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MATER DOLOROSA MEMORANDUM OF **UNDERSTANDING ON COUNCIL AGENDA**

"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)".(Mountain Views News Archives: http://mtnviewsnews.com/old/mvnews/v07/MVNews_2013_11_16. pdf). On Tuesday, April 28, 2020 development of that property will once again be on the City Council Agenda. For years any plans to develop the site have been quite controversial. (mtnviewsnews.com/v14/htm/n10/index.htm). At this point, however the city is prepared to consider a Memorandum of Understanding with Mater Dolorosa.

In 2013, disclosure of plans to develop the site lead to the development of a citizens group called, "Stop The Monastery", headed at that time by Matt Bryant. The group has evolved into a group concerned with all development in the city called Preserve Sierra Madre. It's steering committee, led by residents Pat Alcorn and Bryant, are "keeping on open mind" on the latest proposal until the Memorandum of Understanding is completed.

More information on the MOU and the project can be found on page 2. S. Henderson/Editor

A Word On The Project from Mayor John Capoccia THE MEADOW

As a thirty-seven year resident of Si- | preventing the erra Madre, I want the Meadow at over-develthe Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center to stay the way it is forever and ever. I don't want development at One Carter or Stonehouse, I can't stand it when someone demolishes a quaint old bungalow and builds a modern four bed three bath, and I hate it when trees get too big, tear up the street and must be removed. There's a lot of things I don't like about town, but there's some that I must accept.

But I do love Sierra Madre! I think it's the best place to live in Los Angeles County. My wife Marta and I have done a lot of walking around town the past three weeks while under "Safer at Home" orders. We LOVE the canyon, and the incredible diversity of homes in the flat-lands. One thing that has changed for the better is the proliferation of drought tolerant landscaping. It's refreshing to see the beautiful diversity of native and drought tolerant flora! And of course I love the people! We've met new neighbors (from a distance) on our walks and have had some won-derful conversations. Sierra Madre is a remarkable town and it's great that over the years we've been able to pre-serve its eclectic small-town charm

As Mayor and a Council Member for the last eight years, my vision and goals centered around ensuring Sierra Madre remains a special haven for its residents. Of course, land-use issues are front and center, Sierra Madre being Sierra Madre, but more mundane things are part our independent Police and Fire departments was certainly challenging given the lack of K-Marts, Rusnaks, malls, race tracks, hotels, and other things that provide the lucrative revenue streams that our neighboring cities enjoy. And, we have no property tax assessments supporting the General Fund. Our city government runs with incredible efficiency. Rebuilding water infrastructure has been confounding, but we've turned the corner and have heavily invested in improvements the last few years. We've been successful on land-use issues, repeatedly modifying our municipal zoning codes over the years to protect our

opment that has dramatically changed the nature of our neighboring cities. But there are limits to what can be done to keep things the way they were here in Sierra Madre.

Unfortunately, what I personally want as a resident is often incompatible with my responsibilities as an elected official. For those of us who would like to keep things the way they were, we have a problem - The private property rights that are imbedded in our municipal code and state and federal law overrule our personal desires.

It wasn't long ago that development of the Kensington was a raging top-ic. The planned seventy-two dwellic. The planned seventy-two dwelling units exceeded the maximum allowed by Measure V. The City Council was accused of "pushing this through" and undermining the sacrosanct Measure V. Proponents suggested that maybe the dwelling units weren't really dwelling units because they didn't have a kitchen, which raises questions: What do people do in their rented units if not people do in their rented units if not dwelling? If they don't dwell there, where do they dwell? Do they even dwell at all? On the other hand, opponents of the development wailed of keeping the city intact. Keeping that the two-story building would block the mountain views! The traffic will forever change Sierra Madre! Parking would be overwhelmed! So on and so forth. We worked through the noise and now we have a beautiful development that accommodates many Sierra Madre seniors who can no longer take care of themselves, and a long-standing vacant, blighted eye-sore was replaced by beautifullydesigned senior living establishment, while preserving the sanctity of Measure V. I might add that citizen input during the lengthy public hearings resulted in a vastly improved

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BELOVED WESTRIDGE EDUCATOR DIES FROM COVID 19



CAROL VAN ZALINGEN Passed away on April 14, 2020 in Pasadena, California, United States.

Carol van Zalingen, the Lower and Middle School dean of student support at Westridge School, died on Tuesday, April 14 just after 4 am in Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena from complications related to COVID-19.

Carol joined Westridge in 2008 as the 8th grade English teacher and in 2015 transitioned to the role of dean of Lower and Middle School student support. This latter role combined her exquisite talent as an educator and her seemingly bottomless capacity for empathy and caring. In the classroom she was known to connect in a very special way with each of her students. Her colleagues describe her as "a safe space for students and adults." She was known as gentle and wise, always reaching out to help others in a supportive and non-judgmental manner. She never wanted a light shined in her direction, but her ability to listen, be present, and hold time and space for students and friends was uncanny. And Carol was a master at helping girls progress along a path to being independent learners and finding and following a positive personal narrative. Over the years, Westridge Upper School students consistently cited Carol as one of the faculty members who made a significant impact on their lives. She indeed changed lives and made a mark on our hearts.

Carol was born in Kampala, Uganda and lived in Tehran, Iran before moving to the United States. She was a huge animal lover with two dogs, Abby and Sparky. Prior to coming to Westridge, she taught 8th grade language arts at Simmons Middle School in Hoover, Alabama and 7th grade language arts in Hilliard, Ohio at both Weaver Middle School and Memorial Middle School. She held a B.A. in English and Anthropology from Rice University and an M.Ed. from the University of Montevallo. She was also a gifted Young Adult novelist with a passion for writing intelligent young heroines coming into their own; her two books Chiron's Descent and the sequel Crossing Charon (a paranormal romance series) can be read on Swoonreads.com.

As we are currently unable to gather together physically, we have created this space for Carol's Westridge community to leave tributes, stories, photos, videos, etc. to honor and celebrate her. When we are able to return to campus, we will commemorate Carol and the deep impact she made on our community.

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Back to the Meadow. The Passionist Fathers realized years ago that they needed funds to provide for retired priests who are living longer. They inventoried all their facilities and strategized on how to fulfill their mission while divesting some of their real estate assets to raise cash. They concluded that they would close some facilities outright, keep others, and subdivide property where appropriate. The Passionists have determined that the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center was a core part of their ongoing mission, but the Meadow was not, and had to be monetized.

The Passionists problem is that the Meadow is zoned as Institutional, meaning they have an entitlement to develop such things as assisted living, a school, or a hospital. All of these potential uses would either not fulfill their financial objectives and/or not be compatible with their stated mission at the retreat center. In other words, the Passionists are concerned with exactly the same thing that nearby residents are concerned with - traffic, noise, blocked views, and preserving the quiet character of the neighborhood and the Retreat Center.

Remember the proposed Maranatha High School at One Carter that was voted down by the City Council? Of course you do. That situation was similar, but different in a fundamental way. One Carter was zoned for residential, but Maranatha needed institutional zoning to proceed. The City Council determined that the institutional use was more impactful in a negative way to the surrounding neighborhood and the City as a whole. The environmental impact report stated that the additional traffic would have required a traffic signal at Baldwin and Sierra Madre Boulevard! The City Council voted against the high school project, thereby reaffirming the entitlement for residential development, paving the way for what we have now.

For the Mater Dolorosa site, Sierra Madre does not have the ability to deny institutional development. Because the Passionists have an entitlement to develop institutional, they can present a plan, follow all the legally required steps including an environmental analysis, no more than a few public hearings, and be assured of approval we want, but whether we would prefer a residential development

necessary. Of course, they also must be in compliance with city and state codes.

If the Meadow was zoned as residential (as it once was prior to 1997), there would be no need to make concessions. They would have been able to submit a plan for over 100 houses, which would comply with our city's R1 regulations. Because the Passionists believe that a housing development is more compatible with their mission, they now must negotiate a deal where they would get the right to develop housing in exchange for a change in zoning. Concessions were proposed, and now we're just starting the public discussion phase.

Here's an outline of concessions proposed by the Passionists for the public's and the City Council's consideration:

- A 3.5 acre park that's developed (turn-key) and funded for maintenance in perpetuity
- Funding for select improvements to Bailey Canyon Park Donation to the City of approximately 45+ acres of open space unimproved land above the Retreat Center
- No more than 42 single family homes (R1 zoning would allow more than 100 homes)
- Netzero water use meaning that expected increase in water consumption will be offset by funding water saving improvements elsewhere in Sierra Madre
- At least seven public hearings including two workshops starting late June/early July.

Here are the concessions that the City has offered:

- Provide dedicated staff for plan review Freeze application costs at today's rates
- Enter into a development agreement upon zoning approval.

So the question for all Sierra Madreans is not whether we get what

as long as critical environmental mitigation is achieved, if deemed | or an institutional development, and how can we design the best plan for Sierra Madre?

> On April 28, the City Council will consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will facilitate the administration of the proceedings, by providing for more public input, not less. The MOU mandates that the Passionists hold additional town-hall style meetings, outside the maximum five public hearings mandated by state law. Furthermore, the Passionists cannot officially submit a plan for development until the town hall meetings have been completed. The MOU also establishes a schedule for conclusion, whether that conclusion is an approval or denial of the proposed project.

> The MOU is a starting point. What's been negotiated to this point is a framework, which included public input. The workshops and public hearings will be for the purpose of balancing interests between Sierra Madre residents and the Passionists. For example, is the size of the proposed park appropriate? Should it be bigger or smaller in exchange for bigger or smaller houses? Should there be more lots with smaller homes, or fewer lots with bigger homes? Less parkland in exchange for more varied home designs? Perhaps the Passionists would be willing to make other concessions outright. Your voice is important. I hope all Sierra Madreans take advantage of the opportunity to influence the outcome, by sharing your concerns and ideas at the public hearings.

> Again, I personally want to see the Meadow stay just the way it is. But as Mayor, I'm open to any alternative that's in the best interest of Sierra Madreans. You can't always get what you want. Which brings to mind a follow on from a classic verse - "But if you try sometime, you just might find, you get what you need!"

Next week: Why Can't Sierra Madre Just Buy The Meadow?

John Capoccia jcapoccia@cityofsierramadre.com

Proposed Monastery Development

EXHIBIT B - PROJECT CONFIGURATION



W CARTER AVE

FROM THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Excerpt)

BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AND THE CONGRE-GATION OF THE PASSION, MATER DOLOROSA COMMUNITY, REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PROCEEDINGS TO ADOPT A SPECIFIC PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN AND CORRESPONDING LAND USE MAP AND ZONING CODE AND CORREPSOND-ING ZONING MAP FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AT 700 NORTH SUNNYSIDE **AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA 91024**

- 1. "This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") will facilitate the administration of the Proceedings, discussed below, and will not dictate a substantive outcome regarding the Proceedings or the Applicant's Project. This MOU grants the Applicant procedural rights. It does not grant any planning or land use entitlements."
- 2. "The City's consideration of this proposal and its entrance into this MOU reflects the City's agreement only to consider, not to approve, the Project and in no way precludes the City's consideration of alternatives to the proposed Project, including a no-action alternative whereby all proposed development would be denied, as well as approval of one of any number of alternative proposals that entail greater or lesser density or different land uses."



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8:45am: BEST BUY DRUGS

28 North Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre 626.355.3456 Paul Mansour discusses the pharmacy's role and how it can provide community assistance during these times.

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SUPERVISOR BARGER ANNOUNCES IMPROVE-MENTS TO SIERRA MADRE DAM

SIERRA MADRE —The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved a \$4.9 million construction project to enhance the long-term flood protection capabilities of Sierra Madre Dam, Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced today.

"Capturing, cleaning, and storing water is our region's best defense against the increasingly difficult challenges of water supply and water quality," said Supervisor Barger. "Los Angeles County and its public and private sector partners are investing in projects, such as the Sierra Madre Dam, to do just

Sierra Madre Dam is a critical piece of stormwater infrastructure that protects the downstream communities of Sierra Madre and Arcadia. It is part of a broad network of County-operated dams and debris basins that contribute to regional flood protection and water resiliency. Stormwater passing through the dam is diverted into the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds, which are owned and operated by the City of Sierra Madre to refresh underground aquifers.

Project improvements include the construction of a new concrete access road, upgrades to existing access roads, installation of a rockfall protection barrier, repairs to concrete slopes and other minor facility upgrades.

With today's approval by the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works expects construction to begin in September and be completed by November 2021.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I write as a homeowner and member of Preserve Sierra Madre to urge City Manager and City Council to postpone any action on the Monastery development project until the state and Federal COVID restrictions have been lifted.

Although the City Manager has outlined various mechanisms for input by citizens before and during the upcoming Council meeting, I feel the general public has been incompletely and insufficiently informed about the development controversy.

Even if notifications have met minimal standards of informing citizens, this is a singularly volatile topic that demands some guarantee that every taxpayer can hold, on paper, a mailing

that outlines the impact of any approved project on: Our tax base. We pay dearly for the privilege of owning homes in Sierra Madre, and many folks would like to know in more detail what the true revenue boost would be should the development project achieve its planned build-out size.

No specific homes have been proposed so determining a specific and accurate estimate at this point would be premature. However, in general, the City receives about \$0.0021 cents of every \$1.00 in tax that is levied on a property. If we assume 40 homes are built at a value of \$1,000,000 the City can expect an increase in sales tax of about \$84,000. This pays for 2/3 of one officer at current salary and benefit rates. The idea that there is a "windfall" of property tax and ongoing revenue to the City is a misnomer. As you know, Sierra Madre is one of the few cities that does not levy any additional municipal property taxes.

With regards to one time revenues, the City collects impact fees for every house that is approved and built. These impact fees go to the expansion of sewer and water systems and the maintenance and upkeep of parks and recreation facilities city-wide. These funds are tightly regulated by the State and can only be spent on the restrictive elements as I just described. The City will collect a significant amount in one time fees, but will retain very little as the fees are used to offset the impacts of the new development. The saying "growth pays for growth"

The other give-backs outlined by the City Manager, like the small park and traffic improvements may be nice and needed, but what will be the net projected enhancement of revenue to

The proposed 3.5 acre park will be provided to the City if the project is ultimately completed as a "developed" or "turnkey" park. This means it will include playground equipment, pavilions, landscaping, and other facilities as determined by the Community. As part of the MOU, the new homes will pay for the maintenance and upkeep of this park in perpetuity. The City will not have to spend general funds on this park ever. In addition to this, the development will also pay for select improvements to Bailey Canyon Park. The care and upkeep of parks as a routine matter is not terrible expensive, approximately \$50,000/year, however, purchasing and replacing equipment is very expensive. As an example, replacing the small playground equipment at Sierra Vista Park is projected to cost \$150,000 and has a short useable life. The ADA coverings we installed at Memorial Park and Sierra Vista Park cost approximately \$50,000 and will need to be maintained and replaced. These costs do not include bathrooms, water, electricity, etc. These costs will be paid directly by the home owners of the new development, but the benefits will be enjoyed by all of our residents and visitors.

And, what will the cash prize be for the Passionists of Chicago? Have they been paying the City of Sierra Madre PILT monies (Payments in lieu of taxes) over the years of their presence? How much? Most of us wouldn't know. And I think we should know.

No. The Monastery does not pay the City PILT taxes or property taxes.

There is not sufficient transparency for the people who elected our officials if a MOU is passed while we all are fighting for the lives of our families and friends. The Manager and Council need to take up a more pro-active and layered approach to informing all of the citizens of the City in this situation. And, again, delay any moving forward.

I stated the reasons the MOU is being proposed above. In addition to what was described there, the MOU, if approved, would require the developer to hold more public hearings, not fewer, than what is currently allowed under State law. The MOU will require the developer to hold these meetings prior to the filing a plan with the Planning Commission for consideration. The first meeting is tentatively proposed at the end of July which provides adequate time for people to prepare for the town hall.

The proposed MOU is not required for the property owner to develop the property. If approved, the MOU does reduce the density and avoid the worst potential outcomes with regards to the type of development that ultimately proceeds. This is an extra layer of transparency, and is being done proactively.

Our environmental quality of life. Beyond the environmental and ecological disruption and potential permanent damage caused by construction work itself, how would a full buildout impact continuing air and water quality to the entire City? What are the impact projections in terms of at-risk citizens with compromised health conditions, not just those abutters, but most of us in this small 3 square mile municipality?

The project will be required to complete all CEQA regulations, including the completion of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The review of the EIR will include, but not be limited to, a Historical Resources Technical Report, an Arborist Report and Tree Inventory Summary, a Traffic Impact Study, a Hydrology and Water Quality Study, a Utilities and Services System Study, and Greenhouse Gas Study.

Water. Water. We will have significant drought again, soon, then again. Even after our lifting of the water moratorium, new development is unwarranted, especially given the fragile nature of our water and sewer infrastructure, with issues of deferred maintenance and questionable water quality (it may be legal, but our water is not good municipal water for taste, dissolved minerals, corrosive effects on household plumbing and appliances).

The City of Sierra Madre does not have a water moratorium. The City Council, as required by State law, must work to supplement or augment a water supply should the conditions for a moratorium on water exist. The City Council signed two agreements recently that provide a reliable, perpetual source of water for Sierra Madre residents. The water supply of the City exceeds the current and projected demand of Sierra Madre residents, including the belief that drought conditions will be persistent.

In addition to this, the proposed MOU requires all homes to have a "netzero" impact on water. This will be completed through strict application of water standards as well as offsetting current use in Sierra Madre. The total water demand will not increase due to this development.

4. Monastery as Dangerous Precedent. Water exceptions will be sought by every existing and potential developer, who will point to any Monastery deal as precedent. Can we be sued again by the Stonegate (1 Carter) people and others who were blocked from beginning or finishing their projects? Will this Monastery MOU be a precursor to other approvals that erode safety and quality of life for all of us?

The monastery developer is not receiving any water exceptions or any exemptions. The property owner has a legal right to develop their privately owned property.

That is all I have to say right now, but I'd hate to feel that the City somehow used the cover of

COVID to advance such a controversial project with minimal likely citizen input.

Dan Golden, PhD

(Note: Mr. Golden has informed the paper that he did recieve a timely response to his letter from the City Manager).

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Plan: Update resume, search for new career, clean the garage, purge hall closet, join an on-line live exercise class, sign up for an on-line class in philosophy,

send out thank you notes for Christmas gifts.

Reality: Eat third bowl of Captain Crunch, binge watch Guy's Grocery Games on Food Network, take nap, notice it's only 1:30 and scroll through all Amazon's Deals of the Day.

Decline invitation to join on-line poker club.

Reading our Mountain Views News, the first thing I saw was the ad for Case Del Rey and I was overwhelmed with longing for chips, salsa and guacamole, followed by a chile relleno, one cheese enchilada and rice and beans. Yes, I know I can get all that for takeout, but what I really really want is to sit outside and look at the mountains, have a margarita and enjoy that meal with some dear friends. I guess it's not the food, it's the fellowship.

Things I never thought I'd be doing:

Watching an Easter sunrise service on my computer wearing my pajamas.

Praying for my granddaughter, Ashley's safety. She is a labor and delivery nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange County. So proud of what she does and so concerned for her and her family.

3. Opening my refrigerator every time I walk by it as though something magical is going to happen in the five minutes since I opened it last and there will be a honey-baked ham, a loaf of really good rye bread and a jar of champagne mustard in there, instead of the sliced turkey I know has seen its best days and should go to the garbage disposal.

Wondering if 7:30 is too early to go to bed.

Considering a trip to Target as a major life event, filled with more danger than a Bruce Willis movie.

Ordering a new jigsaw puzzle from Amazon and being really peeved that they won't deliver

Praying for all the children in our world who can't go to school and who haven't really adapted to on-line school, like our own Jessie and Emily.

Being happy to be pulling weeds in my garden and admiring everything out there. It's never looked better. Plants, like people, like to be admired. My lemon tree has little baby lemons sprouting all over it and, even though lemons are probably months away, I'm already planning lemon bars. As you probably have enough time to make some and if you have access to a lemon, here's my recipe:

Lemon Bars 1/3 cup butter, softened 1/4 cup sugar 1 cup flour

In a medium mixing bowl, beat butter with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add 1/4 cup sugar; beat until combined. Beat in 1 cup flour until crumbly. Press mixture into the bottom of an ungreased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes or until just golden.

Meanwhile, for filling:

3/4 cup sugar

2 tb. Flour

2 tb. Finely shredded lemon zest (more is good, lots more is better)

3 tb. Lemon juice

1/4 tsp. Baking powder

Whip eggs in same bowl you used for the crust. Add 3/4 cup sugar, 2 tb. Flour, lemon zest, lemon juice and baking powder. Beat 2 minutes or until combined. Pour filling over baked layer. Bake 20 minutes more or until lightly browned around edges and center is set. Sprinkle powdered sugar over top after it has cooled.

Try not to eat them all yourself as soon as they are out of the oven.

Stay Healthy! Stay Safe! Stay Home!

Yes, I know that's our mantra now, but this won't last forever and we will all be, once again, hugging each other, going shopping and actually finding TP in quantity on the shelves, along with bread, paper towels, sanitizer wipes and all the other stuff we can't seem to get. Meanwhile, encourage wherever you can, send a text, make a call, and be amazed at all the good things we see people doing all around us. My friend, Rich Johnson of JJ Jukebox fame, sent me the beginning line to a beloved old hymn: Near To The Heart of God..

'There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God."

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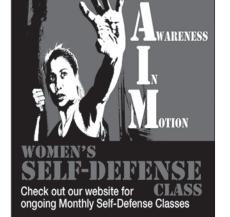
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Face Masks Mandatory in Pasadena

Following others cities in Los Angeles Councty, Pasadena Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh issued a revised order for control of COVID-19 requiring face coverings for essential workers, along with customers patronizing essential businesses. The revised order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

"This order by no means replaces the need for physical distancing and everyday hygiene precautions, such as frequent hand washing," said Dr. Goh. "When you do need to venture out for groceries or other essentials, wearing a face covering can help community spread of COVID-19, especially by those who are asymptomatic and don't even know they have the virus."

All workers who work at essential businesses or perform essential services, as defined in the order, must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing their work. These face coverings must be provided by the employer at the employer's expense. Essential businesses are requirement and provide evidence of implementation to the Pasadena Public Health Department.

Additionally, all customers and visitors of essential businesses must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths. The face coverings should not be medical-grade masks or N95 respirators reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Instead, the general public should wear fabric coverings, such as scarves and bandana coverings, or single-use face coverings.

At this time, the face coverings required by this order for workers are not medical-grade masks or N95 respirators, but rather fabric coverings, such as scarves and bandanas. All workers required to wear face coverings must wash any reusable face coverings daily for the health and safety of themselves and others. Single-use face coverings must be properly discarded.

As per the order, an essential business owner may deny service to anyone not wearing a face covering.

All employers must continue to implement social distancing measures for employees, customers, and visitors that provide a six-foot buffer, to the extent possible, between individuals.

Violation or failure to comply with this order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net. Click on "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information."



Union St. Protected Bikeway Moves Forward

By Dean Lee

The Pasadena city council is set Monday afternoon to approve more funding for the Union Street Two-way Protected Bikeway project that will improve intersection crosswalk bevond current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The new dual ramps will allow for more anticipated pedestrian activity.

The

According to Director
Department of Transportation
Laura Cornejo, the funds
would include design work to provide dual curb ramps at each intersection corner of heavily pedestrian trafficked intersections. Current intersections along Union Street have only one curb ramp at each intersection corner. Dual curb expressed concerns, at two ramps enhance accessibility design workshops in 2018 and for the disabled community by May 2019, over removing lanes allowing pedestrians to move and parking on Union Street; directly towards the crosswalk currently Union is a one way they are trying to cross rather street. Pasadena Department

To honor the day's 50th

anniversary, NAŠA's JPL

which our home planet is

When Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders snapped

the iconic Earthrise image (pictured), it captured the imagination of the people on

Earth and helped to inspire the first Earth Day, on April 22,

1970. In the image, our planet

hangs at a gibbous phase, as a far-off world rising in the

night sky, and reminds us of the

fragility of our home.
"We came all this way to

explore the Moon, and the

most important thing is that we discovered the Earth," was

how Anders summed up the

astonishing sight.
In honor of Earth Day, NASA's

Jet Propulsion Laboratory has

created downloadable posters that celebrate this remarkable

Humanity has spent millennia studying the Moon and depicting its phases, but people often don't realize that Earth

Our planet's phases wax and

wane – just as the Moon's

phases do - but in reverse

order. Unlike the Moon, which

Earth Phases

has phases, too.

has unveiled posters in

the star.

identified in the original Playhouse District. contract due to the necessary traffic signal poles and catch basins associated with dual curb ramp installation the report

The designated bikeway from Wilson Ave to Arroyo Parkway would be located on the south side of the street. DKS services would include environmental documentation, preliminary 2 p.m. by video conference/ engineering, preparation of plans, specifications, estimate, livestreamed with captioning and public at: right-of-way outreach.

Residents in the area had than having to travel down the existing single corner ramp between two crosswalks towards would be evaluated block by

noticeably on its axis every

day. So someone on the Moon

looking at Earth would observe

its surface features change each

day, as well as its phase. Shifting the perspective between planets

and their moons, this poster

captures those phases as they would be seen from the Moon,

including the full Earth as it will

We live on a dynamic, living

planet. Land shifts. Seas rise. Volcanoes erupt. Storms rage.

Snow melts. Plants grow. Cities

expand. These ever-changing systems are intertwined and

affect all life on Earth, as well as

To understand these natural

and human-caused changes,

NASA Earth Science research uses unique global observations

from space, from the air, at sea

and on land to study Earth's interconnected systems. The

Sentinel-6/Jason-CS mission

— a joint U.S.-European effort — will use two identical

satellites to study how the planet's climate is changing. The satellites, the first of which will

launch in November 2020, will

measure sea level rise, as well as

the temperature and humidity

of Earth's atmosphere.

Titled "Layers," this poster shares the complex layers

of Earth science that NASA

actually appear on April 22.

Layers of Earth Science

the planet itself.

NASA Observes Earth Day

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the middle of the intersection block. According to the original before turning towards their staff report, the project would intended direction. staff report, the project would remove 21 parking spaces, 14 The design work was not of which are in the Central

The idea to improve relocation of utilities such as intersection crosswalk ramps was also based on public input at those meetings.

If approved by the council, the contract with DKS Associates would increase by \$93,450 with a total fiscal impact for the entire project not-to-exceed \$1,093,164.

The meeting will be held at teleconference pasadenamedia.org, at: cityofpasadena.net/ commissions/agendas. public participation goto: cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/

public-comment.

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There are currently no commercially available inhome tests for COVID-19 that consumers can purchase. Please do not trust anyone who contacts you to offer to test you at home, or to sell you an inhome test. There is currently no approved vaccine, treatment or cure for COVID-19. Anyone attempting to sell you a vaccine, treatment or cure is attempting to scam you out of your money. Be particularly aware of emails, texts and calls claiming to be from health or government officials. These calls may be an attempt to sell you a bogus treatment, deceptive safety product, a fake cure, or a false test. They may also be attempting to obtain your credit or personal information. Emails may tempt consumers to click on links to receive information or updates that will install malware of various kinds on your computer.

Anyone with information regarding a COVID-19 scam should call Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241. If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

Pasadena Transit, Dial-A-Ride add Safety Measures, **Protects Riders and Drivers**



COVID-19 the City of Pasadena's must wear a clean cloth face transportation department covering over their nose announced Wednesday they taken a number of steps to protect passengers utilizing Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride for essential trips. Transit drivers are Their face covering protects going above and beyond to keep vehicles extra clean throughout the day; in addition to every transit vehicle being sanitized every is still running regular night, high-touch surfaces hours and transporting are cleaned several times a

To help limit the number of passengers on each bus and safe social distance between each other, Pasadena Transit is also increasing the number of buses servicing Route 20, starting April 19: Route 20 weekdays: every 15

minutes Sundays: 20-30 minute service

Route 10: every 30 minutes taken to facilitate social distancing include:

passengers and the driver and the driver

Finally, in accordance In response to the with the City of Pasadena outbreak, health order, passengers and mouth while on board a Pasadena Transit or Dial-A-Ride vehicle. "As essential workers, our drivers are also wearing face coverings. you, and yours protects them," says Transit Manager Valerie Gibson.

Pasadena Dial-A-Ride members for their essential errands, including grocery and medical trips. Special scheduling accommodations help passengers maintain a are also being made to help people visit grocery stores during designated "senior hours." In addition, Dial-A-Ride is working with the the system's heaviest route, Foothill Unity Food Bank to deliver food from the food bank to members' homes.

Dial-A-Ride is available Route 20 Saturdays & for seniors 60 and over and those under 60 with disabilities who are residents Pasadena, Altadena, Other actions that have been San Marino and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County in the San Gabriel Rear door boarding to Valley. Anyone interested in minimize contact between using Dial-A-Ride should call (626) 744-4094 to Free fare to minimize become a member. Please contact between passengers leave a message, and your call will be returned between Taping off select seats on the hours of 10:30 a.m. and buses to encourage social 3:30 p.m., Monday through

Cancels some Productions

Pasadena Playhouse officials announced Friday that they are postponing the upcoming production of Ann, originally scheduled for May 27-June 28 (new dates to be determined), and have cancelled Annie Get Your Gun, originally scheduled July 28-August 21.

As the State Theater of California, the health and safety of patrons, staff and artists continues to be the top priority of Pasadena Playhouse they said.

experienced in our lifetime, and its impact on the theater community has been significant. Pasadena Playhouse knows the importance of darkening its stage to do its part in flattening the curve and keeping the community safe.

The motto "the show must go on" has never been more poignant, and Pasadena Playhouse is committed to raising

Playhouse Postpones and

"The COVID-19 crisis is something we have never

their curtain again when it is safe to do so. Members and ticket holders have all been contacted about this change."

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Mountain Views-News Saturday, April 18, 2020

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 5th, through Saturday, April 11th, the Police Department responded to 699 calls for service, of which 30 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 5:

Shortly before 2:01 a.m., an officer responded to Red Hot Tattoo, located at 40 East Duarte Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects smashed the front glass door, searched the location, and fled with stolen property. The suspects are described as two Hispanic males. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 6:35 a.m., officers responded to Hopeful Enterprises Inc., located at 11688 Clark Street, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined the suspect(s) cut the security gate, forced open the front door, ransacked the location, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 10:23 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a fraud incident. The victim discovered a fraudulent LifeLock account had been created in her name. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information or the identity of the suspect.

Tuesday, April 7:

Around 12:51 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a bicycle theft that occurred in the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive. The victim stated his Trek Fuel bicycle was stolen sometime during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just before 6:41 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the $100\ block$ of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between April 4th and April 7th, an unknown suspect smashed one of the windows and fled with stolen property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, April 8:

Around 3:00 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of lost property that went missing from Aldi Market, 1403 South Baldwin Avenue. The victim discovered he lost his wallet while shopping at the store.

Shortly after 11:54 a.m., an officer took a theft report that occurred at the victim's residence, located in the 1200 block of Oakhaven Lane. The victim stated his packages were stolen from his front porch. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Friday, April 10:

At approximately 10:55 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Harvard Drive regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between 2:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. on April 10th, an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and fled with stolen property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Before 11:20 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a vehicle burglary incident that occurred in the 100 block of West Foothill Boulevard. The suspect entered the vehicle by unknown means and fled with stolen property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Around 11:27 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a theft from a vehicle that occurred at Arcadia Party Rentals, located at 124 Wheeler Avenue. The victim stated an unknown suspect tampered with the company vehicles and stole gasoline. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At about 1:53 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspects forced open the rear sliding glass door, ransacked the home, and likely fled empty-handed as the house is vacant. The investigation is ongoing.

ARCADIA ELECTION RESULTS

April 15, 2020 - The City of Arcadia held municipal elections for City Council Districts 1 and 4 on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. The tally below represents the total ballots collected and counted on Election Day. The unofficial results of the contest show the following results:



District 1: April A. Verlato – 62.1% (842 votes) Yuli J. Sira – 37.9% (514 votes)

Paul P. Cheng – 64.3% (1,077 votes) Peter Amundson – 35.7% (598

The County of Los Angeles conducted the election on behalf of the City of Arcadia and is expected to certify the results in the comings days after all ballots postmarked on Election Day have been received and counted. To view the County's election results page, please visit: https://results. lavote.net.



Paul P. Cheng

The Arcadia City Council will reorganize at its next regularly scheduled meeting on May 5, 2020. For more information, please visit us at ArcadiaCA.gov.

DUARTE RECEIVES DONATION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM TZU CHI FOUNDATION

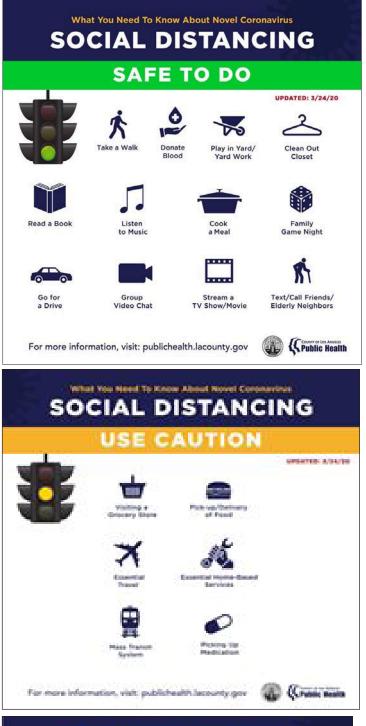
Duarte Mayor Samuel Kang and City Manager Daniel Jordan accept personal protective equipment from the Tzu Chi Foundation

When the community and non-profits come together to assist those serving on the frontline, the result is success. Today, Tzu Chi Foundation CEO Jackson Chen and Executive Vice President Han Huang bestowed a much-needed gift of 2,050 pieces of personal protective gear including face masks, sanitizers, and gloves to the City of Duarte's essential staff and most vulnerable residents. Mayor Sam Kang accepted the donation on behalf of the City, expressing gratitude for the generous donation, "Tzu Chi is such a valuable partner in the San Gabriel Valley. With acts of kindness like this, we will be able to keep both our staff and community as healthy as possible."

The personal protective equipment will be offered to seniors during the weekly lunch distribution program and shared with public safety personnel including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and field services staff. Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos praised both the public safety as well as all of the essential City workers for "keeping the City running smoothly during challenging times."

City Hall is open by appointment only during regular business hours. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Public Safety Office will maintain regularly scheduled hours of Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until further notice. For more information on City operations during COVID-19, visit www.accessduarte. com or call (626) 357-7931.

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SOCIAL DISTANCING AVOID SATISFIELD STRATEGY

'Food for First Responders' Delivers Their First Meals The Pasadena Chamber restaurants as they struggle

of Commerce Foundation to remain open. We're very announced Thursday that grateful to all the donors and to support and help those will continue the effort until on the front lines of the the Safer at Home orders are battle against COVID-19, lifted and our critical care "Food for First Responders" delivered first meals to are no longer dealing with Urgent Care workers and Coronavirus patients." Huntington Hospital Critical Care Workers.

'Through the Pasadena at: Chamber of Commerce org/node/25 Foundation we have raised are do so much to keep us all safe and healthy."

Sandwich and Raffi's Catering and as little as they can afford. Banquet in East Pasadena Hospital to relieve the providers. strain on emergency room Donations are tax deductible non-life threatening weekend Food for First healthy during the crisis. responders is beginning Huntington Partnership with Parkway Grill, Mijares Mexican Restaurant, Mi Piace, Green lifted. Street Restaurant, El Portal Bistro 45.

want to support our local 1450 member companies.

workers and first responders

It is simple for anyone to support the effort: Donate pasadenayouthworks. or pasadenayouthworks.org money to deliver food to and click on the link to Exer Urgent Care in East donate to Food for First Pasadena and have arranged Responders. People can for some of our local also send check to Pasadena restaurants to provide take- Chamber of Commerce out for Critical Care Workers Foundation at 44 North assisting COVID-19 patients Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, at Huntington Hospital," said CA 91106. 100 percent of Pasadena Chamber CEO money's collected will be Paul Little. "We are happy used to purchase and deliver to do a little something for food to local emergency the healthcare workers who rooms as well as first responders and those staffing Urgent Care Centers here In early April, Pasadena in Pasadena. We encourage Company people to donate as much or

The Pasadena Chamber began delivering food to purchases freshly prepared Exer Urgent Care. Exer meals locally for first works with Huntington responders and critical care

personnel by providing and 100% of funds donated will help support those who urgent care services. This are keeping us safe and

The Pasadena Chamber the take-out program for of Commerce Foundation Hospital's and the Chamber will critical care workers in continue this effort until the COVID-19 Coronavirus Safer at Home orders are

The Pasadena Chamber Mexican Restaurant and of Commerce and Civic Association is a business "People and organizations service member organization in the Pasadena area are that works to ensure the incredibly generous," said prosperity of its members Little. "They want to provide through a variety of help and support for the offerings including referrals, people doing the front line networking, workshops and work and this was one way seminars, events and much they could help. They also more. The Chamber serves

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Free Monthly Events at Pasadena Senior Center

or rescheduled, For more Safety Information or call information about

center's response to the virus Most events at the Senior issue, pasadenaseniorcenter. Center have been canceled org and click on COVID-19 the 626-795-4331.



South Pasadena to hold **Select virtual City Meetings**

The City of South Pasadena (City) will transition to virtual City Council and select Commission meetings beginning next week in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

During these meetings, the Council, Commission and City staff will participate remotely. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public in order to stop the spread of

The virtual meetings will adhere to the updated Brown Act provisions for public meetings set forth by the legislature in response t...o the COVID-19 crisis.

"We are looking forward to continuing our Council and Commission meetings virtually during this unprecedented pandemic," said City of South Pasadena City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe. "We thank our community in advance for their patience as we adapt to new technology and procedures for our meetings during this time." The Council meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. for closed session and the regular session will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday May 6,

. The Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, may 11. For more goto: southpasadenaca.gov.

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SCHIFF PRESSES CALIFORNIA LABOR AGENCY TO OPEN APPLICATION FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

New Program Extends Unemployment Compensation to Freelance, Contract and Gig Workers;

Benefits Retroactive to February

Washington D.C. - Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) sent a letter to California Labor Secre-tary Julie A. Su urging the Employment Development Department (EDD) to prioritize mak-ing the application for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program pub-licly available as soon as possible. This federally funded program provides compensation to unemployed workers who are not eligible for regular state benefits—including self-employed, freelance, gig, and contract workers—but EDD has not begun accepting PUA claims.

"I represent thousands of independent, freelance, contract, and gig workers—including many in the entertainment industry—who often do not fully qualify for standard unem-ployment benefits," Schiff wrote in the letter. "The CARES Act, which was signed into law two weeks ago, dramatically expands unemployment coverage, and I led an effort in the House to extend this coverage to nontraditional and independent workers. As states are now working to implement these expanded federal benefits, I am hearing from many of my newly eligible constituents who are concerned because they are not yet able to apply and who are increasingly worried as their financial responsibilities continue to mount without anticipated income."

Governor Newsom recently announced that workers who qualify for regular state bene-fits will receive the \$600 CARES Act Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) payments beginning this Sunday. However, because the application for Pandemic Unemployment As-sistance is not yet available, thousands of self-employed, freelance, gig, and contract workers newly eligible for federally funded PUA payments under the CARES Act have not yet been able to apply.

"I recognize the extraordinary volume of claims that the EDD is now facing, and I am con-fident that you and your staff are working with all possible speed to process claims quick-ly, including those who the CARES Act made newly eligible for benefits," Schiff's letter continued.

Schiff also requested that the EDD update its coronavirus webpage daily so that workers awaiting new benefits know they are accessing up-to-date information. In addition, Schiff asked EDD to consider letting these workers create accounts and indicate their intent to apply so they can be notified as soon as the application is available. In doing so, EDD could ensure workers are fully informed and understand that benefits are available retroactive-ly to February 2, 2020 for work impacted by the pandemic, and they will not miss out on assistance due to delays in processing.

The State of California has processed 2.3 million unemployment insurance claims in the past four weeks. Applications for the most recent week were up 2400% over 2019.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

OPEN IT NOW SAYS PETER DILLS

"Time in a Bottle" was a hit song by singer/songwriter Jim Croce. A question I am asked almost weekly basis is "does wine get better as it spends more time in a bottle?" Answer is "yes... and no". Philipe Jeandet is a professor at University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne in France, and was lucky enough to discover a shipwreck that had quite a cargo. Gold? No, champagne. Jeandet and his crew brought all 168 bottles to the surface, and actually opened one on the spot. First tastes were fantastic. Given his knowledge of bubbles, his first guess was that



they were at least 100 years old. The bottles had no boxes or labels, so after a few years of inspecting the corks and bottle engravings his group decided that the champagne was over 200 years old. It's home at the bottom of the Baltic Sea provided total darkness and a temperature of 35 degrees, aided by the compression of depth for the discovery, perfect for storing wine.

Your home wine cellar provides somewhat different conditions than the bottom of the Baltic Sea, so getting back to the question above, does wine get better with age? Yes, wines that are expensive or rare will get better. No, most wine is produced to drink now. In fact, up to 90% of wines don't actually get any better with ageing. Many of us will let our wines breathe, especially the reds, and that's fine. I suggest using a large wine glass with enough room to swirl your wine around, watch the legs on the glass, and drink. Many of my class "A" sommelier friends contend that if it's not ready drink, it isn't ready to buy. I agree!!

As for champagne, my storage procedure (for a single bottle or case) is to simply leave it on the floor of my closet, laying each bottle sideways. Champagne, for many, is only for special occasions, whereas for me it is a weekly toast. You should only put champagne in the refrigerator when you are ready to serve it. Once opened it will only last a few hours, so make sure you have plenty of help to drink it. My bottom line on the subject is to let the supermarkets and wine shops take care of the storage for you. They have the right equipment, and it is a heck of job (and a lot of money) to build your own wine cellar. Check out the wine department at Vons on Coloradio, some rare finds that's for sure

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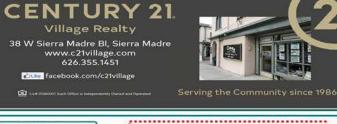
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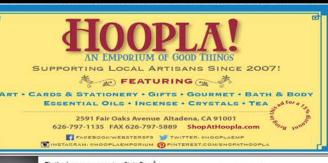
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PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT - CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

(NAPSI)—Today, as the world struggles with a new health crisis, it is more important than ever to protect the air, land and water that sustain humanity.

One way is to celebrate Earth Day, now 50 years old. In 1970, millions of Americans joined together and created a movement to address pollution that posed a threat to human health and the environment. April 22nd—Earth Day—was a springboard for decades of global action that has made a positive change for the planet, communities and lives.



Looking to the future, companies, families and individuals are making their energy choices count—reducing their impact on the climate through energy efficiency and support for green power. Now, in honor of Earth Day's 50th anniversary, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program highlights actions Americans can take to make a difference for years to come.

- Choose ENERGY STAR certified products for your home. They're independently 1) certified to save energy, save money and reduce your carbon footprint.
- Support renewable energy sources. Wind and solar power are widely available, with an increasing number of options for electricity customers across America.
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Learn More For further facts and tips, visit www.energystar.gov/EarthDay.





PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS IN THE HOME

WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY AND OFTEN



- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash hands after emptying waste baskets, touching tissues and similar waste.

READ THE LABELS ON CLEANING PRODUCTS



- Follow the instructions on the product labels, including wearing gloves and having good ventilation. Use household cleaners and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface.
- To find out if the product works against viruses, read the product label, call the 1-800 number on the label or visit http://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf
- A bleach solution can also be used as a disinfectant mix 1 tablespoon of bleach to 1 quart (4 cups)
- of water, or for a larger supply, add ¼ cup of bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT FREQUENTLY TOUCHED OBJECTS AND SURFACES OFTEN

Hard (Non-Porous) Surfaces

E.g. high-touch surfaces like counters, tabletops, doorknobs, railings, bathroom fixtures, light switches toilets, phones, keyboards, remote controls, tablets, and bedside tables.

Clean surfaces and items to remove visible dirt and disinfect them to kill germs. When using disinfectants, make sure the surface stays wet for at least 10 minutes and then rinse with water, especially in an area that comes into contact with food. Allow to air dry.

Read directions carefully when using disinfecting wipes on electronics to make sure they can withstand the use of multiple wipes that are needed to keep the surface wet long enough to meet the required contact time.

Soft (Porous) Surfaces

E.g. towels, linen, clothing, and stuffed animals.

· Launder with hot water, using a household laundry detergent and dry on a high heat setting

FOR MORE INFORMATION



CDC guidance on cleaning and disinfection in households with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease 2019:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html#disinfect

Public Health's guidance on the correct way to wash your hands: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/ (click on the handwashing menu)

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A WORD FROM THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY

Dear Friends,

With the developing news regarding coronavirus COVID-19, I wanted to take a moment to share how Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is addressing the concern at our shelter, as well as our community programming and events.

We are taking all the necessary steps to protect the health and well-being of the animals in our care, our staff and the community we serve by modifying our services. At this time, our Adoptions Center will be closed to the public - but if you are interested in adopting a pet you have seen on our website,

we will be open by appointment only during our normal business hours.

We have also temporarily suspended the following activities:

Community outreach programs (including our mobile outreach events). If you are a current event registrant, we will communicate with you directly regarding any changes, so please watch your email. Updates will also be shared on our social media pages and website.

Humane Education activities which include our Kids Club, Animal Adventure Workshops, Scout Stundays, group tours, Stundays Morning Helpers, and Books program.

Sundays, group tours, Sunday Morning Helpers, and Barks and Books program.

Public spay/neuter and vaccine clinics

Dog training classes Pet Boarding, except in case of emergency.

The following services will also be available by appointment only:

Reclaiming your lost pet AND Relinquishing your pet Please limit calls to our Field Services Department to emergencies only.

There have also been questions about whether pets can get sick from COVID-19 or if they can make us sick. According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion ani-mals such as cats and dogs have been infected or could spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

While animals may not be at risk from this disease, we urge all pet owners to have plans for how to care for their animals in case of emergency. COVID-19 is no different, and serves as an excellent reminder to pull that plan together now if you don't already have one. Click here for more information.

Right now, more than ever, we need your help. We have a tremendous need for community fosters. As the virus spreads, the number of animals in shelters and rescues will continue to increase. At the same time, we anticipate de-creased interest and ability to adopt a new pet. So if you're able to foster a dog, cat, or rabbit for the next several weeks, you could help give animals a break from the shelter and make room for more animals who are in need. For more information about fostering, email foster@pasadenahumane.org.

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MONROVIA UNIFIED MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED 2020 SCHOOL TO WATCH FOR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE



MONROVIA - Clifton Middle School has been | cluding its Math and Science Academy (MASA). recognized as a 2020 School to Watch for its academic excellence, responsiveness to the needs of students, and commitment to helping every student achieve at a high level.

The honor, conferred by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform network, is Clifton's second designation as a School to Watch. Clifton was previously recognized in 2017, the same year it was named a California Gold Ribbon School.

"Clifton Middle School exemplifies Monrovia's commitment to inspire and challenge our students to become lifelong learners and realize their dreams," Board of Education President Rob Hammond said. "We are thrilled to see the hard work and dedication of Clifton educators recog-

nized again. They truly deserve it." Clifton maintains a focus on providing a safe and nurturing environment, encouraging students to share their voices, and contribute to the decision-making process. Teachers collaborate and share data while placing an emphasis on high expecta-

tions to maximize student potential. Socio-emotional learning is embedded into lessons, aligning with Clifton's Courteous, Polite, and Respectful campaign. Required and elective classes provide a rigorous path to high school that also caters to student interests.

"Clifton does such a great job of preparing its students, which is a testament to the exceptional preparation and collaboration between administrators, faculty, and staff," Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "Clifton students are friendly, passionate, and on their way to becoming future leaders."

Clifton provides Honors classes in all core subjects, including an accelerated track that enables eighth-grade students to take a high school level course, Integrated Math I. Students can transition to Honors and AP classes at Monrovia High, in-

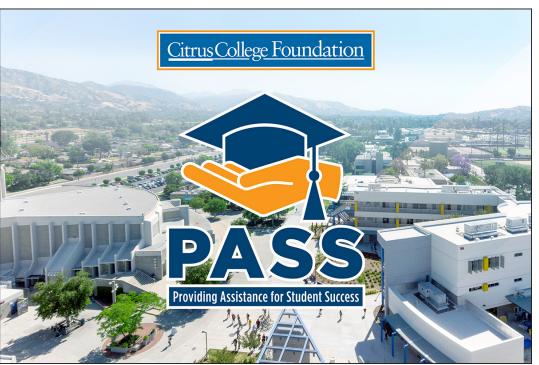
Clifton's Spanish dual immersion program, launched in 2017, matriculated its first cohort in 2019. The program's popularity has resulted in one new elective class, Spanish II, and an increase in Spanish language books in the Clifton

Clifton's science and technology lab is a hub of technological activity, with students building and coding personal websites, robots and video games, eventually graduating to more advanced concepts like Javascript and 3D games. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support provide positive reinforcement, with students receiving Cub Cash for performing acts of kindness during the school

Students with special needs are placed in co-collaborative classes with both general and special education teachers, allowing them the opportunity to study with grade-level peers. Students at risk of falling behind are identified before the school year and participate in Jump Start conferences throughout the year to monitor their

Clifton student leaders work to connect every student to the school community through the Renaissance Leadership program. Through a partnership with the Pasadena Humane Society and the SPCA, therapy dogs and their handlers regularly visit classrooms to provide students with a sense of calm.

"We like to think of Clifton as one big family, with everybody working together to achieve the goal of equity in education," Clifton Principal Jennifer Jackson said. "Being recognized as a School to Watch only motivates us to work even harder to provide the Monrovia community with the support and resources they need to ensure their children receive the high quality education they deserve." Archived Photo



CITRUS COLLEGE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT STUDENTS DURING HEALTH CRISIS

Citrus College students negatively affected by | lege PASS. In fact, the Foundation's board of dithe COVID-19 pandemic may be able to receive assistance with the help of a new initiative introduced at a recent meeting of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

Providing Assistance for Student Success (PASS) is designed to help Citrus College students who are unable to continue their education as a result of the public health crisis currently impacting the nation.

Supported by an initial \$100,000 grant from the Citrus College Foundation, this initiative will provide resources and support that will enable struggling students to reach their educational

The debut of the Citrus College PASS initiative comes on the heels of a March 26 announcement that the physical closure of the college campus, which began March 18, was being extended through June 12, 2020. As a result, students will receive remote instruction and student support services for the duration of the spring 2020 semester.

'We understand that this sudden transition to a remote learning environment has created nexpected challenges for some students. For this reason, the college is eager to announce the launch of Citrus

College PASS." said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The goal of this initiative is to remove obstacles or barriers that may prevent students from completing their education.

This collaborative effort is made possible by partners, supporters and friends of the Citrus College

Foundation."

The Citrus College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides resources to further the Citrus Community College District's mission of advancing student success, is actively soliciting donors to

help provide financial support for Citrus Col-

rectors meet regularly to organize and plan how to best address the needs of the college during the COVID-19 pandemic. 'The Foundation's initial response was to begin

providing technology support to those students who rely heavily on the college's computer resources. However, we quickly realized that a lack of technology is only one challenge students are facing as a result of COVID-19," said Christina M. Garcia, director of the Citrus College Foundation. "Therefore, in partnership with the college's academic affairs and student services divisions, we have established Citrus College PASS as a means of financially supporting student success efforts during these difficult times."One way in which Citrus College PASS will immediately help students is by enabling the Foundation to distribute COVID-19 Technology Support Grants. These one-time funds are intended to help students make technology purchases that will allow them to continue their coursework remotely.

"I am very proud of the patience and resilience demonstrated by the students, faculty and staff of Citrus College during these unprecedented times. I am also incredibly grateful to the Citrus College Foundation and its supporters for diligently working to find solutions to the very real problems our students are

facing," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Although the days and months ahead are uncertain, I know that Citrus College and its students will successfully navigate these challenges, and that the lessons learned will pave the way for a brighter future."

For more information and to contribute to the Citrus College PASS initiative, contact the Citrus College Foundation at foundation@citruscollege.edu.

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Who could have predicted the impact of Corona Virus on education? Any preconceived ideas you had about homeschooling are now gone. Ready or not, you are now living it. Many parents are realizing the freedom in customizing a curriculum to uniquely cater to their child's needs. What a perfect opportunity to explore the plethora of options available through the internet!

Parent led education can come by many different names. For simplicity's sake, we will use the term homeschooling. There are so many excellent resources and programs that do most of the teaching for you, so you don't have to know it all. There are two homeschool associations in California that will get you started: CheaofCA.org and CaliforniaHomeschool.net. Homeschool World (home-school.com) is another link that

will simplify the process for you. For those of you who would like to continue homeschooling once the quarantine is lifted, keep reading. It is important to understand the legally accepted models of education from which to choose from in California. Under the California Education Code 48200, all children between the ages of 6 to 18 must attend a public, full-time day school unless they are exempted. The most common alternatives are as follows:

By Denise Soto, D.O.

Option 1- Parents can legally establish private schools in their own homes. They just have to file a private school affidavit with the California Department of Education.

Option 2- A Private School Program (PSP) is similar to other private schools when it comes to meeting the legal requirements. The difference between the two is that a PSP can be composed entirely of homeschoolers, or may be an extension program of a campus based private school.

Option 3- Use a tutor. A credentialed California Teacher can be used as a tutor. Tutoring must be done for at least three hours a day for 175 days per year.

Option 4- Enrolling in a charter school or public school Independent Study Program (ISP). This can allow your student to study at home, paid for with tax dollars.

The above options can be broken up into two financial categories. The first is funded by the parent, who pays out of pocket using their after-tax dollars. Options 1 through 3 fit this category. This provides the parent full autonomy over the curriculum. The second financial category is using state tax dollars to pay for Independent Study Programs. The difference between charter school ISPs and public school ISPs is that the charter ISPs operate independently from state schools. To learn more about publically funded K-12 schools, go to cde. ca.gov/sp/ps/homeschool.asp.

Let's dive a little deeper into Charter School Independent Study Programs. Some will give parents money to be used for curriculum, extracurricular activities, tutoring, etc. An educational specialist (teacher) is also provided to coach you through the academic year. Here are examples of such charter schools: iLeadExploration.org, ExcelAcademy.Education, Sky-MountainCS.org. To learn more go to cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/homeschool.asp.

How does a parent navigate the legalities once the decision to continue homeschooling is made? Fortunately, there are organizations founded by other like minded people. Here they are:

1. Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA.org)- They will defend your right to homeschool. Their offerings also include school consultants, special needs help, support groups, and so much more.

Family Protection Ministries (FPMCA.org)- Their purpose is in "Defending the freedom of parents to train, educate, and care for their children privately, without government interference."

Pacific Justice Institute (PacificJustice.org)- They are a non-profit legal defense organization whose mission is to defend, without charge, the religious freedoms, parental rights, and other civil liberties of people who cannot defend themselves.

A great way to experience homeschooling from experts is to attend a convention. Homeschool conventions offer a full range of specialized workshops and exhibit halls with books, teaching aids, etc. that are designed to train and equip home educating parents. Here are some which are coming up:

Christian Home Educators Association of California (CheaofCA.org)- In Anaheim, May 28-30, 2020

Great Homeschool Conventions (GreatHomeschoolConventions.com)- In Ontario, June 18-20, 2020.

Many Parents are saying yes to homeschooling, and there are so many creative ways in which this is happening. People from all different types of situations are doing it, from the two-parent working homes, to stay-at-home moms, and even single parents. It is as individual as the families who pursue it. The movement is exploding with resources and opportunities to support you.

BEWARE OF CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Amid all the troubling coronavirus news, I've also read that there are various coronavirus scams going around right now taking advantage of innocent people who are afraid of getting sick or are worried about those that have. What can you tell me about coronavirus scams and what can I do to protect myself? Scared Senior



Unfortunately, coronavirus scams are spreading nearly as fast as the virus itself, and seniors are often the most vulnerable.

These con artists are setting up websites to sell bogus products, and using spoofed phone calls, emails, texts, and social media posts as a ruse to take your money and get your personal

The emails and posts may be promoting awareness and prevention tips, and fake information about cases in your community. They also may be asking you to donate to victims, offering advice on unproven treatments, or contain malicious email attachments.

Here are some tips to help you keep the scammers at bay.

Click carefully: Don't click on coronavirus-related links from sources you don't know in an email or text message. The same goes for unfamiliar websites. When you click on an email or download a file, you could get a program on your computer that could either use your computer's internet connection to spread malware or dig into your personal files looking for passwords and other

Ignore bogus product offers: Ignore online offers for coronavirus vaccinations or miracle cures. There are currently no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges, or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure coronavirus online or in stores. If you see or receive ads touting prevention, treatment, or cure claims for the coronavirus, ignore them because they're not legitimate.

Beware of CDC spoofing: Be wary of emails, text messages or phone calls claiming to come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the World Health Organization (WHO). These scams could take several forms - such as fake health agency warnings about infections in your local area, vaccine and treatment offers, medical test results, health insurance cancellation, alerts about critical supply shortages, and more.

For the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus, visit CDC.gov/coronavirus.

Beware of fundraising scams: Be wary of emails or phone calls asking you to donate to a charity or crowdfunding campaign for coronavirus victims or for disease research. To verify a charity's legitimacy use CharityNavigator.org. But, if you're asked for donations in cash, by prepaid credit card or gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it because it's probably a scam.

Beware of stock scams: The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is warning people about phone calls and online promotions, including on social media, touting stocks of companies with products that supposedly can prevent, detect or cure coronavirus. Buy those stocks now, they say, and they will soar in price.

But the con artists have already bought the stocks, which typically sell for a dollar or less. As the hype grows and the stock price increases, the con men dump the stock, saddling other investors with big losses. It's a classic penny-stock fraud called "pump and dump." Making matters worse: you may not be able to sell your shares if trading is suspended.

When investing in any company, including companies that claim to focus on coronavirus-related products and services, carefully research the investment and keep in mind that investment scam artists often exploit the latest crisis to line their own pockets.

For more tips on how to avoid getting swindled, see the Federal Communications Commission COVID-19 consumer warning and safety tips at FCC.gov/covid-scams.

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FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE DURING THE **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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goes not just for those in the "senior" category, but for all of us, no matter our age. We are facing the reality of our mortality, and many of us are doing it courageously by taking this as an opportunity to learn what we need to do for the people we love.

Recently I heard a tragic story from a colleague whose client lost her fiancé to COVID-19. Because she wasn't listed on her fiance's health directive and HIPAA waiver, she could not get anyone to update her on his condition once he entered the hospital.

Naturally, she didn't give up trying, and eventually someone told her that he wasn't in the ICU anymore. She was enormously relieved, but when she hadn't heard anything else by the next day, she called again for news. Finally, after being transferred several times, she learned that the reason her fiancé wasn't in the ICU was because he was in the morgue. He'd passed away the day before, and no one had told her Heartbreaking.

Nobody expects something like this to happen, especially to people who are healthy and making plans for their own futures. But sometimes the worst does happen, and if it does, you want the people you love to be able to grieve properly, without leaving them with a mess of confusion on top of it all.

Now, think about your own situation. What will happen to your loved ones, and the assets you'll leave behind, if you become sick or die?

Without a doubt, you'd want to ensure certain people in your life are informed if you have to go to the hospital and kept up to date on your condition while you are there. You'd also probably want to avoid them having to go through a drawn-out court process to handle your estate after your death or save them from the fate of not being able to access your assets if you are hospitalized. This article is all about you having the tools you need to make sure everything is in place to do the right thing for the people you love, just in case something happens to

Covering the Bases

First, you need to have a worst-case scenario conversation with your family. A lot of people try to avoid conversations about death, but the fact is, we will all die. It's better to face that with those we love so that when the time comes, we will be as ready as we can be, and so will they. Create an Asset Inventory

This is something you can get started on right now, by yourself, without the help of a lawyer. It is a great

now, resource to leave for your loved ones so they know huge numbers where to find everything that is important to you, of people are coming face to to you.

First, get out your calendar and schedule an appointment with yourself. Set aside an hour or so to put all your asset information in one place (we use a spreadsheet when we do this for clients): real estate, bank accounts, retirement accounts, life insurance, stocks, bonds, business interests, etc. Update Your Health Care Directive

This is extremely important if you want your loved ones to avoid the tragic situation my colleague's client found herself in. Do NOT delay reviewing and updating these documents.

Your Health Care Directive should have three parts: A Living Will/ Medical Directive, which how you want decisions to be made for you.

A Medical Power of Attorney, which states who should make these decisions if you can't make them yourself.

A HIPAA Release that allows medical professionals to disclose information to your Medical Power of Attorney/Agent. Name Legal Guardians for Your Kids

A very important thing for all parents of minor children to do is name legal guardians for your children. Think about what would happen to them right now if something were to happen to you, for both the long term and the immediate future. This is the single most important thing parents of minor children should do because it would have the greatest impact on – or leave the biggest hole for – our minor children if something happens to us. Going Beyond Just the Basics

The goal in setting up an estate plan is, ultimately, to keep your loved ones out of court and out of conflict. To do that, you must make the right decisions during the planning process, retitle assets so they are protected by your plan, and ensure your plan stays up to date for the rest of your life.

Estate planning is all about merging your family dynamics, assets (both material and non-material), and the law into a cohesive plan which accomplishes all that you really want to do for the people you love. If you are ready to face your mortality courageously and want to ensure your family is protected and provided for no matter what, don't wait. Get the help of a professional (someone who's providing virtual planning sessions) and get started now.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHAT'S TIME GOT TO DO WITH IT?

After so many weeks, I haven't been able to keep track of them, one day seems just like the other day. Today reminds me of yesterday, and yesterday may be the same as tomorrow. I know I am used to being confused, but I have exceeded my limit on this

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have been spending all of our time together. We do not go anywhere except sometimes I slip over to the office and come back. Besides that, we are in each other's company, 24/7. Or is it 7/24? I'm not sure anymore.

For the most part, it has been a wonderful vacation from the rest of the world. I assure you, we surely needed this vacation. Sometimes the world can get rather sticky, if you know what I mean? After being married for so many years (I cannot really remember how many it has been) I have begun to understand a little more about the other resident in our parsonage.

Just when you think you know everything, then you discover something you did not know before. I love discovering new things about everything. I have discovered that the more you learn about your spouse, the more amicable the relationship is. I think it has something to do with expectations. I knew this about my wife, but I was reminded of this in the last week or so. She is addicted to a time schedule. That is not in itself a bad thing. After all, life is based upon some kind of a time schedule. The problem is, I do not have a time schedule, particularly during the days like we are living now. I sorta go with the flow. In our house, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all served on a regular schedule. Before this vacation from society, we grabbed lunch whenever we could fit it into our schedule. Lunch was not the schedule but what we were doing at the time. It is quite different today.

Now, the schedule is built around our eating. Since our seclusion, I have eaten breakfast, lunch, and dinner on a very regular basis. The problem is, it is going to cost me quite a bit. After all of these social shenanigans are over, I am going to have to go and buy new shirts and pants because the ones I have now will not fit. I am thinking of taking it out of my wife's allowance; after all, she is responsible for the weight gain during these weeks at home. If it was not for her, and if she was not such a marvelous cook, I would not gain any weight whatsoever. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

During these days of social hibernation, time has lost its real significance. It used to be I had a schedule, and I worked to keep that schedule to the very minute. Now, I have no schedule, and I have been keeping

Just the other day my wife looked at me and said, "It's almost lunchtime. Don't you think you should get dressed and take off those pajamas?" My answer was simply, "Why?"

My morning schedule is a complete mirror of my afternoon schedule, which is also a mirror of my evening schedule. I never know if it is morning, afternoon, or evening. According to my wife, what you are wearing determines the schedule. And believe me, she is always on schedule.

Nobody comes to the house anymore, not even the Jehovah's Witnesses. For whom do I have to dress up? Very systematically, and you will not believe this, she meticulously sets the alarm clock so she can get up in the morning at the same time. I only said this once; I learned my lesson, "Why are you setting the

With one of her stern looks, she said, "Because, somebody has to get up and work!"

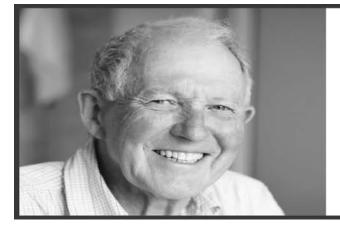
She has a regular schedule of getting up in the morning and going to bed at night. That schedule has

It's a good thing she has this schedule because I wouldn't know what time of day it was if I was not eating lunch at the right time. As for me, I am a rather casual dude and not addicted to time. What in the world does time have to do

with me having fun? After all, you only can have fun right now. I do not want to miss my time for having fun today because I will never make up for it tomorrow.

My motto has always been; make the best use of the time at hand.

Thinking about this, I was reminded of what Solomon once wrote. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4). I think Solomon had something here. There is a time for everything and if we do not give everything time, there is going to be a lot of confusion in our life.



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STUART TOLCHIN



I don't know who to believe. Really the thing I am pretty sure about is that nobody is very clear on what it is that we should be doing. The President wants everybody to go back to work because he is certain that a strong economy is the key to his re-

election while Governor Newsom is telling everyone to stay at home until the threat of the Coronavirus is gone. So when will that be? The governor tells us he will let us know in a couple of weeks but it all depends on how things are going.

First, off I want to warn everybody to be very careful on April 20th. This is my least favorite day of the year and it is a terrible day on which major tragedies have occurred. I remember learning that this day was the date of Adolph Hitler's Birthday in Austria. Strange isn't it that he wasn't even born in Germany. I remember looking that day up on the internet and I learned that the multiple horrors occurred on that date. Right now I am looking it up again and this is what I learned.

1999—Columbine High School Shooting—15 die and 24 victims injured

1906—San Francisco Earthquake and Fires –700 people died and 20, 000 were left homeless and is described as one of the worst earthquakes in history. Sometimes the date that is given is April 18th, but be careful anyway.

2010—The Deepwater Horizon oil rig explodes and led to the largest accidental marine oi spill in history

I hope that's enough history to keep you on your guard but please remember to keep your guard up because in another few days after April 20th then comes April 26th, the actual date of the Chernobyl disaster which is considered the worst nuclear disaster in history. The exact date of the explosion my 42nd birthday on April 26, 1986. Furthermore right next to the place of the explosion was the city of Tolchin where my grandfather was born adjacent to that is the city of Chabany, birthplace of my father. Both cities were evacuated soon after the explosion which dropped 400 times more radiation than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Enough already, why do I remind you of these dates. We are going through extraordinarily difficult times right now but we are still around today. For me it is interesting that I was born on one of the worst days in 20th Century History and yet I survived. The birthplaces of my father and grandfather were destroyed but by that time they had both left for America and my father did what was necessary in order for me to be born on that very day and my life is still going. I have slowed down a bit but I am still going. The question for me is where do you and I

LET MY PEOPLE GO BETTER LET THEM STAY!

Oy, I'm in such a fog I don't know who to believe. Really the thing I am pretty sure go from here? During this time of forced confinement I believe I have learned import things and achieved important goals without even being aware of it.

Numerous times I have said that it would be a good idea to stop wasting money by going out to restaurants. I have stopped and my wife and I have enjoyed meals together without being distracted and interrupted by the usual happenings within the restaurant.

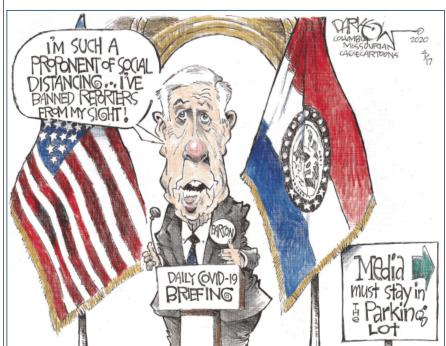
Our meals eaten together on our deck in peace without having to go somewhere or do something have been wonderfully enjoyable and have allowed us to enjoy our wonderful mountain views especially on the last two perfect days. For years I have vowed to stop watching sports on television and now, for almost the first time in my remembered life I have watched no sports and have not missed it; okay maybe a little bit. I have noticed that the air is cleaner and believe this has something to do with the fact that people are not polluting the air by daily long distance driving and I shall keep this in mind and make a point of driving only when necessary and understanding that in this way I am contributing to a better planet in much the same way that by staying home only leaving when necessary we are of service to ourselves as well as the planet. Just keep that in mind.

Fine, but will the restrictions last forever? No, they will not last forever and eventually we will be given the all clear to leave our houses but the rules of living will probably be changed. We should follow those rules not just because they are rules but because we are doing the best thing for ourself, others and the planet. Remember it is of great importance that we notice what we are doing and go when we should go and stay when we should stay. I am forever grateful that my eventual existence depended upon my father and grandfather noticing at some prior time that it was absolutely necessary that they leave the century old home of my ancestors and leave the familiar area near Chernobyl and make their way to America. I am certain that part of the reason they knew when to go and left when they did was in order to make a better life for me and my sister. No, we were not yet conceived and would not be for years but there is no doubt that their coming to America was intended to give their children and grandchildren a chance for a better life. Sadly, I never got a chance to talk to either of them about their reasons for leaving but I like thinking they did it for me. This is the secret of survival I believe. No matter the situation, see it in the most positive way that you can. Note when to approach and when to avoid and to notice what results from your action or inaction. Stay aware, get out of your fog and recognize the wonderful and helpful decisions you have made even if you were unaware of their significance at the time. It's okay to lie a little—be kind to yourself and give yourself credit for your wisdom that you may never have known you possess, if necessary be inventive. It is a good idea to know what you are doing or at least pretend that you knew.

Kia ora and by all means act safely







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TOM PURCELL

WORK-FROM-HOME PRODUCTIVITY HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE 1918



COVID-19 has millions working from home. As a longtime teleworker, let me offer some advice.

Working from home has many

home has many upsides: no traffic s or need for business

jams, office politics or need for business attire. But a month-plus into this pandemic, many are realizing teleworking's downsides.

My morning commute goes from my bedroom to the kitchen (for coffee) to a small den in the back of my house. Every morning, though, one rubbernecker (me) blocks my commute by looking longingly at his unmade bed – and frequently climbing back into it.

Maintaining focus on work is challenging at home. Snacks in the fridge, Netflix on the tube, funny videos on Facebook all compete for attention. I've been an adult for a while now, but send me a video of talking dogs and I'd hang up on the company CEO to watch it.

Another challenge is hardly ever seeing other real humans during the day.

Sure, we see clients and colleagues on monitors, but, being social animals, we long for small talk. That regrettable need is straining my relationship with my postal carrier.

Me (head covered by a green wool sock with eye holes cut out): "I hear it's going to rain tomorrow."

Postal carrier (sitting in his vehicle by my mailbox): "You're wearing a sock for a mask?"

Me: "How about a cup of coffee?"

Postal carrier: "But you look like Gumby."

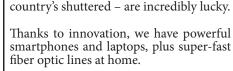
I used to hang up on telemarketers. Now I look forward to their calls.

Extended-car-warranty guy: "It's only \$2,000 for three years' coverage."

Me: "My truck's still under the manufacturer's warranty. How's the weather where you are?"

Those of us able to work from home – able

LONG WAY SINCE 1918 O-19 has to maintain income while much of the



We can collaborate with colleagues all over the globe, share large files and run complex financial reports – as if we're in

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate the 1918 Spanish Flu killed 50 million people around the world and 675,000 in America, when our population was a third of what it is now.

Working from home wasn't an option for most back then.

Though the telephone had been invented four decades earlier, only about a third of U.S. homes had one, FastCompany reports. Still, the telephone offered some

People were beginning to order groceries by phone. Newspapers and magazines remained the primary forms of mass communication – the first radio news broadcast wasn't until 1920 – but phones offered opportunities to share news.

However, phone calls required operators to manually make connections – operators who couldn't practice social distancing.

They "sat at banks of switchboards in tight quarters, elbow to elbow with any infected coworkers," FastCompany says.

Many operators became sick and phone systems couldn't keep up with demand – making the 1918 pandemic all the worse.

Despite many unpleasant setbacks, lots of positive storylines are arising from the current pandemic. One incredible silver lining is that millions of Americans can still work productively as it unfolds.

That's the good news.

The not-so-good news: When all of this is over and the sock comes off my head, my postal carrier isn't likely to accept that cup of coffee.

Maybe I'll give the FedEx driver a try.

CHRISTINE FLOWERS



CHARLOTTE'S WEB: THE AWFUL PRICE OF THIS PANDEMIC

The pandemic has turned our world upside down. We work from home. School is cancelled indefinite-ductions hartings

ly. Weddings, graduations, baptisms and all of the other indicia of the normal trajectory of a human life are suspended. This is what it must like to be in Limbo, that now defunct Catholic state of existence without boundary, but also without God. The anxiety is real, palpable and weighs on all of us. On some, though, the weight is much heavier.

There is a little girl who should have had no weights on her young shoulders. She should, after so many years of sorrow and pain, been well and happy and enjoying the budding spring. She earned her hard-bought happiness, through a sacrifice that no one anticipated. But the coronavirus stole from her the life she should have had.

Charlotte Figi was a child when she started having terrible seizures. Nothing could stop them, and their violence and unpredictability caused her desperate parents to look everywhere for a cure, or at least some respite from the tremors and the terror. Her condition, called Dravet Syndrome, was a rare form of epilepsy that couldn't be controlled by any known medication. She wasn't expected to live past the age of 10

But her parents heard of the beneficial effects of medical cannabis, and moved to Colorado, where the drug was legal, to see if it might be able to help their little girl. And it did. Her journey was documented in the film "Weed," which showed the ways that the non psychotropic drug helped her. A special strain of it was created, and named in her honor, "Charlotte's Web." And she inspired thousands of other people, children with seizure disorders and the parents who loved them, providing hope that there might finally be a cure for this debilitating condition.

Tragically, Charlotte was unable to resist the devastating impact of CO-VID-19. While it was not conclusively established that she had died of the virus because initial tests came back negative, it is likely that she became infected in early March and by the time she was tested for the condition,

pandemic urned our upside We work home. is can-like to a too late. Because of the respiratory problems brought on by the virus, Charlotte began to have seizures again, one of which caused her to go into cardiac arrest. She passed away on Tuesday. She was 13.

Like Ryan White, the child who provided a face for the AIDS crisis a generation ago, Charlotte Figi humanized the struggle for those who sought solace in revolutionary and controversial treatments. Because of her willingness to go public with the illness, and because of her parents' deep love, Charlotte was able to remove the stigma that had been unfairly placed on medical cannabis. People were finally able to see just how this treatment, in its many variations, could save lives.

I watched a segment on CNN where Sanjay Gupta spoke about Charlotte, and could barely keep his composure. The doctor had been a vocal and notable critic of the benefits of medical cannabis, doubting its efficacy (although rarely its safety.) However, after having spent significant time with Charlotte, and telling her story, he became convinced of the truly therapeutic impact CBD could have, particularly on children whose immune systems are much more delicate.

It is particularly cruel that Charlotte Figi could survive and become a success story at such a young age, and give very substantial hope to other children who suffered from seizure disorders, but then would succumb to the pandemic that is swirling around us. In words that approached poetry, Charlotte's mother announced her death by writing "Charlotte is no longer suffering. She is seizure-free forever."

While there is some comfort in the knowledge that this warrior child is finally at peace, the price that she had to pay is far too high. This virus has stolen far too much, far too many moments of joy, far too many lives, and even the unappreciated pleasures of normalcy.

That Charlotte Figi was among these losses triggers a sadness that transcends normal comprehension. But her legacy, as that of Ryan and Alex, lives on in the memory of those who themselves will live on, because of their journeys, and their courage.

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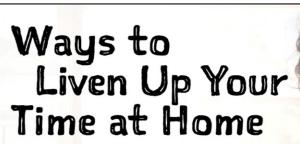
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MOORPARK ST. #211, STUDIO CITY, CA. 91604. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed; WFR CONSULTING SERVICES LLC, ADAM STRAUSS, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/12/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and

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ANTHONY JEROME NORRIS 15231 WILLARD
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ANTHONY JEROME NORRIS. This statement was
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Spending a day without leaving the house may have sounded like fun three months ago, but now that it's our new normal, it's a different story. By now, you and your family might be feeling a bit jumpy at home all day. If that's the case, check out the information below — you'll find five ways to liven up your time social distancing with games, crafts and cooking. These outside-of-the-box ideas will keep you and your family entertained at home, and even lead to a few positive memories



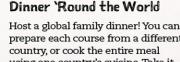
Need a little inspiration to mix up your family's routine? Try these outside-of-the-box activities to liven up your time — you could even emerge with some positive memories.



Stay in, Work Out Transform your living room into a gym. Look for great workouts on YouTube, or even Facebook or Instagram Live, and make it part of your routine. It will feel like you're right there in class with the instructor, plus you'll get

some energy out.

The Art of the Matter Make a craft with your family using supplies you already have. Have some fun getting resourceful — how can you and the kids turn those empty cleaning wipe containers and cardboard paper towel tubes into masterpieces? Display the work in a



prepare each course from a different country, or cook the entire meal using one country's cuisine. Take it a step further by researching music and fashion from each country and create a vibe that makes it feel like you're actually there.



A Family Friendly

Competition Game night, anyone? Choose one night a week to play a board game, card game or even a group video game, and raise the stakes by making it a mini family tournament. Let each family member take a turn picking



the game.

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

Create a list of items you could find around the neighborhood - a house with blue shutters, a green front door, a certain type of car, etc. Get outside* with your kids to identify these things on the list. Make it a neighborhood activity with an album on Facebook or Nextdoor to post photos of your finds!

family "gallery" in your home. These are difficult times. If there is anything I can do to safely assist

you and your family right now, please do not hesitate to call — I am here for you.

Safer at Home

You Can

Go to the grocery store and order food delivery

Get medication or supplies

Go to the bank or post office

Call a plumber, electrician, or exterminator

Go to the gas station or auto repair shop

Ride public transit, walk, bike, and drive

**Always practice social distancing and wash your hands

You Can't

Host a gathering larger than 10 people

Hoard supplies or overbuy

Go to a bar or club, except to take food to go

Go to a gym, theater, bowling alley, arcade, or music venue

Dine in at a restaurant

Go to a playground

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Monrovia | Single Family Homes

This week the median list price for Monrovia, CA is \$725,000 with the market action index hovering around 65. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 60. Inventory has held steady at or around 25.

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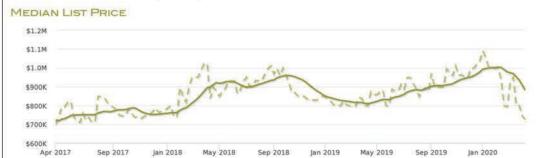
This answers "How's the Market?" by comparing rate of sales versus inventory.





Home sales have been exceeding new inventory for several weeks.

However prices have not yet stopped falling. Since the market is already in the Seller's zone, expect prices to level off very soon. Should the sales trend continue expect that prices could climb from there.



Sierra Madre | Single Family Homes

This week the median list price for Sierra Madre, CA is \$1,049,500 with the market action index hovering around 37. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 35. Inventory has held steady at or around 24.

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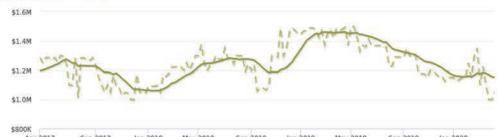
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Home sales continue to outstrip supply and the Market Action Index has been moving higher for several weeks. This is a Seller's market so watch for upward pricing pressure in the near future if the trend continues.

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