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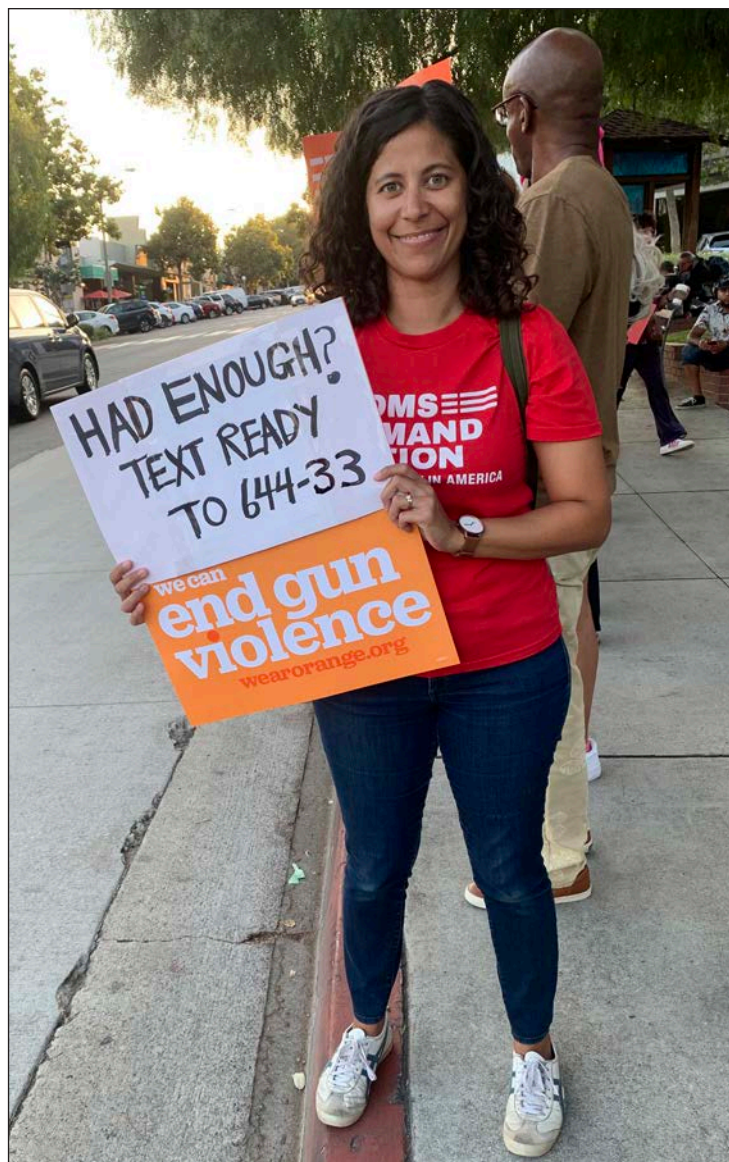
## HAS SIERRA MADRE HAD ENOUGH?

Story and Photos By Rebecca Wright

On July 28, 2019 a white supremacist opened fire at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, killing three and wounding 12 others before he turned the gun on himself. Then, a week later, there were back-to-back shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, killing 22 and 10, and injuring 25 and 27 respectively. In light of these events, several local activists, as well as organizations like Moms Demand Action, Everytown, Move On, the Brady Campaign, and SMART (Sierra Madre Activists Rebuilding Together), held a candlelight vigil in Kersting Court on Wednesday, August 7 to honor the victims of those shootings. The vigil remembered as well, the shooting in a Mississippi Walmart on July 30, and the hundreds of other shootings this year and years past. This was just one of several vigils in the area - other locations included Pasadena and Claremont.

Sierra Madre has become an activist community, and so there were many familiar faces at Wednesday's vigil. Members of SMART like Kim Kissinger, one of the organizers, and local members of other organizations showed up in numbers. Moms Demand Action was also one of the groups that put on this vigil and many of the members showed up with their children to hold candles, honor the victims, and spread awareness. Sierra Madre Mayor John Harabedian, Maile Plan, a member of Congresswoman Judy Chu's staff, and Vickere Murphy-a member of Senator Anthony Portantino's staff were also present.

The vigil started with attendees lined up along the curb at Kersting Court. People held signs and candles, and passing cars honked in support. Around 7:30 PM, some of the organizers took turns thanking those in attendance. One of the Moms Demand Action representatives read a speech that she had prepared, Mayor Harabedian spoke, as did the representatives for the Congresswoman and the Senator; Maile Plan said that Congresswoman Judy Chu is pushing the Senate to



vote on a gun safety bill that has already passed in the House. Then, the mic was opened up to attendees who felt moved to share. Rudy Chavez took the mic and spoke, reminding everyone gathered that "we are all sisters and brothers...we need to fight for humanity."

For anyone looking to get more involved in events like this and to support the cause, one easy way is to text "Checks" to 644-33. This will put you in contact with the office of your senators and it will let them know that you support gun safety. You can also go online to the websites of organizations like Moms Demand Action, Move On, or Everytown to get involved with local chapters.

### Saving Our Library:

## SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED



Photo courtesy MVNews Archives

The roots of the Sierra Madre Public Library date back to the early history of the City. The town's first settlers valued the arts and literature while local citizens took on an active role in building this new community. Prior to organized police or fire forces, prior even to the official incorporation of the city, the settlers in Sierra Madre valued having a Library. The first Library was built 130 years ago on the same lot where the current Library stands today. The Sierra Madre Public Library is the fourth oldest library system in Los Angeles County and the tenth oldest library operation in Southern California.

The current Library building, constructed in 1955, and is now over 60 years old. In spring of 2015 a committee was formed by the Library Board of Trustees, as prescribed by the 2014 Library Strategic Plan, to research the current condition of the Library facility to identify deficiencies, needed repairs, and assess the overall condition of the building's ability to serve into the future. The findings were reported in the Library Facility Master Plan which can be viewed at: <http://cityofsierramadre.hosted.civicle.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=7238478>.

Sustaining libraries in a town like Sierra Madre takes the support of the entire village. And, although there are currently two other local organizations that play very important roles

in the sustenance of the SMPL, the Foundation will address another aspect of continued support. Our current "Friends of the Library" raise current funds for the annual needs of the library. Their primary focus is on Special Events, such as the Used Book Sales, Annual Giving and the like to help supplement the Library's annual budget.

On the other hand, the focus of the Sierra Madre Library Foundation will be to conduct Capital Campaigns as needed to support the larger financial needs of the Library such as Equipment, Technology and Furnishings and will have a major role once a new library is built. One of the Foundation's major goals will be to build an Endowment Fund, primarily through Planned Giving, Bequests and other Estate Planning vehicles.

This isn't the first time that such a Foundation has been considered. An attempt was made to create a Library Foundation in 2008, but other pressing Community needs took priority. Now, however, the problems of 2008 have become more acute and more expensive to address. The nucleus of the 2008 group has gathered together again to attempt to create a Foundation. Involved are Former Councilmen, Bart Doyle and Rob Stockly; retired Librarian, Toni Buckner; Library Trustees Patricia Hall and Dr. Rich Procter and retired Architect Fred Wesley.

The Foundation has applied to become a 501(C)(3) Non Profit organization with the Internal Revenue Service so donors will be able to deduct their gifts from Federal Income Taxes. Similar documents have been filed with the State of California.

To learn more about the Foundation and how to support it, contact Library Trustee Patricia Hall at [fnphallnsm@aol.com](mailto:fnphallnsm@aol.com)

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<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

### CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

#### CITY COUNCIL

June 25th, 2019 at 6:30pm  
July 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm  
July 23rd, 2019 at 6:30pm

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

July 18th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 1st, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

July 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
September 16, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

August 1st, 2019 at 3:00pm  
September 5th, 2019 at 3:00pm  
October 3rd, 2019 at 3:00pm

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 26th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
July 24th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 28th, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, & NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

July 17th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 21st, 2019 at 7:00pm

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com) before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

## 1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

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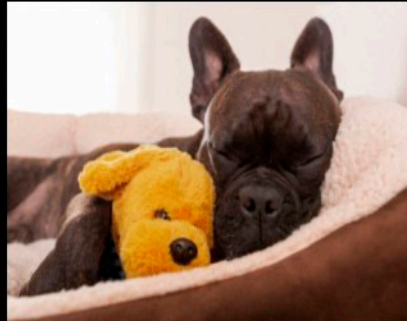


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August 12-17

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# Pasadena Altadena

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## Unwanted Medication Take Back



The Altadena Sheriff's Station will be taking in all types of unwanted prescription drugs at a special event on Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

We will be set up just west of our Station is located at 780 E. Altadena Dr. in Altadena, just west of Lake Avenue, under a green awning at the Altadena Community Center. The "take back" event is being conducted to prevent abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

The service is free and anonymous, and no questions will be asked.

Some medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Our only request is this event is intended for private persons and not companies that dispense medications, as destruction of the medication costs money to county of Los Angeles

For more information call (626) -798-1131.

## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



### Fiesta La Pintoresca

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a fun afternoon filled with a special performance of Charro rope tricks by the Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team and Marshal Ramon Banuelos along with stories, music, and crafts.

Thursday, Sept. 19 • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch INCA: The Peruvian Ensemble

Join us for an interactive musical experience through the enchanted land of the Incas.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 • 4:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

La Pintoresca Branch is located 1355 N Raymond Ave. For more information call (626) 744-7268.



## Groups to Rally at 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

A march and demonstrations are planned Wednesday morning to protest what organizers say is an attempt by the Trump administration to unblock the cancellation of Temporary Protected Status for six countries. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena will hear the administration's arguments that morning.

"We will be inside and outside the Courthouse while our lawyers argue why the preliminary injunction protecting TPS status must remain in place," organizers, including the National Temporary Protected Status Alliance and Pasadena Organizing for Progress said. "The termination of TPS is illegal and immoral. Will you join us to send a message against the politics of hate and fear."

The groups are set to convene at All Saints Church at 7 a.m., from where they will begin to march 1.5 miles towards the Federal Court house.

According to U.S. Citizenship

and Immigration Services, on Oct. 3, in Ramos v. Nielson, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California enjoined DHS from implementing and enforcing the decisions to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti, and El Salvador, pending further resolution of the case.

Other countries spared from TPS termination included Nepal and Honduras.

The U.S. currently provides TPS to over 300,000 foreign nationals including, 195,000 from El Salvador, 57,000 from Honduras and 46,000 from Haiti among others.

Under the Department of Homeland Security, Temporary Protected Status is designated due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately. They include: Ongoing armed conflict (such as civil war)

An environmental disaster (such as earthquake or hurricane), or an epidemic

Other extraordinary and temporary conditions

Once granted TPS, an

individual also cannot be detained by DHS on the basis of his or her immigration status in the United States.

The event is being held by The National TPS Alliance which was formed and is led by TPS beneficiaries across the United States, combining advocacy efforts at a national level to save Temporary Protected Status in the short term and to devise legislation that creates a path to permanent residency in the long term.

For more information visit: [nationaltpsalliance.org](http://nationaltpsalliance.org).

Pasadenans Organizing for Progress connects the several silos of activism that have existed in Pasadena for years or have recently sprung to life: PAHG, Pasadena Affordable Housing Group; CICOPP, Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of Pasadena Police; Pasadena Tenants Union ; NDILON, the National Day Laborers Organizing Network, among others.

For more information about POP visit: [poppasadena.org](http://poppasadena.org).

All Saints Church is located 132 N Euclid Ave. The rally and hearing are set for 8:30 a.m. at the U.S Federal Court 125 S. Grand Ave.

## Citizenship & Immigration Resources

Newly created Citizenship Corners at each of the three library sites will provide patrons with access to resources and materials to assist them with understanding United States citizenship and related processes, including information kits, which will be available for checkout. These locations will also host bilingual educational workshops in English and Spanish in partnership with outside organizations to address a variety of immigrant needs. Additionally, library staff will receive training from the Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to help them better assist patrons with questions on the citizenship process.

To help patrons prepare further for the naturalization test, the Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department offers a U.S. citizenship class at Villa Parke Community Center for adults ages 50 and up. This class provides participants with a basic overview of U.S. history and government.

Citizenship Preparation Classes

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam by enrolling in these free classes.

Thursdays beginning Sept. 19 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/ Studio on 4th.

To sign up, call William Porras, (626) 744-4225.

Fridays beginning Sept. 20 • 10-11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch.

To sign up, call Melvin Racelis, (626) 744-7268.

## Norma Coombs Elementary Welcomes New Principal

*New School Year Starts Monday*

As Pasadena Unified schools get ready for the first day of fall, officials announced that Debra Lucas will be the new Principal of Norma Coombs Elementary School.

"I am pleased to appoint Ms. Lucas as Principal of Norma Coombs Elementary," said Interim Superintendent David Verdugo, Ed.D. "With her experience as an instructional leader and track record of developing innovative partnerships that enrich student learning, Norma Coombs will be ready to launch into the future."

Ms. Lucas was selected after a thorough process that included input from Norma Coombs Elementary stakeholders. The contract is scheduled for ratification by the Board of Education on August 29.

This year, Norma Coombs Elementary will introduce "Code to the Future," the computer science immersion program that gives students exciting opportunities to learn the fundamentals of computer coding as an integrated part of their daily curriculum. Through this 21st century digital literacy, students develop critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration skills.

Ms. Lucas served as principal of Cleveland Elementary from 2016 to June 2019. Under her leadership at Cleveland Elementary, Cleveland

Elementary developed a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), with classes taught weekly by visiting Caltech scientists. Previously, she was a District Elementary Instructional Coach and was part of the district's Curriculum Revision Workshop Team that made PUSD an early adopter of the new state learning standards. Ms. Lucas was a Curriculum Resource Teacher and Language Development Resource Teacher at Longfellow



Debra Lucas

Elementary School. She began her career in PUSD in 1997.

"I am very proud to continue serving Pasadena Unified School District as principal of Norma Coombs Elementary School," said Ms. Lucas. "In line with the school's mission, I am confident that as a learning community we will demonstrate perseverance, commit to excellence, inspire leadership, build futures, and achieve the impossible as we discover every child's gifts through collaboration, innovation, and literacy."

Ms. Lucas has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance Therapy from New York University; a teaching credential from California State University, Dominguez Hills; and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership and Administrative Services Credential from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

New School Year Starts Monday

"we will proudly welcome an estimated 16,000 PreK-12th grade students to our schools. We look forward to providing a caring, engaging, and challenging educational experience for every student, every day in partnership with our families and communities," said PUSD Superintendent Brian McDonald.

"Although I am on medical leave recuperating from surgery, I am thinking of you and can't wait to return. Dr. David Verdugo, who is serving as Interim Superintendent, will guide PUSD until I return."

## Pasadena Central Library Authors & their Journeys

Saturday, Sept. 14 • 3 p.m. Donald Wright Auditorium

Author Janet Fitch will talk about her newly published book Chimes of a Lost Cathedral, which finishes the epic story of Marina Makarova's (The Revolution of Marina M.) journey through some of the most dramatic events of the last century--as a woman and an artist, entering her full power, passion and creativity just as her revolution reveals its true direction for the future. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Fitch is most famously known as the author of the Oprah's Book Club novel White Oleander, which became a film in 2002. Her novel Paint



It Black, hit bestseller lists across the country and has also been made into a film. She is a graduate of Reed College, located in Portland, Oregon. Fitch was born in Los Angeles, a third-generation native, and grew up in a family of voracious readers.

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SCHOOL STARTS THIS WEEK!

“You know it’s time to go back to school when you hear parents singing,  
“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!”

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.” George Washington Carver

‘Twas The Night Before School Started  
‘Twas the night before school started and all through the town,  
Parents were cheering, it was a riotous sound.  
By eight the kids were washed and tucked into bed,  
While memories of homework filled them with dread.  
New pencils, new folders, new notebooks too,  
New teachers, new friends, their anxiety grew.  
The parents just giggled when they heard of this fright,  
And shouted upstairs...Go To Bed, It’s A School Night!” Author Unknown

That’s pretty much what’s happening all over the place this week and next. Up the street where granddaughters, Jessie and Emily, live, they went to the Start of School Splash swim party this afternoon, showered, shampooed and are already in bed as school starts for them tomorrow.

This seems somewhat unbelievable to me as I came out of the prehistoric era, just shortly after the Jurassic age, when school got out in June and started up again the day after Labor Day. These girls have been out on the town since early May and go back August 7<sup>th</sup>. While I’m reminiscing, and maybe you remember it this way, too, school started at 9:00 and went till 3:00. These girls are yanked rudely from sleep at 6:00 a.m., are on the school bus about 7:10 and on their way home shortly after 2:00.

We’ve bought new backpacks, tennis shoes, shirts with unicorns, flamingoes, hedgehogs and positive statements emblazoned across the chest. We’ve made sure there are plenty of socks and underwear, and will be ready to invade Target when the new teachers pass out the lists of All The Supplies You Will Need.

Yes, school is starting again tomorrow. It’s been very pleasant to start the mornings around 8:00 when people really wanted to get up, pleasant to send the girls off to Vacation Bible School, various Art Camps, go to the movies, spend a week at the beach, just hang out at home and not feel any pressure.

A Parent’s Back to School Prayer  
Dear Lord, help them find where they need to go,  
And go only where Your will leads.  
To lead boldly, even where few will follow, and follow only the path You reveal.  
Reveal kindness to those who yearn, yearn for excellence in all they accomplish.  
Accomplish in themselves the promise of all You’ve given.



Give them a desire for truth and passion for real learning. Have them learn to give, to love, to forgive and encourage. Stay by their sides and light up their souls, Fill them, guide them, protect them and enliven them. And by all this have them become the masterful creations You formed And longed for them to be, even in their mother’s womb. “For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you., plans to give you a future and a hope.” Jer. 29:11

Yes, school starts tomorrow and our hope above all else is that everyone they encounter will be kind. God bless them, every one.

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“A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter” is also available on my book page and the apple cake recipe is in there!

KATIE Tse....This and That



My mom prefers news from the 50’s and 60’s to today’s stuff. Can’t say I blame her. Current events are too depressing. She has an online subscription to the Detroit Free Press, and every so often shares interesting tidbits with me. Since the story I’m going to share with you was chronicled back in 1952, I doubt anyone today will mind if I borrow it.

Maynard H. Smith, “Snuffy,” from Caro Michigan was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in the second

World War when he selflessly stayed aboard a bombed and battered plane to tend to a crewman who’d been shot through the lung. Everyone else had bailed, but not Snuffy. He even discarded his parachute “to get faster action” tossing live explosives onto an enemy ship.

The article points out that psychologists would later note that men possessing normal reflexes and an understanding of danger would not be able to do what Snuffy did. In other words, Snuffy was a little nutty. Albeit helpfully nutty in this particular case. To celebrate his accomplishment, Snuffy went on a two-day bender for which the army assigned him to KP duty to scrub potatoes. That’s where they had to get him when it was time to tie the medal around his skinny neck (Snuffy weighed about 140 lb.).

But wait! There’s more... No, Snuffy was just getting started. He was divorced three times, the article not going into what “troubles” brought him to court in these cases. He also got caught trying to sell a fake aphrodisiac cream.

Let that one roll around in your mind for a while. First off, these were the days before FDA regulations, etc. etc. “Oklahoma” and similar tales have familiarized audiences with the prototype of fly-by-night flim-flam con artists preying on the supposed gullibility of rural communities.

You know the score. Some guy in a flashy suit and a greasy mustache sets up a tent peddling miracle tonics that turn out to be nothing more than grain alcohol with a splash of camphor. The idea is sell a lot before the locals catch on and run you out of town.

So, how exactly did Snuffy’s aphrodisiac scam become exposed? I know if I were to buy something like that and it didn’t work, I’d be too embarrassed to complain about it. I mean, imagine answering the question, “Well ma’am, can you explain the problem

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

July 28 to August 4, 2019 - During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 264 calls for service.

**CRIMINAL THREATS** - At 8:05PM on Monday 7/29/19, a family member in the 100 block of Merrill Ave. reported criminal threats made towards them and their family. The suspect was placed in custody and taken to a local hospital for a mental evaluation. The case was forwarded to Detectives

**THEFT FROM A VEHICLE** - On 7/30/19 at 8:10PM, officers responded to an auto burglary investigation that occurred in the 600 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The suspect(s) gained entry

through the driver side door by tampering with the door handle mechanism. The suspect(s) stole five credit cards that were located in the victim’s purse and wallet and were reported to have been used at local businesses. Forwarded to Detectives

**PUBLIC DRUNKENESS** - A report of a suspicious person was reported at 7:20PM on 8/2/19, in the area of Lima St. and Highland Ave. The subject was located nearby and contacted. Following the field interview it was determined that the subject was under the influence. The suspect was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police jail.

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# AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



## TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

Do you have kids? I do, anyone need one until the economy picks up again, she is well mannered? Just kidding honey, but I will need that iPhone back, with the receipt. A certifiable winner on every Wednesday and Sunday Night is Robin's where the Kids eat for free!! I have a feeling we can all afford that one. With each adult entrée your child can eat for free from the kids menu. No kids, you say, well they also offer all you can eat Rib Tips for (\$13.95). Wow!!!

Now let's review an American favorite!!! It is also one of my personal favorites, BBQ, not the oven roasted version which Tony Roma's panders. No, Barbeque is made low and slow. Low heat and slowly cooked. There is only one authentic BBQ in The San Gabriel Valley; you guessed it, Robin's Woodfire BBQ and Grill in Hastings Ranch.

recalled. But, "I decided to stay the course". The result is some of the best BBQ in all of Southern California. The awards in the past five years include: Best of City Search, numerous Best of Awards by local newspapers, write ups in the LA Times and a feature in Westways Magazine.

Depending on the meat, each entrée is cooked between 4 to 6 hours on wood. The sauce is then put on the meat about twenty seconds before meat is done. This is done to avoid burning the outside skin of the meat.

Prices range from (\$8.95) for salads to (\$35.95) for the ultimate Garbage Can Combo.

What to order: The Beef Ribs are a must!! Four rib dinner (\$19.95) and the six Rib dinner is (\$29.95). Robin tells me the ribs are notched, thus insuring extra meat. For dessert order the peach cobbler, its house made.

What to avoid: Mondays & Tuesday, the restaurant is closed. They don't take reservations on the weekends, so I suggest making the visit on a Thursday Night. No separate checks. Four Stars. Worth the drive from anywhere in Los Angeles. Check out the website. Robinsmenu.com for updated prices and hours. 395 N. Rosemead Pasadena. (626) 351-8885

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## SAY IT ISNT SO !!!!

You are hungry and you want something different, and this writer tells you to go to Robin's Woodfire BBQ on Rosemead, you say " I have driven by that place a thousand times and I thought it was just a coffee shop".

Owner and head politician Robin Salzer has perfected the BBQ at his name sake. Robin, will readily admit it took a few months to perfect the BBQ at Robin's. Robin hails from Milwaukee and opened Robin's 38 years ago this month. The original menu had everything from breakfast, to pizza, nachos and little bit of the BBQ. About ten years ago Robin made the decision to go strictly BBQ. "Everyone in the neighborhood, thought I was crazy," Robin

## THANK YOU, FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER: 1100 STUDENTS READY FOR SCHOOL By Joan Schmidt

I attended Foothill Unity Center's annual "Back to School" event at Santa Anita Park and was totally blown away. It's been ten years since I last attended; the event has GREATLY expanded, beyond belief.

When I first arrived, I walked past so many happy families waiting in line for the event to begin. I proceeded to the Chandelier Room for the Welcoming ceremony, and met Mo and Lydia from Lyd&Mo Photography who do all the Event Photos free of charge! (See photo above.) Visit [info@lydandmoc.com](mailto:info@lydandmoc.com).

The "Welcoming Ceremony" was a wonderful reunion of tri-city friends still working and volunteering to help those in need. They included current Executive Director, Betty McWilliams; past Director Joan Whitenack; DUSD Superintendent Dr. Gordon Amerson and Board Member Reyna Diaz; MUSD Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian; Host city Arcadia Mayor April Verlatto, City Council Member Peter Amundson, former Mayor/ Foothill Unity Center's Board President, Gary Kovacic, also Master of Ceremony; Monrovia City Council Member Becky Shevlin, past Mayor/ Foothill Unity Center Board Member Mary Ann Lutz, Board Member Ulises Gutierrez, Betty Thomas, Susan Motander, Jennifer Stone, Duarte's past Mayor/ Board Member Lois Gaston, City Council Member Liz Reilly, and Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera; Kristi Lopez from Senator Portantino's Office, Vicky Paul from Supervisor Barger's office; Board Member Eric Bell; and Penny Arroyo, Volunteer Center Of San Gabriel Valley.

After the welcoming and introductions, I went downstairs to Santa Anita's Club House area. I have never seen so many HUGE displays of clothing (Uniforms, socks, underwear), and school supplies. I met Lois Gaston down there and she said, "Joan, can you imagine all the planning that went into this?"

There was an area for haircuts, manicures, and

## 'Optometrists' Verify Mars 2020 Rover's 20/20 Vision

Equipped with visionary science instruments, the Mars 2020 rover (<https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020>) underwent an "eye" exam after several cameras were installed on it. The rover contains an armada of imaging capabilities, from wide-angle landscape cameras to narrow-angle high-resolution zoom lens cameras.

"We completed the machine-vision calibration of the forward-facing cameras on the rover," said Justin Maki, chief engineer for imaging and the imaging scientist for Mars 2020 at JPL. "This measurement is critical for accurate stereo vision, which is an important capability of the vehicle."

To perform the calibration, the 2020 team imaged target boards that feature grids of dots, placed at distances ranging from 1 to 44 yards (1 to 40 meters) away. The target boards were used to confirm that the cameras meet the project's requirements for resolution and geometric accuracy. The cameras tested included two Navcams, four Hazcams, the SuperCam and the two Mastcam-Z cameras.

"We tested every camera on the front of the rover chassis and also those mounted on the mast," said Maki. "Characterizing the geometric alignment of all these imagers is important for driving the vehicle on Mars, operating the robotic arm and accurately targeting the rover's laser."

In the coming weeks, the imagers on the back



Monrovia Reads had several tables of brand-new paperback books, like Scholastic-one per student. This event was TK- College, so there were representatives from the armed forces and college info. A totally awesome event: 1100 children now start school prepared. Outside were Dental and Vision screenings; the Fire Department had a truck and the CHP provided infant child seats.

Thank to the 100's of Volunteers and Community partners for this event: Santa Anita Park Racetrack, Party Works Interactive, Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley, Eastern Star, South Pasadena # 21, Eastern Star, Arcadia/Pasadena# 108, Monrovia Family Restaurant, Western University, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, Chap Care, Panda Restaurant Group, Citrus College Cosmetology, Elks Lodge of Arcadia #2025, E.L.S. Outlet Store, Georgina Frederick Children's Foundation, Starbucks, Monrovia and Sierra Madre, Double Tree Monrovia, Wendy's Monrovia, Embassy Suites Arcadia, Double Tree Monrovia, Monrovia Transit, Lyd & Mo Photography, Pacific Pace, California Pizza Kitchen, Big 5 Sporting goods and Monrovia Reads.

There is not enough space to share ALL the wonderful services/ assistance provided by Foothill Unity Center. Please visit [www.foothillunitycenter.com](http://www.foothillunitycenter.com)

of the rover body and on the turret at the end of the rover's arm will undergo similar calibration.

Mounted on the rover's remote sensing mast, the Navcams (navigation cameras) will acquire panoramic 3D image data that will support route planning, robotic-arm operations, drilling and sample acquisition. The Navcams can work in tandem with the Hazcams (hazard-avoidance cameras) mounted on the lower portion of the rover chassis to provide complementary views of the terrain to safeguard the rover against getting lost or crashing into unexpected obstacles. They'll be used by software enabling the Mars 2020 rover to perform self-driving over the Martian terrain.

Along with its laser and spectrometers, SuperCam's imager will examine Martian rocks and soil, seeking organic compounds that could be related to past life on Mars. The rover's two Mastcam-Z high-resolution cameras will work together as a multispectral, stereoscopic imaging instrument to enhance the Mars 2020 rover's driving and core-sampling capabilities. The Mastcam-Z cameras will also enable science team members to observe details in rocks and sediment at any location within the rover's field of view, helping them piece together the planet's geologic history.

## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges THE ZEN OF PAINTING



*30 Years Later and the House Demolished, Did It Matter if We Used Glossy or Flat?*

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It was the summer of 1973 when my brother and I lived on my grandfather's farm in Chardon, Ohio. One day, we decided to paint the kitchen a beautiful shade of light turquoise.

We turned on the radio, and began our task. We opened the windows, and I did the trim while my brother rolled. We listened to the radio as we busied ourselves with our individual tasks. We worked the corners, the edges, the front surfaces.

There's something about painting -- perhaps it's the fumes, perhaps it is the long quiet times of many little tasks. Painting requires no moral decisions, no great choices, no necessary pontifications about the meaning and purpose of life. And yet...

And yet, there you are, with your self, and the task before you. For me, painting time has often been a time to re-enter the inner I, to think, to remember. In many ways, it is the ideal task for self-enlightenment.

When we were done, we felt we'd accomplished something, and felt we'd given something back to the old farmhouse.

When the weekend came, another uncle came to visit us. He strode into the kitchen, looked around at the paint, and simply said "you didn't use glossy!"

Glossy? We were teenagers from California, visiting the home where our mother grew up. Though it may be second-nature to us today, back then we had no sense that a kitchen should be painted glossy. Glossy vs. flat were not issues that we thought much about. We didn't think it mattered all that much?

But Uncle Joe seemed to think it was a big deal, and just one more bit of evidence that teenagers from "the big city" were a bunch of dimwits who wouldn't know a cow from a goat. Uncle Joe shared it around to family and friends that we'd painted the kitchen in "wrong" paint, so we heard about in the weeks that followed. Some relatives didn't care, but others would comment as they came in, "Oh, so there's the flat paint job," instead of, "Hey, hello, long time no see!"

Dumb city boys who don't know the difference between flat and glossy paint, who actually had the stupidity to paint a kitchen in flat paint.

Of course, our intent was to make the family happy that we'd improved the old farmhouse. We

wanted the relatives to comment that we were industrious nephews who proved that all city boys were not idiots.

Today, while I was painting my own bathroom -- glossy paint, white -- memories of the summer of 1973 in Chardon began to play again in my mind. Perhaps it was the paint. Perhaps it was the cool breeze blowing fresh oxygen through the room. I heard the chickens out back and it reminded me of my brief period of farm-living.

I began to think about how Uncle Joe responded, and how he could have responded. I realized then the great truth in the phrase that WHAT we do is of little or no importance, but HOW we do it is everything.

Uncle Joe died over 10 years ago, and when I visited the old farm site in 1999, the entire farm house and barn had been torn down and were now just a field. None of it mattered anymore in the world of physical reality. Joe was gone, and the entire farmhouse was simply a memory, glossy or flat.

Joe could have congratulated us on taking the initiative to paint, and could have explained why kitchens are always painted glossy. He could have told us that it was a great primer coat, and enthusiastically offered to drive us right then to the hardware store to get glossy paint, and we'd all do the final coat together. That would have been something. Our memory would have been profoundly different had Uncle Joe taken that route of inclusiveness, familyness, and helpfulness.

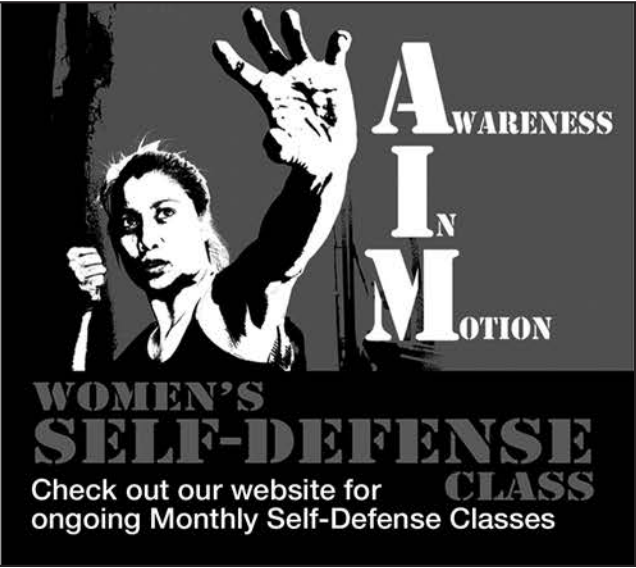
I do not fault him for what he did do -- he probably knew no other way. In fact, from what I knew about his father (my grandfather), his father probably would have beaten him had Joe painted the kitchen with flat paint. So to Joe, that was just one of millions of automatic reactions to things in his world. He probably forgot about in a few years, after the novelty of talking about Marie's silly nephews wore off.

I realized then how important such "little things" can be, and I wondered how well I would do when my next opportunity arose. It is especially important with impressionable youth to do the very best we can to be a good example.

It seemed like an important insight, that the "how" is more important than the "what," and that flat or glossy really doesn't matter. Perhaps it was the paint. Perhaps it was the cool breeze blowing fresh oxygen through the room....



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## CASTING FOR LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS ANNOUNCED

Pasadena Playhouse, the State Theater of California, announces preliminary casting for Little Shop of Horrors which comes to the Playhouse September 17 through October 20; the press opening is September 25.

George Salazar, who is currently starring as “Michael” in the Broadway productions of Be More Chill (Lucille Lortel winner and Drama Desk Nominee for Outstanding Featured Actors in a Musical), has been announced for the role of “Seymour Krelborn.” Mj Rodriguez, who currently stars as “Blanca Rodriguez-Evangelista” in Pose – the Emmy-nominated FX drama series with the largest cast of transgender actors to be starring as series regulars in a scripted show – has been announced for the role of “Audrey.” Amber Riley, best known for her portrayal of Mercedes Jones on the Fox comedy-drama series Glee, has been announced for the role of “Audrey II.” Additional casting will be announced at a later date.

In Little Shop of Horrors (book and lyrics by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken), a power-hungry, R&B-singing, carnivorous plant sets its sights on world domination! Directed by Mike Donahue (The Legend of Georgia McBride, Geffen Playhouse), this deviously delicious sci-fi musical comedy favorite comes to the Playhouse with some deliciously devious new twists: a brand new puppet concept for Audrey II, and a whole new take on Skid Row.

Danny Feldman, Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director said, “Our new electrifying production of Little Shop of Horrors will give our audiences the opportunity to see a show they know and love in a way they never have before. From a delicious new take on everyone’s favorite singing plant to the stunningly talented cast, this is sure to be a landmark theatrical event for Los Angeles.”

Director Mike Donahue says, “with its gritty early-Motown-meets-B-

movie-horror-sci-fi vibe, Little Shop of Horrors has always been a favorite musical of mine, and it is a thrill for me to delve deeply into this rich material with this spectacular, electric cast. I look forward to not only paying homage to this musical theatre classic, but also exploring the themes that are still so much a part of our world today. More than anything, I look forward to Playhouse audiences having the time of their lives, and hearing our Little Shop with fresh ears, in a way they never have before.”

The design team features scenic design by Dane Laffrey; costume design by Danae McQueen; lighting design by Josh Epstein; sound design by Veronika Vorel; and choreography and puppet design by Sean Cawelti.

Tickets for Little Shop of Horrors start at \$25 and are available at [pasadenaplayhouse.org](http://pasadenaplayhouse.org), by phone at 626-356-7529, and at the box office at 39 South El Molino Avenue

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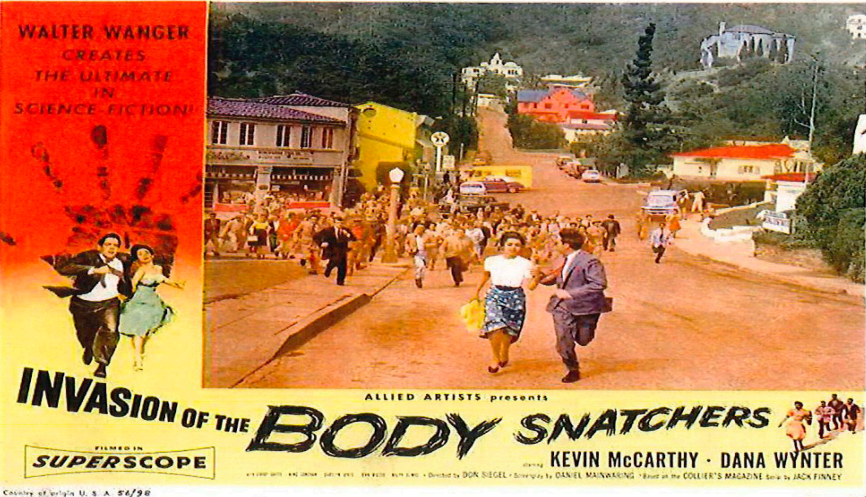
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## ARCADIA FARMERS' MARKET COMING SOON

August 8, 2019 – Just in time for fall, the City of Arcadia will debut its new and certified Farmers' Market, thanks to a partnership with Raw Inspiration, a local company that has organized similar events throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The official City of Arcadia Farmers' Market launches Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arcadia Public Library parking lot, 20 W. Duarte Road, and will be held weekly on Sundays thereafter.

Arcadia residents and visitors will now have a chance to enjoy traditional farmers' market fare, including more than 30 vendors featuring flowers, prepackaged and prepared foods, fresh produce, artisanal

bread, cheeses, meats, oils, and other craft vendors. A weekly Market Kids Club will be present with offerings for children to enjoy special activities including music, art, and facts about healthy food and the importance of farming.

"Farmers' markets are an integral part of the urban/farm linkage and have continued to rise in popularity, mostly due to the growing consumer interest in obtaining fresh products directly from the farm," said Mayor April Verlatto. "The Arcadia Farmers' Market will allow residents to have access to locally grown, farm fresh produce."

Arcadia's new Farmers' Market season will be year-round and will be held every Sunday, beginning September 8 and concluding in the summer of 2020.

"Arcadia is a very special community and we are honored to bring this Farmers' Market here for residents to enjoy," said Melissa Farwell, Raw Inspiration's Director of Coordination & Development. "Sunday strolls through the market with family and friends is such a special weekly experience and we are excited to share that experience with Arcadia's residents."

For more information on how to become a vendor, please contact Raw Inspiration at (818) 591-8161 or email [info@ccfm.com](mailto:info@ccfm.com).

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AIR QUALITY IS UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE INDIVIDUALS IN PARTS OF LA COUNTY

LOS ANGELES – According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District(AQMD) forecast, air quality will be unhealthy for sensitive individuals in Antelope Valley, East San Fernando Valley, West San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Mountains, East San Gabriel Valley, West San Gabriel Valley, and Santa Clarita Valley tomorrow, Saturday, August 3.

Los Angeles County Health Officer, Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, advises people living or working in these areas with heart disease, asthma or other respiratory diseases to minimize outdoor activities.

Children who have sensitive conditions, including heart disease, asthma, and other chronic respiratory diseases, should not participate in outdoor physical activity at schools, camps and other recreational programs and should stay indoors as much as possible.

For current air quality maps and forecast, visit the AQMD website at [www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality).

- Avoid the sun – stay indoors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Drink plenty of fluids – 2 to 4 glasses of water every hour during times of extreme heat.
- Replace salt and minerals – sweating removes salt and minerals from your body, so replenish these nutrients with low sugar fruit juices or sports drinks during exercise or when working outside.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Pace yourself - reduce physical activity and avoid exercising outdoors during peak heat hours.
- Wear appropriate clothing - wear a wide-brimmed hat and light colored lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when you are outdoors.
- Stay cool indoors during peak hours- set your air conditioner between 75° to 80°. If you don't have air conditioning, take a cool shower twice a day and visit a public air conditioned facility. Find a local cooling center at [lacounty.gov/emergency](http://lacounty.gov/emergency).
- Monitor those at high risk - check on elderly neighbors and family and friends who do not have air conditioning. Infants and children up to 4 years old, people who overexert during work or exercise (e.g. construction workers) and people 65 years and older are at the highest risk of heat-related illnesses.
- Use sun screen with a sun protection factor of at least 15 if you need to be in the sun.
- Keep pets indoors – heat also affects your pets, keep them indoors or if they will be outside, make sure they have plenty of water and a shaded area to help them keep cool.

Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps and increased thirst. For more information or additional locations, please call 211 for LA County or 311 for LA City.

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## South Pas Building and Planning New Hours



City Hall has made some changes, the Public Works department moved and will now be on the first floor adjacent to Building and Planning and Finance/Cashier will be working on the second floor in the former Public Works office.

Beginning on Monday, August 5, the Planning Division public counter will be open on: Mondays: from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesdays: from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. On these days, the Planning Division will accept new applications and will be available to answer your questions regarding zoning, design, and historic preservation. The public counter will be closed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The Building Division plan check counter will be open as follows: Mondays - from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. And Wednesdays - From 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On these days, the Building Division will provide plan check services and will be available to answer questions. \*Building permit services will not be effected and will remain open from Monday through Friday to accept building permit applications.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 403-7220. The planning department is also introducing a Planning Hotline, a designated planner will be available for assistance at 626-403-7260 to answer all planning questions, such as zoning, design and historic preservation.

## SOUTH PASADENA CITY MEETINGS

### Regular City Council Meeting

**Next meeting September 18**

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street.

### **The Planning Commission**

Tuesday August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chamber

1424 Mission Street

Staff Liaison: David Bergman, Interim Planning and

Building Director

Phone (626) 403-7223

### **The Cultural Heritage Commission**

Thursday August 18 at 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chamber

1424 Mission Street

Staff Liaison: John Steinmeyer, Interim Senior Planner

Phone: (626) 403-7228

## ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

**Monday, July 29th**

Between 4:00 PM & 6:45 AM (Tue) – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 2700 block of Tola Avenue. Stolen: black wallet and work identification.

Between 6:00 PM & 7:30 AM (Tue) – A residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of E. Sacramento Street. Suspect(s) entered the residence via unknown means. Stolen: HP computer monitors, black printer, Vizio80" TV, and surveillance system.

**Tuesday, July 30th**

2:53 AM – A grand theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 2800 block of Tola Avenue. Stolen: silver iPhone 6, red iPhone 8, and a Smith & Wesson 9mm firearm.

7:10 AM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 400 block of E. Sacramento Street. Vehicle described as a silver 2012 Nissan Altima.

Between 6:00 PM & 10:00 AM (Wed) – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 500 block of Crosby Street. Stolen: vehicle registration and currency.

Between 7:00 PM & 6:30 AM (Wed) – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2100 block of E. El Molino Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by prying the door. Stolen: red Milwaukee speaker and a black Milwaukee battery.

Between 8:00 PM and 2:00 PM (Wed) – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2500 block of Glenrose Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle via unknown means. No items reported stolen.

**Thursday, August 1st**

7:30 PM – A shoplifting incident occurred in the 700 block of E. Altadena Drive. Suspects described as two female Blacks between 20 and 24 years of age. Stolen: various cosmetics.

**Sunday, August 3rd**

Between 10:00 PM & 11:30 PM (Sun) – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 200 block of Wapello Street. Vehicle damage: scratches to body of vehicle.

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## ARCADIA - MONROVIA - DUARTE

### ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Police Department responded to 932 calls for service, of which 114 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 28:

1. Shortly before 1:49 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Fano Street regarding a disturbance report. An investigation revealed two men were physically fighting each other. A 49-year-old male from Pomona was arrested as the primary aggressor and he was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 3:19 p.m., an officer responded to Aldi, at 1403 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The officer determined an unknown suspect discretely stole the victim's purse from inside a tote while she was loading her groceries into her cart. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, July 29:

3. Just after 7:11 a.m., an officer responded to Vi-Spa Massage, at 500 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a business check request. The officer discovered an unknown suspect smashed part of the front glass door and entered the business; however, no loss was reported. The investigation is ongoing.

4. At approximately 9:11 a.m., an officer responded to a location in the 100 block of East Santa Clara Street regarding a vandalism report. The reporting party discovered "SRH 2019" and "RIP DOSO" had been spray painted on one of the buildings. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects were responsible for the graffiti. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, July 30:

5. Around 10:58 a.m., an officer responded to T & M Auto Repair, at 16 West Live Oak Avenue, regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime between July 29<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect stole the victim's vehicle from the parking lot. The investigation is ongoing.

6. Just before 2:35 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed it was an altercation between an estranged husband and wife. The suspect choked his wife, punched her, and he pulled her hair. The 30-year-old male, from Covina, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, July 31:

7. At about 5:48 a.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of Hilton Garden Inn, at 199 North Second Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The officer determined an unknown suspect smashed the car window and stole speakers, a microwave, and various other household items. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

8. Shortly after 2:29 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Las Tunas Drive regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .26%. The 55-year-old male, from San Gabriel, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, August 1:

9. At 7:48 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of Anokia Lane regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspects smashed a second story window and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

10. At 10:08 a.m., an officer responded to McKee Cecilia Jaime DMD Dentistry, at 145 East Duarte Road, regarding a vandalism report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects attempted to enter the business by smashing the front glass window with a sledge hammer, however, they failed and fled empty-handed in a dark-colored SUV.

One suspect was described as being a black male with a mustache and goatee, who was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. The second suspect was a black male, with a mustache and beard, who was wearing a black jacket with white stripes down the sleeves. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, August 2:

11. At about 8:42 a.m., an officer responded to a residence, in the 200 block of East Longden Avenue, regarding a theft from a vehicle report. The officer determined an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and stole the victim's paintball equipment, hiking boots, and a knife. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

## CITY OF ARCADIA - KID'S NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019 - 6-11PM SUMMER SEND OFF!

Join us at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Huntington Drive, Arcadia 91007, for some end of summer fun! Kid's Night Out provides kids a night of fun and play so parents can enjoy an evening out or a quiet one at home. The Arcadia Recreation Staff and Volunteers offer dinner, themed games, supervision and a movie for children ages 4 and above. (Accommodations cannot be made for special dietary needs.) The fun takes place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007, from 6-11pm. The cost is \$22.00 per child and includes snacks and beverages. Pre-registration is mandatory and can be done on-line at ArcadiaCA.gov by fax, 626.821.4370 or by coming into the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

### SIGN UP FOR THE MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP YOUTH OR ADULT LEADERSHIP

### ACADEMIES THIS FALL!

The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) is excited to present our youth and adult leadership academies for the fall season! MAP is a city program facilitated by Neighborhood Services staff that hosts events and meetings to train and connect community members dedicated to improving Monrovia. Stay connected by liking MAP on Facebook, and we hope you'll consider signing up for one of our academies below!

#### **MAP Adult Leadership Academy**

One major goal of the MAP Program is to encourage residents' involvement in their neighborhood and in the community. Through the MAP Leadership Academy, we train residents to recognize and utilize city resources; provide leadership skills;

and encouragement to become engaged in the community.

Thursdays, September 12 - October 24

7:00 PM - 9:00PM, Library Community Room

RSVP Online

MAP Youth Leadership Academy

The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Youth Leadership Academy is similar to the Adult Academy but is designed for middle and high school aged youth. The Academy's goals are to assist the youth in learning, developing and growing. We start by exploring with them how they themselves are leaders (even if they don't know it yet!); then they are given examples of how others use their skills to make a difference. After learning from others, they learn how we work together as a community and ends with putting all that they learn into ACTION.

Wednesdays, September 11 - October 23

3:00 - 5:00 PM, Library Community Room

### FIVE REASONS TO ATTEND OR WATCH A CITY COUNCIL MEETING

• Learn about new developments and projects in Duarte. There are new projects and developments every direction you look. Duarte is bustling!

• Hear presentations about organizations in the community. Local organizations such as the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, or our different utilities make presentations about programs they offer to enhance Duarte or issues they see that could impact citizens. City Council meetings are a hub of information from across the community.

• Share your opinion. If you attend the meeting in person, you can address the Council during "oral communications" section on the agenda. Even if you cannot attend, you can express your concerns by calling City Hall at (626) 357-7931 and staff will connect you to the correct person to assist.

• Know what's going on in the community. Online forums sometimes have items misrepresented or falsely stated but if you are present at the meeting or watch later, you can know first-hand how a topic was discussed. It feels good to be in-the-know and not have to necessarily rely on outside filters for information.

• Get involved. Decide how involved you want to become by listening to what the different projects the city advisory commissions are working on and find the perfect niche for yourself – Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Traffic Safety Commission and many others.

The Duarte City Council meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive.

Can't attend but still really want to know what's going on? Livestream the meeting or watch archived session on the City website at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com). Just click on the "agenda/view meetings" icon at the bottom of the homepage, then click on the word "video" by the date of the meeting you want to view.



## CITRUS COLLEGE'S NEW APPROACH TO TEACHING MATHEMATICS ELIMINATES MAJOR OBSTACLE TO COLLEGE COMPLETION

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Citrus College Governing Board Member

New placement strategies and innovative teaching methods in Citrus College's mathematics program have been making headlines. In fact, a May 2019 episode of PBS NewsHour, titled "Making the Grade: Rethinking College," highlights the college's efforts to increase college completion rates by modifying math education.

These changes align with state legislation that took effect in January 2018. AB 705 requires California community colleges to maximize the probability that all students will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe. As part of this requirement, colleges must now use one of three measures to place students into English and math courses: high school coursework, high school grades and/or high school GPA.

At Citrus College, the placement of students in math classes is now dependent upon self-reported high school GPA and the last math course completed in high school with a "C" or better. All students, including those without a recent high school record, are provided access to entry transfer-level math in their first semester.

Of course, adjusting placement methods is only one aspect of AB 705. The legislation's ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for remedial classes, which many believe are a hindrance to college completion. Prior to AB 705, students could only enroll in transfer-level English and math if their placement scores were high. Those with lower scores were placed in remedial classes to ensure that they were sufficiently prepared for the more advanced material.

Before AB 705, 80 percent of California's incoming college freshman were placed into remedial and less than 20 percent of students completed their math requirement within one year. While the remedial courses were designed to get students ready for transfer-level coursework, they were actually preventing many from completing their college degrees.

Last fall, Citrus College was the first local community college to completely eliminate remedial courses. Those students in need of remediation now enroll directly into college-level courses, while being provided with concurrent academic support. Known as the co-requisite support model, this approach enables students to bypass traditional remedial courses. In place of these classes, the students enroll in their college-level math course and in a support course at the same time.

One year after the changes were implemented, the results have been promising. College-wide, first-time student completion of transfer-level math has doubled – from 28 percent during the 2017-2018 academic year to 59 percent during the fall 2018 semester. These numbers are only expected to increase as the program evolves. In fact, the college will soon introduce co-requisite support for business calculus and precalculus. When fall 2019 classes start this month, all students will have access to transfer-level math courses relevant to their programs of study.

As the Duarte area's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud that Citrus College is leading the way in transforming remediation and supporting student completion. The college will continue to do all it can to nourish the success of all students.



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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



### THE REAL COST TO YOUR FAMILY: NOT UPDATING YOUR PLAN

If you're like most people, you probably view estate planning as a burdensome necessity—just one more thing to check off life's endless "to-do" list.

You may shop around and find a lawyer to create planning documents for you, or you might try creating your own DIY plan using online documents. Then, you'll put those documents into a drawer, mentally check estate planning off your to-do list, and forget about them.

The problem is, your estate plan is not a one-and-done type of deal.

In fact, if it's not regularly updated when your assets, family situation, and/or the laws change, your plan may be totally worthless when your family needs it. And believe it or not, failing to regularly update your plan can create its own unique set of problems that can leave your family worse off than if you'd never created a plan at all.

Keep your plan up to date. We recommend you review your plan at least every three years to make sure it's up to date, and immediately amend your plan following events like divorce, deaths, births, and inheritances. We have built-in systems and processes to ensure your plan is regularly reviewed and updated, so you don't need to worry about whether you've overlooked anything important as your life changes, the law changes, and your assets change.

You should also create (and regularly update) an inventory of all your assets, including digital assets like cryptocurrency, photos, videos, and social media accounts. This way, your family will know what you have and how to find it when something happens to you, and nothing you've worked so hard for will be lost to our state's Department of Unclaimed Property.

We'll not only help you create a comprehensive asset inventory, but we'll make sure it stays up to date throughout your lifetime.

Properly title your trust assets. When you create a trust, it's not enough to list the assets you want it to cover. You have to transfer the legal title of certain assets—real estate, bank accounts, securities, brokerage accounts—to the trust, known as "funding" the trust, in order for them to be disbursed properly.

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CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!



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TUCKER BOY!



Pet of the Week

MILO

Work hard, and play hard - that's what I always say! My name's Milo (A477088), and I love, love, love to play! Whether I'm chasing after a tennis ball you've thrown me, or going for a run outside, I love the high-energy, fast-paced lifestyle! But I'm more than just the life of the party. I don't want to brag, but I also have my blue ribbon. That means I know sit, down, AND stay! I'm basically the whole package! And I haven't even mentioned my lovable face. If you've been wanting a dog who's the trifecta of beauty, brains, and boundless energy, then come say hi!  
The adoption fee for dogs is \$140. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new home. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.



View photos of adoptable pets at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.  
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How to Choose

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### HART PARK HOUSE MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre  
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**Brain Games:** Every third Thursday of the month at 12:45-1:45pm Join us for Scattergories, a creative thinking game by naming objects within a set of categories; or Jenga, a block-building challenge that keeps you stacking and balancing your tower. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. A great way to strengthen your mind and make new friends... Games are facilitated by Senior Volunteers. *Will Resume in September 2019*

**Free Legal Consultation:** Wednesday, August 14th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

**Senior Club:** Meets Saturdays, Weekly at Hart Park House Brown Bag Lunch, great company and bingo at 11:30 a.m.

**Chair Yoga:** Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. with Paul Hagen. Classes include Yoga and balance exercises. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed!

**Birthday Celebration:** Every 2nd Thursday Monthly at the Hart Park House. Share free birthday cake and ice cream kindly provided by the Senior Community Commission!

**Game Day:** Every Thursday Monthly 12:00 Noon come into the Hart Park House and join a lively poker game with friends!

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**August Craft with Lauren**—August 19th 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

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### SENIOR CINEMA - 1st & 3rd Wednesday 1:00 pm

#### August 7th "Instant Family" PG-13; 1 hr. 57 min.

Idealistic couple Ellie and Pete find themselves overwhelmed when they open up their home to foster teenager Lizzy and her two younger siblings, Juan and Lita. With the help of fellow foster parents and agency workers they learn to navigate the joys and pitfalls of parenting to become a modern family.



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### OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

#### MY MIRROR DOESN'T LIE, BUT SOMETIMES IT GIGGLES

I have never been fascinated by my looks, and I don't think anybody else has either.

Sometimes, however, I have to spend a little more time before the mirror to get prepared for where I am going. I must say, I am not fond of mirrors and I make it as quick as possible.

I do not trust mirrors. When I was a youngster, my family lived very close to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania. One of the major attractions there was the "House of Mirrors." You would walk in and the mirrors would distort what you really looked like.

Walking through, we would always laugh and point to the person in the mirror not acknowledging that it was us. I could not trust those mirrors at Hershey Park, which has stayed with me all my life.

I had forgotten about those mirrors until recently. I was getting ready to go somewhere and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Have you looked in the mirror today?"

Not knowing what she was talking about I muttered, "Yes, I glanced at it this morning."

What she was getting at was beyond my speculation except that she saw something on my face that for some reason I had not seen.

"You ought to look in the mirror before you leave," she stated.

I never want to start a day objecting to anything my wife says if I don't have to. Therefore, to please her so I could get out of the house as quick as possible, I went and looked in the mirror and there it was.

That morning I had nicked myself shaving and did not notice it, but the blood started coming out very slowly. By the time I got out of the bathroom and into the kitchen, the blood had flowed down the side of my face. I looked at it, got some paper towels and cleaned up my face.

"That looks better," my wife said as I was leaving. Then she said something that struck me.

"Remember," she said as gently as possible, "the mirror never lies."

That phrase stuck with me all day long and as I pondered it, I wondered if it was true. Those mirrors at the Hershey Park lied all the time. I was not as twisted as they made me out to be.

The mirror in my bathroom, according to my wife, is not like those mirrors. The mirror in my bathroom always reflects the real me. Which, as I thought about it, it rather disturbed me. Am I re-

ally what I look like in the mirror?

Maybe that is why my wife spends 10 times more time before her mirror than I do before my mirror. In fact, I am thinking about looking in her mirror some morning to see if I am seeing what she sees when she looks in her mirror.

Wouldn't it be great if one morning we got our bathrooms mixed up? I went into her bathroom and looked in her mirror and she went into my bathroom and looked in my mirror. I will know when that happens because I will hear some loud screaming coming from my bathroom.

When I go to my barber, he always wants me to look at the back of my head in a mirror he provides to see if I like it. I always say to him, "If you like it, I'm okay with it." I never see the back of my head unless I am near a mirror.

In the morning, I glance in the mirror to make sure nothing is out of place, and then I go on with my day never thinking about that mirror ever again. If I had to think about what I look like in the mirror all day long I probably would go insane.

Of course, I spent all day thinking about my bathroom mirror. I have come to this rather sincere conclusion. My mirror does not lie, but sometimes it giggles. If I was a mirror and had to see a face like mine looking in, I think I would do more than giggle.

Outward looks are not that important, at least to me. It is not the outside that really is significant, but rather the inside.

I think it is rather hypocritical for some people, and I am not mentioning any names whatsoever, to plaster their face with makeup hiding their real self. Looking at some people you do not know if you are seeing the real person.

I saw someone the other day, I could not tell if it was male or female, but their face was plastered with makeup, they had earrings, nose rings and even a ring on their tongue. They had rings all over their face, which made them look like a ding-a-ling.

Walking away from that person, I wondered if they had a mirror in their bathroom. If so, I am not sure they looked at it that morning.

I could not help what Jesus said to the Pharisees of his day. "And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness" (Luke 11:39). I can be so caught up with my outward appearance I forget the important part is inside; my soul. The Bible is the mirror I need to see my soul.



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## JOHN MICEK



### AMERICA, IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE THIS HARD

We're at a turning point. Again.

We're again at a moment in our nation's history where we can decide who we are as a people, what matters most and what kind of country we want to hand to our children.

Are we again going to be a state and nation that passively bears witness to carnage in our streets? In our shopping malls? Our schools? Our houses of worship? Our bars and restaurants? Or are we simply going to shrug, throw our hands in the air, and conclude once again that this is just the price of being an American?

The decisions our elected leaders make over the coming days and weeks on whether to debate proposals that are so common sense, so basic, so simple that we shouldn't even have to debate them will be our legacy to history, our grant to posterity.

Again, we find ourselves asking simple questions. They're the ones we failed to answer after Sandy Hook, Orlando, San Bernardino, Las Vegas, Pittsburgh, Virginia Beach, and Parkland - after every mass shooting that's shattered lives and families, destroyed bodies, and upended entire communities.

And they're the ones we fail to answer every day, when people are gunned down in violent events that are all too routine in cities like Philadelphia.

Do we surrender to fear? Do we give into hopelessness? Do we let violence triumph over that most fundamental of American rights, the one that Gov. Pennsylvania Tom Wolf alluded to during a packed rally in the state Capitol rotunda on Wednesday evening - the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

"We all live in the same country," Wolf said, answering a critic in the crowd. "We have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. ... We're not trying to take anybody's rights away. We're trying to preserve our own."

That's the only answer that matters. The only one that makes any sense.

We're talking about approving universal background checks, which, in poll after poll, Americans support in overwhelming numbers - irrespective of their party affiliation or tribal loyalties.

We're talking about authorizing so-called "red flag" laws that would allow police and loved ones to obtain a court order, while respecting due process, to seize someone's guns if they think that person poses a risk to themselves or to others.

The laws work. Look to Connecticut and Indiana, where studies have shown a reduction in suicides.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey from Pennsylvania is leading the push for expanded background checks on his side of Capitol Hill. The Senate also has a more vigorous background checks bill approved by the House.

So far, however, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has proven stubbornly resistant to bring the House bill to a vote. But with control of the Senate on the line in 2020, Republicans could pay a dear price for inaction. McConnell has to know that.

But even if Congress does vote, it's an open question whether President Donald Trump - who has supported reform measures in the past, only to wilt in the face of NRA pressure - would even sign the bills if they made it to his desk.

Trump, who shattered his call for civility on social media almost as soon as he made it this week, cannot be looked upon as an honest broker.

But something has to change.

Otherwise, what do we say to the next Julia Mallory, a Harrisburg mom whose 17-year-old son, Julian, was gunned down in 2017? The young man was "peacemaker" with a community advocacy group known as Breaking the Chainz. Do we say, "Tough luck? We tried? You're on your own?"

What do we say to the classroom teachers like Lauren Peck, of the activist group Moms Demand Action, who has to swallow back her own fear so that she can be a self-described "superhero" to her child and to her middle-school students?

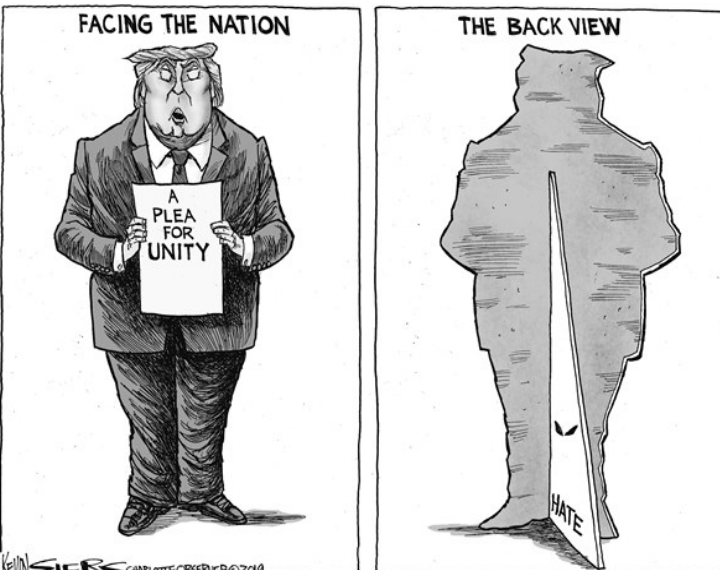
Those are choices we should never have to ask our parents, our educators, our middle-school kids to make. But every time we fail to act, that's exactly what we do.

But it doesn't have to be that way. We're at a turning point.

Again.

We have the solutions within reach, a remedy within our grasp. There's only one path forward. We have to be brave enough to take it.

It shouldn't be this hard.



## LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

### DICK POLMAN



#### WILL REPUBLICANS FINALLY DISOWN TRUMP'S INCENDIARY RACISM?

Amidst the latest bloodshed - the worst of it triggered by a white racist domestic terrorist whose El Paso manifesto echoes Trump's racist rhetoric - I bet you're jonesing for some good news. I'm happy to share what I have. Admittedly it isn't much, but at this point we should probably be grateful whenever a few Republicans wake up and smell their party's white supremacist stench.

"The Republican Party is enabling white supremacy in our country. As a lifelong Republican, it pains me to say this, but it's the truth," wrote Nebraska state senator John McCollister. "We have a Republican president who continually stokes racist fears in his base. He calls certain countries 'sh\*tholes,' tells women of color to 'go back' to where they came from and lies more than he tells the truth."

Senator Ted Cruz - yes, Cruz - said on Sunday morning, "What we saw yesterday was a heinous act of terrorism and white supremacy. There is no place for this in El Paso, in Texas, or anywhere across our nation."

And early Monday morning, the conservative, pro-GOP Washington Examiner posted an editorial that assailed El Paso's "white nationalist terrorist," and declared: "Some conservatives and Republicans have hesitated to acknowledge that this a growing scourge, but after El Paso any such reluctance is unacceptable ... Trump needs to make clear that he hates white nationalism as something un-American and evil."

So at least some on the right are finally speaking out, but rest assured, they won't get much help from Trump, who on Monday blamed the slaughter of Hispanics on the media and "fake news."

The problem for Trump is that "The Media" accurately showed him at a May 8 Florida rally railing about immigrants crossing the border, and when he asked, "How do we stop these people?" somebody yelled, "Shoot them!" - and when his cultists laughed, cheered, and applauded, the cameras caught him smirking. He didn't admonish the crowd, he indulged it: "That's only in the Panhandle you can get away with that statement."

"The Media" has given him ample opportunity to renounce his incendiary bigotry. On the White House lawn last Thursday, as he prepared to leave for another rally, he was asked how he'd respond if the crowd chanted that four Democratic congresswomen of color should go back to where they came from. Instead of saying that the chant was racist, that the four women were Americans, he said this: "I don't know if you can stop people (from chanting). You know what my message is? I love them, and I think they really love me."

Trump didn't order the El Paso shooter onto the killing field. But ever since he descended his escalator in June 2015 to attack Mexico for sending "criminals" and "rapists," he has given verbal aid and comfort to aspiring white domestic terrorists. The shooter's manifesto assails an Hispanic "invasion," echoing a word that surfaces in a number of Trump tweets. The shooter also once retweeted a photo of the word "Trump" spelled out in firearms.

Trump himself has long winked at the potential for violence. Meanwhile, his regime has cut off funding to a national terrorism database that has charted the rise of right-wing domestic terrorism. You have to be willfully dense, or deep in denial, to not connect the dots - case in point, acting Trump chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, who said "no politician is to blame" for El Paso.

David French, a conservative lawyer who writes for the conservative National Review, has connected those dots. On Monday, he pointed out that the rise of the violent right is "directly related" to Trump's rhetoric. "Most Americans remember the Tree of Life synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh. Do you remember the white supremacist who killed a black man in New York with a sword? Do you remember the attempted church massacre in Kentucky, where a white supremacist who couldn't gain access to the church gunned down two black victims at a Kroger grocery store instead? Do you remember that a member of an 'alt-Reich' Facebook group stabbed a black Maryland college student to death without provocation, or that a white man in Kansas shouted ethnic slurs before shooting two Indian engineers in a bar, killing one?" French wrote. "Substitute 'jihadist' for 'white supremacist' or 'white nationalist' and then imagine how we'd act."

Monday from the Oval Office, Trump read from his TelePrompTer and said that white supremacy is bad. We'll soon find out whether he has the gravitas to say that to his rally fans.

#### SELF-EXAMINATION WOULD BE A GOOD START IN RESPONSE TO MASS SHOOTINGS

If the circumstances weren't so awful, the predictability of the response would almost be laughable.

Every mass shooting inspires new calls for gun control, as politicians and pundits retreat to their partisan bunkers and lob blame where they believe it will do the most damage.

I believe in the Constitution, though I don't view every piece of legislation designed to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals or the unstable as a slippery slope toward repeal of the Second Amendment.

It seems pretty naive to think that someone bent on mass murder is going to forget the whole thing because he can't get his hands on a particular weapon. Criminals tend to be resourceful. Timothy McVeigh killed 168 people in Oklahoma City and never fired a shot.

"Assault weapon" is a made-up political term designed to expand the list of firearms that gun control proponents believe should be banned. The AR-15, which is a hunting rifle, falls into this category. It fires one round at a time, like a pistol or a revolver. It can fire about 50 rounds in a minute as opposed to a fully automatic, military issue carbine which fires about 1,000 rounds per minute. The U.S. banned the sale of new, fully automatic weapons in 1986.

You want to ban the AR-15? Fine. There are tens of millions of legally-owned AR-15s in the U.S. And keep in the mind that the man responsible for the deadliest school shooting in American history - Virginia Tech in 2007 - used two handguns.

So-called "red flag" laws, which President Trump supports, and more expansive background checks make sense. Seventeen states already have a red flag laws, which allows for a court order to prevent someone deemed a danger to himself or others from having access to a firearm.

That's a start, though it will be difficult to move forward, mostly because of the shameful politicization of the issue. Within minutes of the shooting in El Paso, Democratic presidential candidates were blaming the president.

If that's the case then perhaps we should blame the left for the Dayton shooter who, according to published reports, was a socialist, gun control advocate and Elizabeth Warren supporter. We can also blame the left for the man who shot up a Washington D.C. baseball field and tried to kill several Republican members of Congress in 2017. The shooter once worked for Bernie Sanders. Or maybe we can blame President Obama and his criticism of police for inspiring a gunman to kill five cops in Dallas in 2016.

I don't buy it.

And the reality is that while mass shoot-

### RICH MANIERI



ings understandably generate the most attention, we're killing each other in ways and places that inspire a conspicuous lack of outrage.

Since the infamous clock tower shooting on the University of Texas campus in 1966, there have been 165 mass shootings in the U.S., according to an analysis by the Washington Post. For purposes of the analysis, a mass shooting is defined as one in which four or more people are killed by a single shooter. The analysis does not include domestic or gang-related incidents.

Using the Post's criteria, 1,196 people in the U.S. have been killed in mass shootings since 1966. In 2018, the number of homicides - by firearms or otherwise - in Chicago, Philadelphia and Baltimore totaled 1,223.

Over the weekend in Chicago, 53 people were shot, seven killed. You probably haven't heard much about it.

I'm more interested in why we're killing each other wholesale, on a daily basis, rather than how we're doing it.

Perhaps we need to look deeper than the simplistic explanations - political rhetoric, social media, video games, the availability of firearms - and consider a society in which people are willing to take lives without considering the impact or the consequences.

We dismiss the presence of evil in the world until a massacre reveals it in neon. And soon after, we dismiss it again.

We foster a culture of victimhood, where our dissatisfaction with life is always someone else's fault.

We lack empathy for those who disagree with us.

We value revenge over forgiveness.

We talk about diversity only as it relates to physical characteristics; never diversity of thought or opinion.

We allow our children to retreat into the isolation of virtual world, devoid of genuine human interaction.

We fight the rule of law and wonder why our young people don't respect authority. We dethrone God and exalt ourselves.

As Christians, we do a great job of telling people what they shouldn't be doing and a lousy job of showing them Jesus.

Yes, the one who pulled the trigger is ultimately responsible and accountable.

Maybe the rest of us need to look in the mirror.



















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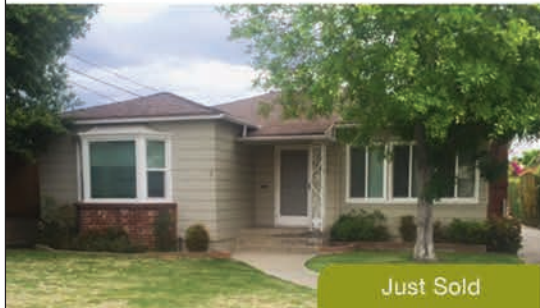
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