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Pico Improvement Org presents Pico Pop Up







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PICO: The Pico Improvement Organization is looking to celebrate the resilience of Pico boulevard merchants in a colorful space filled with photography, graffiti art, mural maps, surprise gifts, and other fantastic prizes.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to recognize the many local merchants who are adapting and thriving during the pandemic, the Pico Improvement Org has created the "Pico Pop Up," a first of its kind storefront that aims to assist residents, businesses and anybody else who happens into its colorful polka-dotted doors.

Located at 2802 Pico Boulevard, from now through Sept. 30, the storefront includes playful photography of Pico merchants, graffiti art by local artists, a Pico Mural Walking Tour Map, free gifts, and the opportunity to enter the Celebrate Pico prize giveaway, according to Merchant

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City prepares for predicted rise in homelessness

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica and local homeless service provider The People Concern are bracing for a predicted rise in homelessness as the City's eviction moratorium is set to expire next month. In response, the City has dedicated funds for its Rental Relief Program and is continuing its partnership with the People Concern to provide a wide range of homeless intervention and housing services.

"I think homelessness is going to increase across the county generally and that includes in Santa Monica. We have a moratorium on evictions and on rent payments, but at some point those are going to be lifted," said John Maceri, CEO of The People Concern. "A lot of people are unemployed right now, at some point there is going to be an adjustment. I think at that point we are going to see more people who have not historically been homeless losing their housing."

While moratoriums are scheduled to expire next month, this does not mean local residents will be kicked to the curb come September 30. Residents have 12 months after the moratorium

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Local lawyer remembers Stormy Daniels trial

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

A California court recently ordered President Donald Trump to pay $44,100 in attorney fees to porn actress Stormy Daniels to pay for her legal battle to cancel a hush money deal brokered to keep her quiet about their sexual relationship a decade ago.

The order in Superior Court in Los Angeles determined Daniels won her lawsuit against Trump over the agreement that was signed 11 days before the 2016 presidential election. As a part of that deal, the losing party would pay the lawyers fees.

Santa Monica trial lawyer David Olan said he won't recoup the fees Daniels won in the recent suit but

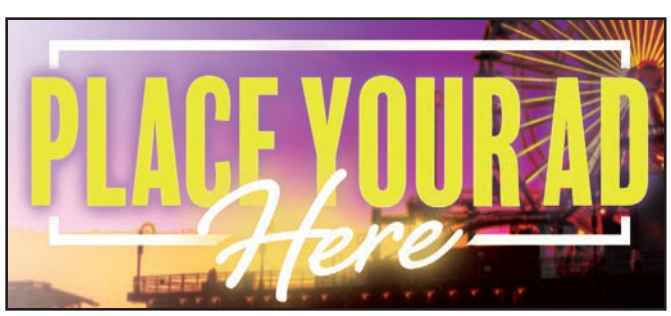
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COURT: Santa Monica lawyer David Olan poses with Stormy Daniels

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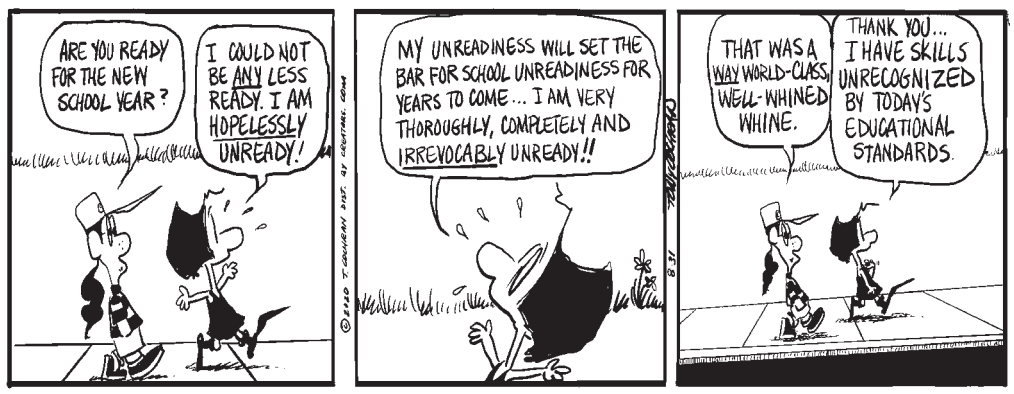
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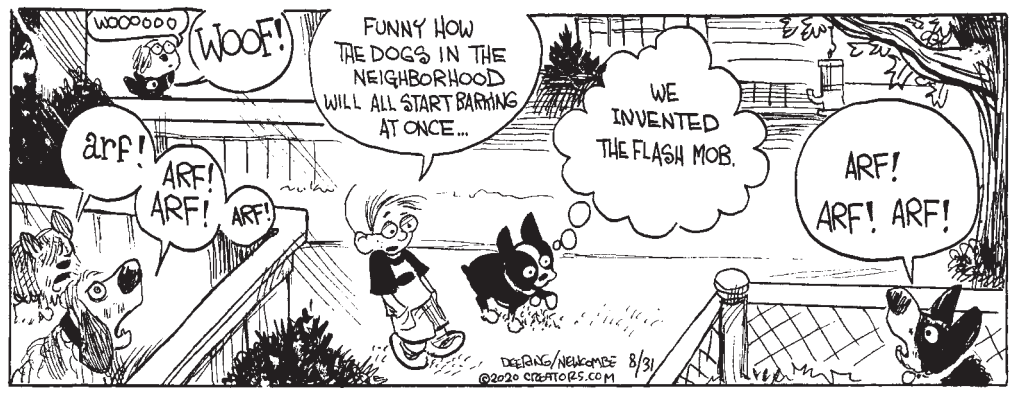
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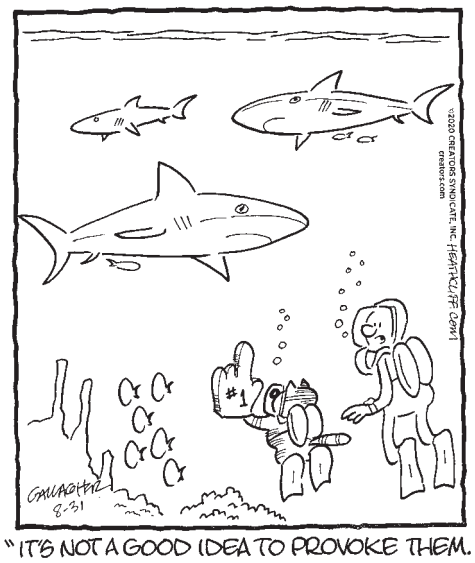
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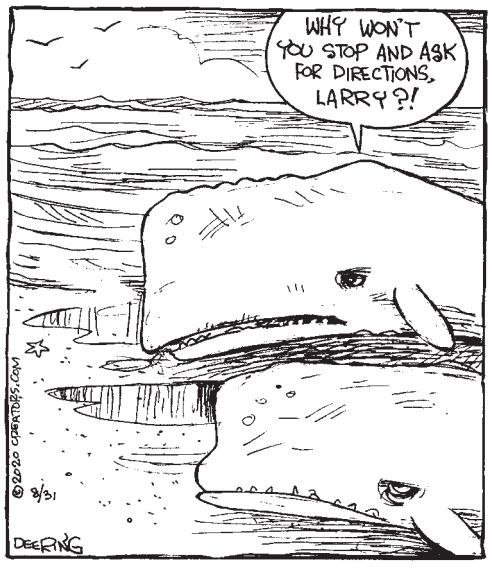
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HOMELESSNESS

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expires to pay back owed rents. However, with no vaccine on the horizon, a stagnant economy, and decreasing unemployment benefits, many tenants are hesitant to remain in housing they can no longer afford knowing they will eventually be liable for paying their debt.

"As a local community we know this is an issue and something we want to get ahead on and that's why when the council adopted the next fiscal year's budget they put in place the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, to help people whose housing becomes vulnerable as a result of COVID-19," said Constance Farrell, the City's Public Information Officer. "We want to take proactive approaches to make sure our residents don't lose their housing."

Once the moratorium expires, the City's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will kick in and provide eligible applicants with up to three months of rental assistance totaling a maximum of $5000. The goal of the program is help people stay in their homes after the moratorium is lifted without accruing additional debt.

The application window for Santa Monica's program has closed but today is the last day residents can apply for the L.A. County Rent Relief Program. Renters at 30% of the median income can receive up to $10,000 and renters at 50% of the median income can receive up to $7,500. Relief from Santa Monica and the County cannot be applied to rent in the same months, although residents can receive funds from both programs and apply them to separate months.

While Santa Monica has a strong record of homeless services, it is not immune to general trends of increased homelessness seen across LA, and is working with The People Concern to adapt its homeless services in response to the pandemic.

"We are providing all of the same kinds of services, but we have had to decompress the number of people in our interim housing sites to comply with the public health orders," said Maceri. Some of these adaptations include, "social distancing, reconfiguring the use of common space, staggering meals in shifts, a lot more infection control procedures, and asking residents to monitor their activities in terms of coming and going to minimize community spread."

For more information on Santa Monica's homeless services see https://www.weare.santamonica.gov/addressing-homelessness

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PICO POP UP

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Engagement Director Dana Moorehead, who described how the pop-up came about in an interview Friday.

"We felt like we could make a space that tries to convey the energy that you're out there feeling on the street because it's been so difficult with the pandemic. But so many of our merchants have pivoted to survive and a lot of them are doing really well," Moorehead said. "So, this is here so we can share the energy and excitement that's happening around our streets. Because, despite everything that's going on, we're here to build community."

When locals enter the store, it's hard not to notice the bright colors and fun decorations that adorn the walls of the storefront, but that's only part of the fun to be had down on Pico, according to Moorehead, who said there are tote bags and other goodies available to those who come down to visit.

"Just yesterday, we had these two young women come in and say they love Pico so much and they're so happy to see something like this happening supporting the community. And now they want to volunteer for our holiday events, which is just what we want," Moorehead added. "We actually just dropped 7,000 flyers into the neighborhood (Thursday) morning too so everybody knows what's available to them in our area."

The flyers include every business who was recently featured in the Santa Monica Daily Press' Most Loved magazine, "and then on the front, there's a fantastic prize list of items that are available to those who head to PicoPassport.com and submit their email," Moorehead said, mentioning visitors can win Celebrate Pico prizes and gift certificates from Pico Boulevard's favorite restaurants, shops and services.

"As we celebrate our diverse merchants in our Pico District, from Centinela all the way down to the beach," said Sharon Town Lee, Chair of the Pico Improvement Org, "we are delighted to offer neighbors and visitors of all ages the opportunity to immerse themselves in this fantastic space and offer mural maps and fun, free gifts."

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

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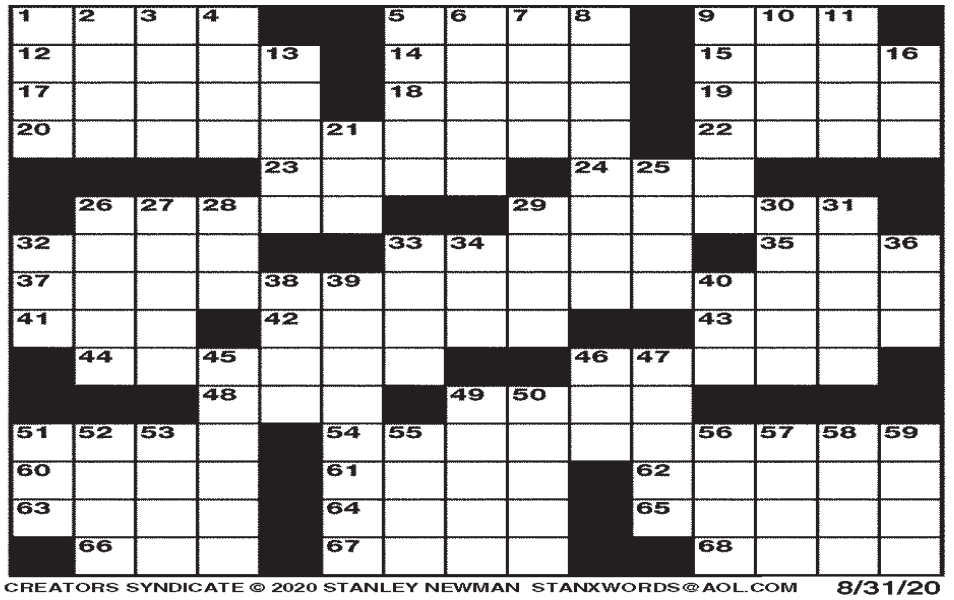
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Crunchy layered sandwiches, for short
5 Campus housing
9 Swiss peak
12 Was furious
14 Notion
15 Long African river
17 Poet Dickinson or Post of etiquette
18 Large disk in a pagoda
19 Joint above a shin
20 Device to cook gridlike batter
22 Lose air, as a tire
23 Crawling colony insects
24 Metal that's mined
26 Guy with golden hair
29 Not as far
32 Hawaiian feast
33 Personal characteristic
35 Ending for spoon or hope
37 Device to make strong coffee
41 ___ Moines, IA
42 Capital of Japan
43 Female singing voice
44 Four-door cars
46 Jobs for detectives
48 Flavor enhancer initials
49 Reach across, as a bridge
51 Artist Salvador ___
54 Device to fry pork strips
60 Teheran's country
61 Nest egg accounts: Abbr.
62 Fix, as a loose shoelace
63 List of meal choices
64 Make furious
65 Long (for)
66 Commercials and billboards
67 Father's Day honorees
68 Without air, as a tire

DOWN
1 Make beer or tea
2 The Dalai ___
3 Workweek-ending shout
4 Egotist's top priority
5 Two-___ number (11 or 99)
6 Aromas
7 Nevada casino city
8 Majestic southern tree
9 Lower-leg joints
10 Row of people waiting
11 Urgent request
13 Bob who wrote "Blowin' in the Wind"
16 "A mouse!"
21 Conclusion
25 College military program: Abbr.
26 Vehicles for school kids
27 Run out, as a subscription
28 Belonging to us
29 Garb meant to disguise, for short
30 Submit tax returns online
31 Smallest pups in a litter
32 Was first on a trail
33 Clicking sounds of disapproval
34 Pop singer Orbison
36 Lion zodiac sign
38 Incoming flight stats: Abbr.
39 Canary or robin
40 Possesses
45 Near-failing grade
46 Is able to
47 Furious
49 Burn with hot water
50 Sits for a photo
51 Poorly lit
52 Neighborhood
53 Conclude a plane flight
55 Opera solo
56 Lagoon's coral structure
57 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
58 Former Italian money
59 Gave temporarily



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Petition of Nazik Khachatryan for Change of Name
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Petition of Natalie Victoria Oniszt for Change of Name
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he remembers representing Daniels a couple of times in recent years.

Most days, Olan can be found in the ocean catching a wave but thanks to his good friend and well-known Oklahoma lawyer, Clark Brewster, Olan said he found himself in California courts fighting to void Daniel's agreement with the president.

"We've done cases with a lot of celebrities in the past," Olan said, stating he won't share names since he's not looking to brag, "but I've been a part of some big depositions."

Olan has also consistently been recognized for many years as one of the top Super Lawyers in Southern California," which is a decision made by peers to decide who's the best of the best," he said. "But what means the most to me is my belief in a higher ethical standard."

Olan said he learned to appreciate morality and the value of ideals from his father, who was a "pioneer" before he passed away in 2011. "So even though we handle these large names from time to time, I like to think of us as a community," Olan said. "We know our clients and we always provide quality representation."

"I believe in just taking the high road and doing the right thing," Olan added, which is why the Daniels case was a joy to work on.

"It was exciting representing Stormy because she has a really robust personality and she's a really, really good person," Olan said. "And that's the thing to being a lawyer — there's nothing better than having a client that you really believe in. And to witness them win a case, one that you helped them on, that is is probably the best feeling in the world."

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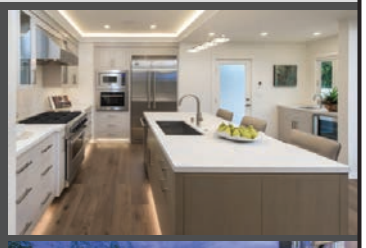
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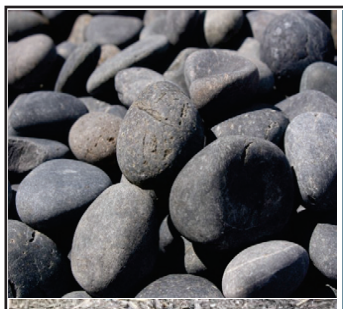


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Saluting Longtime Family-Owned Businesses

Local Painting Business Marking Its 83rd Year

By John Lehne

Growing up during the depression of the 1930s was a trying time, but as a lad of six years old in 1937, it seemed like just another adult problem.

So, when our family of three moved from the East Coast and landed in Santa Monica in 1937, I thought we had traveled to a foreign land. It was beautiful and fun, but short on work for my dad's business.

My father, John Lehne, Sr., had brought his house painting business with us to Santa Monica, hoping things would be better here in California. In some ways, it was. Despite economic troubles, people were still painting their homes, and somehow we survived.



Here's John F. Lehne, Sr. with his last painting truck in the 1960s.

Then came WWII, and how life changed. Paint was hard to come by, and people were not as interested as much in home improvement. So, my dad took whatever job was available to make a living for me and mom.

Peace finally came, the war ended, and the world, including Santa Monica, started spending again, and dad's first painting jobs started to come in.

Thankfully, it hasn't stopped for the last 83 years. That's right, you read that right, we are still very much in the painting business. After having taken over the business from my dad (and now 89 years young!), I am retired and watching my son run the company.

Our son Steve is now in charge of Lehne & Son Painting Contractors. That's three generations in the U.S. of Lehnes managing the business. The actual 'first generation' was my grandfather Gustav Lehne (my dad's father) who started the business in Northern Germany back in the early 1900s.

Total score of generations in the business: Gustav, John Sr., John Jr., Steve, and now (hold on to your hats), Steve's son Kaden. He is in his last year at

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Marcus Feder invites you to his new 30,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Van Nuys. It is three times the size of the one he had in Santa Monica. He moved because the property had been sold. *Photo by Max Margolin*

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Do You Have the Coronavirus Blues?

By Dr. Sheila Forman

Because of COVID-19 and our desire to do our part to lessen its spread, we have all been stuck at home for months. Spring morphed into summer with barely a notice.

We haven't been able to enjoy the summertime like we wanted to. Picnics were limited in size and scope. Hanging out by the ocean with a mask wasn't a day at the beach! Camps were held online rather than in a park. And, summer vacations were put on hold.

Now as the days of summer come to an end, we are looking towards fall with little hope for fun-filled afternoons at a baseball game or a tailgate party before our favorite team hits the field.

The #InItTogether could very well apply to our moods. Because of the stay-at-home orders and other restrictions, you may feel down, bored, frustrated and irritable from time to time. We all do. So, what can we do to keep our "had enough of this coronavirus" bad moods from ruining our days and the days of everyone around us? Here are five mood-saving tips that can help.

1. Catch the thought. Bad moods are often provoked by some thought that pops into our heads unexpectedly. For example, you look at your calendar and see that you have yet another ZOOM office meeting today. Recognize the thought, challenge it, and reframe it into something more positive. For example, at least you have a job!

2. Take a Time Out. To shift your mood, take a break. Hang out in the shower and let the warm water wash your mood away. Or, simply sit down for a moment and breathe!

3. Gain Perspective. Compare what is causing your moodiness to something else so you can see how small it really is. Sure, it's a hassle to go to the supermarket in a mask, but think about the folks who have to line up at a food bank for supplies.

4. Let the Love In. Remember how much you are loved. Let that love fill you up. How about setting up Facetime calls with friends and families, or playing word games on ZOOM with your neighbors?

5. Be Grateful. Research on gratitude tells us that being grateful can affect one's mood in a positive way. So, the next time you are feeling down, find three things to be grateful about and see if thinking about them improves your mood.

Dr. Sheila Forman is a clinical psychologist in Santa Monica who is available online or by phone to help you with your "coronavirus blues." Go to www.DrSheilaForman.com.

Santa Monica Public Library Launches New Curbside Service

The Santa Monica Public Library's new contactless checkout/pickup service began last month at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. To participate, start by requesting items (including books, DVDs, audiobooks, and music CDs) through the Library's catalog at smpl.org, or over the phone by calling 310-458-8600, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Patrons with items currently on hold will be notified of availability for pickup. You will receive an email, text, or voicemail when your items are ready for pickup.

Then, schedule an appointment online, or call us at 310-458-8600. Pickup appointments are available Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. More details on this new service are available at smpl.org/curbside.

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Don't Let Emotional Investing Cloud Your Decisions



By Carolyn Hemann, CFP

It's important to maintain a level head in times of market turbulence. But, that is often easier said than done, especially in the heat of market volatility. Even with the best intentions, investors can be challenged by their own bias and emotions when it comes to making investment decisions.

Emotional investing may be amplified during periods of market stress. But, by understanding your emotions and biases, you can better avoid common pitfalls and keep yourself on track with your investment goals. Common investment biases fall into four major categories: Overconfidence, Aversion to Loss, Anchoring, and Pattern-seeking Behavior.

• **Overconfidence**: Overconfidence implies that investors tend to overestimate their ability to generate a return and underestimate the risk associated with a particular investment. For example, imagine you are an investor who has recently had success picking winning shares. You may conclude that the success is due solely to your investment skill. That may be the case, but it's also possible the results were due to market forces outside of your control. The problem is that in either case, recent success may encourage you to take greater risks. While this could lead to greater profits, it's just as likely to result in greater losses.

Herding mentality, which is the tendency for investors to follow and copy what other investors are doing, also tends to distort near-term risks in up markets. Thus, investors can mistakenly discount the volatility and chance for loss as they seek to chase higher returns. Investors are best served by following objective information and building in an expectation that stocks do not move in a straight line.

• **Aversion to loss**: Aversion to loss is innate. It is said that one feels the pain of a loss twice as strongly as the joy of a gain. In an attempt to minimize the pain associated with an investment loss, investors may be more prone to take action that can lead to the derailment of their long-term investment success. In market drawdowns, investors can be quick to react, selling stocks, and over-allocating to bonds or cash to avoid further losses and protect their nest eggs. Many investors sold down their stock funds in favor of bond funds and cash during the 2008/2009 financial crisis. Unfortunately, some of these investors missed out on the subsequent rallies that eventually took place and helped propel stocks to new highs.

While it is tempting to move to the sidelines during times of market stress, investors may want to avoid over-allocating to cash and avoid locking in investment losses that they would not otherwise incorporate into their regular portfolio management activity. Importantly, if people maintain a well-diversified investment mix and own high-quality stocks and bonds, you should be able to stomach near-term investment losses and ride out the eventual market cycles that come and go with time.

• **Anchoring**: Anchoring implies that investors tend to rely too heavily on specific information or lean on recent circumstances to make decisions. Our minds can "anchor" to information, and it's used as a reference point moving forward, regardless of relevancy. For example, investors may hang on to poor investments by waiting for them to break even at the price at which it was purchased. If you're trying to decide whether to sell or hold a stock, are you basing your decision on what you know about the company and the state of the market, or are you basing your target price on the purchase price or other measures that may be less relevant to the stock's future course?

To help combat such biases, it's important that investors accept that market circumstances routinely change, and sometimes suddenly. Therefore, your outlook may need to change accordingly. Investors can adjust to new market developments by seeking objective information, leaning on a financial advisor for sound advice, and setting realistic assumptions for potential returns.

• **Pattern-seeking behavior:** Pattern-seeking behavior describes our brain's desire to seek out ways to compartmentalize the flow of information and find patterns that help us make sense of the world quickly. Since our brain is hardwired to do this, investors can mistakenly believe they see patterns in market trends that prove false. Since the future can be unpredictable at times, and patterns are not always

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Planning Ahead

Property Taxes on the Ballot

By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq

Planning to preserve low property taxes can be an important aspect of Estate Planning. Proposition 19 on the ballot this November would significantly impact property tax planning.

Under California law, property taxes are reassessed whenever there is a change in ownership. This applies not only to the new owner when a property is sold, but also to property received as a gift or inheritance. There are limited exceptions, including a transfer between spouses such as in the event of divorce, or from a deceased spouse to a surviving spouse. An important exception in Estate Planning is the exclusion from property tax reassessment for transfers between a parent and child, known as the "Parent-Child Exclusion."

With the Parent-Child Exclusion, a parent can transfer his/her home (by sale, gift, or inheritance) to a child without the property being reassessed. The child will continue to pay the same presumably low property taxes as the parent was paying. Preserving these low property taxes may make the difference between the child's ability to afford keeping the family home or having to sell it. In addition to the home, the Parent-Child Exclusion applies to the transfer of other real property of up to $1,000,000 of assessed value. Note this is assessed value, not market value. You can find a property's assessed value by looking at the most recent property tax bill.

If Proposition 19 passes, the transfer of any real property other than the home would no longer be excluded. And, the Parent-Child Exclusion for transfer of the home would be capped at $1,000,000 market value and require that the child make the home his/her principal residence, i.e., the property could not be held as a rental or second home.

Whether or not Proposition 19 becomes law, the Parent-Child Exclusion gets complicated in case of inheritance when there are multiple children, one child wants to receive a particular property, and there are not enough other assets of the parent's estate to make equal distributions to the other children. Anyone in this situation should get proper legal advice.

Lisa C. Alexander, Esq. can be reached at 310-656-4310.

One Heart - One Love

Dear Sunshine:
I'm so annoyed. I see friends and family out there having parties and going to the beach like this virus does not exist. How are we ever going to live a normal life if people are not following the rules? I get tired of being bored in the house, too, but I don't want to die. How do we get more people to take this pandemic seriously?
Sincerely,
Had Enough

Dear Had Enough,
Millions of people feel the way you do. Unfortunately, they will not take it serious until something affects them directly. You have to make sure you are accountable for yourself, and that's it.

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Passing Through the Pico Neighborhood

Dairy-Free Living with Chef Jahrid

Our Chef Jahrid Longsworth, a resident of the Pico neighborhood and a middle school student, has been visiting his brother who lives in the South this summer. He saw cornbread served everywhere, but he couldn't try it. So he created his dairy-free loaf.

Dairy-free Cornbread

Ingredients
1-1/4 cups all purpose flour
1 cup yellow corn meal
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1-1/4 cup unsweetened almond milk
1/3 cup canola oil

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F and lightly grease an 8" x 8" pan, or a 9" round cake pan.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, cornmeal, sugar, salt, and baking powder and stir.

Now, pour in the almond milk and canola oil. Stir until well combined.

Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.



Jahrid is pouring the cornbread batter into the baking pan, .



Jahrid is shown with his piping hot cornbread. He said it was so good, he ate almost the whole loaf.

Teen Scene

Remembering Someone So Special

By Julia Abbott

Recently, I've lost someone very close to me. Especially now, more and more people are dealing with loss. It can be hard to find light in these dark times, where every week seems to bring more bad news.

However, the person I lost was a true proponent of choosing happiness. She had an incredibly difficult life, for reasons outside her control. But, she was always happy. No matter what life threw at her, she was a person filled with happiness so strong, it overflowed into those around her.

Objectively, she should have been upset at the hand she had been dealt. But, she never was. She found happiness in the squirrels outside her window, swimming in the lake, and the people she loved. She chose to be happy, even when the world tried to force her to wallow in grief.

She taught me that at the end of the day, happiness isn't objective. There is no amount of money, no position in life that gives true, objective happiness. Nothing will make you happy until you choose to be happy.

Happiness is a choice that we make everyday, not a result. I loved the person I lost, I truly did. She was happy, even when life threw its worst at her. All my memories of her have her smiling from ear to ear, no matter what the occasion. She will always be my inspiration to choose happiness. Perhaps yours will come in the Autumn leaves, the bright blue sky, or someone you love. Wherever you can, choose happiness and let that happiness spread into the world around you. I believe in you!

Julia is a local high school student.

One Heart - One Love
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Tips on E-mail Etiquette



By Mark Presky

I was going to continue my series of columns on Selling Online, but a number of requests/situations have persuaded me to write this column about email practices. I do plan to continue writing about Selling Online in my next column.

Subject Lines: People often reply, over and over, to a former message rather than starting a new message with a new subject line.

This can be frustrating for the recipient (and perhaps the sender) who may wish to later reference, or find a certain message among many that have the same subject line. It takes little effort to start a new composition window.

If the recipient's address isn't in the sender's Contact file, it is generally easy to add it to your Contacts file for future use.

Unfortunately, each email client (e.g. Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.) is different, so one may have to search for the correct method to import a new address from an existing email message, or look it up via Google.com.

Once learned, write the method down for importing addresses for future reference, unless one has a good memory. In fact, a great idea might be to create a new document to include methods for doing computer-related tasks like this.

While we're on the subject of subject lines, here's another suggestion: To help the recipient, who probably receives "mountains" of email messages each day, including a lot of spam, and may miss seeing your message, and to increase the chances that your message will be read, include your name and/or organization in the subject line.

Other good email practices: Your writing sends an impression of you. Sloppy writing creates a poor impression. You are not there when the message is read to dress well, to put on makeup, to smile, to shake hands, or to otherwise neutralize a poor impression that your writing might create.

Re-read your message before hitting the 'Send' button. Did you forget to include something you wanted to say? Were you verbose – can your message be said more efficiently? Did you use spell check? Every email client has it.

Most of the time, a misspelled word or incorrect punctuation mark is noted by a squiggly line below a possible word or phrase error. All one has to do is to click on it with the curser using the mouse key on the right side of the mouse. If you are using a laptop with a built in mouse pad, there will be a key or button for one to do this. A pop-up window with options for potential correction, or no correction, will be provided.

I hope that this information helps your email messages create better impressions.

Mark is a Los Angeles Computer Society Board Member. The August 11-7:30 p.m. Zoom general meeting presentation, open to visitors, is best seen on Smartphone Apps. For Zoom info, call 310-398-0366.

Local Family-Owned Painting Business
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Arizona State University, and is also working summers at the office and in the field. When I asked him what he wanted to do after college he said, "Grandpa, I'm going into business with dad (Steve)." Kaden will be our fifth generation of Lehne & Son Painting Contractors.

The majority of our employees have been with us an average of 20 years. Our superintendent, Luis, has been with us 37 years. He is now in charge of estimating and the daily running of the operation.

When I first came full time with my dad in 1960, he told me to always treat your employees like family – it results in loyalty, production, and quality. And it's still that way today. So, if we can ever be of help with your painting needs, please call us at 310-280-0597.



John Lehne Sr., John Lehne, Jr., and Steve Lehne, who now runs the business.



Left, John H. Lehne, John F. Lehne, and their crew at a job site in Marina Del Rey (1970s).

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Reflections From The East

The Call of the Watermelon



By Qin Sun Stubis

When I go grocery shopping every summer, I always gravitate toward the giant bins full of those green, basketball-sized fruits Americans call watermelons. To me, this particular example of nature's bounty reflects what summer is all about.

Through years of practice, I've learned how to quickly pick out what I deem to be "the best in the bin." First, I search for the one with darker and straighter lines on the rind and then check the freshness of the stems before I set my eyes on a potential winner. With the knuckles of my index and middle fingers, I give it the sound test. If I hear a distinctive, hollow "pop, pop," I know that I've found my prize. It will then be placed in my shopping cart.

To many of my readers, watermelon may be an ordinary summer fruit. But to me, it has the extraordinary ability to trigger some of the sweetest memories of my childhood. Life was hard in the 1960s in Shanghai, China. My parents often didn't have enough to provide us four little girls with three meals a day, let alone buy us treats. But, when summer arrived, we could always count on cheap, plentiful watermelons to bring us a lot of pleasure and excitement.

It felt like a celebration every time when a rusty old truck unloaded a mountain of watermelons at a designated street corner in our neighborhood. A man rang his bell as loudly as he could as he raced with his bicycle through our lane, yelling: "Xi Gua! Xi Gua!" Residents soon poured out of every door toward that green mountain, eager to get the first and best of them.

My parents often brought us kids along with some bamboo baskets to haul our loot home. We skipped happily alongside other giggling children and their chatty parents, stood patiently in a long line, and waited for our turn to pick out our family's share.

I still remember how heavy my basket felt even though my father always placed a very small fruit in it. My older sister and I took turns in carrying it. My younger sister often helped as well. We often struggled to get it home while our father walked proudly ahead of us with a giant melon on one shoulder, and his other arm holding a big basket full of oddly shaped little ones. We couldn't wait to sink our teeth into a slice of sweet, juicy heaven that made our long, sweaty summer so fun and exciting.

In those days, there were a wide variety of watermelons, some long and lanky, and others oval or round. They came in all sizes, as well, with some as big as an iron wok and others so small it was as if two rice bowls had been fused together. The inside of a melon would always remain a mystery until it was opened, ranging from a deep red to a soft pink to a bright yellow. Once we were awed to discover a half-yellow and half-pink miracle.

As a child, opening a melon meant discovering all the secrets it held within its rind, from its color to its taste. Watermelons were not always sugary-sweet like they are now. They all had a varied degree of sweetness and sourness, which could only be discovered once they were cracked open and tasted. Because of their mystery and variety, I was obsessed with my watermelons.

So many years have now passed. And yet the watermelon still holds that magic power over me, luring me down the memory lane every time I taste it, retrieving those idyllic moments that happened so long ago, and which would otherwise have been lost in the passing of time. Bite into one and see what I mean.

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present, investors may want to incorporate the following:

- Establish realistic expectations for your portfolio, both from a return and risk perspective.
- Expect markets to move in unpredictable ways, particularly during periods of market stress.
- While the near-term is unpredictable, generally, stocks move up and to the right over the long-term.
- Society is aging, and growth is slower. That means the patterns of the past may be harder to apply to the future, or possibly, not relevant.

Truly understanding your risk tolerance and your threshold for loss can go a long way in helping you maintain a level head during times of market stress.

If you suspect your personal investing bias and emotions are interfering with your investment decisions, defer to the experts. Ask a financial professional to conduct an objective review of your portfolio, with an eye to performance and your financial goals. Together, you can look for opportunities to grow your investments through disciplined investing strategies.

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RoseMary Regalbuto, an active member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and J. Kingsley Fife, an active member of the Santa Monica Lions Club, met at a joint club meeting years ago. RoseMary was director of Meals on Wheels West for almost 28 years. Kingsley is also active in the Santa Monica Y's Service Club.

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