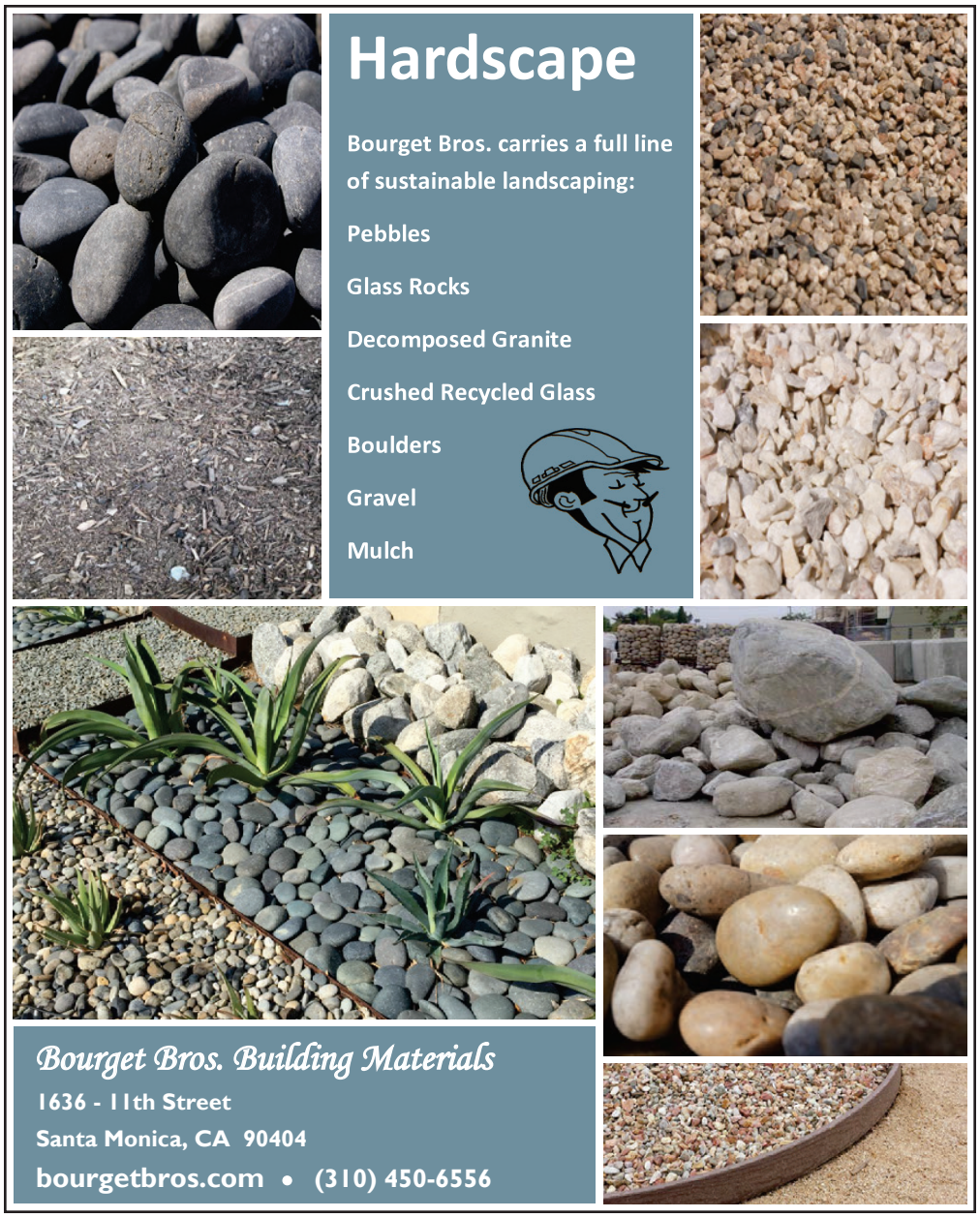
MORE INFORMATION:
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The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, etc., please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or TDD: (310) 917-6626.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

ESPANOL:
Esta es una noticia de una audiencia pública para aumentar una tarifa sobre el desarrollo de viviendas "multi-familiar" en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Melinda Espinoza en la División de Viviendas al número (310) 458-8743.

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Finding a hidden gem

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City of Santa Monica

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The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a memorandum prepared by the City. A copy of this memorandum is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing section).

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HOUSING

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single parents are eligible for youth pregnant and parenting housing through LASHA's coordinated entry system. Young couples can apply for housing through the adult system, but rarely get off of the waitlist as priority is given to people with chronic illness or long-term housing instability.

SPY accepts single parents or family units for its inclusive housing program. According to Calix, the demand for this program was made clear by the over 100 young people actively engaging in pregnant and parenting services at SPY's access center.

"There was a need for specific housing resources that allowed single parents, pregnant parents or even couples who live together to find stability, and then be able to go off on their own and secure longer term housing," said Calix.

Over 75 percent of the young people SPY serves identify as BIPOC, and over 65 percent find themselves in unstable housing situations because of violence or conflict.

Many Nest program participants were either kicked out of their homes or are not receiving support from their families because of their early pregnancies. There's also another large portion who were facing housing instability prior to becoming pregnant. Standard youth shelters do not allow pregnant individuals to stay in their building, so these individuals have to find a pregnancy shelter or another housing solution.

Many pregnant and parenting youth end up living in cars, couchsurfing, or bouncing from shelter to shelter. This lack of stability often prevents them from being able to make long-term plans, provide for their children's or their own health needs, or become economically self-sufficient.

"We do intensive case management which includes a plan for ensuring their children are meeting their development milestones," said Calix. "We focus on increasing their income for sustainability and also financial literacy, so that they learn to budget their money and plan long-term for their own place."

So far the approach has been working. No residents have dropped out of the original Nest program and one participant has moved into her own apartment with her children and partner. New participants are currently moving into the second location and connecting with their case managers.

"It's great to have more youth engage in our program and really benefit from the stability of having a place to be safe and secure, and then also from the skill building, coaching and guidance that we provide," said Calix. "Seeing their growth and seeing them thrive throughout their time in the program is very exciting."

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COUNCIL

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road," said McCowan. "We've heard from residents for a while that it might be wise to take up a nepotism policy and we concluded in the ad hoc that this was the appropriate time."

Previously, in a July 19 meeting, Council directed staff to draft a ban on lobbyists serving on boards or commissions. This proposal was submitted by councilmembers Brock and Parra independent of the ad hoc committee.

If the proposed nepotism policy is approved at a later meeting, Himmelrich's husband Michael Soloff would have to step down from his position as Housing Commission Chair. Himmelrich recused herself from the policy discussion.

There was debate over whether this rule should take effect immediately or only apply to new appointments. Councilmember Brock was in favor of letting current commissioners' terms expire before the rule applied to them, while Davis and McCowan thought such an action would undermine the integrity of the rule.

"If we believe it's inappropriate for a close family member to serve on a board or commission, then we should enact that immediately," said Davis. "If we're going to say something, we do it, because otherwise we're making an exception and saying 'we believe this, but we don't believe it until next year.'"

Council ultimately voted unanimously to pass the motion as originally written, meaning the policy would apply immediately.

Councilmember de la Torre made efforts to clarify that this proposal was not forwarded in response to any wrongdoing or bias demonstrated by Soloff.

"I want to, for the record, state that Mr. Soloff was appointed before Councilwoman Himmelrich was elected," said de la Torre. "And I want to say that he has done an excellent job; I think that he's been an excellent commissioner for the City."

Council also passed the ad hoc committee's motions to look into term limits for chairs and council liaisons for commissions.

The term limit proposal would limit chair terms to two years maximum and would rotate by election. This policy was suggested to alleviate the burden of people being obligated to serve as chair.

Under the proposed council liaison policy, councilmembers would be able to serve as liaisons for two commissions per year.

"Your meeting attendance is not required, you will be serving more as an advisor," said McCowan, describing the role of liaisons. "Particularly during COVID staff restructuring, we believe this serves as a resource to commissioners and reduces strain on city staff, who are currently still at a reduced staffing capacity."

During the July 27 meeting, councilmembers also made appointments to fill highly priority vacancies on four commissions. For a second meeting in a row, council delayed the appointments to fill expired or vacant spots on 13 other boards, commissions, and task forces.

Council made the following appointments:

For a three year term on Disabilities Commission: Nasreen Asaria, Nanci Linke-Ellis, Matthew Susman

For a four year term on Disabilities Commission: Caron Block, Carolyn Charles, Evan Nicholas

For a four year term on Landmarks Commission: Gloria Garvin, Amy Green.

For a four year term on Planning Commission: Elisa Paster

For a three year term on Social Services Commission: Kay Ambriz, Ellen Sloan

For a four year term on Social Services Commission: Tamara Kagel, Brian Stedge-Stroud

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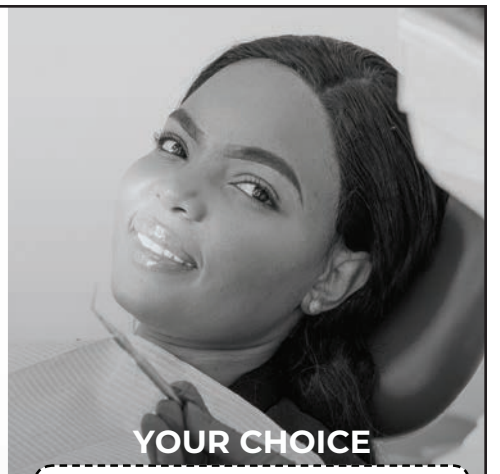
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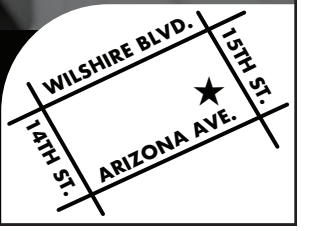
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Favorite Summer Memories



Terry and Greg Hargrave were at Denali National Park in Alaska with their daughter, Drew, and her financé Matt Hunter, who proposed on the exciting trip! Congratulations!



Our columnist Mike Margolin, his wife, Enjoli, and children, Alexa and Jake spent a lot of time this summer enjoying swimming in community pools.



Qin Stubis visited the Bodie Island Lighthouse in the Outer Banks in North Carolina.



Bill Powell, shown with wife, Carol, became the new Santa Monica Rotary Club President.



Outgoing Rotary president Lisa Alexander received gifts from her board members.



Spyros Dellaportas and Judy Neveau shared stories about their travels at the party.



The Rotary Club had its Dethroning Party overlooking the Pacific.

Photos by Iao Katagiri

Senior Snapshot

Thoughts on My Neighbor Jim Reidy

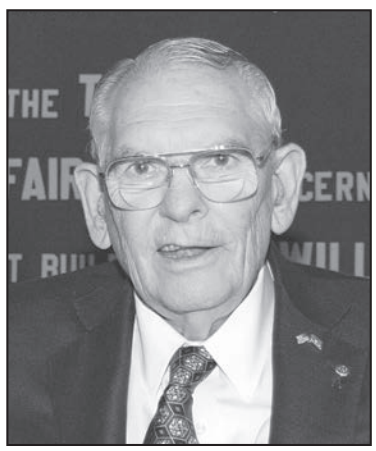
By Bill Buxton

I have been blessed to be back-door neighbors with Jim and Virginia Reidy for almost a quarter of a century. Jim was a wonderful neighbor in every sense of the word.

When I think of Jim, my first thought is of his huge grin that he always shared so eagerly with anyone he met. Behind that grin was his deep sense of kindness that made everyone feel welcomed. He took the time to connect with everyone he met and always watched out for the wellbeing of everyone in his life.

Even in his last few Zoom Rotary meetings, he made a point to greet everyone with good cheer and kindness as they joined the meeting. In Rotary, his commitment to the Family of Rotary was deep and dear to his heart, and his leadership in those efforts has been a big part of the bond that holds us together in friendship and belonging in Rotary. Jim lived the Four-Way test in everything he did in life, and perhaps the strongest of his many gifts he shared with the world around him was that Jim always built goodwill and better friendships!

Always with humility, he accomplished much in his life, including service in the U.S. Marines and many local boards and commissions, including the Coastal Commission and the Santa Monica City Council, serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Professionally, he was with IBM for 17 years, before becoming professor of computer science at Pierce College. His professional accomplishments were recognized by his alma mater, the University of Arizona, in their naming of the Dhaliwal-Reidy School of Accountancy.



Jim Reidy, a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica for over 50 years, passed away on June 24.

Photo by Iao Katagiri

As co-chair of our Family of Rotary Committee, Jim always made sure he checked in on any member who was sick or disabled for some reason or another. A card, a call, or flowers always came from the Club via Jim's thoughtfulness.

As a club, we will miss Jim, his kindness and his grin. We can all be thankful for his legacy that lives on in the entire club.

Big Talk: Skip the Small Talk and Make More Meaningful Connections

By Kalina Silverman

With the world reopening and unmasked faces reappearing around the neighborhood, there are now plenty of opportunities to catch up with old friends and also meet new people in the community. Some of us are more excited than ever.

However, many people have expressed anxiety at the idea of showing up to social gatherings and having to engage in uncomfortable small talk, i.e. "So when did you get vaccinated?" or "How was Covid for you?"

"Big Talk" is one way to help us avoid such conversations and strengthen our interpersonal interactions. Big Talk is a communication approach designed to help us skip the small talk to make more meaningful life connections instead. Through Big Talk, we can ask deeper questions of the people we encounter, such as:

"What are you curious about exploring lately? What do you struggle with in work? How might you find help with those things? What is your next great adventure? What do you wish more people knew about you?"

Big Talk is a simple idea that when applied can have monumental outcomes because it allows us to easily talk about what matters most in life. Big Talk has led to marriage proposals, the birth of a child, and the reunion of estranged family members.

So, how might one actually skip the small talk and "make Big Talk?" Here are some suggestions:

Ask questions that are universal, meaning anyone could answer them.

Ask some questions that avoid

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Planning Ahead

In Defense of Conservatorships



By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq.

Who hasn't been following the "Free Britney Movement?" Every day is another new development in the Conservatorship proceedings for Britney Spears. At the date this article is written, the Conservatorship of Britney Spears continues, and although the Judge has invited her to petition the Court to terminate the Conservatorship, it is interesting to me that she has not done so.

The Britney Spears Conservatorship is unusual because she is seemingly highly functional. The more usual case is an elderly person who has age-related loss of capacity, or sometimes a younger person who has lost capacity because of a catastrophic health event or accident. A conservator of the person may be appointed if a person is unable to provide for their personal needs for health, food, clothing, or shelter. A conservator of the estate may be appointed if a person is substantially unable to manage his/her financial resources, or to resist fraud or undue influence.

A conservatorship is initiated by petition to the Court accompanied by a required Capacity Declaration signed by a doctor. For every conservatorship petition filed, the Court appoints an attorney to represent the proposed conservatee from a panel of specially-trained lawyers. If the proposed conservatee instructs the attorney to fight against the conservatorship, the lawyer must do so, even in the case where it's clear a conservatorship is needed. The proposed conservatee must appear at the hearing for the conservatorship unless the doctor indicates the proposed conservatee is unable to attend. The proposed conservatee has the right to address the judge and to request a jury trial to determine if a conservatorship is needed.

After a conservator is appointed, the conservator is required to file with the Court, among other things: a "Care Plan," a notice if the conservatee has moved, a report of the conservatee's assets, and regular accountings. The accountings must report every penny spent by the conservator. Copies of accountings must be sent to the conservatee and anyone who files a request for a copy. A petition to terminate the conservatorship showing that the conservatorship is no longer required can be filed at any time by the conservatee and any relative or friend.

Conservatorships provide important protections. That said, all of this costs money, and with Court involvement, conservatorships are expensive. Conservatorships are public and intrusive. And, in most cases, conservatorships can be avoided through proper estate planning. With a trust, durable power of attorney, and an advance health care directive, there should always be someone with authority to handle your medical and finances if you become unable to do so for yourself, without resorting to a conservatorship.

We may never know the truth about the Britney Spears Conservatorship; her lawyer must maintain confidentiality. But, in defense of conservatorships, they serve an important purpose when necessary.

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California is Trying to Solve a Math Problem



By Tim Kussserow

What is happening with the math curriculum in California schools? The proposed Mathematics Curriculum Framework, www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/index.asp), which serves to guide math instruction in grades Kindergarten – 12th grade, includes new language and concepts that incorporate social justice and racial equity into a child's math class. While the intent behind these proposals is important, many educators question whether mathematics – traditionally regarded as a "neutral" subject – is a place to discuss anything other than actual math – as in number sense, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus.

For example, the state's proposed mathematics framework encourages K-12 math teachers to:

• Keep all students together in the same math class until the 11th grade because differentiated programs cause student "fragility" and "racial division" (Ch. 1, p. 15)

• "Reject ideas of natural gifts and talents" as it relates to students learning math and discourage placing more talented math students into advanced classes (Ch, 1, p. 8)

• Stop preparing students to take Algebra I in 8th grade, on par with high-performing foreign countries, a goal explicitly part of the 1999 and 2006 Math Frameworks (Ch. 9, p. 43)

• Include "trauma-informed pedagogy" (Ch. 2, p. 16) and insert "environmental and social justice issues" into the math curriculum (Ch. 1, p. 35)

• Develop students' "sociopolitical consciousness" beginning in Kindergarten (Ch. 2, p. 39)

• Reject the idea that math is a "neutral discipline" (Ch 2, p. 29)

• Promote a "justice-oriented perspective at any grade-level" and assign math schoolwork to solve "problems that result in social inequalities."

Math is a discipline whose language is universally accessible with good teaching. Parents are encouraged to review California's proposed mathematics framework in more detail and to reflect upon what exactly they desire their children to learn during math class.

For readers who wish to share their own opinion, the California Department of Education welcomes feedback regarding the proposed math framework via email (mathframework@cde.ca.gov).

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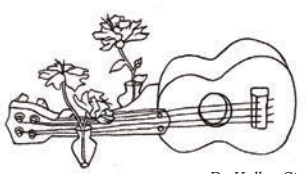
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soliciting facts or opinions, and instead elicit personal stories.

Practice active listening and ask follow-up questions to go deeper. (Some tools for making Big Talk include the Big Talk Question Card Game and the Big Talk Questions App.)

In the end, what matters most? Love, family, friends, fighting adversity, and pursuing dreams. Those are the tenets of life that we can all relate to. Hopefully, by asking the hard questions, the questions that get to the core of our humanity, we can feel more connected to each other, and also ourselves.

To learn more, visit www.make bigtalk.com, or download the "Big Talk Questions App" on the App Store or Google Play. Please say hello at bigtalkwithkalin@gmail.com.



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Clergy Corner

Post Pandemic Encounters (PPE)



By Rev. Carolyn Baskin-Bell

It is a relief for some to have the opportunity to move from the Zoom Room and engage in person with family and friends. Some of us are seeing people in person for the first time due to an initial introduction that happened in the Zoom Room, or another virtual encounter. Others are still facing a sense of isolation and uncomfortableness in regard to engaging in public gathering. In whatever state we discover ourselves, there are three motivating virtues that assist us to navigate our way through these times of transition. We hold fast to faith, hope, and love.

Our faith sustained us these last 17 months. Whether mustard seed or mountain moving trust, we persevered without wavering faith that our condition would change from social isolation to social engagement. The prayers of faith offered during this Season of Pandemics maintained us when we felt exhausted from logging on one Zoom call after another Zoom call.

Our hope assisted faith that this Season of COVID-19 would move from winter to spring. We discover our hope cultivating faith as we observe the option of hybrid gatherings. The choice of in-person or online participation gives some indication that our belief and trust that "this season will soon pass" is not in vain. Faith and hope join forces together to strengthen us.

Our mental and physical states move from less stress to believing brighter days are ahead as we spiritually soar to higher levels of confidence within ourselves.

Faith and hope operate together while love is the cylinder that surrounds them. We lift up our prayers with love of creator, ourselves, and humankind. Love extends a boost to our confidence that faith and hope are working.

As we return to church, school, family, and other in-person gatherings, allow love to encircle every encounter. We are taught love is kind, patient, perseveres, and never fails. Release into the atmosphere, faith, hope, and love to embrace us through these times of transition.

Rev. Carolyn Baskin-Bell is the Senior Pastor of First AME Church, Santa Monica. This year FAME Santa Monica is celebrating 100 years, from 1921-2021. Plans are being made for special events. We will keep you posted.

Update on the Kentwood Players

During the past year's shutdown, the Kentwood Players have been diligently working on significant repairs, renovations, and upgrades to their Westchester Playhouse. This work, along with new protocols, ensures the comfort, well-being, and safety of their patrons as they return to live indoor theater again.

Their latest Virtual Theater Series production, "Castles in the Zoom" will stream through Sunday, August 22. Jami Bartlett as Jordan and Shawn "Lefty" Plunkett as Avery are featured in this funny and touching account of two people who meet at a surprise birthday party on Zoom. The only problem is they are the only ones invited!

All productions on the Kentwood Players YouTube channel are presented free of charge. Call 310-645-5156 for more details.

Byte by Byte

Car Cruising: Computer-Style



By Dr. Miceala Shocklee

With the world slowly becoming a safer place to get out and about in again, transportation is once again rising to the surface as a factor in people's lives. While options with lower environmental impact like walking, cycling, and using local public transportation or ridesharing apps are preferable, some situations may necessitate a longer term personal or family vehicle. The pros, cons, and relative availability of new vs. used cars are questions all their own with a constant rotation of answers, but for the purposes of this article, we'll take a look at the tools out there to help those perusing the used car market.

1. Local dealership websites - Possibly the most traditional option, dealership websites provide a chance to check out inventory before having to show up on the lot and engage in a sales pitch rigamarole. Dealerships' used inventories usually feature models under the major brand and may include car makes outside the brand as well. Checking out used inventories before visiting on-site allows extra time for scoping out the specs of the vehicle of interest and comparing it to similar vehicles listed in other inventories across the country.

2. Carvana and Carmax - While routing through used car inventories nationwide can be quite the chore, sites like Carvana and Carmax save some of that work by compiling listings from all over the country. Similar to a certified pre-owned car from a dealership, cars sold through Carvana and Carmax must all pass 100+ point inspections before being offered for sale. Inventories can be searched by make, model, year, fuel type, transmission style, and more. Whereas Carmax has lots that customers can visit prior to purchase, Carvana's car-storage sites aren't for client walk- (or drive-) through. Its website, however, does provide 360-degree virtual tours of the vehicle with photos and notated flags of any cosmetic damage present. Carvana also has a seven-day money-back return option, though. Whereas negotiation on car price is often a part of dealership purchases, Carvana shopping occurs entirely online, with no agent to negotiate with on prices. Carvana does, however, offer pre-approval for financing and will work with many banks' financing set-ups as well.

3. Kelly Blue Book - How fair is a vehicle's price? The Kelly Blue Book website provides a wealth of information on how to figure out where a used car falls in terms of value. The site hosts expert-written reviews detailing the highlights, drawbacks, comparison points, and overall user impression of any year, make, and model of a car. The site also provides reviews from customers who have purchased that kind of vehicle.

4. Carfax - Whether buying a used car online or in-person, Carfax is a powerful tool. Carvana, Carmax, and many dealership websites list the Carfax report for a car, and should do so for free. A Carfax history provides a breakdown of a car's sales, maintenance, damage, and more. However, it may not always detail any loans or liens on the car. Still, a Carfax history can help settle on a more specific value for a car and help determine the level of risk associated with a particular vehicle.

When in doubt, the web at large hosts an overwhelming number of resources for surveying the used

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Reflections From The East

Gettyburg Revisited This Summer



By Qin Sun Stubis

I first heard of Gettysburg in the spring of 1980 while I was a student majoring in English literature at the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Languages in China. I stumbled upon Lincoln's historic speech in a dusty old library book, a single, lonely page amidst many other much lengthier famous writings.

But, its 272 soulful and compassionate words captured my imagination and moved me to tears. From that moment on, Abraham Lincoln became the man I most admired in the world, and Gettysburg began to hold a special place in my heart.

At the time, I did not know anything about the American Civil War, but Lincoln's three-minute speech had cut across time and space, and wrapped me in the emotion of a grieving man and the wisdom of a great leader. His mournfulness for the lives lost touched my heart.

I felt that I was being spoken to directly when reading the Gettysburg Address, and I realized that it was not just a precious literary treasure, but a timeless inspiration. I copied it down carefully and kept it under my pillow so I could read it every night before I went to sleep.

It was the spirit of Gettysburg that eventually guided me to America and made me an American citizen. And, when I visited the Lincoln Memorial for the first time, I stood in front of his statue and recited his speech back to him.

In 2009, with my family by my side, I finally fulfilled my dream of visiting Gettysburg, where 6,000 acres of expansive battlefield are decorated with more than 1,300 monuments to commemorate the thousands of lives lost over three days in the bloodiest battle on American soil.

I was awed by its magnificent natural beauty and the calmness emitted from its vast green fields and gentle rolling hills. I envisioned the battle, its 160,000 brave soldiers, the injured or mortally wounded and their horses, cannons, swords and bayonets....

I could hear haunting screams and desperate cries. I could see distorted young faces in agony before they succumbed to their injuries, making this battleground their eternal home. Fatefully, this battle happened to conclude on the eve of Independence Day, with so many giving their lives so America could continue to stand as one country.

This summer, as our own battles against a historic pandemic come to a close, we can finally travel again. My husband and I decided to revisit Gettysburg to pay tribute to all the men and women who fought to preserve this country.

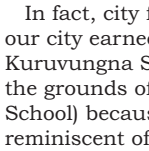
As we walked through the Peach Orchard, the Wheatfield, Seminary Ridge, Cemetery Ridge and Devil's Den, I thought to myself: Gettysburg may be a small town in Pennsylvania, but it will always harbor the soul of America, for it is testimony to the strength of our union.

Gettysburg stands to remind each and every American of our duty to forever preserve the liberty, equality, and unity for which so many here lost their lives. Today, to give our full measure of devotion may mean rising above that which divides us and acting together as one country for the common good of all. It is something that we can do now, in our own time, to be worthy of the history, sacrifice and, above all, promise of this great nation.

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Saint Monica – An Example for All Mothers



By Cheryl Thobe

This month, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Monica, patron saint of mothers and wives and the patroness of our wonderful city.

In fact, city folklore claims that our city earned its name from the Kuruvungna Springs (located on the grounds of University High School) because the springs were reminiscent of the tears Saint Monica shed over her son.

An African Christian, Saint Monica (c. 332 – 387) is remembered and honored for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son. She was a persevering mother whose prayers, patience, and good example at last obtained the conversion of her wayward son, the great St. Augustine.

Mothers can relate to Saint Monica's concerns and prayers for her son. As a mom, you want the world for your children and want to help guide them on their path through life. However, as most mothers understand, while you do everything in your power to care for, teach, protect, and nurture your children; they are individuals with their own cares, desires, and thoughts.

Similarly to Saint Monica's trials with her son, Augustine, your children may try your patience, choose paths that you do not approve of, or make you question whether or not you are a good mother. However, Saint Monica provides proof of how God can be a strength in times of darkness and the reason to rejoice in times of joy. Personally, I find Saint Monica to be a needed role model. Motherhood has never been easy. We are constantly wondering if we are doing the right things for our children: are we providing enough, teaching enough, leading enough, encouraging enough, loving enough?

Mothers, Saint Monica's own struggles and perseverance provides us solace and consolation. Like our city's patroness, the mere fact we are actively trying, struggling, and praying for our kids, makes us all GREAT moms. So, keep it up and let's celebrate Saint Monica on her feast day, August 27!

If you or someone you know is a mother who would like to share with and grow her own village, please visit our website at the link below and register to be a Mother of Monica. https://stmonica.net/ministries/fellowship-groups/moms.

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car market. Youtube, Reddit, general Google searches - for every car research need, there's a tool out there to meet it.

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