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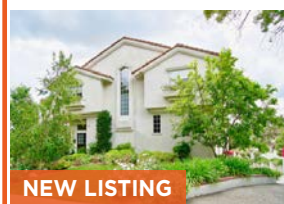
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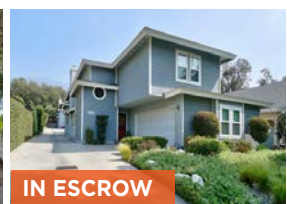
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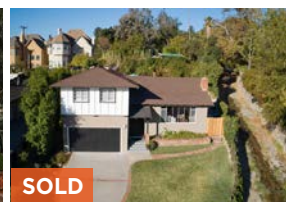
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Long-time resident & pillar of the Sierra Madre community, Phyllis Chapman, died the evening of Monday May 18th at the age of 97. She was most commonly known at the Sierra Madre Historian.

Phyllis was born to Charles and Bertha (Freedman) Fried in Yonkers, New York in August of 1922. At a military event during WWII, Phyllis met Navy member Edward Chapman and they married soon after. During one of their visits from St. Louis to family in Pasadena, they fell in love with Sierra Madre and moved there in 1953. When she found the house they eventually bought, she exclaimed she would feel like she was on vacation every day! They raised their son, John and daughter Christie in this home.

Phyllis was an exemplary role-model and outstanding member of the city she loved. Her tireless spirit and countless hours spanned decades of volunteering, fundraising, event planning, campaigning, and advocating for the community, its members and its history. This earned her not only respect from the town but a brick at City Hall, Citizen of the Year (1980), Honorary Life Membership at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and more. She is also accredited with helping push through the creation of the Children's Room at the SM Library. Her memberships included the Civic Club, Women's Club, Historical Preservation Society, Arboretum, the Priscilla's, a local Red Hatter's club to name but a few. These kept her busy and made a large impact to these organizations and those she served with. Her knowledge for the history of Sierra Madre and the San Gabriel region was awe-inspiring and led to frequent articles she wrote for the local paper and acknowledgment for her contribution to a book written about Sierra Madre in 2009. She was the official Wistaria Vine historian for more than 30 years and ironically, for the first time in the last 25 years, her history was not published due to cancellation of the event this year.

She was a stranger to no one and she could be counted on for her quick wit, historical quips and friendly banter. She was a frequent volunteer and docent for school and historic building tours, the Wistaria Festival, Mt Wilson Trail Race, and even as the "Wicked Witch" at the Memorial Park Haunted House for some years. In 2011, she was bestowed with the honor of being named one of the first Treasures of Sierra Madre.

Phyllis preceded in death by her father Charles, mother Bertha and sister Dorothy. She is survived by her husband Ed, along with her son John Chapman (Melinda) of Vancouver Washington and grand daughters Nicole (Marc) and great grand daughters Paige and Aubrey; Michele (Damon) and great grandsons Jayden, Zane and Mason; Julianne (Anthony) and great grandson Bo; and her daughter Christie Chapman (Bruce Nealey) of Eugene, Oregon, and her grand daughters Venessa (James) and Monique (Darrell) and great grandchildren Dylan, Aiden and Alexis; and grandson Raymond and great granddaughter Emberlee.

At this time, a service has not yet been planned but will be announced once restrictions are lifted. In lieu of flowers, we would suggest donations be made to Sierra Madre Women's Club.

MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2020 GRADUATES



The June 6th edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2020! In order to be included, please send your grads senior picture, their full name, age and school. These grads are making history, our the Mountain Views News wants to give them something else to remember!

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Subject: Class of 2020

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COVID-19 AND OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

Temporary Closures May Become Permanent for Some Local Businesses

By Kevin McGuire

Sierra Madre

In the Kersting Court area of Sierra Madre, you can still take-out food favorites from Lucky Baldwins, or Corfu and The Only Place in Town along Sierra Madre Blvd., who will all be offering limited Al Fresco dining in the near future with permit fees waived as part of the "Sierra Madre Cares Initiative." The City collaborated on this program through their partnership with the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. Chamber President Luther Tsinoglou said, "The Sierra Madre Chamber and City recognize that our local businesses are struggling from the effects of COVID-19. We want to work with the City to help out businesses and the community as much as possible. This is a step in the right direction."

There has also been a grant and loan program announced last week, but will it be too late or enough to save struggling, small businesses? "We are in a gigantic cluster, I feel like there are fires everywhere and I have a tiny hose that won't reach," said Carol Canterbury, real estate agent and Vice President of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. "There are several businesses closing because of [COVID-19], we lost Koi and there are rumblings...the hair salons and nail salons I worry about. It's scary!" Canterbury mentioned a number of newer businesses in the area that could be affected such as the Shabby Dog, Sierra Fitness and Pilates and Sierra Madre Massage Company, which just opened this past year.

Koi Loungewear, which resided on 55 N. Baldwin Ave., was wiped out as a direct result of the virus after 27 years in business between Sierra Madre and Pasadena locations. "Our business was booming and doing fantastic," said Linda Davis, owner of Koi, whose shop is now completely empty. "It's pretty sad. I'm lucky that my landlord let me out of my lease. That's the fortunate part. The unfortunate part is the \$100,000 worth of merchandise that I received the weeks before this happened that I have to pay for," Davis said.

Shoes stores and clothing stores have to buy so far in advance to

stock and can't easily transition to a successful online business. People are unable to try clothes on or return clothes as they would under normal circumstances. "For businesses like mine there's no help," Davis said. "When they did the stimulus...it didn't really make any sense. It was just really thinking of big businesses when they said 500 employees or under. It should have been 50 and under. It was set up from the start to help franchisees and big companies," Davis said.

Monrovia

On a beautiful Spring day, Myrtle Avenue in Monrovia would normally be bustling with folks enjoying ice cream, gazing the knick-knacks in the many specialty shops, sampling a new IPA at one of the gastropubs, or headed to Studio Movie Grill to enthrall themselves in the latest Summer blockbuster. But instead, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this town is barren and instead of OPEN signs, many businesses display copy machine signs that all read pretty much the same thing—Temporarily Closed.

An older man, sporting the latest fashionable face mask, sits alone on a bench across from the closed Studio Movie Grill which would have been packing them in for movies such as Marvel's Black Widow, now delayed, and the animated Scoob, which went straight to many of the available streaming services as the stay-at-home order remains in place in California.

There are a few locals picking up food among the establishments that decided to brave the storm and offer take-out food orders such as Sena, Jake's Roadhouse, and Peach Café, just around the corner on Colorado Blvd. Restaurants, such as the Monrovia Restaurant and 1776 Gastropub, have decided to use this downtime to complete needed renovations. And though some small businesses have been able to reopen with curbside pickup, others, such as clothing stores and nail and hair salons can't predict what the future holds for them.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



“Every moment one lives is different from the other. The good, the bad, hardship, the joy, the tragedy, love and happiness are all interwoven into one single, indescribable whole that is called life. You cannot separate the good from the bad. And perhaps there is no need to do so, either.”
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

As Memorial Day will be so very different this year, I thought I'd dust off and refurbish my Memorial Day column from last year. The photo, by Robert Gjerde, is of a flyover of the Air Force's Thunderbirds, which occurred just a few days ago. What I want to share today with you, dear friends and neighbors, is the memory of this day a year ago, and the hope that we will be able to experience it together, without masks, social distancing or fear next year. “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.” Ronald Reagan

“It is imperative that the sacrifices made by the fallen not fade into the ether. We believe that a veteran, a person – anyone – has two deaths, once when their breath leaves their body, and the second time is when no one is able to talk about them or say their name. That is why it's important for communities to come out and honor those who

paid the ultimate sacrifice. It's really getting the community around remembering those people and making sure that they are never forgotten.” Rachel Charles, Acting Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

There have been so many pictures everywhere you look this past weekend, leading up to Monday, Memorial Day, of small flags adorning graves, stretching as far into the horizon as the eye can see, as friends and family of those who gave all gather together to remember. There was one on Facebook that especially touched me of my grandchildren, Nicole, Blake and Luke Simon, at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, to visit the grave of their grandmother, Margaret Ineson, who was a Navy nurse. They were pretty small at the time the photo was taken, which made it so sweet to see.

There were families and children galore at Sierra Madre's own Memorial Day Observance at Pioneer Cemetery, which was so good to see. Rev. Thomas Baker of St. Rita's Church, during his invocation said, “Their names may fade with the passing of generations, but never let what they have done be forgotten.”

As always, good to see Congresswoman Judy Chu, who spoke with such pride about her father who served during WWII as an Army Radio Communications Sergeant at the Pacific front in Okinawa. She also spoke of her success in finally getting a Veteran's Health Clinic here in the San Gabriel Valley. Judy has labored for seven years to achieve this goal and she was thrilled to announce that last Monday, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) officially opened a Veteran's healthcare clinic in Arcadia, called the San Gabriel Valley Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC).

Even though this was just the first week of operation, the clinic already had a full schedule of patient visits, offering everything from primary care to telehealth (In case you're wondering what telehealth is, here's the definition: the delivery and facilitation of health and health-related services including medical care, provider and patient education, health information services, and self-care via telecommunications and digital communication technologies.), to basic laboratory services. This is the culmination, the fruition, of years of trying to achieve this goal; VA healthcare right here in the area which is home to more than 45,000 U.S. Veterans. Judy wanted to specially thank our Sierra Madre VFW Post 3208 for their donations and time spent in many meetings working as advocates, raising awareness for this health clinic. These folks were there with her every step of the way in making the VA clinic a reality.

Ms. Chu also presented Certificates of Congressional Recognition to Kenneth Anhalt WWII Veteran, Bud Switzer, Korean Conflict Veteran, Stanley Pinta, Vietnam Veteran, Dave Loera, Vietnam Veteran, and Cindy O'Hara, Post 3208 Commander. Ms. O'Hara quoted General George S. Patton, “It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.”

Assembly Member, Chris Holden, - again we are astonished by how tall he is! – spoke of his father, who lied about his age, he was only 16, and enlisted to fight in WWII.

It was such a beautiful day to be there in our Pioneer Cemetery, where my beloved John rests, to thank these Veterans who are still with us and to remember those who have gone before us. As I saw somewhere else this past week, “before you slap burgers on the grill, remember Inchon and Heartbreak Ridge and Chosin Reservoir, where heroic Marines fought to their last breath against overwhelming odds. Remember Khe Sanh and Hamburger Hill. Remember Ramadi and Fallujah and Kandahar. It's easy to forget the fallen, especially on a day when the sun is shining and we are so blessed with the tremendous good fortune to live in peace.” (Laurie Roberts, USA Today Network). “Home of the free, because of the brave.”

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Where you'll find “Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope”
And “A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter”
Take a look at both of these books, stuffed with hope and the Occasional good recipe.
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Tuesday, May 26 at 8:00am

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Owner, Kelly Rogers, shows off his local family brewery and its unique variety of craft brews.

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Books will be bagged into large grocery bags under the subjects of: Mysteries, Thrillers, Contemporary Fiction, History, Contemporary Non-Fiction, Children's, and Young Adult. Patrons may drive into the library parking lot to the storage bin and will be met by one of our helpful volunteers wearing a mask and gloves. Please specify which genre(s) you are interested in and purchase a bag for only \$5.00!

The Drive-Thru Book Sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library. All proceeds will be used to support programs, services and acquisitions for the library. For more information, please visit us at our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org., our Facebook page; or call 626-355-7186

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
 Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 20-02 (MCTA 20-02)
 Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
 Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Municipal Code Text Amendment 20-02, amending Chapter 17.34 (Affordable Housing), Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The amendment to the City's affordable housing ordinance is to conform to recent changes to State Density Bonus Law.

The state regulations mandating the granting of a density bonus for eligible projects are found in Government Code Section 65915 et seq. The latest amendments to this law are designed to make it easier for a developer to build affordable housing by attempting to streamline the process of reviewing a density bonus application, expanding the housing options that may take advantage of a density bonus (including adding a new housing category that includes units for "transitional foster youth," disabled veterans, or homeless persons), and by lowering the standards to qualify for housing incentives and concessions.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

Thursday, June 4, 2020
 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

Planning Commission meeting
 City of Sierra Madre

This meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconference communications and will be recorded for live streaming. In accordance with the State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, all City of Sierra Madre public meetings will be solely available via live streaming and made available on the City's official website.

Watch the meeting on Channel 3 (Government Access Channel) or live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com

Email public comments to: publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com by 6:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

Requests for verbal public comment must include name, phone number, and agenda item number and must be e-mailed to above email address by 6 PM on the day of the meeting. City staff will call the phone number provided at the appropriate public comment time.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because the amendments are made to be consistent with the provisions of Government Code section 65915.

APPEAL: A decision by the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

BUSINESSES

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For some unfortunately, this pandemic has forced them to close their doors for good, as stimulus packages didn't help keep them afloat and loan and grant offers came a little too late.

Directly next to the Studio Movie Grill is The Dollmakers' Kattywompus, a staple of Old Town Monrovia and a favorite stopping place for locals and visitors. It had to shut its doors for good. The family-owned shop started selling collectable dolls in the 90s, but eventually expanded to offer a unique, fun selection of games, toys and gifts and also entertained crowds with live music in front of the store on weekends. On April 23, their Facebook page read: "We will be closing our doors after 29 years of business. Covid-19 has turned a difficult retail business, into an impossible one." Kattywompus was more than a store that welcomed visitors with a Raggedy Ann Welcome sign out front. It was part of the town and the people in it. That is obvious by the outpouring of support they received on their Facebook page through many endearing comments and sad-faced emojis.



Unfortunately, Monrovia is just one of many area cities feeling the economic sting of this lingering pandemic. Other area businesses are screaming "Uncle" as well.

Staff in many departments are working to support Monrovia businesses. Most business owners need direct financial assistance from the federal and state government and the City of Monrovia and its elected officials continue lobbying efforts in this regard. Additionally, business owners need communication related to COVID-19 updates, especially pertaining to reopening protocols and social distancing protocols. We are directing them to resources and relief programs.

Here are other things we've done or are doing -

- Adopted a [commercial eviction moratorium](#).
- Loosened many zoning regulations related to signage and postings in Old Town to provide merchants with more advertisement opportunities.
- Waived late fee penalties
- Suspended all parking enforcement except illegal parking related to public health and safety (illegal RV parking, ADA, fire hydrant, etc)
- Administrative reviews have been streamlined
- Granted a lot of discretionary authority to the Community Development Director to ensure projects are not being held up during Safer At Home Order
- Approved provisional business licenses and payment extensions, ensuring businesses who cannot pay for a license may still operate with a valid license
- Provided links to resources and financial relief programs on the [Monrovia Strong Webpage](#).
- Promoted the list of Take Out Options from all Monrovia Restaurants on the website and via social media.
- Increased [Instagram activity to promote and drive business to Old Town Monrovia](#). Every week we have been focusing on one business in Old Town to highlight. Staff have been coming into town to take photos and get content from the businesses.
- Developed and installed the Monrovia Strong Banners in Old Town designed to help keep everyone optimistic and remind the community that businesses are still open via online and take out.
- Serving as ombudsman for businesses with LA County Health. We continue lobbying for more business reopenings so long as businesses practice social distancing
- Performing ongoing commercial building inspections since day one (several local cities are just now starting to do commercial inspections)

Arcadia

Carrie Lynn Barker, the Director of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, has reported no permanent business closures as a result of COVID-19, though many have notices of temporary shut-down. These sentiments were echoed by Tim Schwehr, Senior Management Analyst for Economic Development in Arcadia. "To date I have not heard of any specific companies or businesses in Arcadia that have announced permanent closure. So, at this point we are treating all closures as temporary until further notice," Schwehr stated.

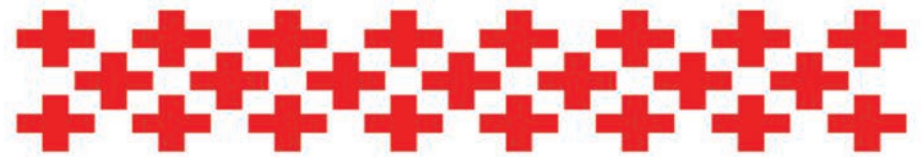
Arcadia has started a #ArcadiaStrong campaign to help support chamber members who are struggling through the purchase of swag such as T-shirts and tote bags. And there will also Arcadia Works! set to help local businesses overall with a grant program set up through the CARES act.

But, even as cities slowly re-open for business, this doesn't mean customers will return right away. Many were out of work during the last few months, so budgets are tight, and many more are rightfully skeptical about returning to crowded stores and restaurants.

Over time, things will one day get back to normal. Until then, we need to keep chins up and help out as much as we can by buying a meal, buying some swag and hopefully buying local businesses time and keeping them thriving.

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May 18, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

You may notice some activity in coming days on the Meadow area of Mater Dolorosa, so I'm writing to let you know why there are trucks and drilling equipment on our property.

Before the end of the month, geotechnical engineers are scheduled to drill a number of borings on the Meadows site so they can extract core samples that will be evaluated for any evidence of faults or ancient landslides. This is being done by the homebuilder we are working with, as part of their due diligence before they commit to purchasing the site. We anticipate that the work will be concluded in just a few days.

Assuming the planning for the proposed new neighborhood on the Meadows continues, the geotechnical findings will be included in the Environmental Impact Report and will be available then for public review.

Also, I'd like to remind you that our grounds remain closed in response to the Governor's COVID-19 Stay at Home executive order. It is essential that we protect our kitchen staff from any risk of contamination at this time, as they are now preparing, cooking, freezing and packaging hundreds of nutritious meals that are delivered each Thursday to those in need of meal deliveries in Sierra Madre and elsewhere. If you feel moved to support our Food Ministry work, we would be extremely grateful. Please log onto our Food Ministry website at materdolorosa.org/covid-19-mater-dolorosa-response.

If you have any questions about the drilling operations or other matters related to the proposed new home neighborhood, please contact the chair of our Development Task Force, Cam Thornton, at property@materdolorosa.org or 818-281-2360.

Peace and Blessings,
 Michael J. Cunningham O.E.S.
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REOPENINGS IN THE CITY

In line with the updated Safer At Home Order, the following outdoor amenities are reopened



TENNIS COURTS



DOG PARKS

- Physical distancing of six (6) feet must be maintained at all times.

Guidelines for tennis:

- Only singles play will be permitted.
- Each participant must bring their own bucket of balls with their initials on each ball. Participants will only be permitted to handle their own tennis and pickleball balls.
- Participants will be required to wear face coverings at all times except during play.
- Bring water and hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes to wash and sanitize hands frequently.
- A maximum of one-hour play will be allowed on heavy traffic days.
- No lessons involving two (2) or more tennis or pickleball students are allowed.

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6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, all City Council, Commission and Board meetings will be conducted virtually until further notice. The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting.

Public comment may be made by e-mail to PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com by 6:00PM. on the day of the meeting. The public may also text their comments to (626) 355-6214 by 6:00PM on the day of the meeting.

Requests to provide verbal public comment must include name, phone number, and agenda item number and must be e-mailed or texted to the above email address or phone number by 6:00PM on the day of the meeting. City staff will call the phone number provided at the appropriate public comment time.

Emails and texts will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and broadcasted on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

For more information, please contact Assistant City Clerk, Laura Aguilar in the City Clerk's Office via email at laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com or by telephone at (626) 355-7135.

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THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY BEGINS NEW CHECK-OUT SYSTEM IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CLOSURE.

In an effort to continue supporting our patrons during this difficult time, the Sierra Madre Public Library will offer a single, over the phone check-out per patron. To the extent to which we can, a Library Staff Member will take patron requests for materials over the phone, and materials will be checked out to the member's card and prepared for pick up. Upon arriving at the Library, patrons will call from a designated waiting area outside of the building, and a staff member will check their identification and transfer materials to them, in keeping with social distancing standards.

We at the Sierra Madre Public Library believe that everyone has the right to access materials and information; however, this opportunity will be revoked out of a greater concern for the Sierra Madre Community and City Staff, should the need arise.

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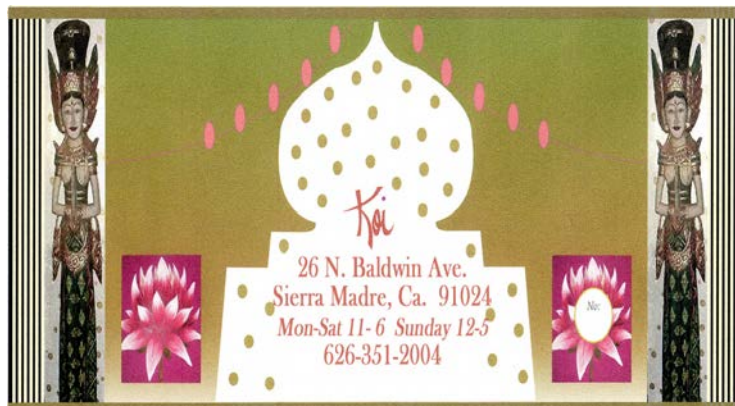
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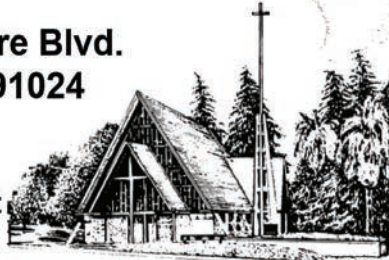
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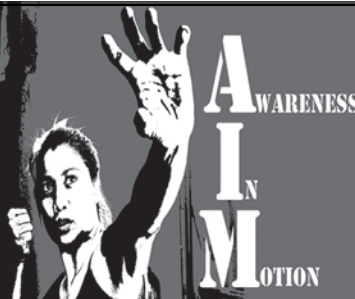


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Pasadena Memorial Day Closures

City hall and many city services and administrative business offices will be closed on Monday, in observance of Memorial Day, a national day of remembrance for the brave men and women of the U.S. military who died in the line of duty.

Trash will be collected on Monday, May 25. There will be no delay in trash, recycling and yard waste collection. The Citizen's Service Center will also be open from 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, and can be reached at (626) 744-7311.

Library Offers Curbside Pickup Service

With the opening of local retail for curbside pickup this week, Pasadena Public Library began piloting curbside pickup service at Central Library. The service is offered Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library's north parking lot, 285 E. Walnut St.

Library patrons are now able to pick up reserved materials placed on hold. Each is contacted individually and informed that their materials are ready for pickup. They are then given instructions as to when and where to pick them up. Upon arrival, they are directed to park and either phone or text library staff to alert them to their arrival. Library staff then place their reserved materials on a table adjacent to their parking spot and step back. The Library Patron then steps out and picks up the holds materials. Book returns are also accepted and can be returned in the nearby book drops.

The curbside pickup program is just for library holds and currently only in operation at Central Library. Plans to expand curbside pickup service to the branches are in the works and announced soon.

To place library materials on hold visit:

pasadenapubliclibrary.net. The Library is also available virtually and staff are providing reference service via phone and email. Contact Library staff by phone (626) 744-4066, option 7 or email at ask@cityofpasadena.email. libanswers.com.

Whereas all Pasadena Public Library buildings remain closed as a precautionary measure to protect our community members from novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Pasadena Virtual Library is available 24/7 for access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, research, streaming movies/TV, and more. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

For more information, visit: pasadenapubliclibrary.net. or call (626) 744-4066.

City Requests Local Control of Re-opening

After Pasadena Public Health Director, Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, contacted the California Department of Public Health last week advocating for local control over the COVID-19 re-opening process, California Department of Public Health officials said the city must follow LA County guidelines.

According to a press statement, up until now, Pasadena has been required to follow the State's guidelines and the only local control was the ability to have stricter guidelines than the State.

Governor Gavin Newsom signaled a change in course on this with the possibility that local health jurisdictions have some control over the re-opening process Goh said.

Specifically, Newsom indicated that local health jurisdictions may apply for a "variance" to Stage Two re-opening requirements. If a variance were granted, a local jurisdiction could, for example, reopen restaurants or allow drive through graduations provided certain criteria were met, she said.

City officials said they have been informed that the California Department of Public Health will not consider Pasadena's variance request and will only consider such requests from counties despite what



Newsom has said. This will leave Pasadena and Long Beach locked into whatever LA County decides, without the ability to take advantage locally of what Newsom has announced. Because it has its own Health Department, Pasadena is well prepared to develop, promulgate and administer regulations that would allow for re-opening according to its local health indicators as well as its economic and social needs.

Cities which have their own health departments have been omitted from the required documentation, hence, Pasadena's Health Officer is asking for clarification so that Pasadena can seek a variance. This would allow for local control of reopening based upon local health factors using Pasadena's own authority and

not the County's.

"We are capable and confident of insuring adherence to all state requirements," Goh said. "We believe it is important to provide the latitude to exercise our local authority that the Governor has conferred by his Executive Order. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting revisions to the COVID-19 Variance Attestation Form be made to allow for local control."

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Tennis and Pickleball Courts Reopen



The City of Pasadena Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services has reopened certain non-contact amenities and park areas, including tennis and pickleball courts, the archery range, casting pond, and community gardens.

With guidance from the County of Los Angeles and the Pasadena Public Health Department, additional safety protocols are in place and can be found on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department website. Signage is posted at the entrance of the newly reopened recreation amenities advising visitors of these safety protocols and guidelines. It's vital that visitors adhere to the safety guidelines to help keep these amenities open.

Parks and park restrooms remain open. Park users should continue to practice physical distancing and avoid gathering with people who live outside their household. All recreation indoor facilities are closed. Playground structures, exercise equipment, basketball courts, and disc golf courses also remain closed. These closures are a precautionary measure to protect our community members from novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Stay connected to the City of Pasadena, online at cityofpasadena.net or call the Citizen Service Center, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (626) 744-7311.

Planning Department to Host Virtual Open Houses



All Eight Specific Plans to be Included

In order to slow the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to engage the community, the City of Pasadena Planning & Community Development Department will hold virtual open houses for its program Our Pasadena—Putting the Plan in Motion starting in July.

Our Pasadena was launched in 2018 as a step towards the implementation of the City's General Plan, which guides future growth and development for Pasadena. Since the launch of the program, a growing number of community members have engaged in the process by participating in workshops, stakeholder interviews, walking tours, pop-up events and youth activities, signing up for email updates, and following @OurPasadena on social media.

Through this process, all eight of Pasadena's Specific Plans will be updated, resulting in new development standards and guidelines that will help shape Pasadena's major commercial and mixed-use areas for generations to come. The final phase of community meetings, Round 3, will take place between July and December of this year and will be held virtually to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

During the virtual open houses, community members

will have an opportunity to explore interactive stations with information on potential development standards for new commercial and residential projects located along Pasadena's major commercial and mixed-use corridors, including Colorado Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard, Lincoln Avenue, Fair Oaks Avenue, and Lake Avenue. A total of eight virtual open houses will be held, one for each of Pasadena's Specific Plan areas, providing an opportunity for the community to review the draft standards and submit comments online.

The planning department is currently exploring additional options to engage the community during these trying times, including setting up weekly telephone or virtual office hours where community members may have the opportunity to speak with a planner about a particular Specific Plan. Community feedback will help shape the proposed Specific Plans that will be presented to the Planning Commission for their review and consideration starting early next year.

Sign up at OurPasadena.org for updates and information on upcoming virtual open houses for the Specific Plan Update program. Browse the program website to find out more information on each of the Specific Plan areas and past planning efforts. Got questions? Email info@ourpasadena.net.

Altadena Library Announce Board of Trustees Vacancy

With the resignation of Trustee Gwen McMullins, the Altadena Library Board of Trustees is announcing a vacancy and will make an appointment to fill that seat.

"The Altadena Library District thanks Trustee McMullins for her many years of dedicated service and extends its profound appreciation for all her work on behalf of the library and the community."

The Board of Trustees is accepting applications from anyone who would like to serve on the board for her unexpired 2020 term (until the first Friday in December, 2020). Applicants must be at least 18, a resident of, and registered to vote in Altadena. This seat, along with two others currently held by Trustees Betsy Kahn and Terry Andruess, will be up for election on the November 2020 ballot. The individual appointed will hold the seat until the elected candidate is certified and sworn

in; s/he is welcome to run for the seat in the 2020 election if desired. The board meets at 5:00pm on the fourth Monday of each month; the position involves budgetary and policy oversight as well as high-level strategic decision-making for the Altadena Library District. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest, resume, and completed supplemental questionnaire to the District Director by 5:00pm on June 12, 2020. The board will interview potential candidates at the next board meeting at 5:00pm on June 22nd, and the interview and appointment process will be announced publicly in advance.

For more information visit: altadenalibrary.org/board/; or any questions to nwinslow@altadenalibrary.org. You may also mail your materials to the Main Library at 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena, CA 91001.

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ARCADIA ANNOUNCES LIMITED REOPENING OF CITY FACILITIES BY APPOINTMENT AS PART OF PHASE 2 OF THE ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

The City of Arcadia is reopening City Hall to the public for services by appointment only for essential activities in response to the revised Safer at Home Order issued by Los Angeles County on May 13, 2020. These include building permits, inspections, and planning related services.	By Appointment; Fire Inspections Closed to Public
A What's Open Guide is listed below with more information on each City department.	
City Hall is still fully staffed to respond to requests for services by phone, email, or online, and the public is encouraged to continue to use these services in order to help limit the spread of COVID-19.	Public Works Services publicworks@ArcadiaCA.gov (626) 254-2720 By Appointment Public Works Services 11800 Goldring Rd.
Arcadia City Council and Planning Commission meetings will still be conducted virtually until further relaxing of the Safer at Home Order by Los Angeles County..	Development Services DSD@ArcadiaCA.gov (626) 574-5415 By Appointment; Plan Check; Inspections; Planning & Building Services; Permits City Hall 240 W. Huntington Drive
“We are transitioning to Phase 2 of the County’s Roadmap to Recovery,” said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. “As we ease back into more normal activity we are looking at ways to continue to provide high quality services to our community. Our virtual services have been very popular over the past few months and we encourage Arcadians to continue to utilize them; however, we recognize that not all City business is best suited for this,” he added.	Arcadia Public Library publiclibrary@ArcadiaCA.gov (626) 821-5567 Virtual Only; Curbside Services Arcadia Public Library 20 W. Duarte Rd
On May 13, 2020, the County of Los Angeles amended the Safer at Home Order to allow retail establishments, open spaces, and other non-essential services to begin reopening under certain guidelines and restrictions. A copy of the revised Los Angeles County Order and additional regulations can be found on the City’s website at ArcadiaCA.gov/covid19 or by visiting publichealth.lacounty.gov. What’s Open Guide: Department/Public Access/Services Facilities	Recreation & Comm. Services recreation@ArcadiaCA.gov (626) 574-5113 By Appointment; Tennis Courts; Par 3 Golf Course; Wilderness Park Various; Community Center is closed; contact Recreation for more details Administrative Services ASD@ArcadiaCA.gov (626) 574-5405 By Appointment City Hall 240 W. Huntington Drive
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MONROVIA NEWS BRIEFS

TRAFFIC IMPACTS on the 800 Block of South Myrtle Avenue (between Walnut and Chestnut Avenue)

In the coming weeks, Myrtle Avenue will be partially closed due to construction work and equipment staging as a part of the construction of the development project in the 800 block of South Myrtle. In order to facilitate a safe construction zone, the 800 Block of South Myrtle Avenue (from Walnut Avenue to Chestnut Avenue) will be closed to southbound vehicular traffic. Northbound traffic will still be open for vehicular traffic but motorists should expect partial delays. Traffic detours will be established and clearly marked for the general public and motorists. Motorists are advised to please drive safely and follow all posted detour and construction signage. If possible, please use alternate routes.

These impacts are planned to be in place from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the following days:

- Tuesday, May 26
- Wednesday, May 27
- Thursday, May 28
- Wednesday, June 3

We apologize for the inconvenience and we appreciate your patience.

CITY OF DUARTE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES REGARDING COVID-19

In response to the increasing concerns of COVID-19 throughout L.A. County, City of Duarte leaders continue to evaluate and implement temporary preventative measures in City operations. Maintaining the health and safety of our residents is our first priority. The City is monitoring the situation and taking actions based on direction from the latest version of the “Safer At Home” order, Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order and the California Department of Health. The changes to operations outlined below will be in place until further notice. Please note that additional changes may occur as the situation is continually assessed.

At this time, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health serves as the official reporting agency for the COVID 19 situation for all 88 cities and the various unincorporated areas within the County. Case numbers for these areas including the City of Duarte are regularly changing. Learn more at the L.A. County Department of Health website. Due to federal privacy laws, no additional information regarding patients is available.

The best course of action for all residents during this period is to stay home when not conducting essential business, wash your hands and clean surfaces frequently, practice physical distancing (six feet between each person) and wear a face mask when in public. If you have been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19, check the references below:

Self-quarantine instructions if you have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19

Self-isolation instructions if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19

City Facilities/Services
City Hall will be open by appointment only. The building will not be open to the general public starting March 17.

Please call (626) 357-7931 to make an appointment if you need permits, inspections, business licenses or similar service. Reloading a TAP card can be done at the City of Hope Metro Gold Line Station or by visiting https://www.tap-togo.net/TAPReload. No dog license(s) will be sold at the Duarte Public Safety Office or City Hall until further notice. Please review required documents and payment method: Dog License Special Notice
City Hall employees will still be available to answer resident questions via phone and email during regular business hours. Regular hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Public Safety office will maintain regularly scheduled hours until further notice. Regular hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm & Friday & Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm. In the case of an emergency, always dial 9-1-1. Indoor facilities such as Fitness Center, Senior Center, Teen Center, Community Center, Royal Oaks Park Building and Duarte Park Building are closed until further notice. Pools at the Fitness Center will be closed until further notice. New reservations of facilities/gazebos (Royal Oaks Park Building, Teen Center and Community Center) have been suspended until further notice. Public Safety Services

The City’s Emergency Operations Center has been activated at the lowest level. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) will have enhanced patrol during this time, particularly in unincorporated parts of the County and contract cities, such as Duarte. In addition to providing general safety, the intent of increased patrol is to mitigate burglarization of business while they are closed and to do welfare checks on homebound and limited mobility seniors. LASD is requesting that non-emergency incidents be reported online through the Sheriff’s Online Report Tracking System. Report the following incidents online: Lost or stolen cell phones valued \$950 or less
Lost or stolen property valued \$950 or less
Vandalism, excluding graffiti, where damage is valued under \$400
Theft from an unlocked vehicle valued \$950 or less
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Supplemental Loss Form (Must already have a LASD report number)
Effective Friday, March 20, we will stop enforcing street sweeping restrictions until further notice. No 3-6AM parking. R.V. parking restrictions will still be enforced, as will all other safety violations of the California Vehicle Code & Municipal Code. All reports of businesses or persons disregarding safer at home orders should be reported to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at their online site which is www.publichealth.lacounty.gov and clicking on their file a report icon. City Events and Recreation Programs

All Parks and Recreation programming is cancelled until further notice. This includes all recreational activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, aquatics classes, and instructional courses. All play and sports amenities are closed until further notice - including playgrounds, fitness equipment, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, futsal/pickleball courts, and skate park. All senior programs have been cancelled until further notice. The Duarte Senior Center frozen meal pick up on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am has reached maximum capacity. The Duarte Senior Center can not add any more participants. If you are interested in being placed on a waiting list for the frozen meals please call Intervale Senior Services at (626) 214-9443. The following Spring

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Bill to Close Firearm Loophole Clears Senate Public Safety Committee

Senator Anthony Portantino’s SB 914 to address concerns related to the tragic synagogue shooting in Poway passed Senate Public Safety and will now go to Senate Appropriations. The perpetrator of the Poway shooting was able to purchase a rifle despite being under 21 and not having a valid hunting license. Parties failed to adequately check the validity of the license at the time of purchase. SB 941 addresses this glaring issue in law by requiring that the Department of Justice determine the validity of the hunting license of persons under 21 who are eligible to purchase a firearm during the 10 day waiting period. This bill additionally defines what constitutes a valid and unexpired hunting license.

Recent amendments also have been taken to remove a separate, outdated code section pertaining to fees associated with firearm purchaser information and includes code section cross references.

In a previous legislative session, Senator Portantino authored a bill that banned the sale of long guns such as the semi-automatic rifles often used in these tragic shootings to those under 21. There were exemptions to this, including if the person had a valid hunting license. The Senator last year passed legislation to close the hunting license exemption for semi-automatic, center-fire rifles and introduced this bill to ensure that background checks are done accurately to ensure that mistakes such as the one that allowed the Poway shooter to purchase a firearm will not happen again.

“We have a gun violence epidemic in our country and it sadly has become all too common to see senseless violence in the news. It is even more appalling that these shootings, including the Poway tragedy, have increasingly targeted houses of worship. California leads the country in combatting gun violence but there is more we can do. I’ve made firearm reform a priority. Sadly, politics often shapes our view of gun control reforms when we should be looking at the devastating impact these weapons have on people’s lives,” commented Senator Portantino.

Senator Portantino is arguably the strongest gun control advocate in the California Legislature. During his time in the legislature the Senator has passed legislation that banned the open carry of guns in California, raised the firearm purchase age, and other bills related to this issue. The Senator’s record includes preventing the sale of semi-automatic, center-fire rifles to those under 21 and restricting the sale of these sorts of dangerous weapons to one a month. This brought regulations for this type of high powered weapon in line with already existing regulations related to hand guns. Other firearm victories include passing strong firearm storage reform and addressing confusion in the way that unlicensed firearms dealers are treated based on the definition of “infrequent.” SB914 reflects the Senator’s ongoing and progressive stance on keeping Californians safe.



Two Arrested on Federal Kidnapping Conspiracy

A suspect and her boyfriend have been arrested on a federal criminal complaint alleging they collected ransom money as part of a kidnapping conspiracy where California residents, including a victim from Pasadena were kidnapped in Mexico and two of them were murdered, the Justice Department announced today.

Leslie Briana Matla, 20, a United States citizen who now is a resident of Mexico, was arrested Thursday in San Diego pursuant to a complaint that charges her and her boyfriend, Juan Carlos Montoya Sanchez, 25, of Tijuana, Mexico, with one count of money laundering conspiracy.

Sanchez was arrested in San Diego on Sunday and is expected to make his initial appearance this afternoon in United States District Court in Los Angeles. Matla made her initial court appearance on Friday and remains in federal custody.

The complaint alleges that Matla crossed the border from Mexico into the United States to pick up ransom payments from kidnapped victims’ family members at locations predetermined by her co-conspirators.

According to an affidavit filed with the complaint, on March 28, April 13 and April 22, three men – residents of San Diego, Norwalk and Pasadena – were kidnapped in Tijuana while on business or visiting family. The victims’ families were notified via a caller with a Mexican telephone number to deposit ransom money at a specific location.

Mexican authorities found the San Diego victim’s body on March 29 – one day after the victim’s adult son placed a bag containing \$25,000 inside the women’s restroom of a McDonald’s restaurant in San Ysidro. The body of the Norwalk victim was found in Mexico on April 14, one day after the victim’s family tried, but did not succeed, to pay a \$25,000 ransom to a woman whom law enforcement believes was Matla, at a Lowe’s parking lot in Norwalk, according to court documents.

On April 22, a Pasadena woman called law enforcement to report a family member had been kidnapped in Mexico with a ransom demand of \$20,000. One of the kidnappers, calling from a Mexican phone number, informed the victim’s family that a pregnant woman would pick up the ransom money at a Food 4 Less parking lot in Lynwood. That same day, law enforcement rescued the victim, who was being held hostage at the same Tijuana hotel as the first two kidnapping victims, according to cell phone records. Nine suspects were arrested by Mexican authorities at the hotel.

A review of U.S.-Mexico border crossing records, security camera videos from the various pickup locations, and social media led law enforcement to identify Matla, as the woman sent to San Ysidro, Norwalk, and Lynwood to pick up the ransom money on the dates in question, the affidavit states.

Records show that Sanchez received wire transfers from two of the kidnapping victims, the complaint alleges.

If convicted of this charge, Matla and Sanchez would face statutory maximum sentences of life in federal prison.

A criminal complaint contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The FBI investigated this matter.

Local Takeout/Delivery Options in San Marino

The following restaurants in San Marino are open for takeout and/or for delivery services. Orders are being taken pursuant to their standard menu or a modified menu. You may access the details regarding the restaurants and their menus by clicking on the links below. Included are the third party delivery services provided by each restaurant and their current hours of operation.

Updated as of May 19

While we are trying to stay in constant contact with our local businesses, please let us know if anything of this information appears outdated or inaccurate.*

Julienne – (626) 441-2299 – Hours: Monday through Saturday 9am to 3pm @juliennefinefoods - Limited delivery via Pasadena Courier - e-mail: order@julienne.us - In addition to the standard menu, bread, eggs and milk are being sold. Fresh Daily Specials

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Colonial Kitchen - (626) 289-2449 - Open from 8am-2pm Monday through Sunday for take out.

Swirlz Soft Serve Parlor- Open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and on Sundays from 12:00pm to 7:30pm - Take out or via @grubhub, @ubereats, and @doordash

San Marino Café – (626) 399-0761 – Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm. Closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. Take out or via @grubhub, @ubereats, @postmates and @doordash - In addition to the standard menu, bread, eggs, milk, and vegetables are being sold.

Noodle World – (626) 300-1010 – Take out or @doordash

San Marino Seafood – (626) 943-8862 – Hours Tuesday – Thursday 10:30am to 8pm, Friday – Saturday 10:30am to 9pm, Sunday 10:30am to 8pm. Closed Mondays - Limited Groceries provided.

New Moon – (626) 284-8877 - Hours – The “New Moon” link allows for curb-side take-out or delivery.

Sweet and Savory – (626) 293-8877 - Order online or through the phone number provided – Free delivery within San Marino with a minimum purchase of \$25 – Hours for Delivery times – 7am to 10am, 12pm to 1:30pm, 2pm to 4 pm, and 6pm to 7pm.

San Marino Grill – (626) 286-2500 – Take-out services available through the restaurant or through these third party services @grubhub and @doordash.

Starbucks – (626) 683-0807 - Hours 7am to 1pm. To order, download the app and create an account with Starbucks Rewards. Tap “order” to find your favorite Starbucks drinks and food. Customize to your liking. Select San Marino’s Starbucks and check out. As for your order at the designated pick-up area. To learn more, visit: starbucks.com/orderahead.

Potato and Tea – (626) 741-5337 – Hours 11am to 9pm. @doordash

Go Cakes - Takeout on Saturday and Sunday only.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

REMEMBER VIETNAM VETERANS WHILE HONORING SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN THIS MEMORIAL DAY

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Citrus College Trustee, Area 3 Representative

"I am afraid that someday Ron will be forgotten."

These words, spoken by the widow of Staff Sergeant Ronald "Ron" Sagers, who was killed in action (KIA) in Cambodia in 1970, echo in the hearts and minds of Vietnam veterans and their families across the nation today.

During hostile action, Ron, age 25, received multiple fragmentation wounds while treating and evacuating his men. He was posthumously awarded a Silver Star, a Purple Heart and several other military honors. I knew him as a school mate in the rural town of Maquoketa, Iowa. But, his sacrifice would no doubt have faded from my memory, had he not also been my cousin Ronnie.

All military veterans—those serving today and those who have served in the past—deserve our nation's heartfelt appreciation. While the memory of WWI veterans lives on in family lore and a few remaining WWII veterans highlight the service men and women of the Greatest Generation, the soldiers who served in other conflicts, such as Korea, are heralded less often. Those veterans who served in conflicts in the Middle East are part of the fabric of our daily lives as our friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members.

Many Vietnam veterans, however, are living out their days with little recognition of the tremendous price they paid in the service of their country. Fighting a long and unpopular war, they were vilified, booed and even spat on when they returned home. In the field, they experienced horrific conditions and witnessed extreme brutality.

On Memorial Day 2012, a presidential proclamation was signed giving Vietnam veterans well-deserved and long overdue recognition. However, thousands of Vietnam vets still battle PTSD, depression, alcohol abuse, domestic problems, homelessness and suicide.

Community colleges have become a resource for Vietnam veterans, providing them with a place to find veterans benefit information, access counseling and workshops and tap into other resources that will improve the quality of their lives. For the past 10 years, Citrus College has earned a place on the national Military Friendly Schools list, which recognizes colleges and universities that have a reputation for helping student veterans succeed.

This year, annual events honoring veterans may be canceled or postponed. So if you encounter a veteran, please take the opportunity to thank them for their service. If that person happens to be a Vietnam veteran, they might be deserving of a special nod of respect this Memorial Day.

About the Author:

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IN-HOME CAREGIVERS REMAIN ON THE FRONTLINES DURING COVID-19

The elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are most susceptible to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). For that reason, the very nature of home care makes it the safest environment for these individuals during this uncertain time.

Keeping clients safe, healthy, engaged

Because personal and companion care services are delivered one-to-one in the home, professional caregivers are in the best position to provide much-needed care and to observe any health challenges or significant changes to a client's condition. Caregivers can also ensure clients have the necessary essentials, such as non-perishable foods; prescription and over-the-counter medications; and household supplies.

As much as we encourage our elderly to stay social and engaged, it's best to temporarily limit visits with others right now. But being at home doesn't mean being isolated. Caregivers can provide conversation and companionship and help clients stay virtually connected to the ones they love through video chat, phone and window visits.

Ongoing training is key

We've taken extra care to provide our team with the most up-to-date safety information and training to keep everyone protected and healthy during this time. This includes educating caregivers on our infection control program, ensuring they are prepared to utilize the protocols we have in place, and training them on the proper and safe use of personal protective equipment.

Constant communication with our caregivers is key. In addition to monitoring clients for COVID-19 symptoms, caregivers monitor themselves daily, report symptoms, and follow established protocol regarding staying home when sick.

Standard protocols help minimize risk

As a standard practice, we have an infection control plan in place so that caregivers take every precaution necessary to safeguard the health and safety of themselves and their clients. Following these established protocols is not new to us as we have always been vigilant about protecting everyone from illness, be it the flu, COVID-19, or any other communicable disease.

Home care is essential right now as many of our elderly and other adults rely on the assistance of professional caregivers to support them and meet their critical needs inside the home.

This article is provided by David Kapojos, a US Army combat veteran and an owner of FirstLight Home Care of Pasadena. For more information, visit us at www.pasadena.firstlighthomecare.com or call (626)360-0048, email: dkapojos@firstlighthomecare.com



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Friday, May 22, 2020, Public Health has identified 43,052 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 2,049 deaths. Ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 1,892 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health) 39% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 29% among White residents, 17% among Asian residents, 12% among African American residents, 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races. Upon further investigation, 57 cases and two deaths reported earlier were not LA County residents. As of today, 6,093 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (14% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. There are 1,506 people who are currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are in the ICU and 19% are on ventilators. Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for over 412,000 individuals and 9% of people testing positive.

"For all of you who are experiencing the profound sorrow of losing someone you love to COVID-19, we are deeply sorry. You are in our thoughts and prayers through these difficult times," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "This weekend, continue to use all the tools we have to slow the spread of COVID-19. We have shown that these actions work, and I am certain we can continue to protect each other through our recovery journey. The job we do in protecting each other will impact our numbers of new cases, hospitalizations and the number of people who pass away several weeks from now."

A new Health Officer Order is being issued today that replaces the previous Health Officer Order and allows for the reopening of beach bike paths and parking lots, indoor mall curbside service, and select vehicle parades. Retailers remain closed to public entry along with beach piers, and public and private gatherings of any number of people outside of a single household unit are still not permitted. The Health Officer Order also continues to require specific higher-risk businesses to remain closed. Everyone must continue to follow distancing and infection control protocols, stay at least six feet apart and wear a clean cloth face covering that securely covers both your nose and mouth when in contact with other people not in your household.

As the recovery journey continues and more people are out of their homes, it may be more difficult to slow the spread of COVID-19. Because there is a 14-day incubation period for COVID-19, the actions everyone takes today will impact where numbers are in two or three weeks. The best protection against COVID-19 continues to be to wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, self-isolate if you are sick, practice physical distancing (especially by staying at home) and wear a clean face covering when in contact with others from outside your household. People who have underlying health conditions remain at much greater risk for serious illness from COVID-19, so it will continue to be very important for the County's vulnerable residents to stay at home as much as possible, to have groceries and medicine delivered, and to call their providers immediately if they have even mild symptoms.

LA County is in stage two of the five-stage Roadmap to Recovery and until the final stage five is reached, Health Officer Orders and directives will continue to ensure that we slow spread of COVID-19 to prevent an overwhelming surge of COVID-19 cases at healthcare facilities. The Health Officer Order, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER COVID-19 UPDATE 5/22/2020 3:30pm

LOS ANGELES COUNTY			
Total Cases		43,052	
Hospitalized		1,506	
Deaths		2,049	

STATS BY CITY	Population	Cases	Deaths
Pasadena	14,1371	662	79
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	3	0
City of Arcadia	57,754	70	5
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	7	1
City of Bradbury	1,069	3	0
City of Duarte	22,016	103	14
Uninc.- Duarte	4,428	15	0
City of Monrovia	38,800	137	17
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	17	0
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	9	0
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	119	18
Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	132	5

For updated information go to: http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

thechefknows@yahoo.com

BUYER BEWARE---- A TAILGATE PARTY COMING TO A RESTAURANT NEAR YOU

Tailgating in your favorite restaurants parking lot? Seems strange but it just might be true, State Leaders are pushing an idea to have restaurants being able to use attached space as areas where customers can sit and dine al fresco, I'll keep you posted.

Here's an oldie-but-goodie problem: I myself got caught in the net. I have preached a hundred times to make sure you look at your receipt when dining out. Last week my friends and I ventured out and about town watching college football at three different Pasadena watering holes. My turn to buy was at a legendary Mexican restaurant. We ordered two rounds of margaritas - their taste was magnificent! Then came time to pay, and my bill was just short of \$90! How could that be for just six drinks? I would understand at the Langham or at a beach side resort, but come on. The bartender explained to me that one of my friends, unbeknownst to me, is a regular and always orders Patron. Well, I didn't know that, but okay, I paid the bill, and I hope my loss is your gain. Read the bill, and make sure when you order a house glass of wine or a margarita that you read the fine print.

"Let The Buyer Beware!" You have heard the old adage time and time again, and sometimes a good deal really is too good to be true. Two emails caught my attention this week, so I thought I would share some wine knowledge with you.

Close-out sales on wine can be the source of a real bargain or they can leave you with some expensive cooking wine. Reader Randy from Altadena was excited to purchase several

bottles of wines at a "going out of business" sale, only to discover that the wines had gone bad.

There are four things to look for to determine if a wine has turned bad:

- Has the wine changed color? Does the red wine now have a hint of brown, or has the white wine turned darker?
 - Does the wine still have "legs", meaning are there streaks of wine attached to the glass after a good swirl of the wine?
 - Does it still smell like wine?
 - Is the cork pushing its way out of the bottle? This usually means that the wine has been exposed to the heat or has been mishandled.
- If your answer to any of these is "yes", stay away from this wine.

Reader Sally from Whittier tried to find a 2011 vintage of her favorite Pinot Noir. She ended up with a 2006, and said the bottle was a little dusty. When you do find a bargain on a bottle of wine make sure the wine has been stored on its side and is not too dusty, and once the cork is pulled it should be moist.

My own experience for sparkling wine at a restaurant, if you are buying by the glass, is to ask the server/bartender to open a fresh bottle. Sparklers are susceptible to losing their bubbles within a few hours after opening. Most importantly, there should be a "pop" sound when uncorking, and if the cork comes out too early beware.



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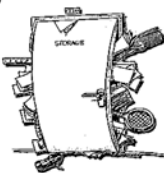
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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



KAT HIGH SHARES HER KNOWLEDGE OF TRADITIONAL (AND MODERN) USES OF ACORNS

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Before the pandemic lockdown, Kat High of Hupa descent, shared her knowledge of the diverse use of acorns in native American culture at a lunchtime talk at nearby Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

Los Angeles residents might remember the few hundred shows on Native American culture that High produced for public access TV, usually filmed at Highland Park's Southwest Museum. Over the years she conducted many programs for the Southwest Museum, and was a consultant for their California Room, among other things. More recently, she has been a consultant at the nearby Autry Museum in Griffith Park for their native plants garden at Autry, and the California Continued exhibit.

Her presentation to the docents could have been titled, "Everything you ever wanted to know about acorns."

She began by showing a few examples of the many diverse acorns produced on the various native oak trees. Native people would go to the higher elevations in the old days to collect the larger canyon live oaks, even though the coast live oaks were abundant in the valleys. The reason is that the canyon live oak is about four times bigger than the tiny bullet-shaped coast live oak. "If you had a family to feed," asks High, "what would you pick?"

For all food uses of the acorn, the acorn is first shelled, and then the tannic acid must be removed. The traditional way is to grind the acorns to a flour, and then put the flour into a container akin to a coffee filter, where water can be poured over it to wash out the bitter tannic acid. Or, the whole acorns can be boiled, changing the water at least three times, or until they acorns are no longer bitter.

Before she continued, she had everyone try some of the acorn foods she brought. There was acorn "coffee," a brewed beverage made from leached and roasted acorns. I found it tasty plain, though others added sweeteners to the hot drink.

She also served some "wii-wish," which is a traditional mush made from the finely ground acorns. Wii-wish is an old food, made by many Native Americans, and is somewhat plain. Many times others nuts and dried fruits are added to it. "Think of it as a 'cream of wheat' breakfast dish," said High, "to which you can add milk, or honey, or raisins, or whatever you like." Though High didn't think her wii-wish had turned out well, in part because she tried preparing it in a microwave, I found it tasty and satisfying.

She also served a large loaf of acorn bread, made mostly from acorn flour. This was delicious plain, and it seemed that everyone enjoyed this semi-traditional food from the acorn. High had some cream cheese that could be added as a topping. I tried some plain, and with topping, and both were good.

Kat High pointed out that acorns were often eaten with meat in the old days, because the high fat content of acorns was a good supplement to the low fat content of game meat. She described the granaries that were constructed by native people of the past for storing acorns. Since acorns could only be collected in the fall, anytime between October and December, depending on the season, families would collect all they could during this time. A single family might collect up to a ton of acorns for the year, and store them in containers that looked like silos or large baskets, made from the willow branches. The salicin in the willow was a pest-repellant, said High, and the bay leaves used to line the silos also helped to repel insects and rodents.

HISTORY

"When the Spanish came here," High told the group, "they described Southern California as looking like a well-tended garden. That's because it was," she told the crowd. The land had been managed for millennia by a series of practices that only-recently have been more studied and described in such books as "Tending the Wild" (by M. Kat Anderson).

What now? Asks High. How do we regain our balance with the land?

Her advice is to learn about the Native uses of plants, and to use them with respect. "Always offer a prayer when you gather," says High. "Ask permission from the plant, don't deplete an area, and give the plant your intent for picking it."

Kat High now teaches classes and workshop on Native skills and caring for the land. She can be reached at katcalls@aol.com.



Pet of the Week

After her last three owners passed away, 11-year-old Lucy ended up at the shelter. Understandably, Lucy has some anxiety from losing three of her people, so she needs someone who's willing to be patient with her, help her work through her anxiety, and give her stability. Lucy is a happy, affectionate dog who loves cuddling and being near her favorite people. She'd be a wonderful buddy for someone who works from home or enjoys a quiet weekend reading books on the couch. She just needs someone to take a chance on her!

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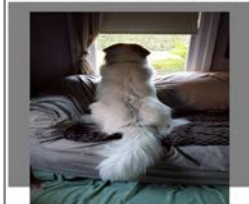


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All Things By Jeff Brown

Our country was born in rebellion against authority, so it's no surprise Americans have always a strong libertarian streak. We bristle at being told what to do, especially by the govt.-even when it's demonstrably in the public interest. Millions of American angrily objected when health officials and the govt. began warning that cigarettes could them, and banned indoor smoking, and required motorists to wear-ugh-seatbelts. Such bondage! Each of these impositions on personal freedom saved immeasurable suffering and many, many lives. Govt. can overreach, of course; finding the right balance between individual liberty and the common good is a perpetual struggle. Now, in the midst of a catastrophic pandemic, it is masks, social distancing, and the closures of public places and businesses that have provoked cries of nanny-state tyranny from such diverse voices as a Dallas beauty salon owner and Elon Musk. Infectious diseases, however, have a strong anti-libertarian bias. Without knowing it, a single infected person shed billions of viruses and can spread illness and death to any standing near him or even sharing the same enclosed space. And if Covid-19 lands that that free spirit in the hospital, the cost of a typical,

20 -day fossilization is \$30,000 and up, which all of us pay thru higher insurance premiums and taxes. The freedom to ignore the virus isn't free. Several countries have used strict closures, testing, contact tracing, and masking not only to flatten their curves-but also to crush them. Taiwan(24,000,000)has had just 440 cases and 7 deaths. Densely populated Hong Kong has had just 4 deaths. The U.S. may be stumbling in the worst of all worlds: repeated waves of infections into 2021 and a devastated economy paralyzed by ongoing, legitimate fear. This is not a good time to act like a 5-year-old shouting: "Your not the boss of me!" William Falk, Editor in Chief "The Week"

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HOW CAN YOU KEEP KIDS CONNECTED TO READING THIS SUMMER?

Parents are facing a unique challenge this summer. Beyond tending to a child's health, safety, physical needs and emotional concerns, there's another major test: keeping kids engaged in their education.

In any given year, some parents worry that their kids will experience a "summer slide," falling back in certain skills such as reading, and then struggling to catch up when school resumes. But, this year many parents are concerned about what their kids have learned – and will learn – throughout 2020, not just during the summer.

Fortunately, there's something parents can do: actively keep their kids engaged in reading this summer. Newspapers offer a great starting point, because they offer great stories (such as the one about in-orbit storybook readings!) and notices of interesting events and activities.

Kids' magazines are bright and cheerful, and have short articles on timely fads, fashions, food and other fun. Children also are highly motivated to read instructions, directions and rules as they build things, try experiments, make crafts, play board games or explore new sports. And, of course, there's a cornucopia of reading material on computers: news, sports scores, comics, recipes, crafts, DIY projects and stories.

Our favorite reading material is still a good book. If your child loves a certain topic, there's probably a book about it, in a genre that he or she likes to read: fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, mysteries, thrillers, action, adventure, graphic novels, science fiction and so on. Here are prime places to find, borrow, or buy quality books that your kids will love to read this summer:

1 Your Local Library Some libraries may have limited programs this summer, but many have online and digital services that you can explore. Their offerings are almost always free, but you may need a library card number to join programs or access digital book offerings. We've seen libraries offer such things as:

- Free access to a range of downloadable e-books
- Virtual programs in which books are being written in real time, with new chapters shared weekly
- Digital book club meetings or online reading challenges
- Livestreamed story hours and poetry readings
- Virtual puppet shows and storytelling
- Webcasts on topics such as national parks, art contests, finger painting, and family Q&As with real scientists

2 Digital Books and Related Videos While not always free, there are many sources of electron-

ic books to download for kids to read on their computers or other devices. Some of these services offer trial periods for subscriptions. Check out:

- **Epic** – Aimed at kids 12 and under, this e-book web site features 40,000 books, a 30-day free trial (then 7.99 per month) with ways to sort books by age, reading level and interests.
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- **KidLit TV** – This site has free videos of books read aloud, with insights from authors and artists. Don't overlook video streaming services as a means to inspire kids to read. Netflix has movies based on children's books – the BFG, Charlotte's Web, Goosebumps, Paddington, Tintin – which kids can watch in tandem with reading the books themselves. Amazon Prime Video offers older segments from PBS's Reading Rainbow series, which blend fun themes with read-aloud books.

3 Your Local Bookstore Consider buying books, games, workbooks and puzzle books from your favorite local bookstore. Although some may not be open for visits, they may offer pick-up or delivery.

Here are a few things we've seen bookstores doing to engage young readers:

- Virtual book launches and readings by authors
- Virtual story times and trivia games
- Free activity sheets for kids
- Live video-chats with store owners, who will show books on their shelves or in your area of interest
- Virtual book clubs and online book fairs

Remember that the best reading goals for children are the ones that will keep them reading enthusiastically. Provide a variety of reading materials to keep the learning process both challenging and rewarding.

Finally, if you add a dose of fun to reading activities – and make it a family affair – kids are more likely to stay excited about reading all summer and, hopefully, all year long.

So, have fun and keep on reading! Parents:

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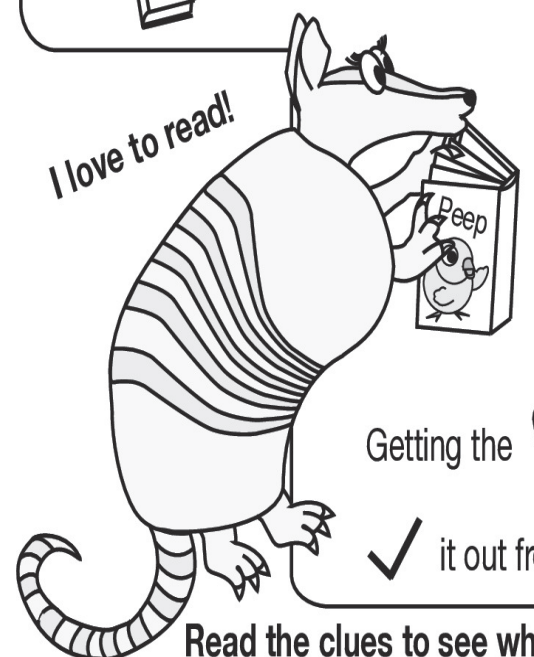
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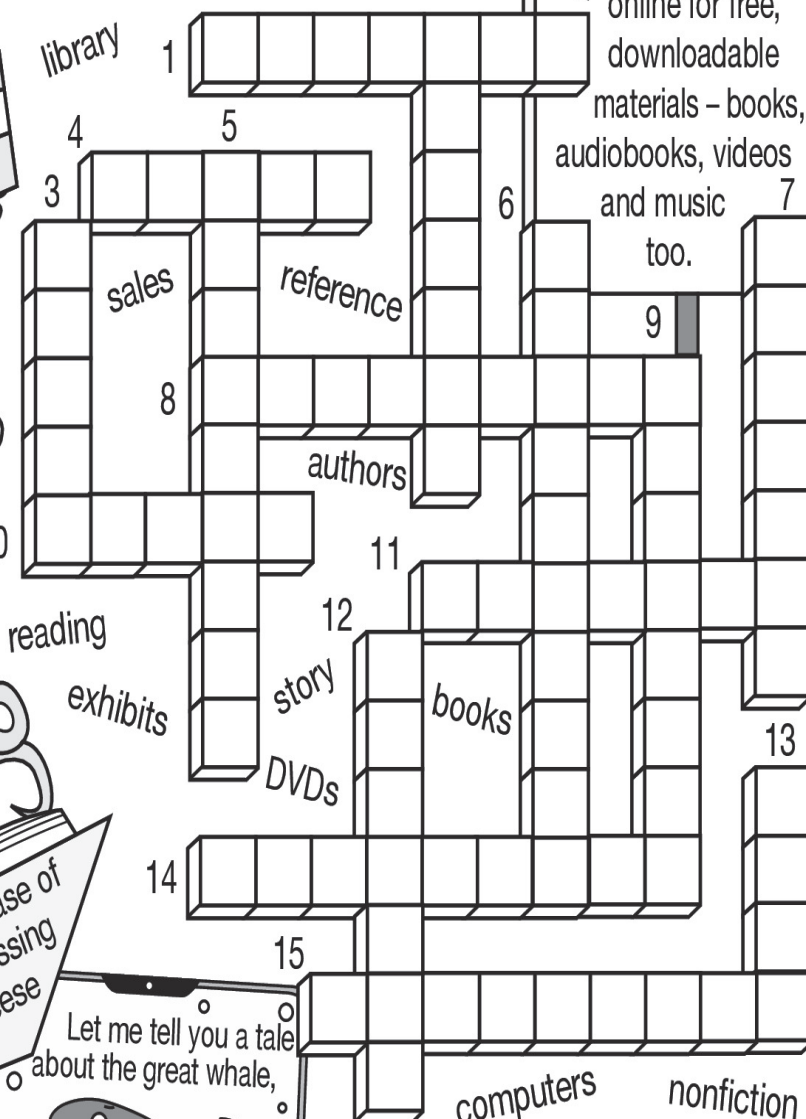
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12. special cards in cabinet; computer where you find items by using a "keyword" search
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Get Hooked on a Book!

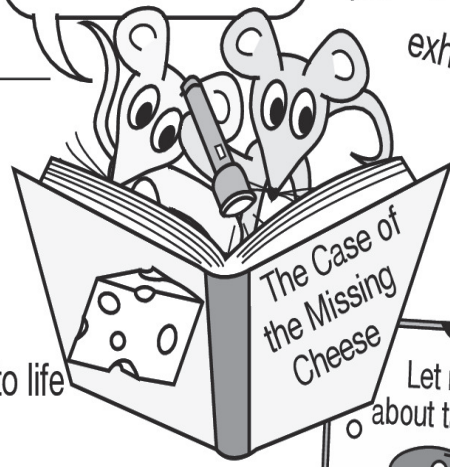
My school library lent us all of this great stuff for the whole summer. **2**

Check Out Your Library

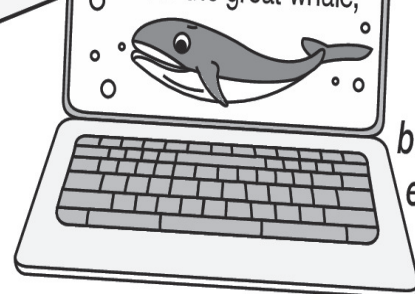
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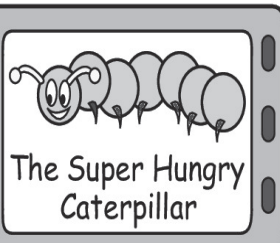
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HOW TO FIND HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER A JOB LOSS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, I just got laid off from my job of 22 years and need to find health insurance until I can get another job or enroll in Medicare at age 65. What are my options? Scared to Death

Dear Scared:

I'm very sorry about your job loss. It's estimated that as many as 45 million Americans could lose their health insurance as businesses continue to lay off workers due to repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic. Here's where you can find health insurance coverage while you're looking for new employment or waiting for Medicare.

The Affordable Care Act Marketplace

Your best option for getting affordable health insurance is through Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces, also known as Obamacare. Or, if your income is very low you may qualify for Medicaid.

Normally, enrollment in an ACA Marketplace is limited to the short window for Open Enrollment, which is between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15 each year. But there's an exception for people who've lost their jobs, known as the Special Enrollment Period, which allows you to apply because your layoff meant a loss of health insurance. To do so, you must enroll within 60 days of when your coverage stopped and prove that you lost your health insurance.

There is no limited enrollment period for Medicaid.

Eleven of the states with their own health-insurance marketplaces (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington), plus the District of Columbia, are also offering special enrollment periods, allowing anyone who is eligible under the ACA rules to sign up.

ACA health insurance is major medical insurance that covers essential health benefits with no annual or lifetime coverage maximums. And they can't charge you more or deny you coverage because of a pre-existing health condition.

You also need to know that if your annual income will fall below the 400 percent poverty level, the ACA provides premium subsidies, which will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for a policy.

To qualify for subsidies your household's estimated income for 2020 must be under \$49,960 for an individual, \$67,640 for a couple, or \$103,000 for a family of four. The lower your income is under these limits the higher your subsidy will be. Unemployment benefits count toward income.

To see how much subsidy you may qualify for, use Kaiser Family Foundation health insurance marketplace calculator at [KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator](https://www.kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator).

Or, if your income is very low – below the 138 percent poverty level – you may qualify for free, or low-cost health coverage through expanded Medicaid services, which is available in many states.

To apply for ACA Marketplace health plans or Medicaid, go to [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov). Or, you can call their toll-free number at 800-318-2596 and get help over the phone.

COBRA

If you need health insurance coverage for less than 18 months, another option you may want to consider is COBRA, which allows you to remain on your former employer's group health plan, but not every employer plan is COBRA-eligible. Contact your employer benefits administrator to find out if yours is.

In most cases COBRA is expensive, requiring you to pay the full monthly premium yourself. But, if you've already met or nearly met your employer plan's deductible and/or out-of-pocket maximum for the year, and don't want to start over with a new plan; or if you find your employer's health plan to be better or more affordable than the marketplace options, it makes sense to keep your current coverage under COBRA.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.savvysenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



3 UNIQUE WAYS TO HANDLE THE GUILT INHERENT TO BEING A PARENT

If you're a parent, you may feel even more guilty than usual. If so, you are not alone. Currently, the burden is on you to both carry on with your work and manage your child's full-time care and education. Two full-time jobs that you're trying to do by yourself, likely without teachers or care providers to help you.

If you are like most parents, you were probably struggling with guilt even before the virus. You may not always make it to every award ceremony or recital, and you might not have as much time to play with your kids or help them with their homework as you'd like. Those feelings of guilt may now be compounded by all the additional responsibilities you've taken on in a short space of time.

Take a deep breath and let yourself off the hook. I'm sure you are doing the best you can, and your kids see it, and know it too, even when they are being ungrateful pains in the rear.

Keep reading for a few ideas about how to shift the guilt.

Name Legal Guardians

Let's start with one thing that is fully within your control, can help to alleviate feelings that you are not doing enough, and that you can get handled easily --- name legal guardians for your kids, so only the people you choose will take care of them if anything happens to you.

Legally documenting your choices for who you want to take care of your kids if you can't is a great first step to getting legal planning in place for the people you love. (Yes, I said "choices" because you want to name at least two alternates after your first choice.) And doing so can provide you with a lot of relief, if you have not yet taken care of this for your kids.

Quality Time Doing...Nothing

While you're probably already spending a significant amount of time with your kids, you may be too tired or overwhelmed to plan big activities, or the things you used to do for "quality time" may not be available.

So, what's a parent to do?

Nothing.

Yes, you read that right, nothing.

If you can take 15 minutes or so out of your day and do nothing with your child, it could be the best 15 minutes you spend with them, and with yourself, all day.

It's truly one of the best gifts you can give to your kids, and the best part is you don't have to do anything. Mostly, our kids really just want to know we are there, and will give them our full attention, without screens, even if they aren't paying attention to us.

Talk About It

If you're on an emotional roller-coaster right now, your kids are probably having some similar struggles. This is an opportunity to connect with them, and a good time to show them a little vulnerability of your own. Remember how important sharing words of love and comfort can be, both to them and to you.

If you have been feeling alone and need support, you can also reach outside of your family for help. Sometimes venting to your friends is enough, and chances are they'll be able to relate! But if you are not getting the support you need, there are professionals who will communicate via phone and even text message. You can always reach out to us for a referral but you can also find local therapists and phone, video, and online therapists through [Psychology Today's directory](https://www.psychologytoday.com/directory).

The point is, you are NOT alone, and you don't have to feel alone. There are resources available and if we can be of support to you in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The City of Sierra Madre is following these procedures to provide current communication in light of COVID-19 and keep the Senior Community and families informed of essential information and resources. City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and practicing social distancing in the community, please note that voice messages, emails, and social media responses are being addressed in the most efficient and timely manner. If at any moment additional information is needed, please contact City Hall Administrative Services at (626) 355-7135, Monday-Thursday from 7:30a – 5:30p, as they are taking messages and e-mailing the appropriate person.

For messages that may trickle in otherwise, please note our team is remotely checking voicemail daily at the Community Services Department, (626) 355-5278 x702.

Community Services Department will continue email communication with Senior residents and aging community members.

If you know of family members or neighbors who may benefit from accessing information electronically, and to receive the department's Seniors Newsletter via email but may not otherwise have been included on an email group list, please send your request with email address to the following team members:

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Community Services Department will continue Electronic Seniors Newsletter on a weekly-basis distribution.

Community Services Department will continue with mail drop-off of newsletters at the Sierra Madre U.S. Post Office Box (unless otherwise advised).

City Social Media will continue via Facebook as well as Instagram, and information sharing will include updates as details becomes available.

Mater Dolorosa - Sierra Madre Meal Pick-Up Program provides seal-packaged frozen meals, 5-per person every Thursday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Hart Park House Senior Center 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Donations are accepted. Call (626) 355-5278; x702 or 704.

YWCA Intervale Meal Program - Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020

YWCA has transitioned their distribution of take home meals at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House Senior Center to a home-delivery meal program. Participants previously reserved for meal pick-up as of Wednesday, 3/25/20 were informed that they would begin to have their meals delivered to their homes, beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2020 until further notice.

For any additional participants calling in that are at a high risk and need meals delivered to, please provide us their name, date of birth (they must be 60+), address and phone number and Community Services Department will for-ward this information to our County Contact.

Food Banks Support: Seniors & Families:

If someone is outside of our local area and in need of a food bank, they can find one nearest them by going to www.lafoodbank.org and typing in their zip code; or call from the list here:

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Wednesday 10:30 am-12 pm

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Wednesday & Friday 9 am-11:30 am

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

AND THEN IT WAS SILENT NO MORE

During this time of exclusive lockdown, I and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage have grown accustomed to silence.

Don't get me wrong here. I do not object to noise as long as it's the right kind of noise.

However, I do have a good warm feeling about silence. What was that song? "The Sounds of Silence."

Silence is wonderful and soothing, enabling me to sit back and enjoy a good read. There is nothing like reading a book, and from my point of view, I have not read a book unless I have read it ten times. If it is a good book, the more I read it, the better it is.

My wife, on the other hand, when she has read a book that is the end of it. Even with some TV shows, when she has seen it once, that is all she needs. Me, if I like a TV show, I love watching it repeatedly.

I do not know if it's me or not, but I seem to find something I did not see before every time I reread a book. That's what makes reading a book over and over exciting for me.

Just as I was getting adjusted to "The Sounds of Silence," our routine changed drastically. I really did not see this coming.

I have the habit of giving gift cards to my wife on her birthday, at Christmas, on Mother's Day, and any other holiday that comes along. I do not seem to be able to keep up with all these holidays. It is easier than trying to figure out what in the world she likes at the time. I feel that if she has the gift-card, she can get what she wants, and will like it.

Last Tuesday as my wife went to the front door, she turned, looked at me and said, "Honey," (I think she calls me "Honey" because she can't remember my name), "I'm going to go shopping this morning and use some of those wonderful gift cards I got." I certainly gave her my blessing and told her, "Drive carefully." Then I threw her a wink.

When the door closed behind her, I snuggled down into one of my good books and enjoyed the silence surrounding me.

It was a long morning, and finally, I heard my wife backing into the driveway and parked her van. She came to the door and asked if I could help her put some things into the garage.

Now, our garage is not the typical garage. I seldom go into the garage because my wife has made it her workshop, which has been all right with me. I have my space, she has her space, and the two shall never collide.

As we took the package out of her van, I asked, "What did you get?"

"I got a power saw for my workshop. Lowe's was having a sale, and I couldn't refuse."

"What do you need a power saw for?"

"I just have a few projects in my workshop, and this will come in handy."

To each its own, I thought to myself. I helped her get it set up, she said a gracious thank you, and I went back inside to read. I was happy that she was happy, and that always makes for a good time.

I just settled in and was reading the next chapter in my book and enjoying the silence around me when suddenly I heard what sounded like an explosion. Burrrrrrrrrrr. It seemed to get louder and louder. The very room where I was setting shook with the racket.

Not knowing what was happening, I jumped out of my chair and ran to the garage as fast as I could. The closer I got to the garage, the louder the sound was. I knew something terrible was happening.

When I got into the garage where my wife was, the saw was running as loud as I have ever heard anything, and she was cutting boards. When I saw her, I noticed the biggest smile I've seen on her face in a long time.

"Is there anything wrong," I shouted over the noise. She heard me, turned off the power saw, looked at me with that smile still on her face and said, "Nothing. I'm only testing my power saw to make sure it works."

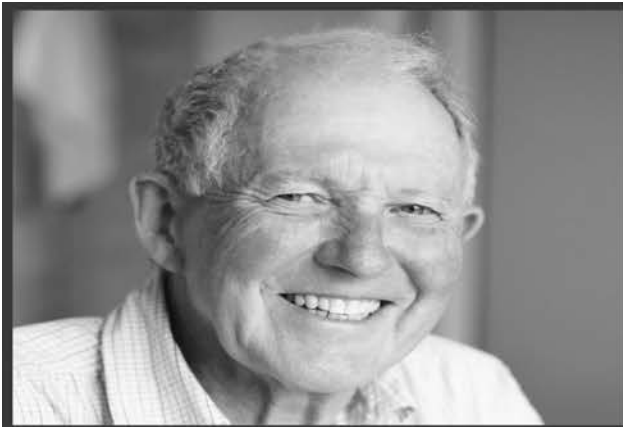
Then she turned back to the power saw, turned it on, and the noise resumed. I could see she was happy and enjoying herself, as I have not seen her lately. I guess all the silence in our home has come to an end.

I walked back to my chair, sat down, and listened to the sound coming from the garage. I thought to myself; this will be the "new normal" for our home. For a few moments, I just sat there, thinking and listening, and I came to a marvelous conclusion. If this is what makes my wife happy, then I too, am happy. For the rest of the day, I enjoyed "The Absence of Silence" filling our home.

I remembered what I once read in the book of Proverbs. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Proverbs 3:13).

Wisdom and understanding can have a practical application. When I have the wisdom to know what makes my wife happy, I will understand what true happiness is.

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STUART TOLCHIN HOPEFUL THINKING



In the middle of last December I had surgery that resulted in a three week period of immobility. When I should have been able to get around I experienced great fatigue, a loss of taste and smell and chills which I attributed wrongly, I now believe, to prescribed opiates. It might have been the

undiagnosed virus; but anyway I was unable to get around much. Then came the enforced confinement associated with the virus which is still in effect. Luckily in order to assist my daughter who remains temporarily left without childcare assistance, my wife and I have allowed ourselves the wonderful luxury of picking up and caring for our infant granddaughter. Hooray.

During the half-hour rides back home, sitting next to the baby in her carseat, I have received an education more valuable than any I received in all my years of schooling and working. My first lesson was to realize that when your newly born grandchild holds your finger in her fist you are spiritually connected in a way and to an unmatched depth that reveals the worth of human connection. Often, once at home, we put the baby in the center of our bed and I will lie beside her. I have fallen asleep next to her as she sleeps and can testify that this is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world. (Please don't worry –there was no danger that I would roll over and injure her.)

The next lesson involved my reaction to of her facial expressions and mood. When she was just a few months old and smiled and recognized me, my whole life experience changed. My darkest worries about the coronavirus and about what I should be doing in my retirement all disappeared. Really, all I felt and still feel when she looks at me, was a gratitude to the strange forces that have combined to create her and me and have placed us together in this specific moment in time. When the baby looks into my eyes, I feel like she knows and accepts me like no one else, including me, ever has.

When she looks at me, or at her hands, or her fingers, or at the lights, or a sounds, or a moving fan, or an object she has dropped, it is clear that she is directing her entire being to absorbing this information. There is a way in which she hits her leg and then hits the arm of the chair and then hits her leg again which to my way of thinking tells me she is learning about what is "her" and what is not. She performs complicated experiments with her vocal tones some of which are shrill enough to seemingly break glass (that has not happened yet but it might soon.)

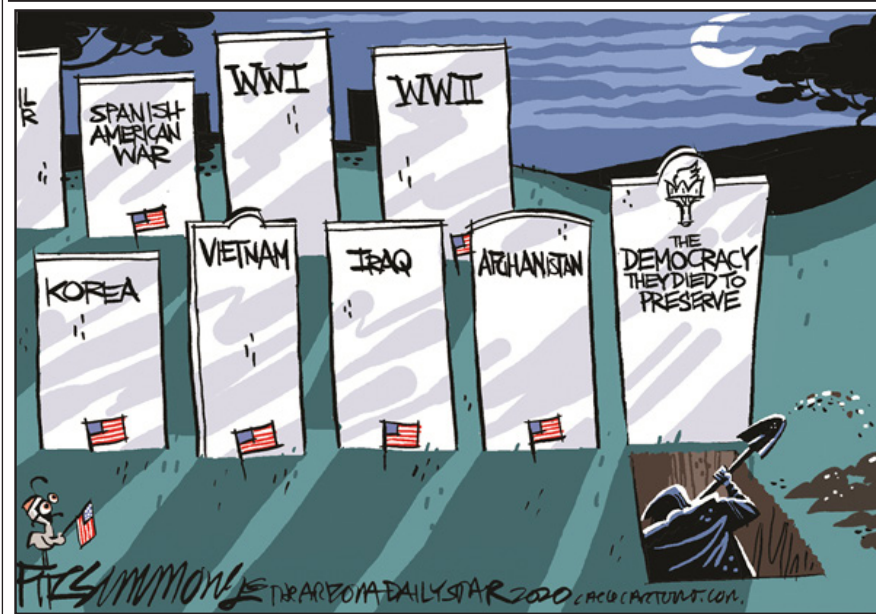
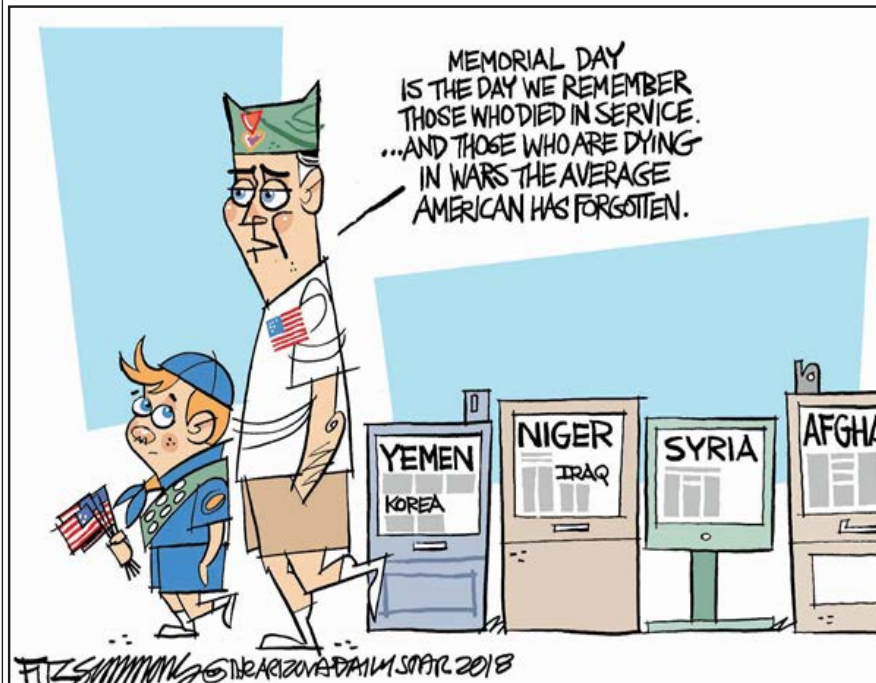
Being me, and being newly retired and being unable to leave the house I poked around on the internet trying to gain some understanding of what happens to me when I was with her. Something I realize most of you would have understandably thought unnecessary. I believe I gained some understanding when I chanced upon an article relating to experiments done with mice. Studies have demonstrated that when a mouse first experienced a new odor their entire brains registered activity. Once they have experienced that odor and are exposed to it again the brain activity is highly restricted and few parts of the brain are activated. I believe the initial response of the mice is comparable to the reaction of my granddaughter who is learning and absorbing with her entire being. I believe this totality, this focus and concentration is what conveys to me her depth of understanding and concern—a feeling I almost never get from any other individual. (I know my daughter

would hate any comparison of her daughter to a mouse ;) but anyway it is my thought that as adults, unlike infants, we are so concerned with our own tasks and projects and troubles that we cannot get out of ourselves to fully absorb much of anything outside of our limited focus. Perhaps this restricted focus inevitably leads to feelings of isolation, loneliness, and in many cases to despair. Societies have created various kinds of institutions and practices to combat what I think of as these painful feelings but these institutions no longer seem to be doing the job.

In my former law practice I was appointed by the county to represent indigent individuals who were often extremely troubled. Alcohol and drug excess were standard conditions as well as problems of impulse control which often led to reckless acts and suicidal thoughts. Well not only clients; a few years ago, a case I was handling had to be rescheduled because the Judge had committed suicide. I wonder about the feelings of despair that darken the lives of so many. In connection with that concern I just ordered a book entitled Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism. The book arrived last night and I glanced through it written before the onset of the pandemic. I gathered that the authors (a Nobel Prize Winning Economist together with his wife) believed that a great number of premature deaths, not only suicides and accidental drug over doses but also deaths resulting from alcoholism were clear indication that great numbers of Americans are not very happy. Surprisingly they concluded that a state of common despair existed that had little to do with economic circumstances.

During the night as I slept my mind combined a bunch of ideas and I awoke with the strong feeling that the unhappiness of the public at large had to do with the way the entire Educational system contrasts with the experience of a growing infant. I have maintained for a long time that the only thing actually learned in School was how to read and that the only ability needed to excel was a good memory. I have always wished that the academic purpose of School would be to assist individuals in learning how to think and to properly value their own thought process. If this is not done, as it is not, a great percentage of individuals will be easily manipulated into taking action against their own best interest and the best interests of society.

The last three years have been a horrifying example of what can and should not happen. The typical academic experience is in direct contrast to the way an infant absorbs relevant information. Information is acquired by the infant as a necessary and valuable reduction of uncertainty. This vital information is acquired through the use of every bit of their brain, focus, and attention. Yes, it is similar to the experience of the mice described above who first acquire information prior to taking the information pretty much for granted. My night-time musings must have concluded that this fully focused attention results in complete personal connection to the experience which is communicated to others and results often in great mutual understanding. Students in School are doing something else; generally, simply trying to absorb and memorize information that has nothing to do with their needs other than the need to pass the class and will soon unapologetically be forgotten. I am certain that such a process is not healthy and may well result, without exaggeration, in negative feelings of disconnectedness from their own intellect. There may well be a resultant disrespect for oneself which eventually leads to despair and sadly to untimely deaths. I believe that a different kind of academic training which encourages independent questioning and



reflection will allow many individuals to value and appreciate their own abilities.

This may all be confusing and simplistic but I know that thinking hard about an important idea is good protection from the feelings of isolation that might be

expected in these times and is a valuable practice to be followed for a lifetime. To me, my own mind is almost as valuable a companion as is my granddaughter who I will see soon
Be Safe

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DICK POLMAN



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I trust that many more entrepreneurs, the lifeblood of our economy and the engines that will drive our economic recovery, will invent creative ways to get us to the movies. Large, blow-up screens? Temporary theaters in mall parking lots? How about dinner and a movie in restaurant parking lots?

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DRIVE-IN THEATERS POISED TO PROFIT FROM PANDEMIC

Here's one COVID-19 silver lining: The drive-in theater, a uniquely American creation, is doing booming business again.

I've long been nostalgic for this wonderful piece of Americana. When I was growing up in the '70s, my mother and father often packed my five sisters and I into our massive station wagon to see outdoor movies.

America's first drive-in theater opened on June 6, 1933 in Camden, N.J. According to History.com, it was the creation of Richard Hollingshead, whose mother found indoor theaters uncomfortable.

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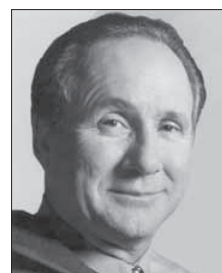
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MICHAEL REAGAN

L.A. IS NO DAY AT THE BEACH



Don't tell the people in charge, but my friend's wife is a member of the L.A. resistance. She's been regularly going out into the underground economy to get her hair done. She's been meeting with her hairdresser at an undisclosed location - his daughter's driveway - and striking a small but symbolic blow for old-fashioned American freedom.

My friend's wife is in no danger of getting in trouble with the authorities, but her hairdresser is.

According to power-mad politicians now in charge of the economic and social lives of 10 million people in Los Angeles County, if she's caught defying the rules of the county's super-strict shutdown, it'll cost her a \$1,000 fine.

The hairdresser, who has been prohibited from working for two months, isn't worried about being caught and hit with a fine. She can't afford to pay it anyway.

Her real fear is being turned in to the police by a neighbor, which reminds me of the way some rotten French people during World War II told stories about their neighbors to the Gestapo after the Germans took over their country.

I fully support what my friend's wife has been doing. But watching her have to sneak around like a saboteur to get her hair done is just one reason living under L.A.'s shutdown is getting harder for me to take.

Across the country, dozens of states have finally come to their senses, ending their shutdowns and reopening their economies. Yet here in L.A. County we've been going backwards.

We've just been told that our severe, absurd and often unscientific shutdown orders won't be lifted until July 4 - at the earliest.

In other words, if I want to sit on a Pacific Ocean beach, I have to drive up to Ventura County.

If I want to eat dinner with my wife in a restaurant, I have to go to Santa Barbara.

If I want to drive to my favorite hotel in Palm Desert and play golf and hang around the swimming pool, however, I still can't.

Right now, the hotel pool is empty and

you have to order food and take it to your room. If I want to eat in my room, I can do it at home.

As I tweeted this week, if I hear about a hotel that opens and has a swimming pool with water in it and a restaurant that I can sit down and eat in, I'm there.

People have tweeted back to me and said, "Oh, please don't do that. You could die."

But I don't care. I'm not afraid. Anyway, the odds of my not dying from the coronavirus are heavily in my favor.

My chances of being killed while driving 50 miles to a hotel are a lot higher than dying from any virus I might catch.

I don't gamble, but I like to go to Las Vegas for the shows, swimming pools and great restaurants. I also like to drive to Palm Desert to play golf and to Solvang to do wine tasting.

I hope the state and local politicians in charge let me enjoy those simple pleasures again soon.

The New York Post, God bless it, did its best to shame them this week by demanding, on its front page, the end of the coronavirus shutdown - Now!

I'm on the same front page. I'm ready to get back to the world beyond my basement and backyard.

Tens of thousands of my fellow Los Angelenos are too, but it's like we're trapped in a foreign country whose rulers are dumb, stubborn and despotic.

Until July 4 if we want to go to a beach and sit on the sand or play volleyball - with our face masks on, I presume - we'll have to drive up to Santa Barbara.

Friends of ours did that the other day and some locals innocently asked if they were tourists.

"No, we're not tourists," one of my friend said sadly, "We're actually refugees from L.A."

Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant.

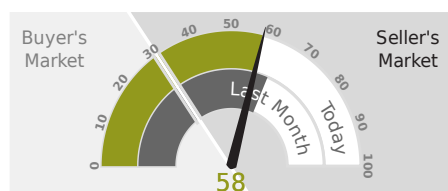
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Monrovia | Single Family Homes

This week the median list price for Monrovia, CA is \$774,000 with the market action index hovering around 58. This is less than last month's market action index of 63. Inventory has held steady at or around 31.

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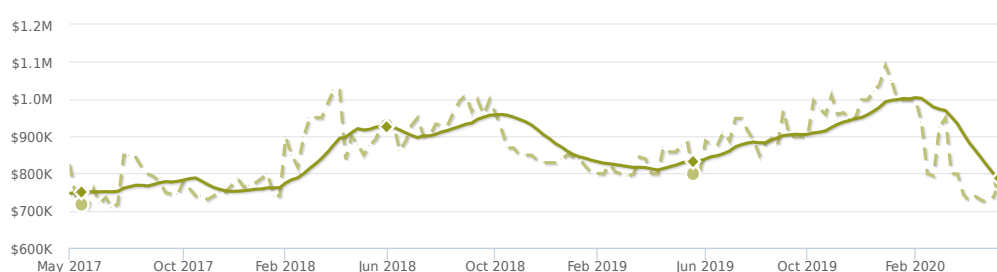
This answers "How's the Market?" by comparing rate of sales versus inventory.



Strong Seller's Market

The market has been cooling off a bit in recent weeks, as more homes are available and demand is less. We're already seeing prices move lower as a result, though the market is still in the Seller's zone. Expect this trend to continue especially if the index falls to the Buyer's zone. Watch for a persistent up-turn in Market Action to signal prices rising again.

MEDIAN LIST PRICE



Sierra Madre | Single Family Homes

This week the median list price for Sierra Madre, CA is \$1,398,000 with the market action index hovering around 38. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 37. Inventory has held steady at or around 21.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

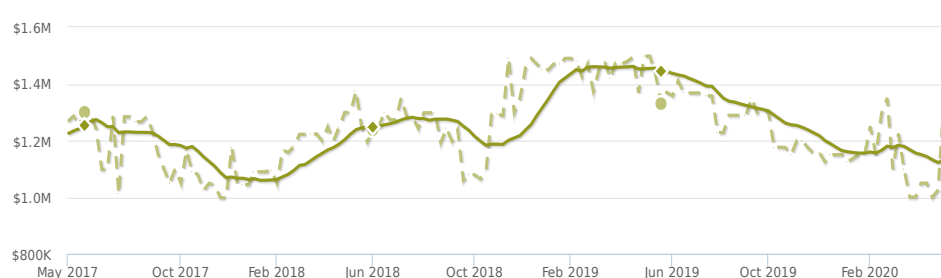
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Slight Seller's Advantage

In the last few weeks the market has achieved a relative stasis point in terms of sales to inventory. However, inventory is sufficiently low to keep us in the Seller's Market zone so watch changes in the MAI. If the market heats up, prices are likely to resume an upward climb.

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