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Rent Control Board talks budget

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board ended its last budget cycle with a small projected surplus of about $42,000.

No board action was needed when the Board discussed the budget this week but officials said there were clouds on the horizon.

"Last year, the board collected approximately $164,000 more in revenue than was originally projected, and we were able to reduce our expenditures by approximately $124,000, resulting in net revenue of approximately $330,000 ... As I said, the report is detailed," said Executive Director Tracy Condon, thanking her peers for preparing the budget.

Commissioner Caroline Torosis recognized the balanced budget, "however, I'm very, very concerned about our impending eviction (crisis) in the wake of COVID and the number of vacant units that we are seeing in our community."

These are all events that are not quite clear, nor does anybody know what's going to happen, especially in the future election, Torosis added, asking, "Do we have any sort of indication of stability moving forward here, or what the next year's looking like for this agency?"

Condon said there is certainly uncertainty. "There's uncertainty about the economy as you've expressed, but this year we have been able to collect the registration fee from property owners that they

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Census officials encourage Santa Monica residents to complete 2020 survey



Courtesy photo

COUNTING: Census workers continue to move through Santa Monica in an effort to complete the work.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

As the U.S. Census Bureau continues to follow up with households who have not yet responded to the 2020 census, officials are asking residents in Santa Monica and the surrounding areas to complete their survey as soon as possible.

The 2020 census is the first digital census so this year is the first time that people anywhere in the country can complete the census if they have wifi access. But the current self-response rate in the City of Santa Monica is only about 68 percent, meaning there are still a number of households who have to respond to the once-in-a-decade survey that will determine the distribution of $115 billion in federal funding across cities in California, media specialist Patricia Ramos said in an interview Friday.

Participation in the 2020 Census is essential to the local community because it allows residents to secure a fair share of federal funding that could be utilized at schools, during emergency services and other essential infrastructure programs. Census data is also used to determine congressional representation and how much money Santa Monica receives for programs like Medicare, Section 8 housing vouchers, and highway maintenance. "So that's why its imperative for everyone to participate — from newborns to an elderly person who is living in a home," Ramos said. It's also important to keep in mind that census-takers should use April 1, as the cutoff date when determining who was living in your home this year.

Residents who respond will not need to be visited by Census officials, according to Ramos, who noted the bureau will never provide names, addresses or any other identifiable, personal information to the legislature or White House staff. "So, that's all the more reason for people to respond

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COVID-19 rewrites the rules for a competitive college application

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The college application process has long been a source of stress, anxiety, and even exhaustion for high school seniors. This year it's also a source of confusion as students confront test-optional applications, pandemic related prompts, and unpredictable admittance rates.

The Daily Press spoke with three Samohi seniors and David Reynaldo, a leading college counselor and the founder of College Zoom, to shed light on how students are navigating these challenges.

COVID-19 ESSAY QUESTIONS: ANSWER THEM WISELY

Most college applications now provide a space for students to discuss how the pandemic has impacted them. Essays pose an interesting challenge as students try to write about extracurricular activities that have now become inaccessible and wonder whether their pandemic related struggles are worthy of discussion.

"There are such limited opportunities for us now that everything is remote or digital, so it has been hard to write about extracurriculars or volunteer activities that I do online," said

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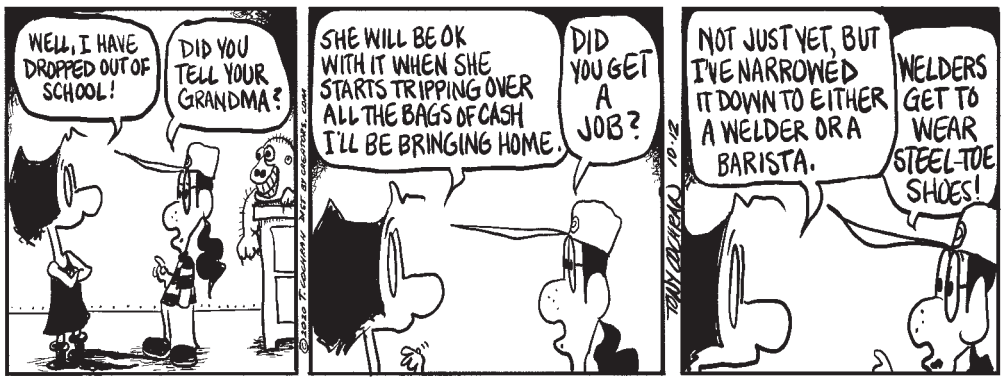
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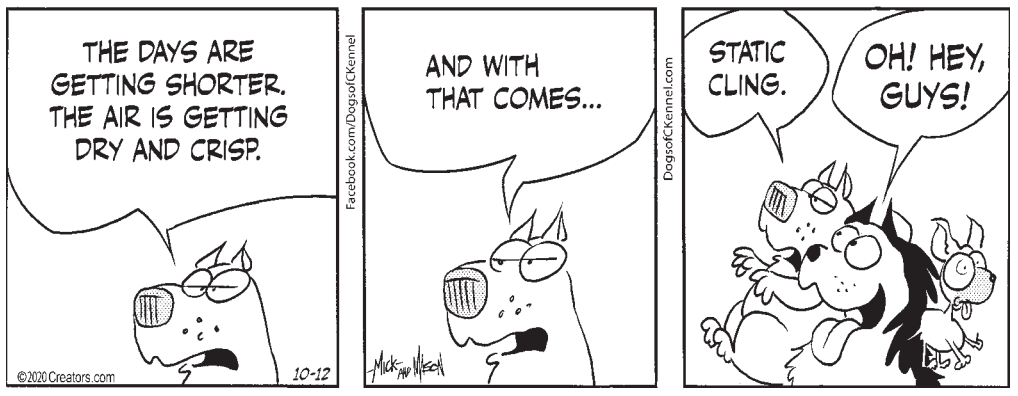
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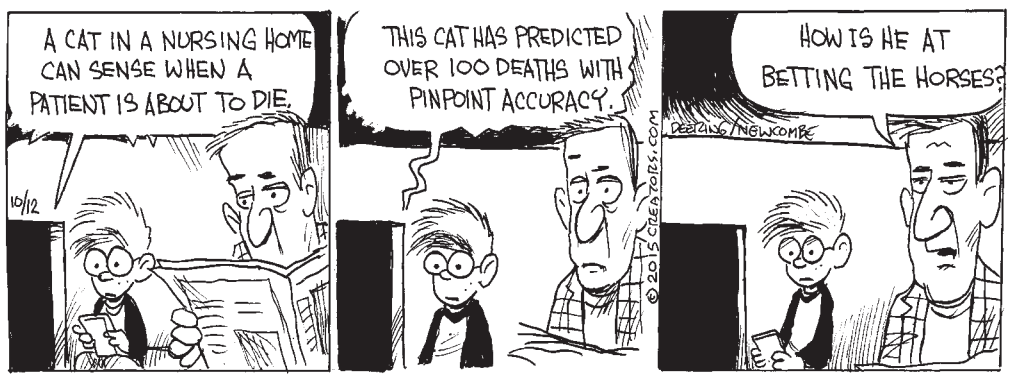
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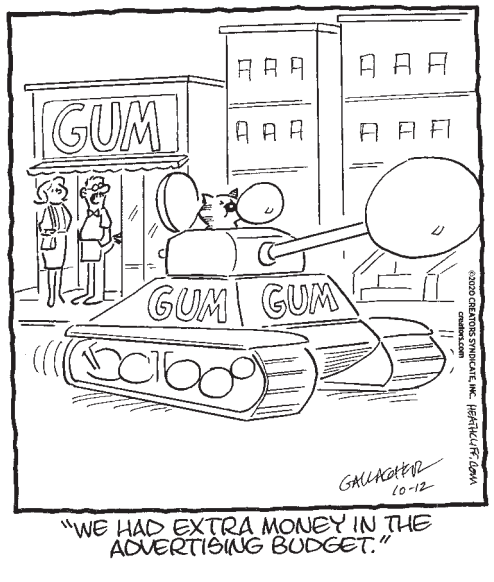
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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.1°

MONDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small SW swell holds. Should be cleanest/best in the AM for most spots. WNW swell creeps up in the PM. Some onshore wind bump for the PM at open and exposed breaks.

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Small SW swell eases. WNW swell is up a notch. Should be enough to be rideable and might be pretty fun for combo breaks west of Pt Dume.

WEATHER

Columbus Day: Sunny, with a high near 76.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 80.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 81.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/10/12	Mon	12:50 AM	0.16	L
2020/10/12	Mon	07:36 AM	4.39	H
2020/10/12	Mon	12:46 PM	2.35	L
2020/10/12	Mon	6:35 PM	5.33	H
2020/10/13	Tue	01:27 AM	-0.08	L
2020/10/13	Tue	07:58 AM	4.84	H
2020/10/13	Tue	1:31 PM	1.65	L
2020/10/13	Tue	7:27 PM	5.64	H
2020/10/14	Wed	02:02 AM	-0.17	L
2020/10/14	Wed	08:24 AM	5.32	H
2020/10/14	Wed	2:15 PM	0.92	L
2020/10/14	Wed	8:16 PM	5.79	H
2020/10/15	Thu	02:36 AM	-0.10	L
2020/10/15	Thu	08:53 AM	5.80	H
2020/10/15	Thu	3:00 PM	0.26	L
2020/10/15	Thu	9:04 PM	5.75	H
2020/10/16	Fri	03:10 AM	0.14	L
2020/10/16	Fri	09:24 AM	6.22	H
2020/10/16	Fri	3:46 PM	-0.26	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:10/07
6 24 30 53 56
Power#: 19
Jackpot:62 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/06
15 16 18 39 59
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 60 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/07
38 41 42 43 45
Mega#: 25
Jackpot:16 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/08
5 10 13 19 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/08
Evening: 9 0 4
Draw Date: 10/08
Midday: 9 7 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/08
1st: 06 - WHIRL WIN
2nd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
3rd: 03 - HOT SHOT
RACE TIME: 1:46.26

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 12)

You keep finding the sorts of pursuits that are obviously and inherently worth your time -- opportunities to help people, to make changes that matter, and to build systems and structures that improve lives. With every project completed, your self-worth grows along with your power and esteem in the world. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 1, 17 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Approve of yourself. Once you stamp yourself with "good" or even just "good enough," all of your interactions feel better because you're no longer seeking validation from others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your sense of self is in a state of flux. You're a bundle of perceptions, many of which are new and different from what you experienced yesterday. There's no need to rush into decisions. Give it a moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are any number of things you could believe, but the belief that is useful is more than a thought. It's fuel. If a belief helps you get on with the business of living, isn't that justification enough to keep it in the arsenal?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A good sense of humor suggests a high level of tolerance for the complexities of life. You fall into the category! You're delightfully complex! You're attracted to the one who finds your complexities fascinating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting to know yourself can take longer than it takes to learn someone else. Becoming aware of the many ways you are wonderful and difficult to live with typically takes a good many years, and some never get there. Be patient.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a fine line between idle dreaming and inspired envisioning. You really can afford to let yourself go off in a fanciful direction, far more off-track than you'd normally allow. There are treasures to discover out there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You take responsibility, though your leadership style is one that allows people to be themselves. You don't need everything to be perfectly done the way you would do it; you just need it done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sure, adversity makes us better, but we don't need to seek it. The average life gets enough of it naturally. Choose the challenge that's going to be enjoyable and worth the risk.

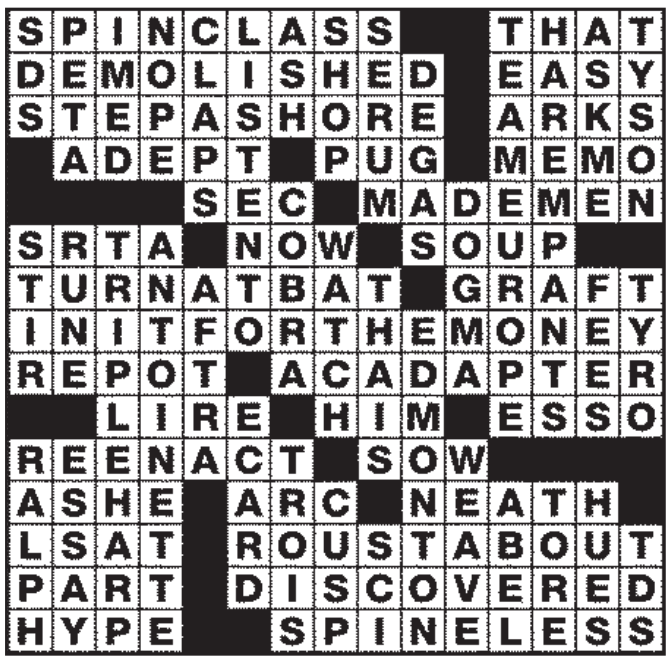
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's easy to be decisive when you don't know about the consequences of your actions. But when you're well-aware of numerous and complicated possible outcomes, things get trickier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Neediness is not greediness. You don't like to ask, but in fact, allowing others to help you can be as much a gift to them as it is to you. Helping is purposeful, and it feels good. Why wouldn't you want that for them?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes, you're motivated to turn your dream into a goal and attack it systematically. Other times, it's enough to just do the next right thing. Don't let yourself get overwhelmed. Do the work in front of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're careful about the way you speak, because you know how infectious an outlook or a mood can be, not to mention certain phrases. You feel a little responsible for bringing up the tone.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

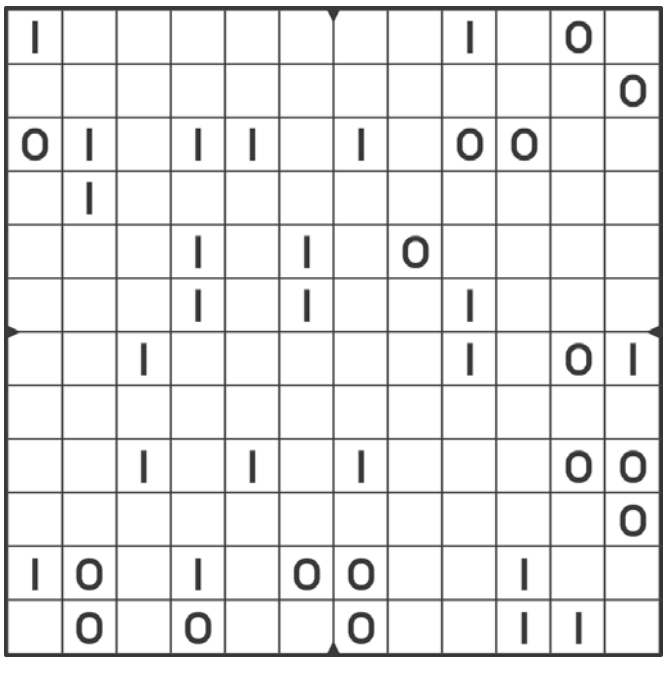


Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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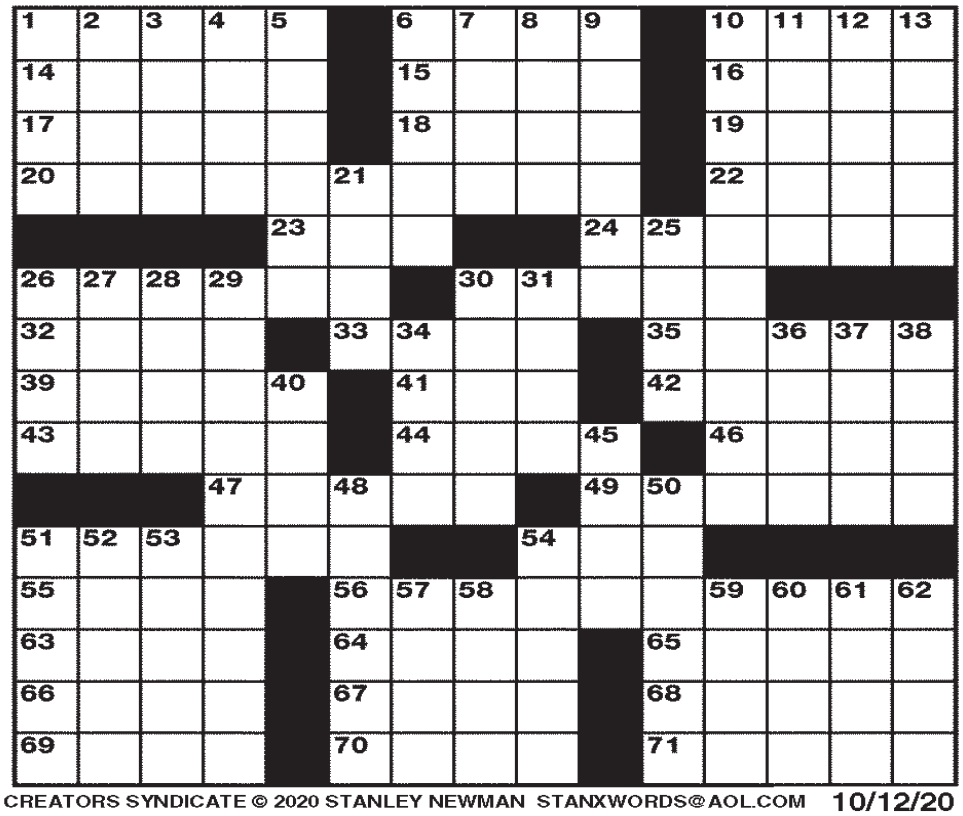


Newsday Crossword

ON WHEELS by Stella Zawistowski
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ACROSS
1 Bandleader's stick
6 '70s Swedish superstar singing group
10 "Saturated" things in one's diet
14 Clear a blackboard
15 Dressed (in)
16 Help to commit a crime
17 Window ledges
18 Notified
19 Long skirt
20 Vehicles serving Mexican food
22 Typeface that tilts: Abbr.
23 Chop (off), as tree branches
24 Any special skill
26 Causes to feel guilty
30 Foolish and silly
32 Team sport on horseback
33 Wise __ owl
35 Foul-smelling
39 Higher than
41 Prefix meaning "three"
42 Salary increase
43 "Reward" for poor café service
44 __ extra cost (free)
46 Bagel or bun
47 Sound from a horse
49 Artist's soft-colored crayon
51 Tattered, as cloth
54 Lamb's father
55 Mountain's height: Abbr.
56 Two-wheelers for rough terrain
63 Bread with a pocket
64 Runs on television
65 Join together
66 Similar (to)
67 Great delight
68 Oregon or Ohio
69 Cravings
70 Char on a grill
71 Fire hydrant attachments

DOWN
1 Second to none
2 Opera solo
3 Skin powder
4 Capital of Norway
5 Snuggle up
6 Misbehave
7 Group that votes the same
8 Refuse to do something
9 Expands upon
10 Vehicles for Mom, Dad and the kids
11 Lessen, as the tide
12 Person from Houston
13 Clown's height extender
21 Civil rights icon Parks
25 Worship from __
26 Reach across, as a bridge
27 Freight train rider
28 Often
29 Vehicles taking furniture to new homes
30 Country singer Brooks
31 From here __ (henceforth)
34 Deer with antlers
36 Very funny person
37 Land surrounded by water
38 "The Farmer in the __" (kids' song)
40 Fencing sword
45 White gemstone
48 Luggage attachments with your name
50 Surprise attack
51 Settle a debt
52 Look __ (resemble each other)
53 Enter, as an auto
54 Early __ (morning person)
57 Make angry
58 Vicinity
59 Take __ account (consider)
60 Autos from South Korea
61 "Small" ending for kitchen
62 Has a look at



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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP000218
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Gayle Kira Lautz for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Gayle Kira Lautz for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Gayle Kira Lautz to Kira West 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: November 6, 2020, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP000309
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Mandae X. Brooks for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Mandae X. Brooks for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Mandae X. Brooks to Kim Stacy Dunitz 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.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00307
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Jordan Elyce Ryder Krone for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Jordan Elyce Ryder Krone for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Jordan Elyce Ryder Krone to Jordan Ryder Deutch 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.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00310
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Nadia Kalindi Kesten Tilmon for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Nadia Kalindi Kesten Tilmon for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Nadia Kalindi Kesten Tilmon to Nadia Kalindi Kesten 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:

Name Change

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00217
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Maribel de Fatima Cruz and Sergio Martinez on behalf of Sergio Martinez-Cruz for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Maribelde Fatima-Cruz for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Sergio Martinez-Cruz to Noah Sergio Martinez-Cruz 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:
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00334
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Christiane Nance Velasco Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Christiane Nance Velasco for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Christiane Nance Velasco to Christiane Jagger Nance 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:
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00300
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Name Change

Petition of Paris Power Ramirez for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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COLLEGE APPLICATION

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Brianna Cornejo-Perez. "Also, with the coronavirus difficulties that we have, I'm sure so many other kids are going through even worse. I know a lot of kids are having a hard time being with their families, but is that a true challenge that can be seen in the writing for your college application?"

Reynaldo advises students to use any optional COVID-19 writing prompts to strengthen their application, but to avoid focusing solely on hardships endured unless their struggles were unique or extreme.

"Instead of coming up with a victim story 'COVID happened and I can't do my stuff', we advise kids to focus on how they have been able to move forward, and engage their interests, and still stay passionate about things that they are up to," said Reynaldo. "If you can use the COVID-19 explanation to not explain how COVID sucked, but what you did to stay productive that would be fantastic."

UNPREDICTABLE ADMITTANCE RATES: MANAGE YOUR EXPECTATIONS

As many universities are online only this fall, a portion of admitted students decided to either defer their offer or attend community college instead of a private university. These enrollment patterns have left many wondering what acceptance rates and timelines will look like this year.

Reynaldo believes that a preexisting pattern of colleges under enrolling students and the wave of COVID-19 related deferments have created "the perfect storm" for a highly competitive application season.

"People should prepare for last year's safety schools to become this year's match schools and last year's match schools to become this year's reach school. If they have the mindset of 'prepare for the worst, hope for the best' they will be better situated," said Reynaldo.

According to Reynaldo, a recent trend of students applying to twenty or more schools has made it hard for universities to predict how many students will accept their offer. In order to avoid the risk of miscalculating and over enrolling students, universities now purposefully admit less students upfront and later fill in remaining spots using the waitlist.

"This is the year where students should be prepared to go into overtime and continue to work hard through senior year and wave off senioritis, because when they get waitlisted they will have to write a letter that says what have you done since you've applied that makes you stronger. I think that's where kids are going to win or lose their college admissions offer," said Reynaldo.

While universities that allowed pandemic related deferments will have fewer spots available this year, other schools had stricter policies and will remain similarly competitive. According to Reynaldo, UCLA only allowed military related deferments and students at Jesuit universities, like Loyola Marymount or Santa Clara, had to either attend this fall or reapply next year.

TEST-OPTIONAL: IT REALLY MEANS TEST OPTIONAL

Many universities have declared themselves "test-blind" and removed the standardized test requirements this application cycle, while others have made the tests an optional part of applications.

"I haven't been able to take an SAT and practice SATs indicated that my score was supposed to really help my application, so now it might be harder for me to get into some of the harder schools I am applying to like USC," said Jeremy Platt.

"When UC schools announced that they are not accepting SAT scores and ACT scores I was really relieved because my mom is a single parent and she has a lot on her plate. During the time that I thought I should be practicing for the SAT, there were so many other things going on and so many other expenses that we had to pay for," said Guy Goes. "When that news broke it was very relieving and it was also satisfying because the fact that they did that shows they understand the world that we are in right now."

Even though most colleges clearly communicated that they will accept students without standardized test scores, some families are bending over backwards and even traveling out of state so students can sit these exams, according to Reynaldo.

"This behavior is very unnecessary. Test optional really means test optional, people should not panic," said Reynaldo. He advises students to not stress about finding a test location and emphasizes that even in regular years standardized scores rarely make or break an application.

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BUDGET

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are required to pay so we do not see a major impact on this year's budget. But we need to take it easy and watch what's happening to come towards us in the future.

The budget is typically prepared in the spring, "and we will, at that time, be able to provide more information. But I am hoping that we will be able to have a budget that is similar to this year's budget probably with a bit larger deficit," Condon said.

Torosis noted the importance to remain fiscally conservative, especially since there will likely be no assistance coming to landlords until after the election.

"We were anticipating some sort of relief from the federal government so that we could get some relief to our landlords, quite frankly, to make sure that people are able to stay in their homes and landlords are able to stay great property owners and provide great housing for our tenants," Torosis said. "So, I'm very concerned to see what happens. We know that the federal legislature has decided not to really push anything until after the election so we don't know what's going to happen. And I would just say that I would like to be as conservative as possible just because we haven't seen that stimulus and that bill that we anticipated. And I think that could have some unintended consequences coming down the pike here."

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SURVEY

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to the census," because they don't have to worry about any citizenship questions or an invasion of privacy.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone at 844-330-2020. The survey can be taken in one of 13 languages, Ramos said, stating the census bureau is counting through the end of the month but, unfortunately, the entire Westside is struggling to respond.

"It's such an important five to 10 minutes because it's really an investment in your community and your city for the next 10 years… We don't want to leave anybody out," Ramos said. "It's so important for our community and for our state and for our country. People often say it doesn't impact them daily but if you're taking a bus or your car often drops into a pothole — that can possibly be fixed with a good census count."

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON SEPTEMBER 29, AT 4:11 P.M.

SMPD Dispatch received a call for a residential burglary near the 100 block of Palisades Avenue. The suspect was identified as a female, approximately 40 years old with a suitcase. While en route to the call, officers located a female matching the description near the corner of 4th and Palisades Avenue. It was determined that the suspect entered an unlocked window and was found standing in the victim's living room. The suspect, Camille Chacon aka Camie Garcia, was found in possession of an ID and credit card that did not belong to her along with a roll of quarters reported missing from the victim's apartment. Chacon was booked for 459 Burglary and 496 (a) Receiving Stolen Property.

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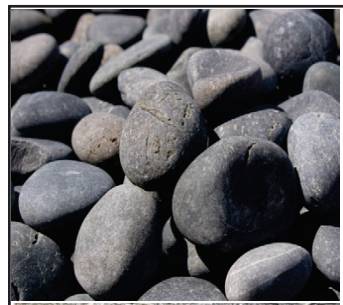
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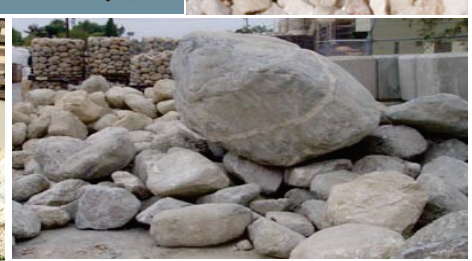
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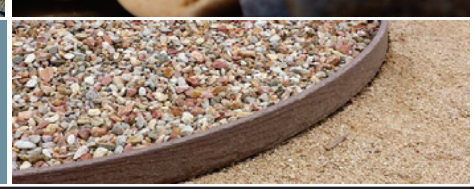












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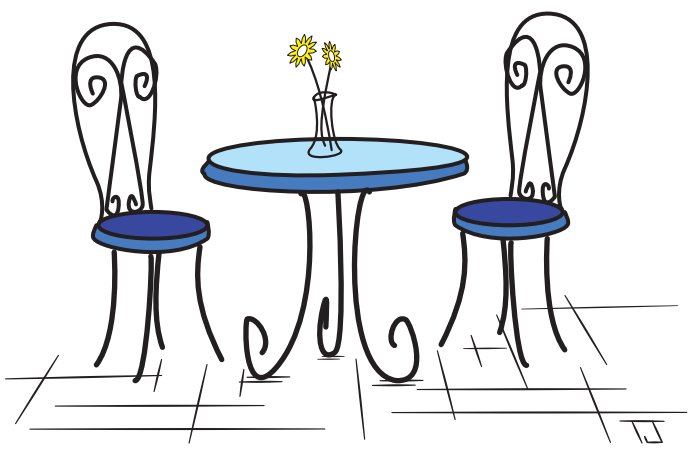
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History Goes Digital at the Santa Monica History Museum



Sara Crown, the museum's archivist, gives tours of the exhibits.

By Anne Wallentine

While the Santa Monica History Museum has been closed to visitors since the outset of the pandemic, like many institutions, they have continued to provide access to the community's history by pivoting to digital content.

In a period of social distancing, the museum has used social media and a revamped e-newsletter to stay in contact with their audience, providing numerous ways to learn and interact with the collections online. Their channel now hosts children's craft activity tutorials, narrated tours of the permanent collection, narrated slide shows on aspects of Santa Monica history, excerpts from the museum's oral history collection, and a popular "Throwback Thursday" lecture series. The live Zoom sessions have featured speakers on topics from the WWII Japanese internment camps to the building of Westwood. While the museum didn't make much use of their channel prior to the pandemic, their subscriber base has increased by over 400% since the shutdown and has had a corresponding uptick in content.

"I'm really excited to see what we're able to do with this new online voice and to see what else we can do to keep people interested in the history of Santa Monica," says Museum Manager John Klopping. "I think we've been doing a really great job of engaging people online, and I'm excited about all of these new areas that we've started exploring."

As 2020 has shown, digital platforms are just one aspect of making a museum accessible. Following the protests against George Floyd's murder in June, the museum held a "community listening session" to get feedback about how they can represent all of Santa Monica's communities accurately and fairly. "We really want the museum to feel like it belongs to everyone in the community," John explained. "And we're committed to ensuring that."

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The Remembering Santa Monica Group celebrated Florence Kinney's 108th birthday in March.

Celebrating Halloween in 2020

By Dr. Sheila Forman

As we approach All Hallows Eve, most of us probably assumed that we would be back to "normal" now and our Halloween festivities would go forth as usual. Well, I think we can agree that things remain anything but "normal!"

Don't let the coronavirus scare you out of Halloween fun. It is still possible to enjoy the tricks and treats of the season. You just have to improvise. Here are five ideas for how to do that:

1) Throw a Halloween ZOOM party. Tell each guest to wear a costume and have their favorite treats nearby. Then, go around the ZOOM room telling your favorite ghost stories.

2) Host a Facebook Costume Contest. Invite your friends to post pictures of themselves in costumes and vote for their favorites. Create categories, such as Scariest Costume, Most Creative Costume, or Silliest Costume and email "prizes" to the winners.

3) Watch a Scary Movie, or two, or three if you dare. Rent your favorite scary movies and have a monster marathon.

4) Fill your playlist with Spooky tunes and dance the night away. Monster Mash anyone?

5) Hold a Jack O' Lantern Contest. Carve or paint a pumpkin and ask others to do the same, then invite them to share their creations with you on Google Meet.

If you do choose to go out trick-or-treating or attend a Halloween event, be sure to be safe. Remember to wear a mask, socially distance, wash your hands often, and use lots of hand sanitizer.

The mask part should be easy. It's Halloween after all!

Dr. Sheila Forman is a clinical psychologist who is currently seeing all her clients via teletherapy. For more information, call 310-828-8004, or go to www.DrSheilaForman.com.



Making treats at home will be a fun way to celebrate Halloween this year.
Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Homemade Halloween Treats

Family Features - Halloween calls for candies and treats of all kinds as trick-or-treaters may be roaming neighborhoods, but don't forget to stock your own snack supply with homemade goodies.

Skip the store-bought sweets this year and instead opt for ideas like these that can be whipped up in the comfort of your own kitchen.

• Party Mix

As one of the easiest recipes you could imagine, a Halloween-themed party mix simply calls for your favorite snack-type foods tossed together in a group-sized bowl or individual containers. You can try just about anything from candy corn and miniature chocolates to pretzels, popcorn, and more.

• Spooky Cupcakes

Kid-friendly treats are the name of the game when it comes to Halloween, and there's almost no better way to get children involved in the kitchen than with some personalized decorations. Bake your preferred cupcakes – chocolate or vanilla – then call on the kiddos to use icing and toppings for creepy custom creations.

• Pumpkin Pie

There's nothing wrong with going with a classic. While it may not scream All Hallows' Eve, pumpkin is the flavor of the season, which makes pumpkin pie a traditional taste this time of year. Because most versions call for a fairly small number of ingredients, it's a simple way to bake a desirable dessert. Plus, you can easily give pumpkin pie some Halloween flair using whipped cream to "draw" a spooky Jack-O-Lantern-like face.

• Creepy Cookies

Whether your family craves chocolate chip or prefers the sweetness of sugar cookies, you can lay out your favorite dough and use seasonal cookie cutters – think Frankenstein, witches, ghosts, spiders and more – for a frightful bite.

• Caramel-Dipped Apples

Skip out on bobbing for apples and instead dip yours in caramel for a traditional Halloween treat. Just insert wooden skewers in the tops of your apples, dip the opposite end into melted caramel and enjoy. To add a bit of fun and flavor, sprinkle chopped nuts or crushed candies on the caramel end of each apple.

Find more snacks, desserts, and treats at Culinary.net.



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Help Your Graduate Get On Solid Financial Ground



By Carolyn Hemann, CFP

Ed: While this article may be geared towards graduates, it presents good advice for students at any level in college, or even high school seniors.

While graduation season may have drawn to a close earlier this year, many recent graduates were making their first major decision about the future – where to live, which job to take and how to spend their non-working hours. Stepping out on their own often comes with another big first – being financially independent.

While this newfound control can be exciting, it can often be overwhelming, especially during these uncertain times. If your son or daughter is fortunate to be in a position to be gainfully employed, help them start off on solid financial ground by making sure they don't skip these important first steps.

• **Study your employee benefits.** For many recent grads, this is the first time they've been offered a 401(k), health insurance or the chance to purchase additional time off. Before enrolling in benefits, graduates need to research and understand their options. Remind them that it's okay to have questions, such as whether they should consider disability insurance or if a plan with a Health Savings Account (HSA) is the right fit. A good place to find information is through the human resources department or benefits provider. They will likely have the resources and staff available to help.

If graduates have questions specific about their financial situation, they could consider meeting with a financial professional. A financial advisor can provide objective advice and answers to more technical questions. Ultimately, graduates should have enough information and guidance to feel confident making their benefits selections.

• **Have a plan for your debt and credit.** Graduates today have more student loan debt than previous generations, which means balancing their post-grad lifestyle with student loan payments should be a top priority. They should consider the value of consistently paying above the minimum amount due. Establishing this responsible habit can help them avoid costly interest rate charges and late fees.

The same thinking should be applied to credit. It's important for young adults to establish a good credit history, so opening a credit card can be a wise financial move. However, graduates should stick to one or two credit cards to avoid overextending their credit.

• **Develop a budget**. Remind your new grad that without careful planning, it's easy for their hard-earned paychecks to trickle away. Creating a budget can help young adults feel in control and accountable for their cash flow. Budgeting, while often a mundane task, allows graduates to ensure their money is being spent, or saved, on the items that are most important to them.

This should be an exciting time for graduates, but it's also an important time to get the right financial discipline in place. Given the heightened environment we're in today, it's all the more reason to focus on getting off on the right foot.

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Planning Ahead

What To Do After Someone Dies



By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq.

As a practical matter, what do you do after someone dies? First are the calls to loved ones. You don't have to make all the calls yourself; ask others to help.

Next is making arrangements for the body, euphemistically referred to as "disposition of remains." If the decedent left instructions for burial, cremation or funeral, those instructions must be followed. If no written instructions can be found, then California law gives authority to a surviving spouse, followed by children, followed by other relatives to direct disposition of remains. Death Certificates can be ordered through the mortuary. It is usually better to order more copies than you think you will need. Other immediate actions include caring for pets and securing the home.

The next step is to find the Will. The logical first place to look is in and around a person's desk or bookshelf. It is common for there to be a binder or notebook of documents on a shelf, or large envelope of documents in a drawer. Another usual place is a safe deposit box. If you have the key, you can easily access the safe deposit box to look. If the search is unsuccessful, there may be an attorney's card or name in the person's address book. If no Will is found, it would not be unusual. Statistically, less than half of us have a Will, although the percentage gets higher the older the age group.

Whether there is or isn't a Will, and even if the person had a Trust, you need legal advice. Mistakes can be costly, and the adage is true: "you don't know what you don't know." But the attorney does know and will guide you through the process of settling the estate. You don't have to, nor should you, "go it alone."

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Passing Through the Pico Neighborhood

Chicken Taquitos

(with dairy free cheese)

Our local Chef Jahrid Longsworth was thinking about a dish to make for lunch while he is doing his distance learning in middle school. This recipe can be fried or baked.

Ingredients:

3 cups cooked chicken, shredded
Salt and pepper to taste
3 tsps. chili powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
2 cups shredded mozzarella
dairy free cheese
15 small corn tortillas
Oil if frying
Cooking spray if baking

Directions

• Place the chicken, salt, pepper, chili powder, garlic powder, cheddar and cheese in a bowl. Stir until combined.

• Wrap the tortillas in a damp paper towel and place on a plate. Microwave for 1 minute or until tortillas are warm and soft.

• Lay out the tortillas on a flat surface and divide the chicken and cheese mixture among the 15 tortillas. Roll up each tortilla tightly and secure with a toothpick.



Chef Jahrid Longsworth continues to share his favorite recipes with us.

• To fry the taquitos: Heat oil in a deep pan. Add 3-4 taquitos and fry until crisp and golden brown, 3-5 minutes.

• To bake the taquitos: Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Place the taquitos in a single layer on a sheet pan coated with cooking spray. Spray the tops of the taquitos with the cooking spray. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until crispy and golden brown.

• Remove toothpicks, then serve. Enjoy with your favorite salsa!

Remembering Vivian Williams

By Kalina Silverman

"My mama was a superstar! She was my best friend, my buddy ol' buddy. She taught me how to love the world and how to love the life that's given to you," Denise Williams shares how she remembers her mother, Vivian Williams, who passed away recently at 91 years of age.

Born in Santa Monica on December 29, 1928, Vivian grew up to pass on the valuable life lessons she learned to her family. They included how to not let anything get you down and how to love people for who they are.

As Vivian's only daughter and a self-described "tomboy," Denise learned how to do the "female things" from her mother, while also supporting her three brothers who played baseball, football, and ran track.

"We shopped, we went to the baseball games, and we worked at the concession stands. We loved together, we played together, and we stayed together. We were good together," Denise recalls.

Both Denise and Vivian worked as crossing guards in the Santa Monica School District, emblematic of their love for spreading positivity and kindness in the local community. Denise describes Vivian as an outgoing lover of life – finding joy in everything she did. Vivian loved music, dancing, and her family.

"It was love at first sight," Denise says of her parents' introduction. Of her father, she says, "He's a very handsome man. He coached baseball teams in Santa Monica."

Vivian loved to travel. Most recently, she visited Hawaii and Texas, where her son lives. The last trip Denise and Vivian took together was to Atlanta, Georgia to visit family. Denise will continue to honor her mother. "She was so beautiful, and she still is, because her spirit is everlasting."

Vivian Williams loved her family dearly. She is survived by four children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Teen Scene

Teens Discuss Online Learning

Hi, my name is Brenton Banister. I go to Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica. I'm one of the thousands of students across the nation known as Generation Z being subjected to distance learning in the Santa Monica School District.

Not only has my school regimen changed drastically, but so has my basketball activities and socialization with my peers. My goals in life are to go to Crossroads for High School and preferably UCLA for college. Becoming an NBA basketball player would be my ultimate goal, of course! I basically have an average 13-year-old's life with a lot ahead of me.

The online (distance learning) experience isn't as authentic, providing the real middle school adventure I have been waiting for, being an 8th grader. We really aren't getting 100 percent of the learning that we need, but we're being kept safe, so I try to make the best of it. I think attending school through distance learning is making me more mature because I realise the world can switch up with you in a blink of a second.

I'm sure I will be better prepared if we get a new pandemic. I'm grateful for my teachers. I know it is hard for them with everything that's going on with this COVID-19 pandemic. Their lives have been affected, too. I used to play basketball almost everyday, and now I can only play for a short period of time. I mostly play in small groups with my friends from PAL (Police Activities League) and the Boys & Girls Club. I can't even play travel ball anymore with Blue Chip

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Setting Up a Space to Do Distance Learning

By Julia Abbott

Many Californians are still working from home and, with LAUSD staff choosing remote learning for the foreseeable future, students have started the school year at desks, tables, and beds.

For many kids, it's harder to focus. In rooms with phones, toys, and families providing plenty of distractions, focusing on school is far more difficult.

One of the easiest ways to combat this is by setting up a school space. This is a place free of distraction where kids can do their online school each day. It can be just about any space, once a few simple steps have been taken.

Firstly, the space should have a chair. It's much easier to focus

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Clergy Corner

Faith and COVID-19

By Dr. Joseph P. Metoyer, Pastor/Teacher

Many faith communities have not gathered since the first Sunday of March this year. But, we are securely connected through our faith. Not because we attend online worship weekly, but because we are committed to caring for each other.

We share in the frustration of hearing that we are living in difficult times and we embrace the hope of a better day. This global pandemic gives us new opportunities to focus on purpose of life and engage in relationships in new ways. The price society pays in emotional stress and economic challenges produces a lifestyle we have not seen in recent times.

Yes, we are tired, but we also know that this virus is real, and things could get worse before they get better. COVID-19 has disrupted our lives like nothing we have seen in modern times. Some find solace in prayer, others in online Bible study, and some look forward to chatting while online in their weekly worship service.

This is a season of reflection and hopeful expectations. One's volunteerism is a good way to get connected and encourage others. Families gain a new appreciation for technology as we learn new ways to communicate with our communities and relatives and friends through platforms like "Zoom" and "Go To Meeting."

Who would have thought that technology would have impacted faith as it has in these times? What a season to get introduced to faith and family history and to plan for the future through online opportunities.

I'm Pastor Joe, Senior Pastor of ACTS-A Church That Studies, in Santa Monica. For more about our faith community, visit www.actssantamonica.org. I pray that we will all grow through faith and family.

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Reflections From The East

Harvest Songs Are Calling Out to Me



By Qin Sun Stubis

Where I live in the northeast United States, nature has already started her annual chorus concert, featuring crickets and cicadas, along with other wildlife soloists. They have returned for another season of performances, celebrating the arrival of October.

Like many, I love October because it is synonymous with the harvest season. Sitting on my living room couch, listening to the cicadas' high-pitched singing accompanied by a warm, lively humming from other winged creatures, I yearn for a country scene with fields of golden pumpkins and giant rolls of hay, and orchards laden with apples, peaches and pears.

It is a perfect time of the year when families take trips to the idyllic countryside, revisiting their favorite farms, or exploring new ones, where they pick their own fruits and vegetables in an open field. Children often enjoy skipping to a hayride, finding that perfect pumpkin for their front door, and sinking their teeth into a candy apple.

My family has been taking such trips for years, first on the north shore of Long Island where we used to live, and now in rural Maryland. Whimsically, we often pick up interesting farm produce such as purple cauliflower, strange leafy vegetables and funny-looking squashes. Each year, we can't wait to get back home and start another culinary adventure with our new finds.

When they were little, my children, Keaton and Halley, loved helping me to make an improv "farm soup" with some of the produce we had brought back: red beets, golden potatoes, purple yams and green kale. A bowl of steaming hot soup decorated with a spoonful of sour cream became our dinner tradition after a farm visit.

Now the harvest songs are calling me again, luring me and my family toward country roads and expansive fields where vines and branches are heavy with fruits and vegetables. I see my family back in the fields picking them. I see a pot of farm soup on our dinner table.

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Qin is a longtime columnist of ours who lives in Bethesda, MD.

History Goes Digital (Continued from Page 1)

The museum's plans for reopening include rigorous health precautions, but no firm date has been set as yet. Upon reopening, they will be moving to donation-based admissions. The museum had previously set admission fees.

In the wake of this year's anxieties, John hopes the health precautions and donation-based admission will both encourage people to visit and "feel as safe as possible in our space."

While the exhibit space remains closed, the museum is working on a video tour of their current "All Is Possible: Women's Suffrage in California" exhibit, as well as creating a series of virtual GoogleArts & Culture exhibits. Their role as stewards of local history continues as they look to collect COVID-19-related images, stories, and paraphernalia to chronicle the city's response to the pandemic for future generations.

The digital connections continue, too. The museum's annual fundraising gala on October 11 will take their live and silent auctions virtual for the first time. While free to attend, John hopes that dinner tickets, which include food pickup, will give guests a sense of occasion. Despite the museum's change of venue from in-person to online, John says, "I have a lot of hope, and I do think that it's going to be a very successful event."

For more information, visit https://santamonicahistory.org/.



Becky Mejia meets with Museum Manager John Klopping.

Setting Up a Space (Continued from Page 3)



Julia Abbott

while sitting at a table than it is lying in bed. Additionally, the space should have all necessary school supplies, so trips to find a pencil don't become gateways to more distractions.

I'd recommend creating or buying a planner or calendar, so changing class schedules and due dates become less confusing. Once your child is sitting up straight with his/her school supplies, little "extras" can be added to the space.

I have a tiny vial of lemongrass oil, so I can have a nice, clean-smelling place to work. However, everyone has something that works for them. Be it a favorite stuffed animal, a tiny bag of snacks, or a blanket for the chillier days in fall, comforting items don't have to be distracting!

At the end of the day, home isn't the ideal place for school. But, creating a school space wherever it's possible will help kids stay focused for learning.

Julia is a local high school student.

Teens Discuss Online Learning (Continued from Page 3)



Brenton Banister

because the season was cancelled due to COVID-19. Now, most of us kids just sit at home and play video games.

Although this is a very unexpected transition for all schoolgoers, I'd rather be safe at home with a chance to dream about a future than to have no future at all. My only advice to you is to keep your mask on, please. Our future is counting on it!

Answer to Neighborhood Celebrity (Continued from Page 1)



Stephen Jones has been a Library Services Officer for 20 years. Working out of the Main Santa Monica Branch downtown, he is a liaison to the branch libraries. Here he is picking up returned books at the Montana Avenue Branch.

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