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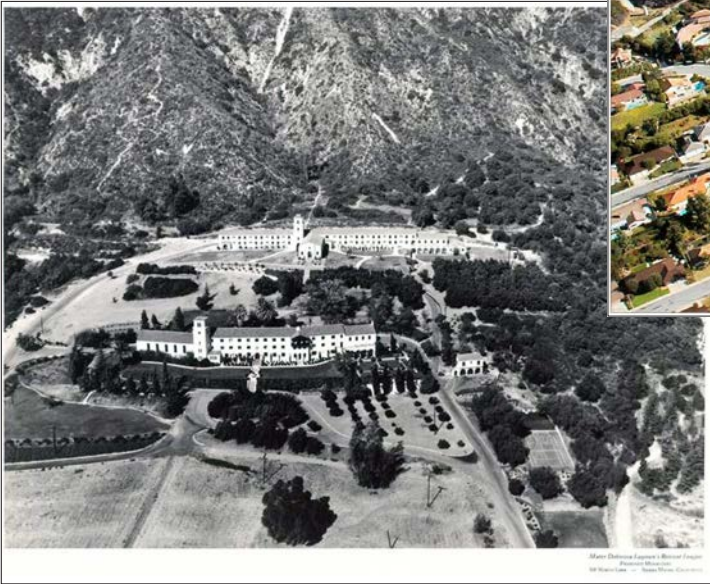
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MONASTERY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSIONS RESUME

Presentation of current status to be made at council meeting

“At the very end of north Sunnyside in Sierra Madre is an 88 acre expanse of land which houses one of the city’s most beautiful landmarks, the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center (aka, The Monastery). It is an area well known to most residents of Sierra Madre for a variety of reasons. From 1932 to 1991 the land included the home of the Passionist Father’s Monastery. (The Monastery was destroyed by the 1991 Sierra Madre Earthquake and ultimately demolished.) The retreat center was built in 1949 and is still very much in use for religious purposes and for use by the general public. The property has also been the site of many festivals and events and was the site of the Sierra Madre Town Picture taken during the Centennial Celebration in 2007. Every Good Friday, the property is opened for the Annual Seven Stations of the Cross service. Dog walkers and hikers have also availed themselves to the property for years. How-



ever, much of those 88 acres are about to change.” (*Mountain Views News Archives: http://mtnviewsnews.com/old/mvnews/v07/MVNews_2013_11_16.pdf*)

The preliminary discussions with the city that began in 2013 when the project was introduced the description was vague, “low density housing units” however, that conversations between the city, the developers of the property and the community came to an abrupt end due to a water moratorium on all new construction in Sierra Madre. Recently, with the lifting of the moratorium by the city council the topic of the development is on the table again according to City Manager Gabe Engeland,

On Tuesday evening, Engeland is encouraging the public to attend the City Council meeting where a presentation of the proposed project will take place. The council meets at 6:30pm at City Hall. In the meantime, the community coalition (Preserve Sierra Madre) released the following:

Now that the water meter moratorium has been lifted, a housing project at the Monastery is being proposed. City Manager Gabe Engeland will be giving a presentation at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm to provide further details about the project being contemplated. Since becoming the City Manager of Sierra Madre a few years ago, we have always found Mr. Engeland to be very transparent and forthright about all matters at City Hall. We don't expect his upcoming presentation to be any exception. From what we have learned so far, it will be one of the largest housing projects that Sierra Madre has seen in decades.

Most of you will remember that the Preserve Sierra Madre Coalition began as the Stop the Monastery Housing Project Coalition. Many of you fought against the housing project being contemplated back in 2013 - signs were put out, the website www.stopmonasteryhousingproject.com was created (and is still up and running although dormant for the last few years), there were City Council meetings filled to overflowing, and we held a big rally at the gates of Mater Dolorosa that was covered by the Pasadena Star News and Mountain Views News. Our coalition successfully kept the project at bay until it was finally stopped cold by the enactment of the water meter moratorium.

A year ago at this time the grounds looked like this: (above right with deer). After a recent effort to scrape the topsoil, the grounds look



like this:: - (above graded landscape).

Right now, the property is zoned for an institutional use. In order to do the residential housing project, the City Council would have to agree to re-zone the property. Because a development of this magnitude will have significant impacts on the immediate neighbors, traffic flow and the community at large, we urge you to attend the presentation on March 10th.

As always, we have appreciated your support over the years to preserve our "Village of the Foothills".

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JOHN HARABEDIAN FOUGHT VALIANTLY BUT BARGER RETURNS TO 5th SUPERVISORIAL SEAT



Congratulations and Thanks are in order for our own John Harabedian for a well fought campaign to represent us on the LA County Board of Supervisors.

In a letter to his supporters, his integrity and honesty are very obvious and it is our sincere hope that he will keep his commitment as stated,

"I can truly say that this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and it only reaffirmed my commitment to public service for years to come. With your help, I launched this campaign with the goal of helping the voiceless and those most in need -- our homeless brothers and sisters, our children in foster care, and our undocumented neighbors. I will continue that mission, and I hope you will join me, as there is much work to be done. Nelson Mandela once said: "I never lose. I either win or learn." I learned so much through this process, and I am truly grateful and humbled."

We thank John and his family for their hard work and are anxiously awaiting his next endeavor to help us shape a better future! Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher Mountain Views News

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Pasadena Declares COVID-19 Public Health Emergency



City of Pasadena Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh (pictured), on Wednesday, declared a Local Public Health Emergency to empower the City to more effectively respond to the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19. This declaration coincides with actions taken by Los Angeles County and Long Beach Health Department. Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Pasadena.

The declaration of a Local Public Health Emergency will mobilize City resources, accelerate emergency planning, streamline staffing, coordinate agencies across the city, facilitate seeking and utilizing mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments.

This declaration does not signify an immediate increase in risk to the residents of Pasadena.

“The City of Pasadena has been preparing to address cases of COVID-19 and taking action to prevent spread,” said Dr. Goh. “The Pasadena Public Health Department has been proactively working in coordination with partner jurisdictions and state and federal agencies to provide guidance to health care providers, schools and businesses, and deliver key public health functions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.”

Steps that individuals can take to reduce the risk of getting sick with seasonal colds or flu can also help to prevent COVID-19 if it begins to circulate in the community:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Cover your cough or sneeze;
- Stay home if you are sick;
- Get your flu shot to protect against influenza; and
- If you have recently returned from a country with ongoing COVID-19 infections, follow public health guidance and monitor your health. Call your healthcare providers and inform them about your travel history if you need care.

You can also prepare for possible disruptions to daily routines that could be caused by COVID-19:

- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family;
- Make a child care plan in case you or a care giver are sick;
- Understand your employer's policies regarding leave and options for working from home;
- Make arrangements for how your family will manage a school closure; and
- Make a plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.

Dr. Goh will provide a full update on local response to COVID-19 at the March 9 Council meeting. For the latest information on the coronavirus, visit: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).



Mayoral Race Heads Toward Runoff

Although mayoral candidate and District 5 Councilman Victor Gordo, received 1,131 votes over incumbent Mayor Terry Tornek during Tuesday's primary election, it was not enough for Gordo to win outright—getting 46.14 percent, just shy of 50 percent needed to avoid a runoff.

Gordo declared victory Thursday in this election.

As of press time, Tornek received 41.77 percent with 10,804 votes. If the numbers stand, the two candidates are set for a runoff election in November. Some mail in and provisional ballots have not been counted officials said.

At the last mayor's candidates forum, Gordo said issues around immigration were personal.

“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 adding that members of his own family, including his parents, came to the United States undocumented. “Police resources in Pasadena should be used to address local issues.”

During the same forum, Tornek took a strong stand on homelessness saying he 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. Tornek also supported opening up parking lots allowing people to sleep in cars.

The two other mayoral candidates, Major Williams and Jason Hardin, received single digits, with Williams taking 8.28 percent, or 2,167 votes and Hardin getting 3.72 percent or 962 votes.

In related news, City Council District 2 candidate Felicia Williams won the seat outright with 52.09 percent of the vote or 1,890 votes.

“In addition to growing up in Pasadena, I have been deeply involved for the last 10 years and I am ready to put city hall to work for the people,” she wrote on her website.

Williams is currently on the city's Planning Commission and has served on the Pasadena Center Operating Company as Treasurer, as well as, Rose Bowl Operating Company and Environmental and Transportation Advisory Commissions. She is also a current Pasadena Educational Foundation boardmember.

Williams will fill the seat vacated by Councilmember

Margaret McAustin who chose not to run after serving three terms.



Felicia Williams

Pasadena 'Jump Into Census'

The City of Pasadena invites residents to “Jump Into Census” today, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 East Villa Street. Residents will be able to get answers to their questions about the upcoming census count while enjoying live entertainment, crafts, games, and giveaways. The first 150 visitors to the City's census table will score a ticket to receive a free lunch from the on-site Pie'n Burger food truck. Residents will also get a sneak peek at the City's summer programming—including day camps, aquatics, and summer reading—at this free family event.

Pasadena residents—both citizens and non-citizens—are required to respond to the 2020 census. Responses will be used to determine the annual distribution of over \$675 billion in federal support for vital community services. Data collected from this year's census count will also determine the number of representatives California gets in Congress.

In mid-March, Pasadena households will begin receiving invitations in their mailboxes from the U.S. Census Bureau to respond to the 2020 census questionnaire. Responses can be submitted online, over the phone, or by mail. On average, it takes no more than 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Responses are confidential and protected by federal law; they cannot be shared with law enforcement, courts, or any other government agency.

In addition to Jump Into Census, the City is hosting the following family-friendly census events in March.

Community Census Fair | Saturday, March 14, noon-3 p.m. | Community Arms Apartments, 151 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

Census Block Party | Saturday, March 21, 2-6 p.m. | Boys & Girls Club, 2020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Community Census Fair | Saturday, March 28, noon-3 p.m. | Kings Villages Apartments, 1141 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

For more information about the 2020 census visit: cityofpasadena.net/census or call (626) 744-7311.

Infant Found Dead in Memorial Park Bathroom

Pasadena police are asking for the public's help, with information, after an infant girl was discovered deceased Thursday night in a restroom stall at Memorial Park, 85 East Holly Street.

Police and paramedics responded to the park just after 10 p.m. where the infant was pronounced dead according to police. Officers searched the area for any witnesses, evidence or the mother.

The city's maintenance staff

found the infant as they were getting ready to clean the restroom. Los Angeles County coroner officials removed the body. In a statement, police said the girl “appears to have been full-term.”

The cause of death remained under investigation.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241. Or anonymously at “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

Marching Bands Selected for the 2021 Rose Parade



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses® has selected 21 of the marching bands that will participate in the 132nd Rose Parade presented by Honda, themed “Dream. Believe. Achieve.” The announcement of the 2021 Marching Bands comes as we celebrate National Marching Band Day.

The bands will travel to Pasadena from across the United States and around the world, including Italy, Japan, Panama, Sweden and Taiwan.

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The bands selected are listed below, alphabetically.

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Bands of America Honor Band, United States

The Pride of Broken Arrow, Broken Arrow, OK

Downingtown Blue and Gold Marching Band, Downingtown, PA

Georgia State University Panther Band, Atlanta, GA

Gibson County Tennessee Mass Band, Dyer, TN

Hebron Marching Band, Carrollton, TX

Homewood Patriot Band, Homewood, AL

Los Angeles Unified School District - All District High School Honor Band, Los Angeles, CA

Mira Mesa High School “Sapphire Sound” Marching Band and Color Guard, San Diego, CA

O'Fallon Township High School Marching Panthers, O'Fallon, IL

Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band and Herald Trumpets, Pasadena, CA (pictured above).

Royal Swedish Cadet Band, Karlskrona, Sweden

The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band, Los Angeles, CA

St. Ursula Eichi Sendai Honor Band, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan

Marching Band, Honor Guards and Color Guards of Taipei First Girls High School, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands, Nashville, TN

Triuggio Marching Band, Triuggio, Monza and Brianza, Italy

United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band, MCRD, San Diego and Camp Pendleton, CA

Waukee Warrior Regiment, Waukee, IA

Bands are selected by volunteer members of the Tournament of Roses based on a variety of criteria including musicianship, marching ability and entertainment or special interest value. In addition to marching in the five-and-a-half-mile Rose Parade on New Year's Day, bands also perform in one of three Bandfest events scheduled for December 29 and 30, 2020 at Pasadena City College. Two bands will be added to the line-up when the universities participating in the College Football Semifinal at the 107th Rose Bowl Game are determined in December.

Bands who would like to participate in the 2022 Rose Parade are encouraged to apply through an online application, available now on the Tournament of Roses website: [tournamentofroses.com/events/apply/](https://www.tournamentofroses.com/events/apply/)

Middle School Student Names Next Mars Rover

NASA chose seventh-grader from Virginia as winner of the agency's “Name the Rover” essay contest. Alexander Mather's (pictured middle) entry for “Perseverance” was voted tops among 28,000 entries—NASA's next Mars rover has a new name—Perseverance.

The name was announced Thursday by Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of the Science Mission Directorate, during a celebration at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Virginia. Zurbuchen was at the school to congratulate seventh grader Alexander Mather, who submitted the winning entry to the agency's “Name the Rover” essay contest, which received 28,000 entries from K-12 students from every U.S. state and territory.

“Alex's entry captured the spirit of exploration,” said Zurbuchen. “Like every exploration mission before, our rover is going to face challenges, and it's going to make amazing discoveries. It's already surmounted many obstacles to get us to the point where we are today—processing for launch. Alex and his classmates are the Artemis Generation, and they're going to be taking the next steps into space that lead to Mars. That inspiring work will always require perseverance. We can't wait to see that nameplate on Mars.”

Perseverance is the latest in a long line of Red Planet

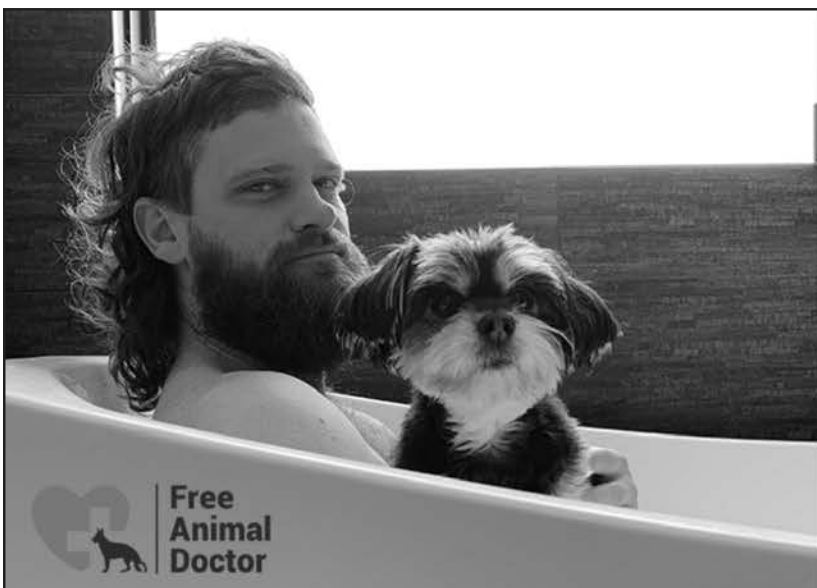
rovers to be named by school-age children, from Sojourner in 1997 to the Spirit and Opportunity rovers, which landed on Mars in 2004, to Curiosity, which has been exploring Mars since 2012. In each case, the name was selected following a nationwide contest.

“This was a chance to help the agency that put humans on the Moon and will soon do it again,” said Mather. “This Mars rover will help pave the way for human presence there, and I wanted to try and help in any way I could. Refusal of the challenge was not an option.”

The rover naming contest partnership was part of a Space Act Agreement in educational and public outreach efforts between NASA, Battelle of Columbus, Ohio, and Future Engineers of Burbank, California. Amazon Web Services is an additional prize provider for the Mars 2020 naming contest and will provide Alex and his family a trip to see the launch.

Mars 2020 is part of a larger program that includes missions to the Moon as a way to prepare for human exploration of the Red Planet. Charged with landing the first woman and the next man on the Moon by 2024, NASA will establish a sustained human presence on and around the Moon by 2028 through NASA's Artemis program.

For more information about the mission, go to: mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/



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

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

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Commission
February 24th, 2020 at 6:30PM

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

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March 18th, 2020 at 7:00PM



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A VISIT TO HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES

by Audrey Swanson

On Friday, February 28th, 20 members of our community participated in Sierra Madre Library's One Book One City field trip to Homeboy Industries in East LA. One Book One City is a community reading program which invites Sierra Madre residents to read and discuss the same book. This February, those who participated read *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle. They then got the opportunity to take the metro for a free tour of Boyle's nonprofit, Homeboy Industries.

Homeboy Industries was started by Father Greg Boyle in 1988 as a way of helping former gang members improve their lives. He was inspired to create the nonprofit out of his experience pastoring a poor catholic parish in an area with the highest level of gang activity in Los Angeles.

Homeboy Industries' mission is centered around 5 main goals: to reduce repeat offenses, treat substance abuse, improve housing, foster social connectedness, and reunify families. One of their

most significant programs provides an 18 month employment and re-entry protocol. Other services range from parenting classes to personalized therapy and anger management. Since its founding, Homeboy Industries has grown into the largest gang intervention, rehab, and re-entry program in the world.

Homeboy's services have reached thousands of members of the community, with over 7000 people passing through their doors in 2018. Their efforts have yielded results. Many whom go through their 18 month employment program are either able to keep working for Homeboy Industries or successfully transfer to an outside job. This allows individuals to improve their lives and provide for their families.

Homeboy places a strong emphasis on community. Everyone who enters their doors is welcomed as part of the family. The group from Sierra Madre immediately felt very welcomed by everyone at Homeboy Industries! For more information or to make a donation visit www.homeboyindustries.org and be on the lookout for the next One Book One City event in Sierra Madre!

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I've watched you grow into the amazing woman you are today. And with each passing year, you continue to blossom even more."
"I wish you joy and peace, love and laughter, too. All the happiness life can bring in everything you do."
"I didn't give you the gift of life... life gave me the gift of you."

Our daughter, Patti, had one of those round number birthdays yesterday, March 1st. Amazingly, her daughter, Nicole, had a birthday also as Patti gave herself the gift of her fantastic daughter, born on her birthday an undisclosed number of years ago. The picture is Patti and her dad, on an outing they enjoyed together.



Birthdays are one of those things that are absolutely wonderful to consider when you are a young person. Young being anyone under thirty. I remember my 30th birthday vividly, declaring to all those, patient enough to listen, that I was now old, being out of my twenties, and that it was all downhill from there. I was wrong.

I remember my 40th birthday, giving myself a splendid party, with great food, wine, friends, family and declaring to all those, patient enough to listen, that I was never going to do anything again that I didn't want to do. I was wrong.

I remember my 50th birthday, which involved a surprise party at dear departed Burger Continental when my mother and my father were together in the same room for the first time in decades. My aunt Helen was also there and when my father greeted her and she looked confused he said, "I'm Kim!" and she responded, "Kim who?" So many wonderful friends and family there, too. After that I quit paying much attention and now would just as soon not mention it at all.

Patti is one of those people who has about a million friends who all adore her and it's been a family joke that no matter where she goes, there will be someone there who knows her, i.e., Hawaii, Italy, France. She is a generous, giving person who married a wonderful man, Dave, and has raised three marvelous children, and currently is the person who makes sure her 99-year old mother-in-law, Margie, has all her needs met.

"Age is just a number...an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!" Mark Twain
 "Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional." Walt Disney
 "I love my age. Old enough to know better, young enough not to care. Experienced enough to do it right."

Speaking of doing things the right way, recently a good friend who, apparently, had nothing better to do, sent me an email entitled: "The Right Way To Do Things." Included were gems such as:

1. "Hold the 'Close Door' button in the elevator, so it doesn't stop on the way." But what if an anxious lady with a baby needs to get to the pediatrician on the fourth floor?"

2. "Spread the edges of that little paper cup you get ketchup in for easier access." Can't you just see the mess a six-year old will make of that! That cup is rigid and little for a very good reason. Damage control!

3. "Store your peanut butter upside down so the oils distribute evenly." We all know that. If you leave your Laura Scudder Old Fashioned Peanut Butter right side up, next time you open it you will find a grease puddle on top of what seems to be peanut flavored concrete.

4. "Push in the tabs on either side of the aluminum foil box to prevent the roll from coming out." Seriously? I found myself becoming annoyed way out of context about all these handy hints and my next thought was, "I don't care!"

5. "Use the hole in the pot handle to hold your spoon." Well what if your pot doesn't have a hole in the handle! What do you do then? Huh! What then. How about put your spoon on a paper towel, or put it in the sink. What made you want to make marinara sauce anyway!

6. "Use a paper clip to pop the reset button on the ink cartridge when the computer says you're out of ink. It's like an extra amount for emergency printing." Seriously?? Who on earth would think of that when the cartridge quits printing in black and starts doing a rainbow sort of design on your document, featuring a lot of sepia and printing nine useless pages before you notice the fool thing is doing it wrong! What reset button?

7. "Place the toilet seat cover flap in the front, not in the back of the toilet seat." Of course, the likelihood of getting one out of the seat cover holder on the wall is poor and none, and right after you place it on the seat, the cover falls in the toilet anyway, leaving you wanting to curse loudly. And then there's no toilet paper.

There were more handy hints involving toilet plungers, putting a straw in a Coke can, and how to use your Chinese food take out box for a plate. It took me an hour to think of a gracious way to say thank you and that my life has been changed for the better by all of them.

If its your birthday anytime soon, past or present, Happy Birthday to you and may God richly bless you in the coming year of your life. Happy Birthday to you, too, Patti, and thank you for all the many times you made me laugh.

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 "The Crown" -a great Easter story.
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4TH OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS

The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2020 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held as always the morning of July 4th. Parade Grand Marshal Nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre. Nominees may be an individual or volunteers or an organization.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Thursday, April 30th and should be sent to the 4th of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to 4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com. Nominations should be no more than 1 page but at least a paragraph explaining why the honor should be given including contributions to the Sierra Madre community.

Previous Grand Marshals have included 2019 Bud Switzer, 2018 Steve Heydorff, 2017 Derek Podrebarac, 2016 Pete Siberell and Hometown Hero Kris Lowe, 2015 Clem and Nina Bartolai, 2014 Pat & DeAlcorn & Hometown Heroes Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, 2013 VFW Post 3208 & Hometown Hero Mama Pete; 2012 Nel and Bob Soltz (Wistaria Vine owners); 2011 Gayle Bluemel & Hometown Hero John Shear; 2010 Lew Wantanabe; 2009 Midge Morash; 2008 Sierra Madre Fire Department; 2007 Ward Family (E. Waldo Ward & Sons); 2006 Judge Webb Martin & Toni Buckner & Hometown Hero Barbara Wamboldt; 2005 Police Chief Wayne Bailey; 2004 Doug Berkshire; 2003 John Grijalva; 2002 Bob Quamstrom; 2001 Ty Gaffney; 2000 Dr. Bill White; and 1999 Jim & Barbara Heasley.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

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"Come quickly, I think I am drinking stars" was Monk Dom Perignon's line when he first invented Dom Perignon Champagne. For years I have been drinking "stars" -- it's just not from the region of Champagne, but it certainly is a wonderful California alternative. J Vineyards Cuvee 20 Brut sparkling wine is my go-to sparkler when I am looking for something in the mid \$20 range. With Spring approaching I can recommend this Brut whole-heartedly, and for the price you might as well get two bottles. My first introduction to J Cuvee 20 was at Taylor's Steakhouse in La Canada and again at Nikki C's near the Santa Anita Race Track. If you see it on a wine list for under \$50 snap it up. It's the green bottle with the yellow "J" brushstroke. The sparkler was first introduced in 1991 with 4000 cases and sold out in six months.



Queen Elizabeth sipped J at the White House, Mikhail Gorbachev spoke of world peace with a glass of J in hand, and the distinctive sparkling wines were the official celebratory beverage of the Academy Awards Governors Ball for four consecutive years. J makes its home in Sonoma County Russian River. The taste is crisp and the bubbles will tantalize your tongue, and the finish has a mellow asian apple feel. The Brut will go great with shellfish, but how about lobster bisque? You will be truly seeing stars with that combination.

J Vineyard Cuvee 20 Brut retails for \$30, and can be found on sale at many fine retailers for \$28 Like Vons and Pavilions.

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Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

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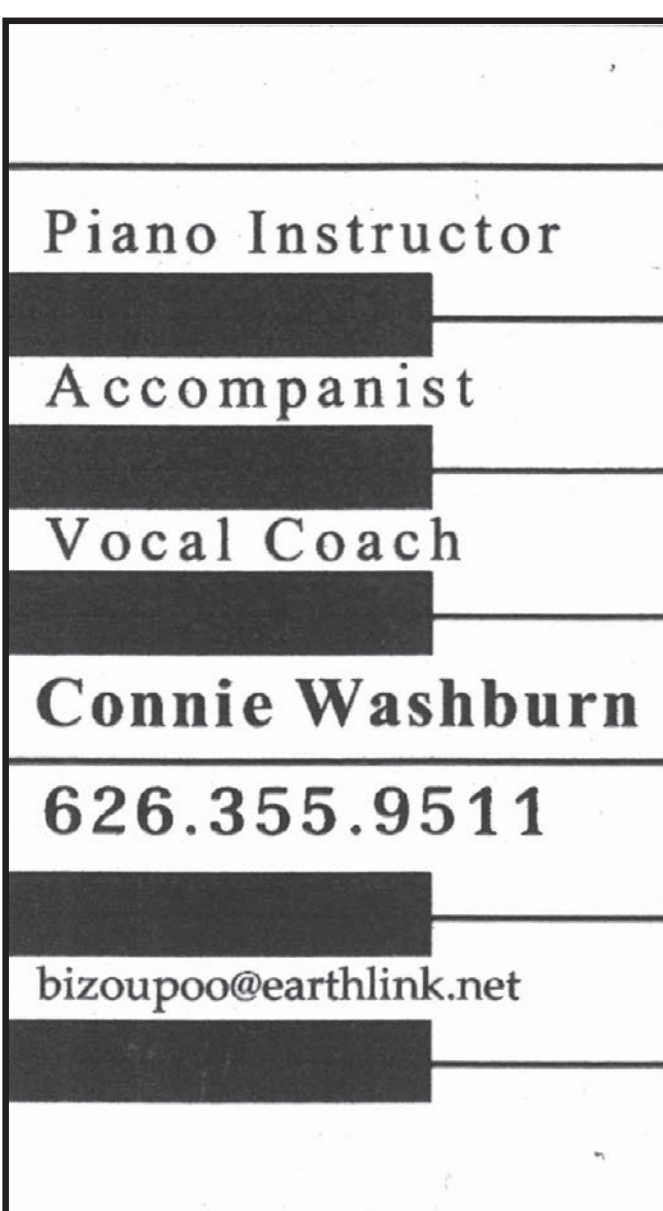
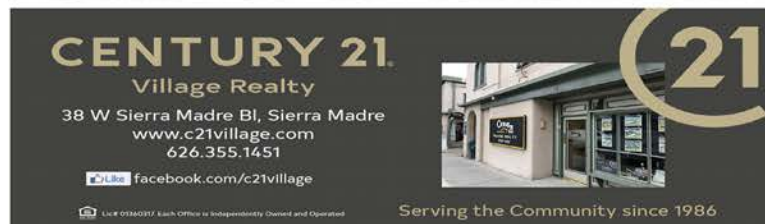
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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

ARE YOU LEGALLY AND FINANCIALLY PREPARED FOR A LOCAL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK OR QUARANTINE?



I've always believed "the buck stops here" regarding protecting and providing for my family, no matter what. They are my responsibility, period. One of the ways that feeling manifests itself in me is that I've always had a stockpile of supplies, food, and water to last my family for months if normal services and goods aren't available for whatever reason. My wife's continually given me a hard time about the corner of the garage dedicated toward that endeavor until this weekend when she abruptly asked, "do we have enough food and water to get us through a quarantine if that happens?" I smiled, smugly, and responded, "we're good; we'll be okay." But while much of the focus has been on how to prevent catching the Coronavirus, or what to stock up on to survive if the pandemic wallops the U.S. like it has elsewhere, little has been mentioned on how to best legally and financially prepare for such a scenario. We know from what's happening abroad that national economies as well as individual families are taking big financial hits in lost wages, not to mention the medical nightmare many people find themselves in. While panic and overreaction do more harm than good, I'm a big believer that you should always have your eyes wide open and ensure your family is prepared for these kinds of possibilities.

Here are five important tips to help you best prepare for the legal and financial aspects of a local Coronavirus epidemic or quarantine:

1. Make Sure Your Medical Power of Attorney Is Accessible. Completing your medical power of attorney where you formalized your wishes for your medical care was a great first step, but make sure it would be accessible if/when it's needed. Make sure the person you appointed to make your medical decisions if you are seriously ill or incapacitated knows where you keep the document. Also, file a copy with your primary care physician so it's available through that avenue well before it's needed, thus avoiding delays or confusion. If you have minor children, make sure they have a medical power of attorney as well, something we include with every Child Protection Plan.

2. Nominate Temporary Guardians for Minor Children. Most estate plans will include a provision in a parent's will nominating permanent guardians to raise their children if the parent passes away. However, few law firms offer a Nomination of Temporary Guardian form as well. Temporary guardians (AKA first responders) are 3-4 designated family members or friends who live within 20 minutes and have legal permission to care for your children in an emergency scenario (thus significantly limiting the chances that the State would have to step in). If you have not named temporary guardians for your children, you should contact your estate planning attorney right away.

3. Make Sure You Have Enough Life Insurance. In my role as an estate planner, it surprises me how many families are either uninsured or considerably underinsured. Having a lone life insurance policy through your employer is rarely enough to cover what your family would need if you were to pass away during your working years. Plus, sometimes there are limiting provisions in those work policies requiring the death be caused by an "accident" as opposed to an illness such as the Coronavirus. You need to know how much life insurance you have and the exact death scenarios your policy covers. If you are not 100% certain that your existing insurance policies would cover your family's needs, you should arrange for your existing life insurance policies to be reviewed by a trusted life insurance professional. Ask me for a referral if you don't already have a trusted advisor in your corner.

4. Have an Emergency Fund. A Coronavirus quarantine is likely to last 2-3 week, which is a significant amount of time to lose out on a paycheck or have your business shut down. Beyond that, a mass quarantine would certainly affect our overall economy, causing residual effects to your finances over time. Most people do not have more than \$1,000 in emergency funds, according to financial expert Suze Orman. She recommends that families save at least eight-months' worth of living expenses in non-retirement/accessible financial accounts to be sufficiently prepared for any unexpected life event. For business owners, you also need to have enough financial reserves for your business as well.

5. Make Sure Your Trust is Funded. Setting up an estate plan is a great first step to protecting your loved ones in an emergency, illness, or death, as it ensures that your loved ones would be financially, emotionally, and physically taken care of. However, too many people fail to properly transfer their assets to their trust. Your estate planning attorney should help you make sure that your bank accounts, brokerage accounts, business interests, life insurance policies, real properties, retirement accounts, and your other financial assets are all properly connected to your trust. Without completing this very important step, those assets left outside your trust are subject to probate proceedings.

While individually, none of us can control a Coronavirus epidemic or quarantine from happening here, we can certainly make sure our families are legally and financially prepared. Call your trusted advisor or start by scheduling a complimentary planning session with a member of our team if you are not yet prepared, or to have your existing estate plan reviewed to ensure it has you as prepared as you should be.

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



WHO'S WALKING YOUR DOG?

I have had the privilege of traveling many happy trails with my canine companions over the past 10+ years since I've been in the pet-care business, and I've enjoyed many hours playing with my feline friends as well. Overall, this dog-walking, pet-sitting venture has been nothing but pure pleasure for me, and I consider it a gift to keep the company of the animals I get to spend time with.

I'm not going to lie though, there have been a few tears shed here and there, mainly because caring for animals has the potential to render one emotionally vulnerable. For me, the most painful part is saying goodbye to the furry four-leggers I've formed friendships with, when it's their time to cross the rainbow bridge. Losing a pet, whether it be my own or that of a client, is one of the hardest things I'll ever have to do, but most certainly worth the love we get to share during their short lives on earth.

Otherwise, I've only had to experience one particular issue of emotional concern since I embarked on my journey as a pet-care professional. It all started when I struck up a random relationship with a stranger (for the purpose of this story, I'll just call him "The Guy") whom I happened to meet on my street one day about 7 years ago. At that time I was quite impressed with his ability to keep a big pack of dogs in full compliance as he strode proudly along, chest forward, shoulders back, leashes tied tightly to his belt.

I approached and asked him how he was able to maintain such calm-cool-collectedness while walking so many dogs at the same time, and I remember thinking it was odd, the curt little grunt he gave me in response. Regardless, I was impressed and being the gregarious and perhaps somewhat naïve person that I am, I decided to befriend this stranger who seemed to have honed a skill of working with dogs, that I very much admired. The Guy seemed shy and reserved. It made me want to draw him out and encourage him. I would later regret that I failed to vet him out first.

Soon I was sharing clients with The Guy, in an effort to help him grow his dog-walking business. I even found him an affordable back house to rent from one of my friends as he apparently had no place to live. In retrospect, I can't tell you why I felt so compelled to help The Guy, other than I got the impression he was "different" and could use a little random kindness. I was raised to live by the golden rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me, so in my mind I was going about the business of being kind to someone who needed a leg-up in life and had similar aspirations to my own.

It wasn't long before I got the first call. It was from a client I'd shared with The Guy. She'd just returned from Europe and was very upset because her little corgi was under the bed refusing to come out! It wasn't like that little dog to hide under the bed. She'd never done that before. I was confused as to why that would be, but since The Guy had been the one who pet-sat the dog during the trip to Europe, it was decided he should not return to her home again.

Soon after that, another pet owner told me their dog was refusing to go for a walk, but kept laying down - apparently in fear - every time they tried to take him out on the leash. Again, that had not been a problem before The Guy had walked their dog. By now I was quite dumb-founded. As much as I wanted to be kind and help The Guy out, I couldn't imagine recommending him to anyone after that.

A few weeks went by before I saw The Guy again. He happened to be on my street while I was out walking my bloodhound, Tater. Now it's a well-known fact that bloodhounds are pullers, probably because they were bred for tracking. Anyway, it's what they do, so I basically tolerated it with Tater until I later discovered she responded well to a Gentle Leader. But on that day, Tater was pulling in her typical way and The Guy came rushing over, grabbed her by the loose skin under her chin, and yanked her head down to the pavement!

I yelled, "What are you doing? Let go of my dog!". At which time, he continued to hold Tater's head down and asked me if I trusted him. "No", I replied. "Now let go of my dog." He finally did let go and we parted ways. It was then that I decided never to deal with The Guy again. I began to warn people that he had a very heavy hand, and I would definitely not recommend him as a dog walker.

Since then I've heard many more horror stories told by locals who've either observed The Guy behaving inappropriately with dogs, or have had their own dog show signs of physical or emotional trauma after being on his watch. One neighbor told me they saw him through their upstairs window, kicking a little dog in the yard next door. Another saw him dragging a small dog behind his bike in busy traffic. One by one, folks have recounted their experiences and one by one those who've hired him have since quit letting him walk their dogs.

But The Guy is skilled at the art of tugging on the strings of your heart, so as soon as one person or group of people learns of his ill-doings, he turns on the charm in another niche of our community and gets plugged into a whole new group who hire him to walk their dogs. The Guy always presents as a shy person who just wants to be helpful by "leash-training" difficult dogs, and before you know it, he's got a whole new pack belonging to yet another unassuming group of people who've fallen for his bleeding-heart magnetism. Sadly, it always seems to end badly.

In May of 2015, the inevitable happened. Some of you who've been reading my column since then may remember 'Justice For Gracie', an unfortunate, not-so-happy true tale about a dog who died after a walk with The Guy. Gracie was a healthy, happy 1-½ year-old Husky who lived in Monrovia. The Guy took her, along with a bunch of other dogs, out for a walk that day in May and Gracie died on the table at Best Friends Veterinary Clinic that evening. The necropsy would later prove that Gracie had succumbed to injuries consistent with blunt-force trauma - aka: kicking.

Who's walking your dog? Be sure to vet them out before you leave them alone with your beloved pet. Ask for a list of client references. Get personal contact information including phone number, e-mail and street address. Ask for proof of insurance. Get a background check. Ask for a copy of their business license. Do everything in your power to get to know the person you plan to entrust with caring for your "best friend". Unfortunately Gracie's owner did what I did - trusted him blindly, and paid the ultimate price.

CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!

BOBBY

Would you like more beauty and softness in your life, and a sweet kitty to go with it? Then meet Bobby, age 1. Bobby is a gorgeous buff orange color, with soft, soft fur, just purr-rect for petting. He is well-behaved and loves to be cuddled and pet. He gets along with other nice kitties or would be fine by himself. He would love a forever home soon, and will come current on vaccines, healthy, and neutered. Please call his foster mom at 626-991-6619. You can see more pictures of Bobby at www.lifelineforpets.org, the More Cats page. Good news: Hopper & Lady Bug have been adopted.

Pet of the Week

Shadow was surrendered to the shelter at the age of seventeen. Originally adopted from us when she was just a year old, she hasn't known anything other than a home for sixteen years. We're excited to see her progress as a part of the Jackson Galaxy Project's #CatPawsitive program, so come see what she's been working on! Shadow is proof that a mature kitty can definitely learn new things. This beautiful girl enjoys head scratches and has so much love to give in return. Will you take her home? The adoption fee for cats is \$90. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before being adopted.

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

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Riven is a striking 3-year-old white and brindle American Bulldog and Boxer mix. Her ear to ear smile and boundless energy are infectious, and lets volunteers and staff know she is ready to play at all times! She has heterochromia, which means each eye is a different color, one light blue and one deep brown that only adds to her big personality. Riven is highly intelligent, practicing commands with one of our staff members and learning how to sit, stay, and army crawl! See here in action here - <https://youtu.be/GwqqnqqXFc>. Riven needs a home with owners who will take her out for walks, jogs and the running she needs. We recommend a household with older children and home where Riven will be the only dog. Meet Riven at the shelter today! Her adoption fee is \$145, which includes spay surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.



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