

GAZETTE

H o l l y w o o d & W e s t w o o d



I've lived in L.A. for almost two and a half years. I really love L.A. However, I miss my family. Mother's Day reminds me of my family. When I was in my home country, my mom and I had so many arguments. Sometimes I couldn't understand my mom's mind. After I moved away from my family and came to the U.S, I became aware of my mother's words (which I had never understood before) and of her compassion (which I had never been able to notice before). When people are too close together, it is difficult to realize what is important. People forget important things.

Since moving to the U.S., I have been more grateful than ever before. I really think I should not forget to be grateful from the bottom of my heart. I have noticed many important things since I came to America. I want to express my gratitude to my mom next Mother's Day.

By Mao

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS ARE MYSTERIOUS

Human relationships are mysterious, and I feel that we often connect with people with whom we have a real connection, even if we don't intend to. Case in point, I have an aunt that I love. However, she lives far away and I don't get to see her very often. For example, when I traveled to Kyoto, which is far from where I live, I suddenly wanted to go to a temple that I had not planned to visit. When I went there, I found her there and was able to meet her.

Another day, I met my aunt at a restaurant in Tokyo, where I had made a sudden decision to go. It was far away from both our houses. It was not a famous restaurant and it was the first time we both went there. There are hundreds of thousands of restaurants in Tokyo, and to meet at the same time on the same day in only one of them- one can only assume that there is a connection. I have never had a similar experience with anyone other than my favorite aunt.

By Masako



MAY 1ST: A DAY OF FLOWERS IN FRANCE

May 1st is an annual public holiday in France and many other countries around the world, celebrating labor unions. However, in France, it's not just about that. On May 1, 1560, Charles IX, King of France, received 'lily of the valley flowers' for good luck. The king was so appreciative of this gift that he decided to give the flowers to all the ladies of his court on May 1 each year.

This gesture became commonplace in the early 20th century, with men giving "muguet" (lily of the valley flowers) to women as an expression of affection. For one day each year, the French government authorizes the tax-free sale of lily of the valley flowers in the streets to promote this tradition and ensure its continuation.

The day also became a public holiday, officially known as "La Fête du travail" in 1948. Since then, May 1st has also been a day for trade unions to campaign and celebrate workers' rights and other social issues.

By Eline



ALLERGY SEASON IN MILAN

May in Milan is considered a beautiful month of the year because the flowers bloom and the “gray city becomes a colorful city.” However, when spring arrives in the city, that also means that pollen and all the allergies related to plants will be part of our days too.

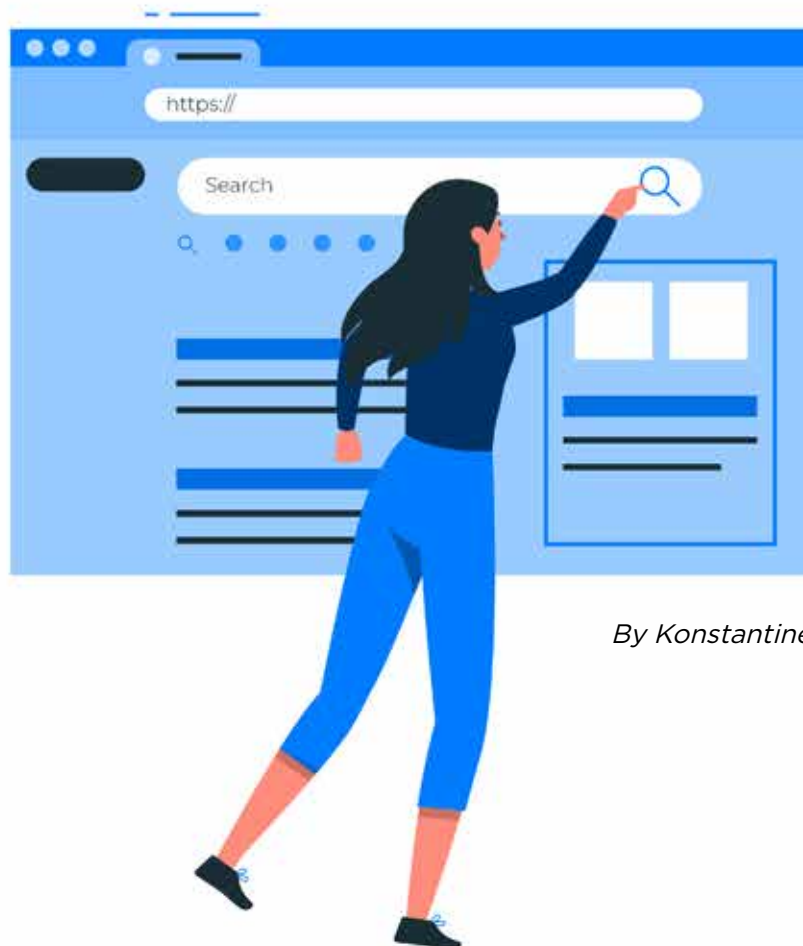
Luckily, I don't have these types of seasonal allergies. However, a lot of people I know literally can't breathe or spend a minute without sneezing in Spring. It's also funny and weird to me to see the city covered by pollen. There is so much that it looks like snow! You'll see it flying through the air and creating really soft carpets on the road.

By Sara



THE ENTREPRENEUR

In 2019, I started working with my family business. Working with family is the hardest thing you can imagine. After that, I started my own business. I already had experience in marketing and I chose e-commerce. Fortunately, in this period I had pretty good relationships with legal manufacturers of cosmetics. I signed the distributor contract with them and started to build a website. I started taking courses on e-commerce as an SEO. It helped me understand how search systems decide which website is better. Then I joined a group that was developing shops, and I started to build my website.



By Konstantine

WHAT MUSIC MEANS TO ME

In my opinion, three main forces exist that move the human heart - and one of those is music. I noticed that music controls things inside of me in unconscious ways. Music has been present in almost all phases of my life. That is the reason why it is not surprising that once I became a music lover, I stopped being a spectator.

Even though it is not as easy because I'm now living in Los Angeles (one of the places I've always wanted to live in), I still have the same desire as when I was 15 years old to play music. Things don't always happen in the way we expect, but when something is meant to be, it will be. If it doesn't work out, I will let it be and keep in mind that I was brave enough to try to follow my dreams.

By Domenica



THE BUILDER

I have built two houses. One is my house and the second house I sold. For a good price! My first house took five years to build, and I think it's one of the best I've built in my life. I used the best materials and furniture, and it was very expensive.

Of course, I also used professional architects and it was a very smart decision. Right now, I'm worried about saving my house because every day Russia bombs my country and the district of my house. I hope my house will be safe. I love my house very much and am proud that I built it. I miss my house, my oaks, and my green lawn.

By Andy



MAKE TIME FOR THINGS THAT MATTER



I often hear the sentence, “I don’t have enough time to exercise because I need to work/study/take care of my children.” However, all of us can do whatever we want 24 hours a day every day. It’s our decision to do what we want with our time. In my opinion, it doesn’t matter if you feel busy or if you don’t have time for anything. If you exercise nearly every day - you will be surprised.



The main reason to train a lot is not to run faster or to be stronger. Rather, I think you will succeed more in your studies because you will have better concentration and you will be more alert and sharp. As a result of that, during our studying, working, and other activities - you will utilize your time better.



By Maayan