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COVID-19 funds boost school budget

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

School districts throughout the state, including Santa Monica Malibu Unified (SMMUSD) are experiencing a fiscal windfall due to a surge in state payments linked COVID-19 but officials are warning the surplus cash is a temporary blip and not part of an ongoing change to funding.

SMMUSD revenue for the 2019/20 school year increased by $1,488,977, more than triple the revenue increase for the prior year. District revenues are up 6 percent overall.

Most of the additional income is from three sources. District officials said it received COVID-19 funds that were used for allowable expenses relieving the burden on its Unrestricted General Fund. Sales and property tax revenues were higher than expected and the District also saved money as a result of school/office closures.

With most students and staff working from home as well, the district did see fewer lawsuits than prior years.

SMMUSD made it clear this was one-time money due to the pandemic and they likely will still see a deficit this school year. The district still has a structural deficit that must be corrected and SMMUSD has a difficult time ahead with declining enrollment due to population changes.

"Our unaudited actuals from the 2020-21 school year reflect an unexpected surplus of $9.6 million, which is very good news, however, we must remain cautiously optimistic in that this is largely attributable to the injection of one-time funds that we do not expect to continue," said Board President Jon Kean. "The situation in which our district has found itself is similar to that in which many school districts have found themselves this year. When checking with neighboring school districts, their budgets reflected similar surpluses. In other words, our experience is not anomalous. However, the hard work that the district engaged in prior to the pandemic regarding budget reductions was also responsible for some savings achieved this school year."

Kean said school districts use a conservative approach to budgeting. He said SMMUSD continues to have a small structural deficit although budgetary actions taken by the School Board in the years immediately prior to COVID-19 have reduced that structural deficit and will continue to do so.

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Nick the Greek brings a Mediterranean flair to Downtown





Courtesy photo

GYROS: Quick-service restaurant Nick the Greek has opened just off the Promenade

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Bay Area institution Nick the Greek has popped up in Santa Monica, serving souvlaki, gyros, pita sandwiches and more in a quick-service restaurant space just off the Promenade.

Despite its singular moniker, Nick the Greek actually represents three separate Nicks who are tight-knit cousins from the same food loving family of Greeks.

The man responsible for bringing Nick the Greek to Santa Monica however, is not a Nick, but one Anton Van Happen, who shares the cousins' obsession with authentic Greek street food.

"I grew up in Europe myself and the Euro pita sandwich was something I could never find anywhere in the US that tasted exactly like it did in Europe, and with Nick the Greek that's exactly how it was," said Van Happen.

It may have been love at first bite that initially attracted Van Happen to the brand, but it was the restaurant's business model that focused on quick-service, fresh ingredients and broad customer appeal that convinced him to sign on as a franchisee.

So far SoCal locations of Nick the Greek have opened in Ventura, Newport, Westlake and Westwood, but Van Happen is particularly excited about the Santa Monica

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New CEO for agency that caters to 20 percent of the state's homeless

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After 25 years at the helm, Joel Roberts is stepping down as CEO of The Federal grant program Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) as of January 2022.

Roberts was motivated to help people find homes and get off the streets due to his personal experiences early in life.

"When I was just a few days old, I was born in Asia, I was actually abandoned by my birth mother," Roberts. "So for the first couple of years I obviously moved into an orphanage. So, you know, I kind of had, no family, no name. You know really no home. It's really been kind of the reason why I've been trying to help people who are living on the streets."

Roberts reconnected with his biological family and during the pandemic, he was able to communicate with them. He even eventually visited Hong Kong to see them in person.

"My birth mother has talked with me many times," he said. "She calls me every week and kind of says, I'm so sorry. I told her 'look, you were 19 years old and you came from a wealthy family and, you know back then 19-year-old girls in Asia just didn't have kids out of marriage so I understand. Frankly, you blessed me by giving me a new life here in California so you know it's just, it all works out for the, for the best.'"

Roberts has overseen a huge increase in PATH's budget scope of work and the agency now provides services to nearly 20 percent of California's homeless population in 150 cities.

However, getting to that figure took hard work and persevering through a difficult political climate.

"The biggest challenge is everybody wants to end homelessness, the business community, obviously homeless agencies, neighbors, politicians, even people who are on the streets want to end their homelessness,

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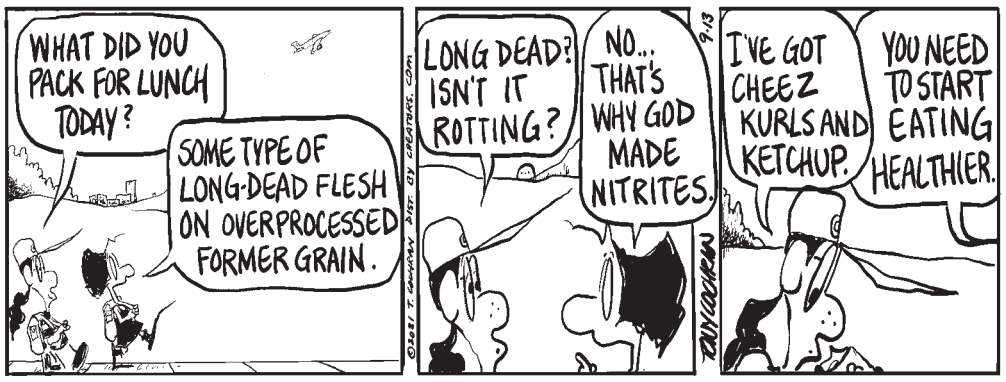
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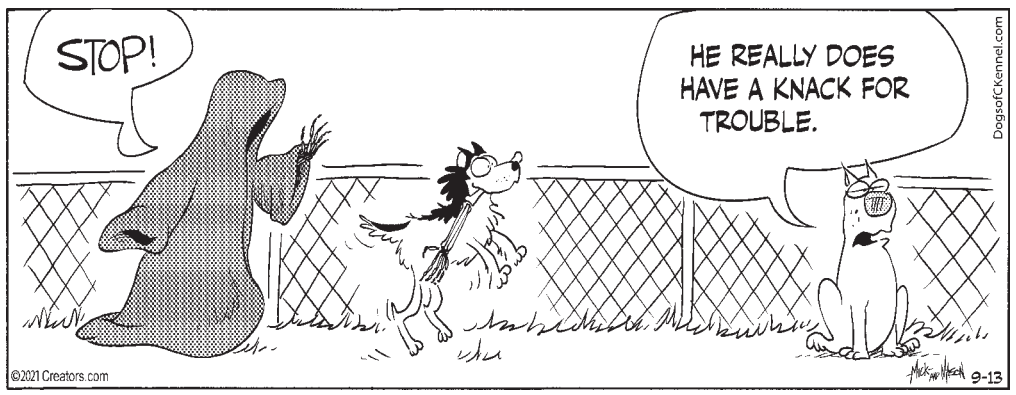
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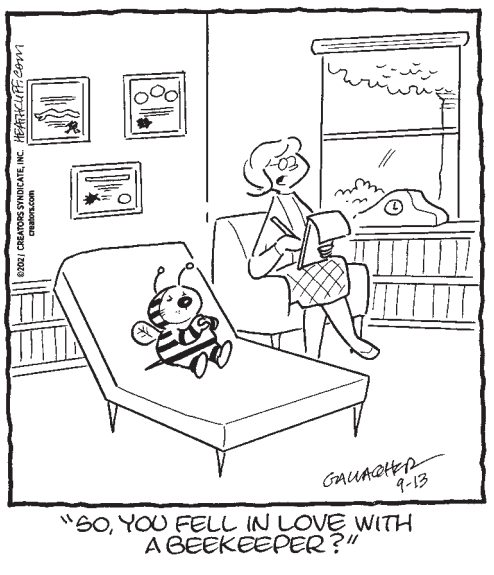
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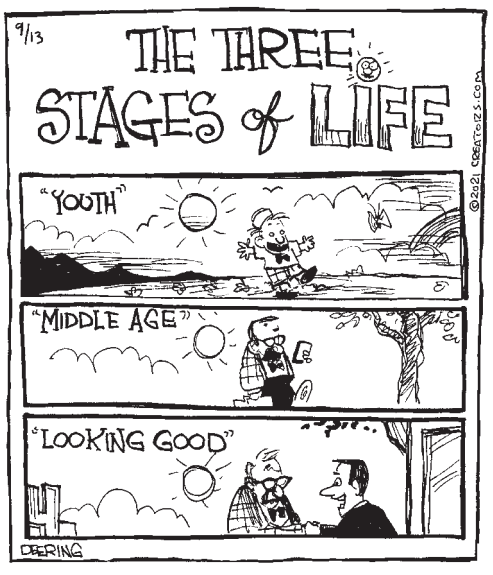
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Letter to the Editor

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BY JALAL AWAN

I have been a resident of Santa Monica for well over three years and been calling Los Angeles home for more than six. I came to this city of four million as a cultural exchange scholar and had no difficulty assimilating as another one of many LA transplants. This piece is about how dissimilating from the same welcoming culture, based on even a single incident such as the one I encountered on Labor Day, could be even easier.

My first couple of years in Los Angeles were in a diverse, relatively insular student environment at my alma mater — the University of Southern California. A deeply optimistic exchange student from Pakistan, I quickly found myself surrounded by like-minded millennials from mostly upper socio-economic class who had enough in common with me to form meaningful social connections. A few years on, the optimistic, progressive bubble I was happily floating in landed me a few miles south to another bubble in coastal Santa Monica - and from an engineering focused Masters degree to a doctorate in public policy research.

This was coincidentally a surprisingly tumultuous time in US history: the Trump presidency, the Muslim ban, sabotaged provisions for healthcare under the Affordable Care Act and a litany of other executive decisions ranging from discriminatory restriction of individual human rights to global alienation of the United States were headline news for four years. The cascade of restrictions on individual rights and freedoms that followed Trump's policies, encouraged the emergence of what Jung called the 'shadow personality' or the hidden, repressed part of American psyche whose ramifications reach back into the realm of our animal ancestors. I saw a glimpse of that in a surprise encounter over the Labor Day weekend — here, I try to make sense of what I had compartmentalized in my mind as 'isolated, unfortunate encounters'.

Firstly, no amount of self-gratifying talk on progress on racism based on color is complete without taking into full consideration, the opinions of people on the receiving end. Discrimination based on color is the vilest form, much worse than any on the spectrum of discrimination that ranges from transphobia, homophobia, Islamophobia to victim-shaming, misogyny and gaslighting. It is the worst because the oppressed cannot hide 'color', the oppressors most often cannot rise beyond their reptilian instinct of fear. My experience was on the far less sinister side of this spectrum – it may even be misconstrued as completely innocuous. But to me, it was a silver lining that opened a lot of unexplored spaces in the recesses of my imagination.

We were enjoying a pop-up jazz concert in a Santa Monica park dotted with colorful picnic spreadsheets and umbrellas: a classic SoCal setting. Behind us, were four people: two Caucasian men in their 40s and two non-white women in a similar age range. About an hour into the concert, with my back behind the group, I started paying attention to their increasingly loud comments on my appearance, ethnicity, physicality and religion — and then the vilest 'guessing game' of what could have potentially brought me there. I have stage-fright, and this looked like I was in the middle of a stage with a crowd enjoying my roast. The worst part, I did not have the mic.

I have the good habit of journaling life-changing events, and I made sure to journal every quote I clearly heard. I am also not ashamed to admit that for personal reasons, I have decided to compartmentalize this experience as an "isolated, unfortunate encounter," one that has given me enough food for thought to not care about the psychological trauma it caused.

The feeling of helplessness experienced by those on the receiving end of more tangible racist encounters may not mean much to someone detached from the situation – and understandably so. Heck, for victims, the feeling of language being inadequate perhaps becomes even more pronounced in situations like these. There are no anti-racist helplines for subjective experiences, neither do you have community watch patrols to report incidents like these that are far more common than one would imagine in their liberal, happy bubbles. The resources, and political impetus, is all on maintaining so-called 'order', a stopgap solution at best when an imagined superiority complex makes the very human spirit chaotic.

The onus to explore how such experiences may shake a person's mental models of reality is on you, the observer. Reading up, talking to victims of societal ills, and engaging in thought exercises to step outside your Freudian ego could help make better sense, but will never equate to the experience itself. Performatory activism might have feel-good effects but do little to help change stereotypical narratives that find footing in the least likely of institutions such as law enforcement, where the observer's neutrality helps the oppressor.

If a verbal, disengaged encounter in the middle of classic liberal America can have a profound effect on one's subconscious assumptions of trust and good-will about 'strangers', imagine how explicit, institutionalized racism can create disenchantment in middle America. I have had the privilege to be connected with some of the most highly educated, informed people with socio-political clout around Los Angeles — 'disenchantment' is perhaps one way to describe the feelings of someone who is not.

The author is a Santa Monica resident.

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Put your hands on your hips and let that hero cape flap in the wind. There's a situation to save, and you're just the one to save it. Take a chance in October. A pay-off will allow you to expand in one area and wrap-up an endeavor that has already served you well. Music, children and celebration bring you into 2022. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 48 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Among the most magical things you can give another person is your sight. You may see a rarely noticed talent, a secret pain or undiscovered potential. You don't have to speak of it; just seeing is a gift that can be felt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You think you know the boundaries of you, who you are and what you would and wouldn't do ... but those borders are as changeable as lines on a postwar map. Keep an open mind because your shape is changing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stress levels get uncomfortable. It's an opportunity to look at your general management of these things. Everyone needs an arsenal of coping mechanisms for modern life. What are your top five?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're learning someone. Context will play a huge role. You can tell more about a person through overhearing five minutes of their conversation with an intimate friend than you can from spending five hours together in public.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter how much you like someone, if they act selfishly and take advantage of your kindness, their presence in your life will diminish, instead of contribute, to your good energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll soon be around your favorite type of people: The sort who take charge of their own happiness. They know what they want, take pleasure in their pursuits and make fun wherever they are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Like a rock star, boxer or firewood chopper, you'll channel your anger into something that brings people together. The way you turn bad feelings into entertainment and warmth is downright magical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It won't take much to tip the ordinary into the realm of extraordinary, though it will be hard to pinpoint exactly what it is that tips it. It could be as subtle as lighting, fickle as mood or soft as a smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes it's hard for you to say no to people, but you'll have a much easier time of it as a new purpose takes hold of your scene. Knowing what you're saying yes to makes all the difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best part of your routines get even better as you leap up in skill, connect with others and find comfort in the realm. Hard to believe this wasn't even a part of your life not so long ago. And you'll soon add even more fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are many ways to ask for what you want. You like the mystery of hints and implications. Those on your wavelength will pick up on your cues. The others need more direct communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). All that's standing between you and your goal is a discovery. But this discovery won't happen until you're in the process of work. So go forward blindly using the tools you have. Your intent will get things moving.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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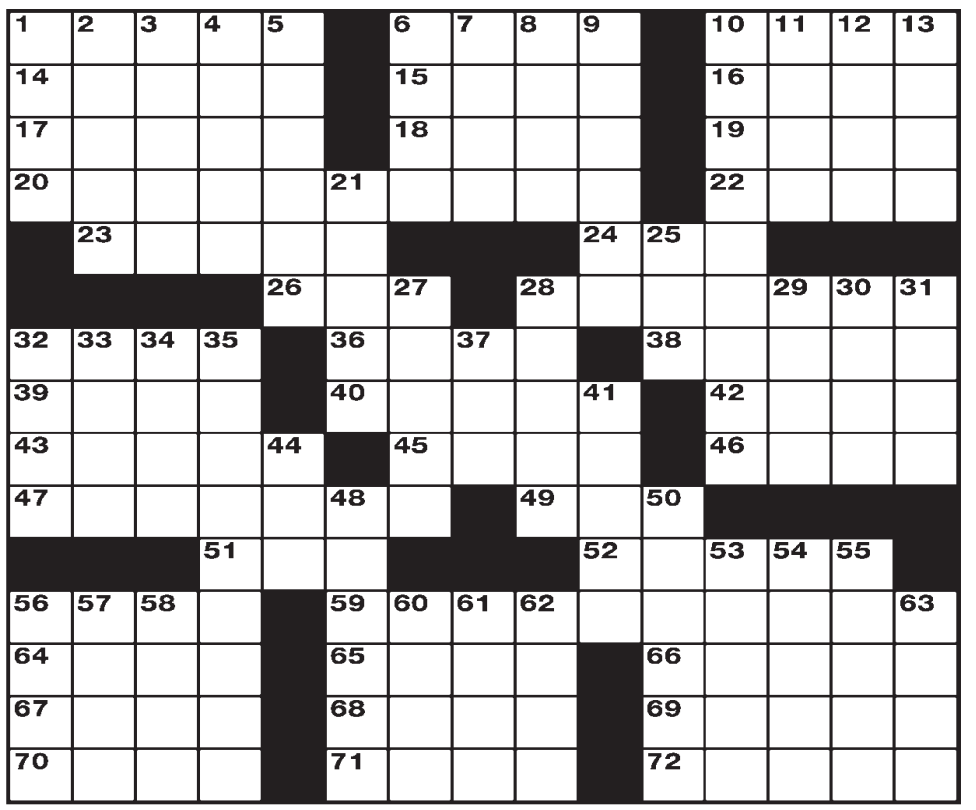
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Newsday Crossword

ON YOUR FEET by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Sat for a photograph
6 Red veggie in borscht
10 Create a sweater with yarn
14 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
15 Entice
16 Astronaut's org.
17 Raring to go
18 Soprano's solo
19 Get __ (exact revenge)
20 Footwear for sprinters
22 Private __ (detectives)
23 Lauder of makeup
24 Shape of a dollar sign
26 Lamb's father
28 Got out of a chair
32 Clean with soap
36 __ year (2024 or 2028)
38 Film excerpt
39 Prefix meaning "against"
40 Jazzy wind instruments
42 Actress Winslet or Mulgrew
43 Theater platform
45 Gave temporarily
46 Hog food
47 "Maybe"
49 Nickname for a physician
51 Shade of color
52 Coffee/chocolate flavor
56 Bewildered state
59 Paint for toes
64 Soothing lotion additive
65 Medical remedy
66 Backyard cookout area
67 Hammer or chisel
68 Teheran's country
69 Wear away slowly
70 24-hr. bank conveniences
71 Young girl
72 People from Copenhagen

DOWN
1 Writer of rhymes
2 Chicago airport
3 Epic tales
4 Build, as a building
5 Black, as compared to gray
6 Uninteresting, informally
7 Money in France and Spain
8 One of the Great Lakes
9 Chinaware for pekoe parties
10 Calf-covering footwear
11 Admiral's fighting force
12 "That makes sense now"
13 Shades of brown
21 Closes, as an envelope
25 Ship's distress signal
27 Dinners and lunches
28 Make a purchase
29 Distribute playing cards
30 "Do __ others . . ."
31 Baby bird's chirp
32 Stinging insect
33 Initial poker payment
34 Hollywood headliner
35 Footwear that makes women taller
37 Lumberjack's chopper
41 Jump heavily (on)
44 __ de Cologne
48 Implement with an eraser
50 __ up (confined)
53 Red Cross founder Barton
54 Discover, as an idea
55 "All kidding __ . . ."
56 Facts and figures
57 Very much
58 Popular video conferencing app
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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00374Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mr. Axel Roland German Yaken , Mrs. Carla Difima for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Mr. Axel Roland German Yaken , Mrs. Carla Difima filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Nora Nkela Difima to Nora Mapaung Nkela Yakan the court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/15/2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: A203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.Date:08/10/2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21STCP02578 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mateo Alvarado Valdez by Monica Alvarado Garnica & Edwin Vicio Valdez for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Mateo Alvarado Valdez by Monica Alvarado Garnica & Edwin Vicio Valdez filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mateo Alvarado Valdez to Mateo Alvarado-Valdez the court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 09/27/2021 Time: 10:00 a.m, Dept: 74, Room: 735 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. Hill St Room 102, Los Angeles, CA 90012A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.Date:08/19/2021

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- **Submission Deadline is October 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the City's Online Vendor Portal. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: **Recommendation to the City Council on Adoption of 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan

DATE/TIME: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 AT 3:00 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal, but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/asydvsvh or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 9517507#)

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. As part of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element, Santa Monica must demonstrate to the State that there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number. Per State requirements, the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element has been drafted and available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. The Housing Element Update includes the following components:

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- An analysis of the barriers to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- A list of sites (aka the Suitable Sites Inventory) that could accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the quantified housing number established in the RHNA.

Environmental Analysis

The Housing Element update was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and this analysis is contained in the Housing Element Update's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) (FEIR). The Planning Commission will consider the analysis and make a recommendation to the City Council on the FEIR.

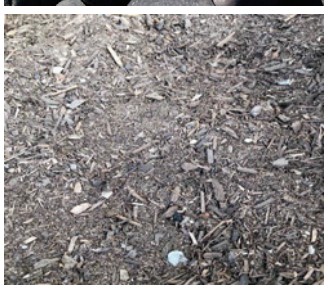
HOW TO COMMENT: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by pre-registering on the link provided on the posted online agenda no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item.

Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager,**
Re: Housing Element Update

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please email housingupdate@smgov.net. The Draft Housing is available on the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net/pcd. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



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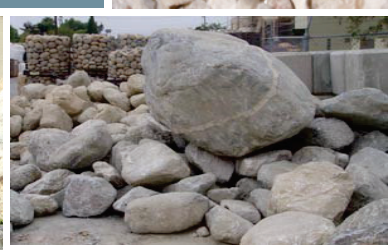
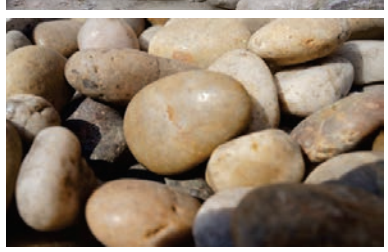
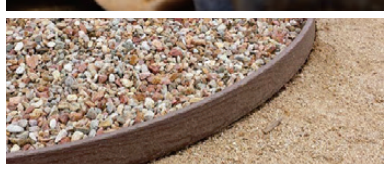
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NICK THE GREEK

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location.

"Santa Monica is really a nice central hub for tourists and visitors, and that definitely helps the name get out, especially the fact that we're on the corner of the Promenade; that's exactly why we picked Santa Monica to be in," said Van Happen.

The menu is based on traditional family recipes, many of which were passed down from the three Nicks' grandmother. The preparation method is true to the streets of Greece with all meat cooked on skewers or a rotisserie and all vegetables and sauces prepared fresh in store.

The menu has a balance of healthy and indulgent dishes.

The Greek salad is a simple combination of tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, peppers, kalamata olives and feta cheese, without any of the lettuce that American versions of the dish will often add. Meanwhile, the pork souvlaki pita includes skewered pork cooked over an open flame served inside a pita stuffed with tomatoes, onions, tzatziki sauce and french fries.

"A funny thing is, for example, the Euro pita sandwiches we add like four or five french fries in there, and sometimes you get customers walking into the store going 'oh that cannot be traditional Greek, you guys are trying to put an American twist on it,'" said Van Happen. "That's not it. It really actually is like that in Greece, you get a Euro pita and it's got french fries in it."

The desserts are also a menu highlight and include baklava, Greek frozen yogurt, and traditional Greek beignets called loukoumades, which are topped with nuts and honey syrup.

"What a lot of people come to Nick the Greek for is our Greek frozen yogurt," said Van Happen. "You can either have it plain, it's got a tart flavor to it, or you can have it with crumbled baklava and honey on top to sweeten it up, and people just go crazy for it."

Nick the Greek is open for dine-in, takeout and delivery at 219 Arizona Ave, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 9:42 A.M.

Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of 3rd St. regarding a Strongarm Robbery just occurred. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the victim who relayed he had been walking home when he was approached by a subject who was acting erratically and yelling nonsensical statements. Suddenly, the subject grabbed the victim and began reaching for his pockets, ultimately taking his cell phone. The subject ran off with the cell phone and dropped it in the process, shattering the screen. Officers located an individual matching the subject description and ultimately arrested Humberto Albert Sifuentes and charged him with 211PC- Robbery and 594(a)(2) Vandalism.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Hikers urged to consider canine safety on local trails

The National Park Service (NPS) is urging pet owners to think twice before hiking with animals after at least three dogs have died on local trails since July of this year.

"Keeping canine companions safe during a hike requires planning and a heavy dose of realism," said Ken Low, a National Park Service ranger at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. "Hikers need to ask themselves, is my dog's physical conditioning and age appropriate for this outing? If I decide to take them, am I leaving early enough and do I have enough water?"

The National Park Service and local search and rescue teams in Los Angeles and Ventura County together have reported about a half dozen canine rescues in 2021. Most of the dogs were suffering from a heat illness. Some did not have enough water.

"Wait for cooler weather before heading out on a hike with your four-legged friends," Low said. "We helped rescue two dogs from the Sandstone Peak area in the western part of our mountains on a recent weekend and it was over 90 degrees. People don't realize that dogs can succumb to heatstroke in just 15 minutes."

Hikers can check with their veterinarian to learn what their dog can handle. Some dog breeds make better hiking partners than others. The dog should also be evaluated to see if they are fit enough for the hike.

Young and old dogs might not be capable of keeping up on long, challenging hikes, and the burden on growing bones may be too much for puppies. Hiking in overly hot weather should be avoided, as dogs are more susceptible than humans to the dangers of excessive heat.

It's also essential that you take water for your dog. Dogs don't sweat the way humans do. Panting is their primary method for keeping cool, putting them at a higher risk of overheating than you when on the trail.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) is the largest urban national park in the country, encompassing more than 150,000 acres of mountains and coastline in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. A unit of the National Park Service, it comprises a seamless network of local, state, and federal parks interwoven with private lands and communities. As one of only five Mediterranean ecosystems in the world, SMMNRA preserves the rich biological diversity of more than 450 animal species and 26 distinct plant communities. For more information, visit nps.gov/samo.

SUBMITTED BY ANA BEATRIZ CHOLO, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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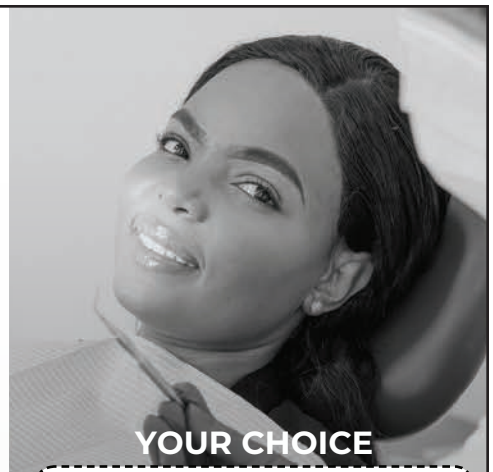
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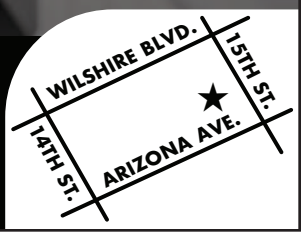
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New COVID-19 Testing Site Opens at Clover Park

On Monday, September 13, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services—in coordination with the State of California and OptumServe — will open an appointment only coronavirus (COVID-19) testing location at Clover Park's offices, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica. Testing is free and available to Los Angeles County residents.

Testing is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., by appointment only. Both English and Spanish-speaking assistance will be provided on site. Visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing to make an appointment. L.A. County residents without digital access can call 2-1-1, where operators can assist with appointments.

Masks are required of all persons when in line and inside the testing site, regardless of vaccination status. Full COVID-19 health and safety measures will be in place at the testing location and surrounding areas to separate testing site and park activities.

The following factors DO NOT affect eligibility: immigration status, insurance status, age or underlying health issues. The testing is administered and managed by the private lab OptumServe. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Test results may take up to 1-2 days. Individuals with positive test results will be notified by a phone call. Negative test results will be accessed by logging into a secure website.

Schedule a COVID-19 test online at https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Citywide

Coastal Cleanup Day registration

Coastal Cleanup Day volunteer registration is now open for Heal the Bay's in-person group cleanups in Los Angeles County on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

This year, they're hosting more than 25 inland, river, and beach sites, and they are very limited in capacity due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions. They are excited to be safely coming back together as last year they were not able to gather in-person for Coastal Cleanup Day for the first time in three decades.

Taking part in a cleanup not only helps protect our mountains, neighborhoods, waterways, wetlands, and ocean, it also improves the health of people and our planet by creating more awareness about pollution and more advocacy for solutions. Heal the Bay has set a goal of removing 50,000 pieces of trash from the environment in LA during Coastal Cleanup Month this September.

Residents are invited to attend one of the cleanup sites on Sept. 18 and help get the word out to volunteers.

Link for Coastal Cleanup Day volunteer registration on Sept. 18: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coastal-cleanup-day-2021-tickets-168157582857

Link where volunteers can learn more: healthebay.org/coastalcleanupmonth

SUBMITTED BY TALIA WALSH, HEAL THE BAY

PATH

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everybody wants to end homelessness but they just don't agree on how to do it. And that's the biggest challenge," Roberts said.

Roberts said PATH is in the middle of an everlasting debate over what services are appropriate and where homeless individuals should live.

"I feel like if there are not enough services or homes for people, we should not criminalize them. But if we can provide the services in homes, then I don't think they should be on the streets," he said. "So, you know, a good example of that is Venice Beach, right, it provided the services and shelter and homes for people, and then they were able to clean up the beach, and I think that's a good approach, we should be doing that throughout the region."

Although Roberts is stepping down as CEO of PATH, he will still be heavily involved. He plans to oversee PATH Ventures, the organization's housing development agency.

"I don't want to quit or retire from PATH but I wanted to give the leadership over to the next generation. And so that's what I'm doing. But I'm not quitting or retiring, so I'm going to run PATH Ventures with our partners," Roberts said. "What we're finding out is when the housing developers who are building housing for people are homeless, they're currently spending a lot of money per unit in LA County, it's like, $550,000 a unit, and it's too slow. It's taking years to build these. I want to reposition PATH Ventures to build supportive housing or affordable housing that is faster and cheaper."

Jennifer Hark Dietz, who currently serves as Deputy CEO will take over for Roberts and she will inherit a responsibility she knows quite well, as she worked closely alongside Roberts for the past eight years. The former deputy CEO accepted the responsibility due to her knowledge of the complex issue on hand.

"I accepted the CEO role at PATH because I truly believe in the organizational mission," Hark Dietz said. "I am dedicated to our team and the people we serve and believe as a society we have to take a stand and say it is not okay to live and die on the street."

Hark Dietz wants to keep Robert's vision alive, but will also carry out her own agenda, which includes focusing on race equality.

"Last year, during the global pandemic we launched our 2021 – 2023 strategic plan: A PATHway to the Future. The key imperatives are equity, advocacy and capacity – these are the areas we have identified to truly move from managing homelessness to ending it," she said.

The new CEO says PATH is a partner of the community and only wants to help everyone feel safer and worth something.

"PATH is a partner, we see ourselves as part of the community and we tailor our services to meet the unique needs each community has," she said. "We will continue to provide services in our local communities, be a resource and build affordable housing."

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Passing Through the Pico Neighborhood



What is it like to finally go on a long anticipated trip after 25 years? Columnist Stacy McClendon shares details on the trip she took with her best friend Angela "Angie" Bright to New Orleans for a second time. Story to the right.

Back to School Lunch Ideas



By Jahrid Longsworth

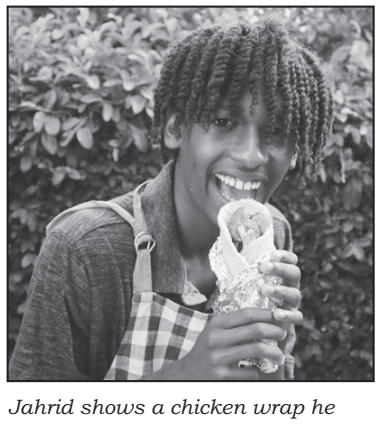
Inspiration is back to school lunch ideas! Since these are very trying times, and with the new COVID-19 Delta variant, it is probably best to bring lunch instead of going through a food line. These wraps are very easy to make, cost effective and super delicious.

Chicken Wrap

Ingredients:
2 large flour tortillas
1 can shredded chicken breast (any leftover meat or fish can be substituted for chicken
2 cups lettuce
2 Tbsps. salsa
2 Tbsps. vegan shredded cheese (Cheddar preferrable)
1 avocado
Aluminum Foil

Directions:

1. In a medium skillet, warm tortillas on medium heat, turning tortillas over after 3-4 minutes.



Jahrid shows a chicken wrap he prepared at home to take for lunch at school.

2. Place tortilla on a plate and layer with chicken, lettuce, cheese, avocado, and salsa.
3. Wrap and fold edges of tortilla.
4. Wrap in aluminum foil to secure tightly.
5. If eating right away, there is no need to wrap in aluminum foil. Enjoy!

Reliving Fond Memories In New Orleans



By Stacy McClendon

I am blessed to have a rare friendship with Angela 'Angie' Bright. We have been friends since we attended middle school in Los Angeles. Even though we've both been married or in a long relationship; switched careers, homes, and cities; had kids; and survived and thrived through breakups, we are raising our children as single moms. We've had health scares and much more, but it's never hindered our special friendship.

For some time, I have been wanting to plan a trip with Angie, but life kept getting in the way. However, last year, I decided to surprise Angie by booking a trip to New Orleans, and telling her all she needed to do was show up.

What made this trip memorable is that the last time we went to New Orleans was over 25 years ago when we were both single and in our early 20s.

Our first trip was really fun and exciting, as we were attending the annual world-renowned Essence Music Festival. During the concert breaks, we spent time checking out local and noteworthy spots and enjoying delicious cuisine.

However, our trip last month had a completely different vibe, as this was a much deserved and necessary vacation.

Angela drove down from Tallahassee, Florida, and I flew into New Orleans. We had a travel plan, but serendipity took over while we were in NOLA! We stepped outside our hotel and a brass band was playing the exact music that we wanted to hear. We stepped outside again and the cable car that we wanted to ride was sitting right across the street waiting for us. We even strolled into a store shortly before closing and found the exact souvenirs at the price we wanted to pay, and to top it off, the hotel staff gifted us with a certificate to a restaurant where we were planning to eat.

On our drive back to Florida from New Orleans, we stopped at the outlets and Buc-ee's, which is a truck stop on steroids and a must-visit!

Once in Florida, I got to spend time with Angie's children and fun-loving pets. We also shopped some more and checked out local sites. Some highlights of interest included downtown Tallahassee and viewing both Florida State University (from which Angie's daughter just graduated) and Florida A&M University.

We got a lot done in seven days and are currently discussing our next vacation!

Stacy McClendon is a longtime Pico Neighborhood resident and Santa Monica City staff member.

Does Going Back to School Mean Too Much?

By Dr. Sheila Forman

It is likely that some parents will look back on the pandemic fondly because it represented a time in their teen's life when things were simpler. Because of the lockdowns and stay-at-home orders, the frenetic activity that usually accompanies adolescence ceased. But, now that schools are returning to classrooms and routines are approaching "normal," some parents are wondering how they can help their teenagers schedule their activities so they don't over-commit.

Teens are eager to resume their pre-pandemic life, and as a result may try to do too much too soon. To help these eager teens, apply these five tips:

1. Teach Your Teen That It Is Okay To Say No: Some teens are eager to be accepted, liked and included. This may lead them to say yes to suggested activities too readily. Instead, help your teen understand that it is okay to say no; that their self-worth is not dependent upon whether they agree to do something or not.

2. Help Them Choose Activities They Enjoy And Leave The Rest: There are many activity options available to teens, from volleyball to softball, and chess club to glee club. And, with many colleges looking for "well-rounded" applicants, teens may feel compelled to do it all. Instead, encourage your teen to only participate in activities they truly enjoy, and not to choose activities because it will look good on their college application. As the old saying goes, "A jack of all trades is a master of none."

3. Add One Activity At A Time: Once your teen has determined the activities they would like to participate in the most, start slowly. Start with one activity and see how it fits in the teen's life. Can they still keep up with their schoolwork? Are they getting enough sleep? Do they seem overwhelmed? If the first activity fits well, add a second and ask the same questions. If you notice a drop in grades, changes in eating or sleeping habits, or a shift in attitude, it is time to pull back and reassess the number of activities the teen is engaged in. This is a situation where less is definitely more.

4. Prioritize Sleep: Teens need a lot of sleep. This is the time in their biological life when a lot is happening inside them, and their body needs rest. In addition, insufficient sleep can lead the fatigued teen to feel stress, make mistakes, have accidents, stress, overeat, or develop substance abuse. A well-rested teen will be better able to handle their academic, social and athletic activities with greater ease than their overtired counterpart.

5. Model Healthy Behavior For Your Teen: As you are aware, teens learn by example. If your life is filled with too many activities (work meetings, volunteer commitments, extended family obligations, etc.), you are not a good example of living a balanced, healthy life. If your life is too full, reduce your load too.

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Meals on Wheels West Routes and Volunteers Are Increasing

By Bob Rich

It is the mission of Meals on Wheels West to provide nourishment to homebound individuals in the local community through delivering healthy meals and creating meaningful relationships. Chris Baca, the Executive Director at Meals on Wheels West, explains that the organization could not exist without its dedicated volunteer team. The volunteers get special training on how to deliver meals. Another group of volunteers makes Phone Reassurance calls conducting a Wellness Check after the delivery twice a week.



Often times the Meals on Wheels volunteers are the only people their clients see.

All the meals are nutritious, made fresh, low in sugar and sodium, medically appropriate, endorsed by a Los Angeles County certified dietitian, and delivered right to the client's door. Meals are delivered Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. They are picked up at the Meals on Wheels West office on Michigan Avenue, east of 17th Street, in Santa Monica. Delivery volunteers can help out once a week, once a month, or on a quarterly basis. Clients might be in transitional housing, veterans,
affected by disabilities, or advanced in age. Most of the clients live alone – more than 60%, in fact.

So, the clients are often thankful just to have a listening ear, someone who visits to share news of the client's day. Chris says that what volunteers enjoy most is seeing clients' lives improved for the better. Volunteers can be college age, retired, or anywhere in between. Some volunteers give clients extra support, like driving them to a medical appointment. With MOW West's assistance, all the delivery volunteers got vaccinated early, which made it possible for them to deliver more than 200,000 meals last year. The 225 phone reassurance volunteers made 25,000 calls during the pandemic.

The volunteer team grew by 60% during the pandemic, expanding from 29 delivery routes to 43. Of the 43 routes, 30 are located in Santa Monica, with the rest in Venice, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Some long-time volunteers have enjoyed participating for more than 20 years. To become a volunteer, people can sign-up on the Meals on Wheels West website at MealsonWheelsWest.org, or contact the volunteer coordinator jen @mealsonwheelswest.org, or call the main phone number 310-



This volunteer couple is picking up their delivery bags in front of the Meals on Wheels office.

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Congratulations to Legend Lloyd C. Allen on His 100th Birthday Celebration



Lloyd "Bud "C. Allen



Watching the parade with Lloyd Allen were from left, his wife Norma, Calvary Baptist's First Lady Edwina Mossett with her husband, Pastor L. Mack Mossett, and seated at Lloyd's feet was his grandson Chase Colton.

Photo by Clara Wright

By Clara Wright

Community legend and businessman Lloyd "Bud" C. Allen celebrated his centennial birthday with a drive-by honk and wave parade last month. The event was held on the grounds of Calvary Baptist Church in Santa Monica which is where Lloyd has attended services for more than 64 years.

Surrounded by his family and friends, Lloyd sat on his "king" chair and enjoyed each moment as guests told stories of how Lloyd had helped them start their careers and mentored them throughout their lives.

One highlight of the day was seeing Lloyd's grandson Chase Colton sit at his feet while his wife, Norma, First Lady Edwina Mossett and her husband, Pastor L. Mack Mossett all stood next to Lloyd while watching the parade.

Twin daughters Christine Allen Colton and Kesha Allen Daniels, along with Goddaughter Schinal Harrington hosted and planned the event fit for the "king." They wish to thank all who participated in the special celebration.

Gift bags were handed to the guests. Each bag included a beautiful royal blue coffee mug with gold lettering. Kudos to the event planners for a job well done.



Norma and Lloyd with their daughters who hosted and planned the event.

Connect to Nature in September

By Julie Rensink Hanson
Wild Birds Unlimited
Nature Shop

September is a great month to consider planting a California native garden. Native plants provide essential food and shelter for birds and other wildlife and are the foundation of biodiversity. The fall is the ideal time to plant natives when cool temperatures and rain help plants get established.

Certain plants are sure to attract birds as well as butterflies. Native plants and bushes, such as chia (Salvia Columbariae), provide seeds that birds love, as well as beautiful blue flowers. A native toyon bush (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), with its striking red trunks, has berries that are an important winter food source. For hummingbirds, consider planting salvia spathacea, with its rose-colored flowers. Rightly called Hummingbird Sage, it always attracts the tiny fliers. Also thrifty with water, this perennial will give years of lovely flowers and hummingbird sightings.

Once you get your garden planted, consider adding a water feature. The gentle trickle of water is not only soothing, but also essential for birds. Birds must be ready to fly at all times, and bathing is a critical part of maintaining feathers in top-flight condition. Water is also vitally important for many birds to regulate their body temperature. Birds do not sweat and must remove excess body heat through their respiratory system. A reliable source of water is vital to helping them to replace fluids lost to this process.



A hummingbird with Cleveland Sage

Photo by Medena Asbell

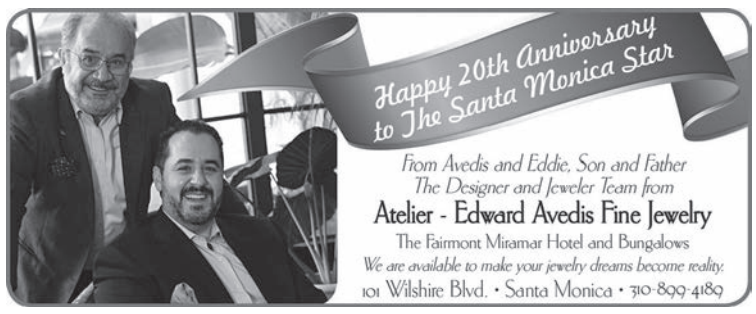


Goldfinch at a birdbath

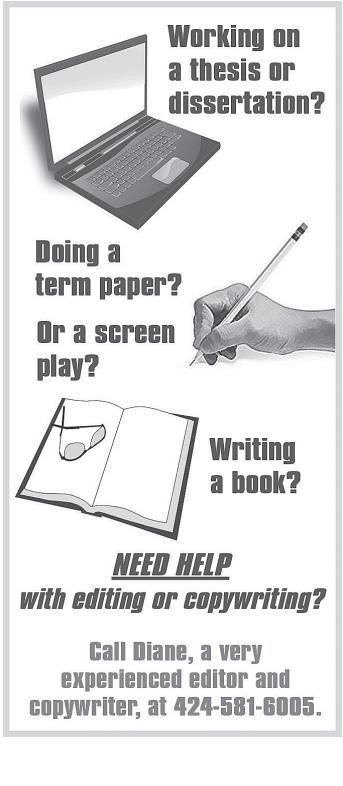
You can offer water to birds in a variety of ways. It can be as simple as a bird bath or as elaborate as an artificial pool with rocks, plants and flowing water. There are misters and drippers that will add even more action and variety.

The Theodore Payne Foundation for Native Plants provides extensive resources for establishing native gardens. Download plant lists from their website, join a class, or visit their nursery in Sun Valley: www.theodorepayne.org. You can also search the Audubon Society Native Plant Database for a list of plants that will attract birds specific for your zip code: www.audubon.org/native-plants.

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From the Santa Monica History Museum



Women of the Assistance Guild of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club paint the interior of a house. From the Bill Beebe Collection, #3.2.742, taken in 1936. Contact the Santa Monica History Museum for more details on this and other historical photos in their collection.

Thoughts From a Second-Time Father

Upcoming Saturdays Will Be Very Busy



By Michael Margolin

Somehow, the summer of 2021 has wound down. The last 18 months or so have really messed with my sense of time. On more than one occasion during this time period, I have awakened, and for several seconds had no idea what day it was. The kids were in school and then out and back in, and then they started watching Zoom classes for weeks.

Alexa will be entering third grade, which is a grade I clearly remember, though I did not spend my school years before that on a computer. So, I wonder how some of these kids will be now that schools are returning to "normal."

And, what if there are more complications and school changes all over again? Certainly, that is not something any of us want, but I would not be entirely surprised if there were more shakeups.

Jake will be going to the same school as his big sister to start kindergarten. It seems like a huge step compared to the preschool he was just attending. He is five years old, so more than 20% of his life has been lived during this pandemic. A normal school year from beginning to end seems like a tall order. I sure hope that is how it goes.

Another first for Jake is being on a team. Soccer practice and games will begin soon, and I am so eager to get out there and coach him and be a part of this new experience with him. Since I was young, I always saw myself growing up and coaching my kids' teams. And, I have done so for several years with Alexa's soccer teams and enjoyed every minute of it.

Now, I get to coach my boy. I will get to see firsthand how he improves throughout the year, and I could not be more excited. I remember how much fun it was when I started coaching Alexa and that was when I did not know what I was really getting into. It does not get much better than experiencing this again with my son.

I will be coaching both of their teams this fall. I will also have 10 consecutive Saturdays of exhaustion. Since this fall will go by in a flash, I am going to embrace every minute of it because it will be 10 unique Saturdays I will not have again.

Michael Margolin is an avid sports fan who has been writing this column since the birth of his first child.

Congratulations to *The Santa Monica Star* Newspaper on its 20th Anniversary

By Jeff Condon
Attorney at Law

I am a fiend for reading all of the Santa Monica freebie newspapers. Whenever I pick them all up at Bob's Market, my fiancé invariably says, "Feeding your addiction yet again, Jeffie?"

I gladly take that good-natured ribbing because I am compelled by habit to "upload" the various takes on reporting the latest Santa Monica news.

But, *The Santa Monica Star* is my favorite of them all. It fills a niche the other publications don't, which I describe as the "Chamber of Commerce" side of Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Star does not give yet another story on the dust-ups over homelessness, traffic, density, or the SMRR ruling class. Those issues are covered with the other papers. More than covered!

Rather, *The Santa Monica Star* is what I call the "Last of the Chamber-of-Commerce" publications. Publisher Diane Margolin gives space to what the service clubs are doing, whether it's Lions, Rotary, or Elks. She gives voice to local business owners with practical and meaningful tips of their trades. She prints photos of people engaging in family activities and bonding.

This type of positive "regular folks" coverage is just not done anymore. Well, maybe in small Midwestern towns with populations under 10,000. But, this is Santa Monica, where we our populace is varied, diverse, and bursting at the city's seams. For us fans of "Old-Time Santa Monica" where you could travel down Ocean Avenue in minutes rather than days (facetiously speaking), this approach to Santa Monica is right up our alley, and it gives us the impression that ours can still be considered a small-ish town where people care about each other.

Let me put it this way. I run a successful estate planning law firm on Santa Monica's most eastern border. I have written two books on the subject. I have a significant presence on many social media platforms – all business-oriented and family friendly. I really don't need to advertise in the traditional paper news delivery system to get new and prospective clients. But, I have advertised with Diane and *The Santa Monica Star* for over five years. Why? Because I really like Diane and her old-fashioned, friendly, all-positive approach to the town in which I was born and raised.

Happy 20 Year Anniversary to Diane and *The Santa Monica Star.*

Dear Jeff, Thanks so much for your wonderful words. —Diane

Does Going Back to School

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Show your teen that you can say no, choose activities that you enjoy and leave the rest, and get your eight hours of ZZZs every night. Don't be one of those "Do as I say, not as I do" parents.

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