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PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT REGARDING FLIGHT ATTENDANT & CORONA VIRUS

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) received confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that a South Korean flight attendant, who was diagnosed with novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in South Korea and had recently visited LA County, was not symptomatic during their time in LA County and did not pose any risk to others while in LA County. The CDC confirmed the flight attendant did not develop symptoms until after departing LA County.

At this time, there are no new cases of COVID-19 in LA County, and there is currently no evidence of person-to-person spread of the virus within LA County. Therefore, the immediate health risk to the general public of exposure to this virus in Los Angeles County is still considered low.

Public Health is carefully assessing the situation as it evolves. Public Health also continues to proactively take steps to prevent the spread of this novel coronavirus and to work with healthcare, schools, colleges, and universities, the business community, and State and Federal partners, among others, to prepare for the possibility of additional cases in the future.

"It is likely we will eventually see more cases of the novel coronavirus, in the midst of continuing to see other respiratory illnesses, like the flu. Respiratory infections predominantly spread when people are sick with fever and cough are in contact with others," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Los Angeles County Public Health. "Everyone should stay at home when they're sick. This requires our employers and schools to be flexible when staff and students are sick and need to stay home."

Residents can continue to enjoy all their usual activities and feel comfortable eating and shopping at restaurants and stores across LA County, and are encouraged to follow the actions below.

Public Health continues to recommend that the public do the following to protect themselves and to prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limit close contact, like kissing and sharing cups or utensils, with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Facemasks are most effective when used appropriately by health care workers and people who are sick.
- Get a flu immunization if you have not done so this season.

Public Health, along with partners in healthcare, state and federal agencies, have systems in place to support appropriate screening and testing for those with an exposure to COVID-19, and healthcare providers are able to provide excellent care to manage respiratory illnesses.

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about COVID-19:

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- California Department of Public Health <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TURNS 20!

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation recently celebrated 20 years of serving the local community with a Whiskey & Wine tasting event at the historic Mia Italia residence. The event's proceeds will be reinvested into the community via grants for local activities, events and programs. More than 150 residents and supporters attended the Feb. 22 event. Apply for a grant at sierramadrefoundation.org.



Community Foundation board members celebrate at conclusion of Whiskey & Wine event: L to R—Tom Hoffman, Ed Garcia, Sue Spears, Heather Young, Jeff Dapper, Sharon Pevsner, Frank Moore, Laura Palmer, Allison Evans, Greg Harman, Carol Canterbury
Photo Courtesy SMCF

SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION GIVES A GIFT AND RECEIVES ONE TOO!



On Tuesday evening, the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association presented the City of Sierra Madre a souvenir of their 2020 award winning float, KA LA HIKI OLA ('The Dawning Of A New Day'), for the City Hall archives. Pictured above is SMRFA Board Member Gwen Robertson with the picture.

Meanwhile, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce presented the SMRFA with a donation of \$1,200 for the purchase of a AED (defibrillator), for use at the Float Barn where hundreds of volunteers work year round.Photo by Laura Aguilar

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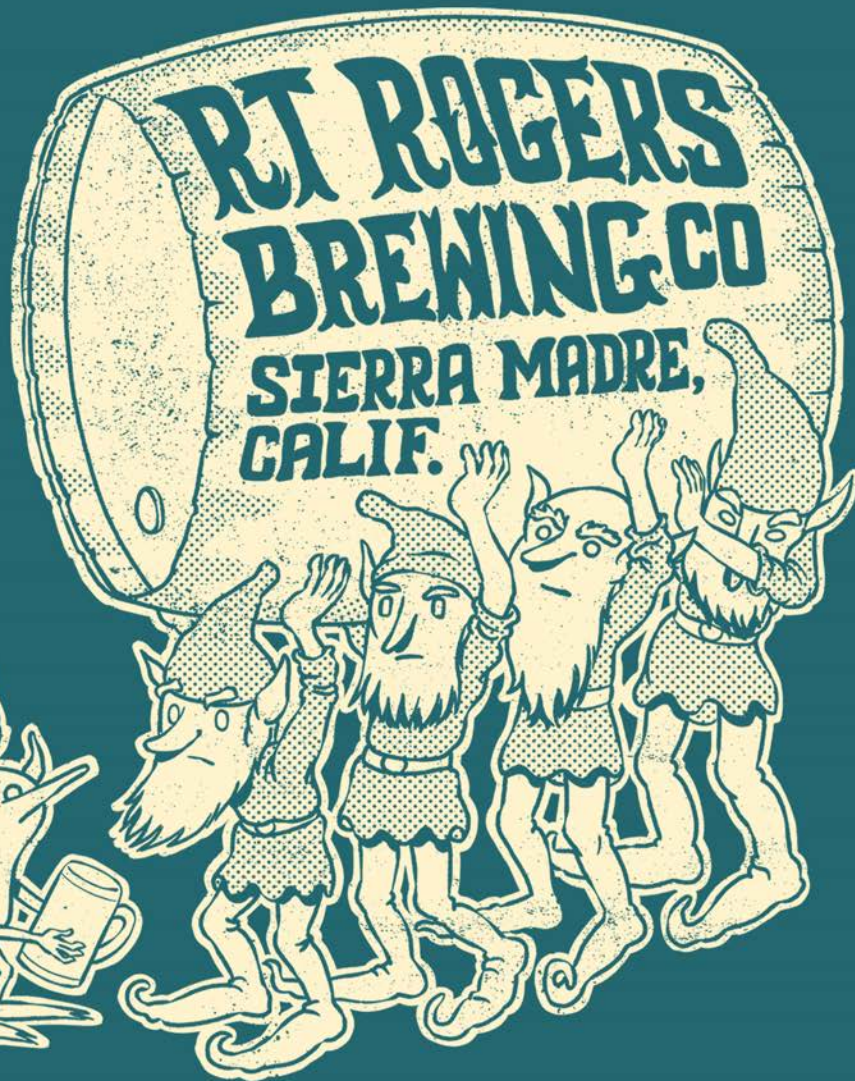
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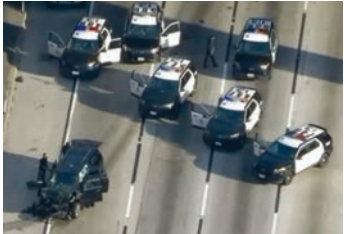
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Stolen Hearse Undisturbed Body, Casket Recovered



A body and casket were recovered Thursday morning, after the hearse had been reported stolen Wednesday night from St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church in unincorporated Pasadena.

“Out of all the bad decisions you have made, at least make one good one & bring back the deceased person and casket inside the Navigator,” Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department said in a tweet.

The suspect driving the black Lincoln Navigator, later identified as James Juarez, was arrested after crashing the SUV at around 7:45 a.m. shutting down part of the 110 freeway in Los Angeles.

It was unclear if Juarez knew there was a body in the Navigator. Police said they found the body untouched.

A witness reported seeing the hearse and reported it to police. Juarez rear-ended another vehicle after a pursuit. At least one police officer was involved in the accident, no one was injured, they said.

According to investigators, the hearse was stolen around 8 p.m. when a mortuary attendant brought another casket into the church.

Juarez was booked on suspicion of grand theft auto.

South Pas: Celebrating 132 Years

Celebrate, Sunday, March 15, the South Pasadena’s 132nd birthday with the City of South Pasadena and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation at the Library Community Room. Three distinguished local authors—Glen Duncan, Chip Jacobs, and Rick Thomas—will each be sharing their perspectives on South Pasadena’s fascinating history. Books will be available for purchase. The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation will also be presenting short workshops on the Mills Act, a City incentive program providing property tax relief for owners who restore eligible historic buildings, and on the Foundation’s Centennial Plaque program, which allows owners of homes 100 years old or older to commemorate that milestone with an attractive bronze plaque.

The event will take place from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Library Community Room is located at 1100 Oxley Street. For more information call (626) 403-7340.



Last Candidates Forum Before the Election

By Dean Lee

All four candidates running for Pasadena mayor had their final face to face chance to wow voters during the last debate before Tuesday’s primary nominating election. During the February 16 Mayor’s Candidates Forum issues ranged from the sudden reassignment of the city’s Fire Chief, to sanctuary cities, homelessness, cannabis to rent control.

The evening stated with quick responses to the city’s handling of City Manager Steve Mermell reassigning Fire Chief Bertral Washington to the City Manager’s Office. Three of the candidates said the situation should have been handled better with incumbent Mayor Terry Tornek saying that the situation was tricky and that elected city officials should stay out of the hiring or firing of city employees.

Pasadena mayoral candidate Jason Hardin directed the issue back to Mermell.

“What I would do about it, I would ask for a leave of absence for Steve Mermell until this whole investigation gets to the bottom of what happened,” Hardin said.

Hardin is a marketing entrepreneur and former city senior commissioner. This is his second attempt at running for Mayor. Hardin first ran in 2015.

Candidate and Pasadena Councilman Victor Gordo, a self identified immigrant from Mexico, said the city struggled with the idea of what a “sanctuary city” should be. He said he did not support working with the federal government on immigration.

“I understand well the need to protect our families, I understand well this issue of not working with the federal government to enforce immigration laws because that’s the role of the federal government,” Gordo said. “Police resources in Pasadena should be used to address local issues. If we want to have that debate again, I welcome it.

All the other candidates agreed with the city’s current sanctuary city status. Tornek commented now that California is a sanctuary state the idea of sanctuary cities is a moot point other than to reassure local residents.

Candidates answered a number of questions related to homelessness including

allowing them to sleep in cars at church parking lots, and generally what plan they had to address homelessness.

Tornek supported opening up parking lots, while other candidates first cautioned around safety issues.

“We have a mechanism in the temporary conditional use permit to do that,” Tornek said. “Its interesting that [Pasadena City College] PCC was confronted with that challenged at the state level, where they were going mandate safe harbor parking at community colleges... they didn’t like it.. But they are allowing it in they parking structures on a de facto basis.”

Tornek said he also supports more permanent housing in the civic center for the homeless as part of the YWCA restoration. He also agreed they should look at surplus school properties and churches for permanent housing. Tornek said he also led the way on Hotel/Motel conversions to housing.

Pasadena mayoral candidate Major Williams assailed Tornek’s remarks, “The mayor was able to give you two minutes of what he’s working on as if this is an issue [homelessness] that just started here in Pasadena.”

Williams, in suggesting complete new city leadership, said he would look at the 710 freeway gap to bring affordable housing.

“I have a plan to use a million dollars a year that’s going to go to rent stimulus for families that are unjustly evicted or on the cusp of being evicted,” he said. “We have to begin to be creative and the creativity only comes when you have someone that has a track record of being creative.”

Williams the co-founder of Fly Kicks for Kids, which collects and gifts sneakers for kids in low income communities. Although the local election is a nonpartisan race, Williams is an outspoken supporter for President Donald Trump.

Other questions included Pasadena’s cannabis process in which all the candidates said the city could have done better, Hardin simply said the process was flawed. During a questing on the issue of rent control, Hardin was the only candidates that said he supported it.

Tornek said he would vote against any form of rent

control saying it doesn’t work.

The candidates were asked what they though was the most distinct thing about Pasadena? Williams said the “evaluation of inclusion.” Gordo said that Pasadena is the center of the universe “the diversity of our city is important and what makes it so special is a sense of place.” Hardin said the people “to stop them from leaving.” Tronek said the city plays bigger than it is. “To honor out past... and shape our future,” he said.

Free Public Forum on Climate Change

Two common-sense approaches to curbing climate change will be presented at a free public forum March 28. 9 am to noon at Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 500 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. The executive director of the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles and a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of “Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair with Trash” will give tips for getting the carbon out of our lives and how to stop trashing the climate.

The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area with 15 environmental organizations is sponsoring the 9th annual climate change forum organized by the Natural Resources Committee. It is titled “Decarbonize Your Life and Clean Our Environment: A Positive Way Forward.”

Ben Stapleton as executive director of the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles brings expertise from his participation in La Kretz Innovation Campus, a hub of entrepreneurs, engineers and policymakers focused on green economy and overseen by LA Water and Power. He led operations and finance for the LA Cleantech Incubator at that time.

Edward Humes, the second speaker, has written four environmentally themed books. Speaking of his last on “Garbology,” environmental activist Bill McKibben writes, “Unlike most dirty books, this one is novel and fresh on every page.” As for the way back, Humes says, it requires a rethinking of everything we’re doing on the garbage front.

For more information call 626-798-0965 or visit: lwn-pa.org

18th One City, One Story Community Conversation

To celebrate the 18th year of Pasadena’s One City, One Story community reading project, the public is invited to a conversation with Lara Prescott, author of this year’s selected novel *The Secrets We Kept*, Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in Pasadena Central Library’s Great Hall, 285 E. Walnut St.

Prescott will discuss her experiences writing *The Secrets We Kept*. A question and answer session led by Pasadena Public Library Director Michelle Perera will immediately follow. Attendees are encouraged to bring their copies of *The Secrets We Kept* for the author to sign following the discussion. Prescott’s books will also be available for sale and signing following the program. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available.

The Secrets We Kept is a thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice. Inspired by a true story, the novel details a CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: Doctor Zhivago.

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Lara Prescott

The Secrets We Kept combines a legendary literary love story -- the decades-long affair between Pasternak and his mistress and muse, Olga Ivinskaya -- with a narrative about two women empowered to lead lives of extraordinary intrigue and risk. From Pasternak’s country estate outside Moscow to the brutalities of the Gulag, from Washington, D.C. to Paris and Milan, *The Secrets We Kept* captures a watershed moment in the history of literature -- told with soaring emotional intensity and captivating historical detail. At the center of this unforgettable debut is the powerful belief that a piece of art can change the world.

Author Lara Prescott’s debut novel, *The Secrets We Kept* has been translated into 28 languages and will be adapted for film by The Ink Factory and Marc Platt Productions. Prescott received her master of fine arts degree from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas. Her writing has appeared in *The Southern Review*, *The Hudson Review*, *Crazyhorse*, and more. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband and cats.

For more information on this year’s One City, One Story activities, visit: cityofpasadena.libguides.com/onecityonestory or call (626) 744-7076.

San Marino League to Hold Fundraiser for ‘Art Matters’

The San Marino League (SML), a Southern California nonprofit organization committed to philanthropic work in the community as well as furthering their own knowledge of fine arts, will hold Art Matters on March 28-29 at The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. Art Matters 2020, the League’s sixth juried exhibition and sale, will benefit internationally renowned institutions ArtCenter College of Design and The Huntington.

Art Matters attracts some of the country’s best artists, providing more than 150 exceptional juried paintings, as well as original 3D creations, such as glass art, ceramics, pottery, sculpture, and jewelry crafted especially for the show

by selectively invited artisans. All of the art will be for sale.

Art Matters 2020 will be included with the price of admission to The Huntington on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29. The Huntington is located at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino.

Proceeds from the sale will be split 50/50 between the artists and the San Marino League for their two beneficiaries: Fine Art student scholarships at ArtCenter College of Design and the Japanese Garden Endowment at The Huntington.

Participating artists will join a “Paint Out” at the magnificent gardens of The Huntington for three days on February 24–26.

For more information visit: artcenter.edu or: huntington.org or: sanmarinoleague.org.

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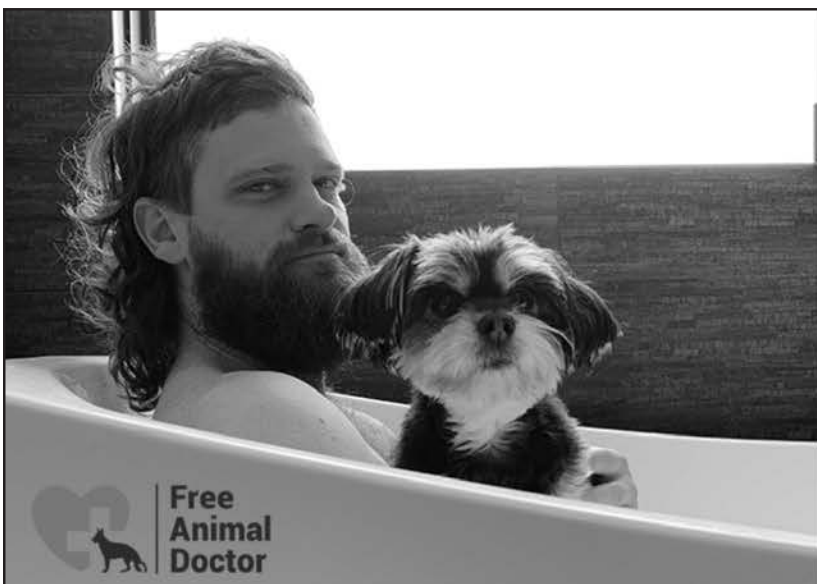
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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

February 25th, 2020 at 6:30PM
March 10th, 2020 at 6:30PM

Planning Commission
March 5th, 2020 at 7:00PM

Community Services Commission
February 17th, 2020 at 6:30PM
Cancelled

Special Community Services
Commission
February 24th, 2020 at 6:30PM

Senior Community Commission
March 5th, 2020 at 3:00PM

Library Board of Trustees
February 26th, 2020 at 7:00PM

Energy, Environment, and Natural
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March 18th, 2020 at 7:00PM



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LEGO Challenge 3:00—5:00 pm
Virtual Reality 5:00—7:00 pm

Wednesday

Parent Café 10:00—11:00 am
Teen Advisory Board 4:00—5:00 pm

Thursday

Homework Help 3:30—5:00 pm

Saturday

Guardian Workshop 10:30—11:30 am
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- Be open to the public
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Possession of stolen items

A vehicle was stopped for a vehicle code violation in the 1400 block of N. Santa Anita Ave. on 2-10-20 at 9:47PM. A search of the vehicle revealed multiple items of stolen property from 4 possible victims. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail. The vehicle was towed to the Sierra Madre Police Department for a vehicle inventory and was later stored. Case to the Pasadena DA's office

Possession of a controlled substance

On 2-11-20 at 3:15PM a vehicle was stopped for a vehicle violation at Michillinda and Sierra Madre Bl. During the field interview of the driver, he revealed that he was in possession of methamphetamine. The subject was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail, and the vehicle was stored. Case to the Pasadena DA's office

Vandalism of a vehicle

A driver parked his vehicle in the Montecito Parking lot on 2-12-20 at 6:30 AM and returned at 3:15PM to find that an unknown person(s) had scratched his vehicle on all four sides with an unknown object. Case to Detectives

Possession

On 2-16-20 at 6:23AM officers were called regarding a male sleeping in the men's public bathroom in the 200 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. The subject was cited for possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and a dangerous weapon. Case to the Pasadena DA's office



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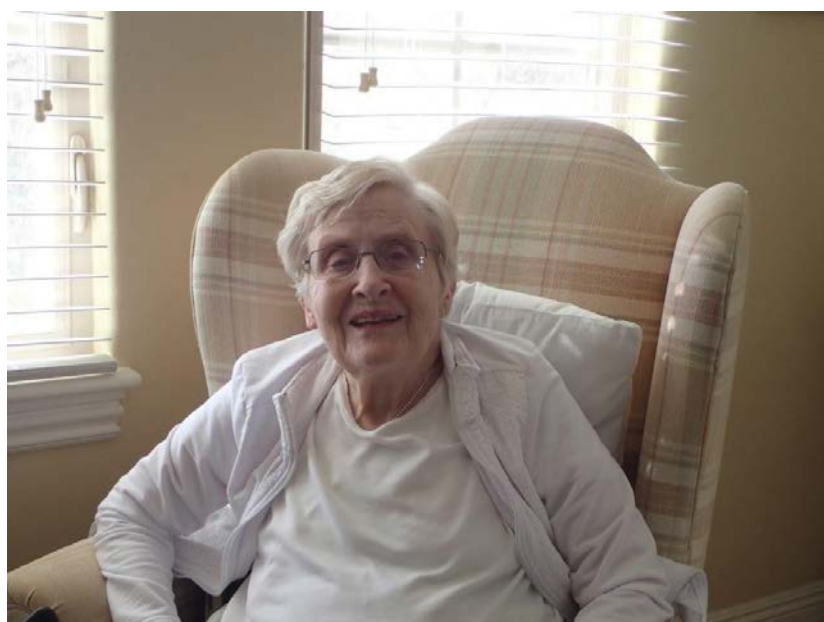
CELEBRATING 90!

ROSEMARY ABERNETHY

Turns 90 and has lived in Sierra Madre over 84 years.

With the gracious help of the Kensington Sierra Madre for the location, Monsieur Crepe for food, and the Bottle Shop for beer and wine Rosemary will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Monday, March 2, 2020 from 5PM to 8PM.

Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia will be happy to attend Mrs. Abernethy's 90th birthday celebration on March 2nd at the Kensington. He will be presenting her with a proclamation from the City.



Rosemary Abernethy was born on March 2, 1930 at the Pasadena Hospital, which was later named Huntington Memorial Hospital. She came home to Sierra Madre with her parents Tom and Alice Tarwater to an older brother Tom. Her younger brother Ted was born later.

She lived on Windsor Lane at two different locations. The first was next door to the Bakery next to the alley behind the business district. After the bakery burned down, the family moved up Windsor Lane to the corner of Montecito and Windsor. Then moved to the corner of Highland and Lima. She attended Sierra Madre School, Wilson, and Pasadena Junior College.

She met Jim Abernethy at a local malt shop which now houses Wisteria Grill. Had her father known she was at the malt shop she would have been given the "dickens".

She married Jim in 1949 and went to San Diego while he finished his schooling and naval enlistment commitment. She had her first child, Jim, in 1950 and then moved to a home on Berkley Avenue, Pasadena and had her second son Stephen.

In 1955 she had her third son, Mark, and moved back to Sierra Madre; living on Wilson Street across from the Alverno convent.

Her last son, Jon, was born in 1959 at the Sierra Madre Hospital, which sat on the grounds of the current Sierra Madre Kensington.

With a forth son it was necessary to find a larger home and moved to a home on San Gabriel Court in 1959. Rosemary has two grandsons, Trevor and his wife Kendra who live in Washington state, and Kevin and his wife Megan who live in Texas. She also has two great-granddaughters Holly and Charlotte living in Washington.

Rosemary started working wrapping Christmas gifts at Sears in Pasadena on Foothill. The following year she was wrapping gifts at Hinshaw's in Arcadia on Baldwin. She spent time working as a noontime aide at Sierra Mesa School.

Rosemary had worked at the local hardware store, Arnold's, thru family ownership and other owners. She started working at Arnold's Hardware in 1969 working at the front counter and giftware section. Many people in town remember her as the "redhead" in the giftware section, if they did not know her by name. She continued to work there until 2014 amassing over 45 years at the store.

While her husband Jim was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council for 16 years between 1958 to 1978, and Mayor 1965, 1973, and 1977, Rosemary was always out with him at Sierra Madre functions. She met Princess Margaret when she visited the British Home. She participated in the Sierra Madre Extravaganza held at Sierra Madre School, the Sierra Madre carnival, held on-site the current Sierra Madre City Hall and parking lot. She worked on the Sierra Madre Rose Float in the circus tent, before Rose Float Building was built at Sierra Vista Park. Rosemary worked at the Sierra Madre Library Art Fair as a cashier and spent hours prepping donated books for the Sierra Madre Library books sales over the years.

During her life she has lived over 84 years in the City of Sierra Madre and calls it home.

She will be celebrating her 90th birthday on March 2, 2020 at the Sierra Madre Kensington, 245 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, from 5 PM to 8 PM and would love to see you there. The celebration will include food and drinks, so come hungry and thirsty...

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon...the little town that time forgot and the decades cannot improve." Garrison Keillor

Remember "The Prairie Home Companion" that was on the radio from 1974 to 2016. We seldom missed it, especially Garrison's monologue that always began with "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon..." John and I actually got to see The Prairie Home Companion some years ago when our son-in-law, Chuck, and daughter, Leah, took us to the Greek Theater (I think...) and we spent a delightful sunny afternoon watching this charming program unfold.

I was thinking about that as this week has been anything but quiet! Yesterday 12-year old Jessie planned to make popcorn in the microwave and, like so many of us, was doing the task with her mind elsewhere so pressed the "Popcorn" button three times and, as smoke filled the house, the parents came running and arrived just in time to stop what could have been quite a fire. Smoke still lingers in the house. When Jessie and Emily arrived to have dinner at my house last night they reeked of smoke. Pretty exciting. Made me think of the great preacher, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, whose radio program, "Through the Bible Radio" is still playing somewhere today, even though he's been in heaven since 1988. You're probably wondering how I'm going to connect burning microwave popcorn with a great preacher... here it is: Dr. McGee said, "... some believers will enter into heaven with little reward and their clothes smelling like smoke."

I suggested some cinnamon mixed with water in a bowl and allowed to heat up in the microwave. Does wonders when one has cooked fish. Didn't do much for the smoke.

Moving right along, today is Fat Tuesday, tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and just like that, we're in Lent with Easter arriving on Sunday, April 12th. Lent is a 40-day period when a lot of people think of self-denial, i.e., giving up something; like coffee. Giving up coffee is a very bad idea as here's what happens: headache, fatigue, low energy, irritability, anxiety, poor concentration, depressed mood and tremors, which can last anywhere from two to nine days. Enough time to make everybody in your life wish you'd given up almost anything else, including being anywhere near them. One could consider giving up ice cream, chocolate, tacos, or The National Enquirer as seen when you're in line at the grocery store.

Our pastor one year decided to give up listening to the radio in his car. He almost lost his mind and those 40 days of lent were the longest and most miserable of his life.

Instead of giving up something, think about adding something. No, not candy, unless it's those Cadbury caramel filled chocolate eggs. Think about adding a new practice to your day. This isn't too hard... well, most of the time... but think about making it a practice to say something nice to everyone you encounter. Something along the lines of "that color blue looks really great on you." Consider adding more "thank you's" into your day. You can sprinkle those just about anywhere and they'll fit.

Back to giving up stuff, how about going through your closet and giving up all the stuff you haven't worn for a year. The Goodwill and Salvation Army folks will welcome you with open arms and give you a tax receipt when you give them those shoes that never did fit you very well, the sweater your Aunt Agnes gave you for Christmas five years ago that's a size too small and covered with elves; all the book you've already read that are just collecting dust on your shelves; the clothes your kids have outgrown that are just sitting in their drawers taking up space they need for what actually fits them now. You can do someone else a favor and yourself one, too. Yes, I know, this represents a lot of work but if you do a drawer or a shelf every day, you'll be amazed to see how much progress you'll make and you'll feel so proud of yourself. Treat yourself to a vente Starbucks latte on the way home from Goodwill.

Meanwhile, after all the rain we had recently, the weeds – picture of these big stinkers here - are emerging like never before. I'm pulling fifty of them out of the ground every time I walk out the door and it doesn't seem to make any difference, but I figure all that bending over has to be good for me. The biggest and healthiest ones are just beyond my reach by my back wall and the dandy tool I got at Home Depot doesn't reach them either. I wonder if I could convince my garden to give up weeds for lent. Probably not.

Thrilled to see RT Rogers Brewing Co. is celebrating their second anniversary on March 7th with what sounds like a great party. I first met Ryan Rogers in March of 2017. He was up to his hips in a deep hole in the ground, wielding a shovel and creating an even bigger, deeper hole, along with lifetime family friend, Dave Bergman. His mom and dad, Joanna and Kelly, were there to lend moral support as the diggers carved out a trench for the pipes which would connect to the restrooms. Ryan, in addition to creative shoveling, is a brewmaster of the finest kind, having been brewing beer since he was 16 years old, fermenting grains in his closet and experimenting in his mother's kitchen. RT Rogers Brewing Co. has grown into a delightful place to spend an hour or so and enjoy one of their craft brews. I'm hoping to be there on the 7th to celebrate with them.

One last thought...rumor has it that Benjamin Franklin originally said, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Benjamin would really have enjoyed RT Rogers Brewing Company. You will, too!

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MADRE

Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Pastor is my guest this Sunday Morning on Go Country 105, each week I visit through the radio a different California city. This week is Sierra Madre !!!

Just this past week I visited an old friend, Celestino's, on South Lake. It's right there for the entire world to see, but for some reason I continue to pass by on a daily basis. Thankfully my assignment for the week was to find the best of the best of the Italian family restaurants in the Pasadena area. I found it in Celestino's. Truly a gem in Pasadena. Where do I start, food or service?

Let's start with the service. I was just a bit early for my lunch companion, and I thought I was in a day spa. I wasn't sure who the servers or the busboys were, but the attention was superb. Water? Ice tea? Glass of wine? I wasn't like I was the only one in the restaurant. The restaurant has a covered front patio, a main dining room, and two areas that can be used for private parties and overflow, plus a covered patio area in the back. For lunch, this place was busy -- I think my trend of fancy lunches instead of dinner is catching on. Right off the bat I will tell you that Celestino's looks (and you know I was looking around) to be a business type of lunch spot, not to say I didn't notice two local real estate agents having martinis, I imagine either celebrating or drowning their sorrows. The restaurant itself is pure Italian. There is a service bar big enough to have a drink at while you are waiting for your table, and throughout the restaurant the walls are covered in paintings all representing the Italian Coast, and of course, white linen tables cloth and flowers.

Chef and partner Calogero Drago has set up the menu for that Italian countryside feeling. Keep in mind this was lunch, but Chef Drago did sneak in a few dinner specials. After we started with some very warm and crusty sourdough bread with olive oil, we had Insalata Frutti Di Mare -- for you English-only readers that is a mixed seafood salad with plenty of mussels, clams, calamari rings and fish. Next was Calamari Fritti (which, if you have been following my column, you know I have to order every time). Celestino's serves them with both the rings and the tentacles - yummy! Now, on to our great entrees: whenever I see gnocchi on the menu I order it, and if the first twenty minutes of our visit were any indication on how the meal was going to be, I knew the gnocchi was going to be great. Layered with a lobster sauce and peppers this was the beginning of a beautiful relationship... and the start of a lot more. I had asked the Chef for half portions, and I was beginning to think he didn't believe me, as next up was the Pappardelle con Mezzanzana e Scamorza Affumicate. Translation: Fettuccini with eggplant and smoked mozzarella. For those of you who are calling Celestino's right now for a reservation, I don't blame you, but there is more. Our server, Mario, brought us out Mushroom Soufflé with Fontana cheese and black truffles from the dinner menu, and then the Rack of Lamb on fresh mint. Then, my head spun around as my server forced us to try the Cannoli for dessert -- that was terrific. Don't let the menu translation scare you, Celestino's with the service and the food is arguably the best that I have had in some time.

Lunch and dinner prices reasonable; if you have a little extra dough to spend, there are over 200 wines by the bottle, many of them familiar names. For business or catching up with a friend I recommend lunch, for a night on the town or a romantic dinner I recommend dinner.
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Additional Info: Room 246

Episcopal Church of Ascension
25 E Laurel Ave, Sierra Madre CA 91024
Hours: February 29 - March 2: 8AM - 5PM
March 3: 7AM - 8PM
Additional Info: Parish Hall

Victory Park
2575 Paloma St, Pasadena CA 91107
Hours: February 29 - March 2: 8AM - 5PM
March 3: 7AM - 8PM Additional Info: Gymnasium

ARCADIA

Arcadia Public Library
20 W Duarte Rd, Arcadia CA 91006
Hours: February 29 - March 2: 8AM - 5PM
March 3: 7AM - 8PM Additional Info: Auditorium

Our Savior Lutheran Church
512 W Duarte Rd Arcadia 91007
Location: Fellowship Hall
Hours: February 29 - March 2: 8AM - 5PM
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Rio Hondo Elementary School
11425 Wildflower Rd Arcadia 91006
Location: Cafeteria
Hours: February 29 - March 2: 8AM - 5PM
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MONROVIA

Calvary Grace Church 2520 Peck Rd Monrovia 91016
Location: Fellowship Hall
Hours: February 22 - March 2: 8AM - 5PM
March 3: 7AM - 8PM

Monrovia Community Center
119 W Palm Ave Monrovia 91016
Location: Kay Dalton Room
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Location: Community Room
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Duarte City Hall 1600 Huntington Dr Duarte 91010
Location: Community Room
Hours:
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Pamela County Park 2236 Goodall AveDuarte 91010
Location: Recreation Room
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Royal Oaks Park 2627 Royal Oaks Dr Duarte 91010
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Hours:
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Location: Madonna Hall
Hours:
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Location: Cafeteria
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ALTADENA

Altadena Community Center 730 E Altadena Dr Altadena 91001
Location: Hall / Conference Room
Hours:
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Jackson Elementary School 593 W Woodbury Rd Altadena 91001
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Hours:
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Loma Alta Park 3330 Lincoln Ave Altadena 91001
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PASADENA AND SOUTH PASADENA

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Hours:
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Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church 339 S Santa Anita Ave Pasadena 91107
Location: Derian Hall
Hours:
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ArtCenter College of Design 870 S Raymond Ave Pasadena 91105
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Assistance League of Pasadena 820 E California Blvd Pasadena 91106
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ARCADIA - MONROVIA - DUARTE

ARCADIA ADOPTS COMPREHENSIVE PENSION MANAGEMENT PLAN, SAVING \$85 MILLION

February 25, 2020 – On February 18, 2020, the Arcadia City Council unanimously adopted a comprehensive Pension Management Plan to address the City's \$154 million in unfunded pension liabilities. After several months of careful review and consideration, the Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) recommended a six-point strategy to reduce the City's long-term pension costs by over \$85 million dollars.

"This plan is a comprehensive approach to tackling the biggest issue of our time," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "It creates flexibility to address whatever surprises may come our way without exposing the City to excessive levels of risk."

The Pension Management Plan focuses on the following:

- o Use of reserves to prepay existing liabilities
- o Refinancing existing debt to lower interest rates to free up cash flow
- o Prepaying costs with surplus funds from the voter-approved Measure A sales tax increase
- o Financing long-term capital improvements
- o Using pension obligation bonds to lower the overall costs of

- o pensions
- o Negotiating for more employee cost-sharing

In June 2019, Arcadia residents approved Measure A, a ¾ cent sales tax increase to help address the City's rising cost of services, primarily driven by increasing pension costs. The Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee recommended the tax increase and voters overwhelmingly approved the measure. "Two years ago I recommended that we impanel an advisory committee to study this issue," said Mayor April Verlatto. "The City Council has unanimously supported the CFAC's work and with careful planning and implementation, we can save the taxpayers \$85 million. It's a remarkable accomplishment for our City."

In presenting the plan, City Manager Lazzaretto noted that the organization will need to continually manage and adapt the six strategies to ensure that the estimated savings become reality. "The plan lays out a viable framework to address our staggering pension debt, but there is no quick fix here. We will have to have discipline over a very long period of time," he said.

of Commerce, and was former President of the Kiwanis Club in Arcadia, former Deputy City Attorney/City Prosecutor/Mediator for the City of Hesperia, and ran for City Council in Arcadia in 2010. Mr. Cheng's goals in Arcadia include reducing crime, protecting youth and cracking down on businesses who aren't paying their fair share in taxes. In addition to City Council positions, City Clerk Gene Glasco is running for re-election unchallenged. The deadline to register to vote in these elections is March 30, 2020. Not sure what District you are in? Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/elections.

Arcadia School Board
On the same day as the Primary Presidential Election on March 3, Arcadians will be able to vote for local School Board Members. There are three seats up for grabs in this race, and five candidates battling for those available seats. Here are the candidates. Kay Kinsler, is an incumbent and current Vice President of Arcadia School Board. She has served on the board since 2011 and worked in manufacturing management before retiring to raise her children. Prior to the school board, Kinsler served on the PTA and many volunteer capacities.

Second incumbent, Cung Nguyen is running to maintain his seat on the board. Mr. Nguyen has served on the board since 2007 and is also an active participant in the Los Angeles County Schools Trustees Association. He works as a civil engineer for Los Angeles and he and his wife have lived in Arcadia for 20 years and have three sons.

Shirley Yee, is a parent of two in the Arcadia School District and has many years of experience as a volunteer including President of the PTA at Holly Elementary, and School Site Council member at Holly as well. According to her website, electshirleyyee.com, her focus includes: More open communication between families and the school board, more funding for technical programs, and more consistency in classrooms.

Raymond Cheung is an emergency planner for a municipal fire department. He grew up and went to school in Arcadia and has two children in Arcadia schools. He is a UCLA graduate and a United States Marine. His goals include building more equity, more transparency in leadership, better safety and seeing more students achieving excellence. You can learn more about Mr. Cheung at electraymond.com.

Roshan Akula is a special education aide at LAUSD. He attended Arcadia High School and received a B.A. in applied Mathematics from U.C. Riverside. Mr. Akula raised the issue of better special education programs at a school board forum on February 19. He also emphasized the need for better parent-student outreach programs. In January, Mr. Akula announced his intend to run for the U.S. House of Representatives.



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CITY OF MONROVIA LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR MEASURE K SPENDING PLAN

MONROVIA, CA – Monrovia community members have an opportunity to share their input on the preliminary spending plan for the new sales tax revenue received from Measure K. Residents, along with in-town business owners, are encouraged to take the Measure K Preliminary Spending Plan Community Survey, beginning today through April 30. The survey is nine questions and is estimated to take around ten minutes to complete.

On November 5, 2019, residents of Monrovia voted to approve Measure K, the Keep Monrovia Revenues Local Sales Tax Measure, to ensure new sales tax revenues stay in Monrovia to be reinvested into the community. Measure K will generate an estimated \$4.5 million per year in additional sales tax revenues for the City. Leading up to the election, a preliminary five-year expenditure plan was developed, identifying community enhancing projects. Those who choose to take the survey will be asked to rank these spending plan options, which includes:

- Establishing a new and/or improved community center
- Reducing costs for residents by decreasing utility bills, such as water
- Working towards a AAA credit rating by building the rainy day fund and planning for future costs increases
- Investing in public buildings, park improvements and community facilities
- Addressing other community priorities like affordable housing, preventing homelessness, youth programs and public safety, etc.

After April 30, the findings of the survey will be discussed by the Monrovia City Council, along with the Measure K Citizens Advisory Committee, and will be shared with the community. Hard copies of the surveys are available upon request. The new sales tax will go into effect on April 1, 2020. For additional information on Measure K, visit MonroviaMeasureK.org.

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By Marc Garlett

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR PETS WHEN YOU DIE?

If you have pets, I'm sure you love them, but you may not have provided any written or, better yet, legally documented instructions about what should happen to them if you become incapacitated or when you die. If you have, read this article with an eye to ensuring you've checked all the right boxes. If you haven't, read on because it's time to act, and this knowledge will make it easier for you to do things right.

Let's start by looking at what happens if you become incapacitated or when you die if you've done nothing to ensure the well-being and care of your pets. It may be that if you do nothing, one or more of your friends and family will step forward to take care of your pets. But, will the person who steps forward be the person you would choose? And, will they take care of your pets the way you want?

If you do care, you need to take action rather than just leaving the well-being and care of your pets to chance. If you don't designate at least one person, and ideally one person plus backups to care for your pets, and provide instructions to the people you've named, and perhaps also money to support the care of your pets, your pets could become a burden to your friends and family, or even end up at the humane society.

Steps to Plan for Your Pet's Care in Your Estate Plan

So, step one in all circumstances is to legally name the people you would want to care for your pets in the event you cannot.

Step two is to give the people you've named specific instructions about how you want your pets to be cared for if you cannot do it including type and amounts of food, any medications needed, exercise plan, and any other special things you know about your pets that any caretaker should know.

Finally, step three is to consider whether you need to provide financial resources to care for your pets.

If your pet has any special needs, or if you want to provide funding for training, regular exercise, or a certain kind of food or care, it's up to you to provide the financial resources to the people you've named to take care of your pets. All of this can be included as part of your comprehensive estate plan.

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A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love

most. His office is located at 55 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.CaliLaw.com for more information.

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LOCAL STUDENTS MATCH BIG DREAMS WITH BIG OPPORTUNITIES

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



The California School of the Arts - San Gabriel Valley (CSArts-SGV), a unique public charter school, opened its doors in spring 2017. This spring, CSArts-SGV will present its "Season Finale Fanfare Experience" at Citrus College's Haugh Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 26.

As it has for the past two years, this annual event will feature performances and works of art from each of the school's arts conservatory programs, including the School of Dance, the School of Fine and Media Arts, the School of Music and the School of Theatre. And, Citrus College is more than a venue where CSArts-SGV students can showcase their talents. The college is also in partnership with CSArts-SGV, offering early college classes taught by college faculty on CSArts-SGV's campus in Duarte.

As part of Citrus College's robust Early College/Dual Enrollment programs, CSArts-SGV high school students can simultaneously earn both high school and college credit, while taking rigorous conservatory style courses in Citrus College's world renowned Visual and Performing Arts program. In addition to an opportunity to study for the careers of their dreams, this partnership also provides students with access to the same student services that are available to traditional Citrus College students. Currently, Citrus College holds more than a dozen dual-enrollment classes on the CSArts-SGV campus.

A new policy brief by the American Institutes of Research (AIR) found a strong return on investments made in early college programs across the country. According to Dr. Kristina Zeiser, a lead researcher for AIR, "...research showed that that early colleges are an effective way to increase rates of college-going and college completion..." In addition, early college programs, where students earn their high school diploma and credit towards an associate degree, have a positive impact on participants' enrollment and success in college. They are also helping to close stubborn achievement gaps.

Citrus College's early college program and CSArts-SGV are proving to be two innovative educational paradigms that partner beautifully together. While approximately 10 percent of students reside in Duarte, CSArts-SGV draws students from more than 80 cities within and beyond the San Gabriel Valley, providing opportunities for career training in fine and performing arts within reach of hundreds of aspiring students each year.

PASADENA SCHOOL DISTRICT MESSAGE ON CORONAVIRUS

Dear Pasadena Unified Community:

The Pasadena Unified School District is continuing to work closely with the Pasadena Public Health Department, the L.A. County Office of Education, and the L.A. County Department of Public Health to monitor the latest developments about the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), provide accurate information to our communities, and keep our students, teachers, and staff safe and healthy.

On Tuesday, officials from the Centers for Disease Control warned that the novel coronavirus will almost certainly spread in the United States, and that schools and businesses should prepare for a possible pandemic.

We understand that this statement may be creating concerns for our school community. While the fact remains that there is still only one confirmed case in L.A. County, PUSD is preparing and planning to keep our students and staff safe. At this time, there are no plans for imminent school closures.

PUSD is updating protocols and preparing plans for virtual learning for schools in the event of a prolonged emergency of any kind, including coronavirus. We will keep you updated as this plan develops. Information is also posted at pUSD.us

As a reminder, the most important thing we can all do is to practice good hygiene habits, including staying home if you feel sick – and that the best prevention against any virus is to wash our hands often. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, public health officials encourages everyone to:

Stay home and away from others if you have a mild illness (with a fever of 100°F or above).

Stay at home until you are free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Be sure to get your influenza vaccine to protect yourself from the flu.

In addition, we want to ensure that our schools continue to focus on creating a welcoming environment for all students as there may be fear in our communities.

PUSD Health Programs is working closely with the Pasadena Public Health Department and our schools to provide guidelines and resources to share accurate information and take appropriate action. If you have questions about these topics, please contact our Health Programs office at (626) 396-3600 ext. 88243.

Sincerely,

Brian McDonald

Superintendent

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges VINEGAR OF FOUR THIEVES



[Nyerges is the author of “How to Survive Anywhere,” “Extreme Simplicity,” and other books. To learn more about his books and workshops, he can be reached at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]

We’re very advanced here in the U.S., and there’s no reason we should ever be concerned about any-thing as drastic as bubonic plagues, right? Oh, so wrong! Plague is spread by fleas, on the rats, which are common when the level of general hygiene drops. Now that the Corona virus (Covid-19) is on the news everyday, it might be a good time to revisit the possibility of a deadly pandemic. Though we ha-ven’t seen anything like this (yet) in the U.S., look at how four thieves managed to deal with plague con-ditions during the Middle Ages.

During an outbreak of bubonic plague in France several centuries ago, four thieves managed to loot the empty plague-ridden homes without contracting the dreaded plague. After all, they figured, what did it matter? Nearly everyone was dead. Some Middle Ages accounts tell us that during some of the worst plague outbreaks, the dead outnumbered the living, and the dead could not be buried fast enough.

These four thieves were arrested by policemen for looting, and were brought before the French judge in Marseilles. Wondering aloud, the judge asked how it was that these four thieves managed to resist the plague, especially since they had been in and out of so many plague-infested homes.

“We drink and wash with this vinegar preparation every few hours,” they answered. The judge made a shrewd bargain. The thieves would be given their freedom in exchange for their “anti-plague recipe.”

This recipe is recorded in Dian Buchman’s Herbal Medicine book. Buchman writes, “this recipe has been used for centuries, but legend has it that it was discovered during a devastating bu-bonic plague.”

Here’s the recipe:
VINEGAR OF FOUR THIEVES:
2 quarts (half gallon) apple cider vinegar.
2 T lavender.
2 T rosemary.
2 T sage.
2 T wormwood.
2 T rue .
2 T mint.

Combine the herbs and steep in vinegar in the sun for two weeks. Strain. Add 2 T. of garlic buds and steep for several days. Remove. To preserve, add 4 oz. of glycerin.

Karin James, the editor of the Forest Voice, adds that the vinegar recipe can be used for washing floors, walls, windows, and will offset smells in the home. It helps to deter bugs if you rinse your hiking gear in it. She also saves the herbs when she strains them out of the vinegar, and places them where ants come into the kitchen. “It works,” she states. “No more ants!”

We posted this recipe on our web site and got many responses from readers. One suggested that it is the vinegar which is the primary reason that this recipe worked. We have used raw apple cider vinegar (in our drinking water, in ratio of about 2 teaspoons per quart) and have found that it keeps the mosquitoes from biting us, and helps reduce heat stress when working out in the sun. Whole books have been written about the health benefits of vinegar. We strongly suggest you always use only the raw apple cider vinegar.

While we certainly hope that we’re never going to have to worry about outbreaks of bubonic plague, health authorities point out that the plague has never entirely disappeared. In fact, it is still found in the fleas of squirrels living in the nearby mountains. Conditions of poor hygiene are the breeding ground for rats, and plague.

Ubiquitous homeless camps, with no running water, toilets, or hygiene conditions, provide a conducive condition for plague to spread again. While we certainly hope that efforts to assist homeless are more and more successful, it’s nevertheless valuable to look to the past for one solution to this problem.

The Vinegar of 4 Thieves is a low-cost easy-to-make formula, and is clearly a low-tech approach to the problem. When I have soaked a kerchief in the solution that I made, wore it to cover my mouth and nose, the odor of the vinegar was potent, and it kept people from wanting to be close to me – which might have been a contributing factor in its effectiveness!

CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!



Still Looking For Love!

Valentine’s Day has come and gone, but these 2 lovebirds are still with us. BLINKY & RAVEN, age 4 years, are two inseparable little loves that will surely sweeten up someone’s life! Blinky is the cuddly and petite female, while

Raven is her playful BFF. They may be a little shy in a new home at first, but it’s worth the wait, just watching them interact. They are both madly in love with each other, having grown up as babies. They have all black, silky fur coats and beautiful golden eyes. They will come fully vetted, chipped, and neutered. Call 626-676-9505. See more pictures, videos, adoption information and application on our website at the Adult Cats page.



Pet of the Week

Miles is the best multitasker. He loves chewing on tennis balls and getting belly rubs. Why choose between two of your favorite things when you can have them both at the same time? When ten-year-old Miles isn’t multitasking like a boss, he’s probably chowing down on some crunchy treats or splashing in one of the kiddie pools in the play yard. But let’s face it, all he wants is to sit in your lap and be pet all over. Now where’s that tennis ball?

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. 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.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.



LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Riley is a stunning grey 5-year-old girl with cute white mustache and chin facial markings and long white whiskers. Her sea foam green eyes look at the world with curiosity and intelligence. Riley’s demure personality responds best to slow approaches that respect her space. Then she is open for head massages and will often melt into petting hands and softly purr. Riley is initially cautious, but given time to get comfortable, Riley relaxes and stretches out for soft strokes of her silky coat. One of her favorite things is long naps in the sunshine. For play time, Riley likes to observe and study the situation before responding to laser dots, dangly strings and catnip marinated toys. She can be part of a multi cat home, or happy to be the only feline resident. Her adoption fee is \$99, which includes spay surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.





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BEWARE OF POTENTIAL 2020 CENSUS SCAMS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you offer some tips to help seniors guard against census scams? With the 2020 census gear-ing up, I've read that there are a lot of potential scammers out there looking to take advantage of older people and I want to protect myself. Cautious Judy

Dear Judy:

Unfortunately, scams have become a persistent problem when the U.S. Census Bureau does its once-a-decade count of the U.S. population. Here's what you can expect from the 2020 Census in the coming weeks, and how you can protect yourself from potential scams.

What to Expect

In mid-March, you and nearly every other U.S. household will receive an invitation in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census. This year, you will have the option of completing the 2020 census questionnaire either online, by mail, or by phone. The invitation will include detailed instructions of what you need to do.

If you don't respond to this invitation letter, you will receive several follow-up postcard reminders from the Census Bureau by mail. If you still don't respond by late April, a census worker will come to your door to collect your response in person.

It only takes a few minutes to complete the census questionnaire.

While census participation is very important and required by law, you also need to be vigilant of census-linked scams. This is especially important for seniors who tend to be prime targets.

The Census Bureau warns against phishing email scams as well as con artist masquerading as census workers who will try to solicit your personal financial information. Here are some tips that can help you protect yourself.

Guard Your Information

Don't give out your personal or financial information. The Census Bureau or a legitimate census worker will never ask for your Social Security number, bank account number, credit card number, money or donations. And they will never contact you on behalf of a political party. If you're asked for any of these, whether it be via phone, mail, email or in person, it's a scam and should be reported to rumors@census.gov.

Avoid Online Scams

The Census Bureau will not send you an unsolicited email to request your participation in the 2020 Census. So, ignore any emails you get that may direct you to a census website that looks real but is fake – and may be infected with malware. Also, don't reply to the email or open any attachment because they could contain viruses that could infect your computer. Forward the email or website address to the Census Bureau at rumors@census.gov. Then delete the message.

Be Safe at Home

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, make sure you verify their identity. A legitimate census taker must present a field badge that includes a photograph of themselves, a Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. Census workers will also be carrying a Census Bureau laptop or cellphone, as well as a bag with a Census Bureau logo.

Also, remember that a census worker will only ask you the questions that appear on the questionnaire – your name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, phone number, type of residence and number of people living with you. They will not ask for sensitive personal information, such as your Social Security or credit card number.

If you have questions about their identity, you can call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

For more information on the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit Savvy-Senior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...February Birthdays*



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* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required



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
Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday Morning from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join the class with Instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the art of Hula!

Bingo Time: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to play! Activity may be canceled if there are less than five people.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: 2nd Tuesdays Monthly from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

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.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, February 12th 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!

Free Strength Training Class: Fridays 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. with Lisa Brandley Light weights, low impact resistance training and body conditioning. Class equipment provided.

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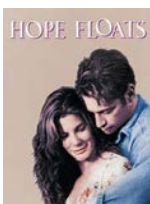


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February 5th "Moonstruck" PG; 1 hr. 42 min.

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- * Lunch will be on your own at the Crossroads West Café at the Autry;
- * Participants should bring money for lunch & souvenirs;
- * Level of Walking: Medium;
- * Bus departs from the Hart Park House Senior Center at 9:00am and returns at 2:30 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

It was a busy week last week. I was chasing my tail so much, I thought I would actually catch it. What I would do after I caught it is beyond my imagination. However, I was quite busy, and then the mail came. Whenever the mail comes, I'm always expecting "the check." Rarely do I get it, but my expectation is that I will get a \$10,000 check. I don't know from whom. "What are you going to the mailbox for?" The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would ask. "Are you looking for your \$10,000 check?" One of these days, I am going to get a \$10,000 check and rub it in her face before I take it to the bank. This time the mail brought me a package from one of my relatives. It turned out to be old pictures of my family from decades ago. Most of them were black-and-white, so you can imagine how old they were. As I was going through these photographs, I could hardly recognize most of them. According to the letter in the package, they were my relatives. Most had been dead for 40 to 50 years. I cannot re-member what I had for breakfast this morning, let alone a relative 50 years ago. Then I hit that "aha" moment. There was a picture of a relative I had long ago forgotten about. Why I forgot about him, I will never know. He actually died almost 50 years ago. When I saw that picture, I had to call my wife over to show her. "This is a picture of Uncle Frank." I leaned back and smiled, thinking of him and all the antics as-sociated with him. "Have I ever met your Uncle Frank?" I looked at my wife, smiled, and said, "No, my dear, you would have remembered him if you did." The memories of good old Uncle Frank began marinating in my head, and stories began develop-ing. If anybody could screw up a situation, it was good old Uncle Frank. He was a good person in many regards; very congenial and generous and happy all the time. However, his timing was not really that good, and what he said never aligned with what was happening at the time. His wife, Aunt Betty, always got frustrated at her husband when he was interrupting her conversations. He did that quite often, much to her chagrin. And believe me, her "cha" didn't grin that much. In the middle of a conversation, Uncle Frank would break in and say, "In my humble opinion..." Then he would take the conversation off in the direction nobody could have ever expected. He had the knack of messing up conversations to the point that nobody knew what anybody was talking about. If, for example, somebody was talking about politics, Uncle Frank would say, "In my humble opinion, the Red Sox are going to win the World Series..." And for the next five or six minutes, he would be talking about baseball, which had nothing whatsoever to do with the conversation he interrupted. By the time he was done, nobody could remember what in the world they were talking about before. I never really knew if Uncle Frank did that on purpose or if it just came naturally to him. I would have liked to have gotten to know him a little better because I am suspicious that he did it most of the time on purpose. One time, I wish that I could have been there then, it all came to a head. I think it was in a church setting, but a group of people was together talking about something. I do not know what the conversation was about, and I wish I'd been there. But it was at that point that everything came to a head with good old Uncle Frank. As the conversation was getting along all of a sudden, Uncle Frank said, "In my humble opinion..." At that moment, Aunt Betty had enough, jumped in, and took control of the situation. "Frank," she said in a very stern voice, "you are not humble, and nobody is interested in any opinion you might have."

According to the report I was given, everybody went silent and tried looking in the opposite direction because Aunt Betty was staring at Uncle Frank as he had never been stared at before or since. From that moment on, nobody ever heard Uncle Frank ever say again the words, "In my humble opinion..." My wife laughed rather heartily as I told her this story. I wish she could have met him because he was quite a character. I must say, as I think about that situation, my wife reminds me a lot of good ole Aunt Betty. Later on that day, we were involved in something; she was talking about the plans that we needed to make, and I interrupted her by saying, "In my humble opinion..." That is as far as I got because she immediately jumped in and said, "Now I know who reminds me of Uncle Frank." A verse of Scripture came to my mind at that time. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5). What I have learned is that humble people rarely give their opinion. Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472.

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Lisa is a long standing Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the International Coach Federation with over 25 years of experience. She was on the Coaching Faculty for the Executive MBA Program for Loyola Marymount University and is also actively involved here in our local community focusing on senior services and Alzheimer's Los Angeles where she serves on the Public Policy Committee, Programs Committee, Speaker's Bureau and is helping to foster dementia friendly communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

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STUART TOLCHIN VALUES



Are you familiar with the quotation "What we obtain too cheaply we esteem too lightly. It is dearness that gives everything its value." This is a quote from Thomas Paine, the founding father whose writing inspired the American Revolutionaries to fight a war against the Mighty British Empire to secure their freedom. He inspired men to understand that as they fought so hard for their own freedom they would understand its importance and value the preservation of those hard won freedoms in the future.

Maybe it's been all too easy for this generation. I watched the Democratic Presidential "Debates" a collection of degenerating ad hominem insults hurled primarily between old men of my age and religion and thought of Thomas Paine's quote. The debate went on and seemed to completely ignore that a Climate Emergency existed and a pandemic was threatening the welfare of the planet. . These men are from a generation that should understand the importance of protecting the freedoms that we have. In fact, Senator Sanders, the present frontrunner, is someone whose grandparents were murdered by the Nazis.

This connection to the Nazis reminds me of the article I wrote two weeks ago which focused on the movie Jo Jo Rabbit. The creator of that film received an Academy Award for Best Screen Writing. This man, Taika Waititi, also known as Taiki David Cohen, is someone whose father is Maori and whose mother is Russian Jewish. He gave an amazing acceptance speech which included the following: "The Academy would like to acknowledge that we have gathered here on the ancestral land of the Tonga, the Tavanium, and the Chumash who formerly inhabited the very land where the ceremonial presentations are taking place". He concluded his speech by uttering two words "kia ora".

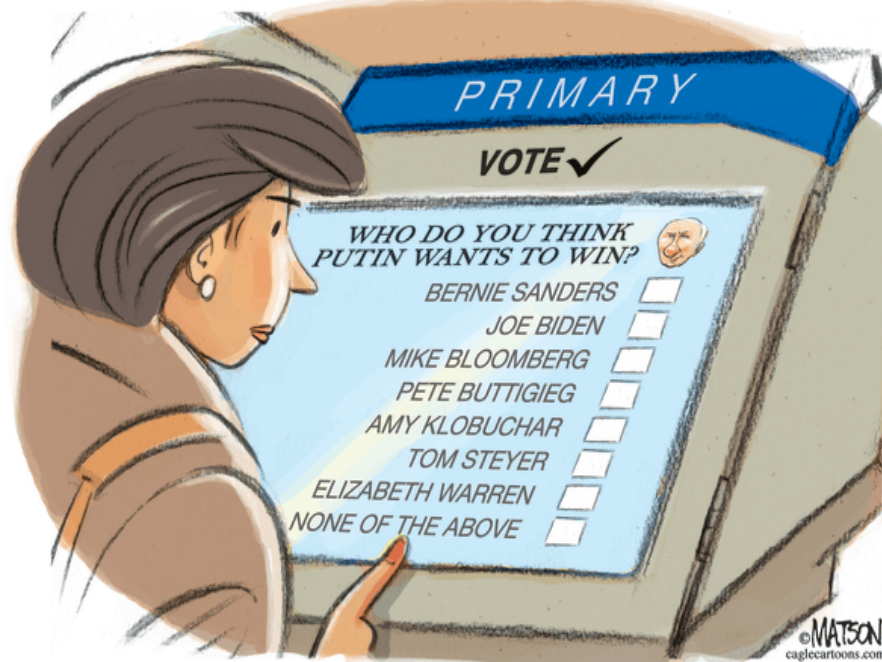
I had previously seen his movie Jo Jo Rabbit and understood that it was a satire concerning the adoration of the German Leader, Adolph Hitler. As a hint, the movie begins with clips of adoring fans at a rock-concert. Taika Waititi actually plays Adolph Hitler as an imaginary friend of a young German boy who adores him. By the film's end the adoring boy realizes his imaginary friend is a lying fraud unworthy of any adoration. He kicks Hitler, his imagined former idol out the window. Once out the window, the imaginary friend explodes and disappears into space. I believe that this satirical film was making a statement about the present American misguided adoration of its President. I wondered about the meaning of the last two words of the acceptance speech. After reading and ignoring entries pertaining to Korean automobiles, I learned that the meaning of the Maori words was something equivalent to the English expression Go In Health Be Safe. This completely fascinated me as the expression was roughly equivalent to the Yiddish expression Gay Gezunt which my primarily Yiddish speaking grandmother uttered each day as I went off to Elementary School. The Yiddish dictionary describes the meaning as absolutely equivalent to the Maori expression. My grandmother was of that generation of Jews who realized how valuable and yet how tenuous were her freedoms in America. Really, she and my mother remained anxious and nervous all of their lives concerned about the permanence of their safety.

Returning to the subject of the Democratic Debates, there were polls that stated that the main reaction to the debates by those polled was nervousness. That day I had received bumper stickers which a friend had created in response to my article Kia Ora which discussed the significance of the acceptance speech. In that article I had warned that the acceptance speech had contained warnings to the American Public that their glossy frivolous celebrations might well be part of a temporary culture that was adoring the wrong thing, not valuing or protecting what was really important. In other words, if we did not keep our eyes open this entire culture or civilization could well disappear like the Nazis or the Indian Nations that had inhabited America and were now completely forgotten. I had pasted the Kia Ora stickers on my car as a reminder to myself of the tenuous nature of what is only a tenuous hold on everything we think we value but now take for granted.

As I drove to a restaurant early the next morning, I heard on the radio that the Trump administration was assuring everyone that there was nothing to worry about the coronavirus and that everything was under control. Next I heard that this assurance was contradicted by almost all scientists. I became increasingly anxious as I next heard reported that elderly individuals with diabetes were particularly susceptible to the virus. I was in both categories and became even more nervous. I found myself at Roscoe's chicken and Waffles, a server of delicious sugary high carbohydrate food which should be avoided by individuals like me.

I drove to the restaurant and upon entering I was greeted by a server who remembered me and said "long time no see". I started to explain when she noticed my car and its bumper stickers. She laughed and said that "Kia Ora" was what the Polynesians said to each other in Hawaii. I took her laughter to mean that it was the dispossessed people like the native Hawaiians who were telling each other to be safe knowing that their whole culture had been destroyed by the Europeans and Americans. Really, I don't know why she laughed but looking at the bumper stickers I realized I was doing the opposite of protecting that which I valued most: MY OWN HEALTH as I was so busy worrying about everything else. Perhaps I should run for President.

kia ora be safe



LEFT TURN /RIGHT TURN

TOM PURCELL



Every time I bite into a Clark Bar, I become 10 years old again.

Irish immigrant D.L. Clark created the legendary chocolate-coated peanut-butter-crunch confection in Pittsburgh in 1917.

Individually wrapped Clark Bars were shipped to U.S. troops during World War I and became popular nationwide following the war.

According to "Sweets: A History of Candy," Clark applied a new technique that allowed a thin milk-chocolate shell to coat a non-chocolate filling, producing America's first successful "combination" candy bar. That makes the Clark Bar's origin a reflection of American innovation.

Clark's family-owned business produced the candy until 1955, when his company was acquired by corporate owners in Pittsburgh. But every October for decades after that, thousands of families bought the highly affordable bars to hand out on Halloween night. That makes the Clark Bar a tremendous source of American nostalgia.

By the time we were both 10 in 1972, my best friend Tommy Guillen and I had Halloween night down to a science.

We knew which houses to hit and which to avoid. A couple of families always handed out popcorn balls or Rice Krispies marshmallow bars – families that were just begging to have their car windows soaped!

Georgetown, the richest neighborhood near our homes – literally on the other side of the railroad tracks – was our first stop.

Georgetown parents filled our pillowcase sacks with brand-name candy heaven: Hershey's, Nestle Crunch, Milk Duds, Good & Plenty, Almond Joy, \$100,000 Bar, Twizzlers, Snickers, Milky Way, Kit Kat, M&Ms, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and the granddaddy of them all, Mallo Cup – chocolate-covered marshmallow perfection!

After miles of walking, we'd head back across the railroad tracks to hit the small ranch houses in the adjoining borough

BRINGING CHOCOLATE, PEANUT BUTTER, AND AMERICANS TOGETHER AGAIN

– affordable homes built during the post-World War II boom for returning veterans benefiting from the GI Bill.

The families in those neighborhoods were wonderful – but, being budget-conscious, they were strictly Clark Bar families, as the locally produced confection was always discounted during the Halloween season. Our pillowcases would be filled with dozens of Clark Bars when we'd finally conclude our trick-or-treating.

The Clark Bar's corporate ownership would go through a series of sales and bankruptcies over the years. Production finally ceased in 2018, breaking the hearts of millions of 1970s kids like me.

But now, the Clark Bar is back!

Boyer Candy in Altoona, Pa. – the very same company that makes the Mallo Cup – has begun producing the Clark Bar again. That makes the Clark Bar part of a classic American comeback story.

Though I didn't yet appreciate or understand the Clark Bar's history when I was 10, I certainly enjoyed devouring hundreds of them. The Clark Bar remains a heavenly piece of Americana – one thing that still unites millions, even in these highly partisan and divided times.

Regrettably, the Clark Bar's comeback is currently limited to the Pittsburgh market. But if you can, buy a pack or two – and share them with friend and foe alike.

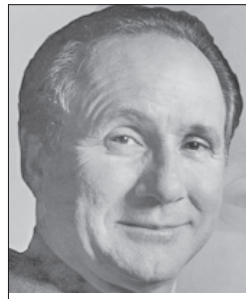
Sharing the Clark Bar's tastiness just might melt hearts just enough to foster calm, reasoned discussion.

Every time I taste one, I become as hopeful and optimistic as I was when I was 10.

I hope everyone can enjoy and share the positive energy that comes from enjoying a few bites of the Clark Bar's chocolate and peanut butter perfection – together.

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood," a humorous memoir available at amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist and is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc.

MICHAEL REAGAN



Two weeks ago, I was happily sailing on a huge cruise ship in the Indian Ocean.

My wife Collen is a travel agent and I was tagging along with her and her group on a Celebrity Cruise Line ship as it sailed from Dubai to Singapore and back with 2,300 souls aboard.

Everyone on board our ship knew what was happening that same week to the unlucky people stuck on the Diamond Princess cruise liner docked offshore Tokyo.

Because a passenger who left Diamond Princess nine days earlier in Hong Kong had tested positive for the new coronavirus sweeping China, the Japanese government had ordered everyone to stay aboard the luxury cruise ship.

We weren't doctors or epidemiologists, just vacationers.

But we knew that cooping 2,666 people together on the Diamond Princess for 14 days was going to be trouble – and it was.

Because Japanese officials dithered around and then screwed up their containment measures on the ship for two weeks, the Diamond Princess became what the New York Times called "a floating epidemiological disaster."

According to the Times, "with 634 infections and two deaths, the cruise ship represents the largest concentration of coronavirus cases outside China."

We were a lot luckier, even though we never made it all the way to Singapore.

Our wise captain decided it wasn't worth the risk of getting any closer to the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak and we turned back to Dubai after stopping at Sri Lanka.

The Celebrity Cruise Line people did everything right. Everyone was compensated for their lost cruise time and given \$500 to pay for straightening up their travel arrangements.

Most important, as far as I know no one on our cruise ship caught the flu.

Since I've been back in Southern California, however, I've been getting sick watching the mainstream media sensationalize the dangers of the coronavirus.

Every time another country like Brazil gets its first official coronavirus case,

SICK OF THE MEDIA HYPE (UPDATED)

they throw up another panicky headline about how the deadly pandemic is putting every human on the planet at risk.

The mainstream media rarely take the trouble to point out that it is the already sick, the very old and the very young who are most likely to die from flu-caused problems like pneumonia, strokes and heart attacks.

The coronavirus may yet live up to its media hype and become a true pandemic in the United States or elsewhere that kills hundreds of thousands.

But as the stock market dropped a few thousand points this week on the Dow Jones, it'd be a nice public service if the media put the death toll of the coronavirus in the proper perspective.

President Trump did exactly that during his press conference on Wednesday.

He pointed out to the entire country that old-fashioned Asian flu – the regular kind of constantly changing viruses that many of us take shots for every year – kills from 25,000 to 69,000 Americans a year.

Every year after every year after every year.

When President Trump admitted he was "shocked" to learn that the "regular" flu was so deadly, he was of course mocked for his ignorance by the mainstream liberal media and their Democrat pals.

They would like you to think President Trump is the only person in America who wasn't up to speed on America's annual flu deaths, which actually are statistical estimates made by the Centers for Disease Control.

But I bet most Republicans and Democrats were unaware of how deadly the "regular" flu is.

For example, did you know that 2017-2018 was one of the deadliest flu seasons in our history?

Did you know that 80,000 Americans – older, younger, sicker Americans – died that flu season, the most since the mid-1970s?

Do you remember the scary media stories, the doomsday predictions, the panic in the streets, the stock market crash of early 2018, the soccer games played in empty stadiums, the closing of public schools?

Neither do I – and neither do the media.

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