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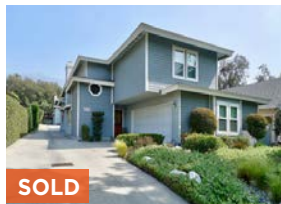
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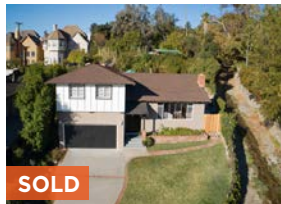
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SIERRA MADRE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, the Sierra Madre City Council will discuss the process to update Sierra Madre's state mandated Housing Element of the General Plan for the 2021-2029 period as required by State law.

The Housing Element establishes policies and programs to address existing and projected housing needs, including the City's fair share of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation.

Just prior to the onslaught of COVID-19 challenges, On March 10, Director Victor Gonzalez and Karen Warner, the City's housing element consultant provided an informational presentation to the council which included an overview of the Housing Element process, RHNA/site requirements, and consequences of non-compliance.

RHNA Process and Status

Every eight years the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) re-evaluates the status of the housing market throughout the State, and develops a new set of housing production goals for the State and its subregions. These allocated housing production targets are called the "Regional Housing Needs Assessment", or RHNA. Each regional government, which in our case is the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), then allocates these regional housing targets to all its member cities and counties. The process for the 6th cycle RHNA is now underway, with 1.34 million new housing units assigned to the SCAG region, representing the largest allocation the region has ever received, resulting in much higher RHNA allocations for SCAG cities and counties.

Following adoption of the final RHNA methodology and release of the draft RHNA plan by SCAG, jurisdictions will have a 45-day period in which to appeal their numbers.

Based on SCAG's Regional Council-approved RHNA methodology, as of March 3rd, SCAG had assigned Sierra Madre a 6th cycle RHNA allocation of 204 units. While still subject to refinement based on the RHNA appeals process, Sierra Madre's current allocation is distributed among the following income categories:

6th RHNA Cycle (2021 -2029)	
Units Allocated to Sierra Madre	
Income Category Housing Units	
Very Low Income	78
Low Income	38
Moderate Income	34
Above Moderate	53
Total	204

The City Council has the following policy choices for the selection of Opportunity Sites:

1. Designate a combination of Multi-Family Residential High Density opportunity sites R3-H (20 du/acre) and R3-H (30 du/acre) including Measure V properties (requiring a public vote); or
2. Increase densities on all current R-3 sites from 13 du/acre to R3-H 20 du/acre (excluding Measure V Boundary properties).

3. Identify one to two sites for very high density (i.e. 50+ units/acre).

On March 10, 2020, Staff solicited City Council input on potential opportunity sites with appropriate densities to meet the City's RHNA allocations. Recent changes in State Housing Element law under AB 879 and AB 1397 require substantial additional analysis to justify sites as suitable and available for development within the planning period. For example:

1. Non-vacant sites, small sites (<0.5 acres), and large sites (>10 acres) are presumed to be inappropriate for development of housing for lower income households unless the jurisdiction can provide evidence why the sites would be appropriate, such as statements from developers or submitted plans.
2. Vacant sites included in the prior two housing elements to accommodate lower income households, or non-vacant sites included in the prior element, cannot be used in future housing elements unless: a) the site is zoned to the minimum lower income density thresholds; and b) zoning allows for development by-right if at least 20% of units are affordable to lower income households.
3. Unless a jurisdiction has established minimum densities, site capacity calculations must be adjusted downwards based on the following factors: a) land use controls and site improvements; b) realistic capacity of site; c) typical densities; and d) environmental and infrastructure constraints.
4. Sites identified in the Housing Element that had either lower income units or a lower income occupant within the past five years must replace that housing at the same or lower income level as a condition of

approval.

A draft schedule is being provided to the council for review on Tuesday. (See Below)

To review the complete Agenda Reports online go to: http://cityofsierramadre.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_212309/File/CC%20Agendas/6.09.2020/Special%20Meeting%20June%209%202020%20at%207PM.pdf

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Meeting ID: 626-232-0232

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Sierra Madre 2021-2029 Housing Element – Draft Schedule (From staff report)

1. Update Existing Sites inventory (per AB 1397, building permits issued, entitled projects)	January - February
2. Release of draft RHNA by SCAG Identification of additional sites	February - April 2020
3. Public Outreach and vetting of sites: ✓ City Council Meetings (2) ✓ Community Workshops (2)	March - June August
4. Rezoning and Land Use Element amendment (as required)	October - November November
5. Screen Draft Housing Element	December - January
6. Revised Screen Draft Element Planning Commission/City Council Study Session	February
7. Adoption of final RHNA by SCAG	February - March 2021
8. Public Review Draft Element HCD 60-day review of Draft Element	
9. CEQA	February - March 2021
10. Public Hearing Draft Element Planning Commission/City Council Public Hearings Submittal of Adopted Element to HCD	April - June

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department is very excited to announce the Sierra Vista Park Parking Lot Improvements.

The project will consist of the addition of 18 new parking stalls with 6 ADA parking spaces. During the construction there will be traffic and parking interruptions. The contractor will be starting with the west driveway approach and the new parking stalls on the west side road leading to the City Yard, Dapper Field, Rose Float building, dog parks and tennis and basketball courts. During this time we asked that you park in the lower lot or on the street and walk to your destination. Once the west side drive approach is cured the driveway will open and the move on to replace the middle drive approach to the park and other concrete improvements in the lower lot.

After the concrete improvements are completed the contractor will grind the old asphalt and prep for a layer of new asphalt. With striping being the last and final touch to the parking lot, the project is scheduled to be completed by July 24th.

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Thank you for your assistance in the matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact James Carlson at (626) 355 - 7135

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We are sorry that technical difficulties prevented us from sharing this event with you this past Mon-day, but we are back on! Make your free reservation to attend SMP's first-ever virtual event, a staged reading of Stephen Sachs' Bakersfield Mist! (If you are unsure if you have a reservation with us al-ready or need assistance making one, please reply to info@sierramadrepplayhouse.org). A link to access the event via YouTube will be sent to the email used to make your reservation at the start time of the event (7:30 pm PDT). Online reservations for this event will close at the event start time (June 22 at 7:30 pm PDT).

HOW TO RESERVE:

1. Go to this event's ticketing page: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35040/production/1029244?performanceId=10548461>
2. Under "General Admission," select the number of people you would like to make a reservation for
3. Select "Checkout" and follow further instructions to complete checkout

No physical tickets are required for this event! (Please disregard the "Will Call" ticket info from the purchase confirmation email). Let us know if you do not receive a confirmation email. Make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee access!

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Monday, June 22, at 7:30 pm PDT (please note that this is 30 minutes later than our Off the Page series normally begins)
Bakersfield Mist
By Stephen Sachs
Directed by SMP Artistic Director Christian Lebrano
~80 min runtime w/ no intermission*

Maude, a fifty-something unemployed bartender living in a trailer park, has bought a painting for a few bucks from a thrift store. Despite almost trashing it, she's now convinced it's a lost masterpiece by Jackson Pollock worth millions. Read the full description here.

For your information:

- There is strong language that may not be appropriate for some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised.

- Throughout the production process, safe social distancing protocols were enforced.

*We understand that delays may happen. The event will be available to view from 7:30 - 9:30 pm PDT. If you experience any delays for whatever reason, we hope the extended amount of time will give you the chance to watch the event in full (the event has been pre-recorded to minimize technical difficulties). We ask that you please join at the event start time at 7:30 pm PDT if possible.

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Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:30am



Learn first hand of your city's plans for the upcoming year. Discover how Sierra Madre will address current challenging social and economic issues. And feel free to offer your thoughts and questions in this virtual meeting.

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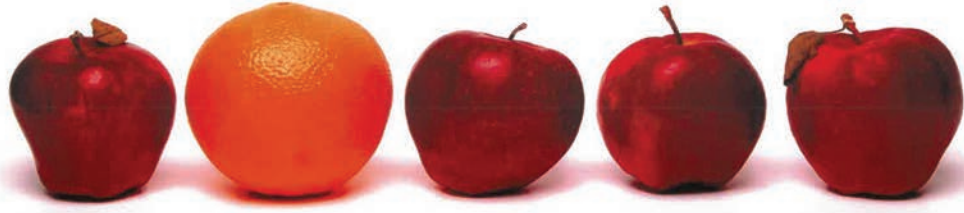
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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



"I believe in loyalty. When a person reaches an age they like, they should stick with it."
Eva Gabor

"A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day trip around the sun. Enjoy the trip, don't miss anything!"
Unknown

"We are only young once. That is all society can stand."
Bob Bowen

"The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age."
Lucille Ball

Birthdays seem to be happening just about every day lately and they are all significant. Of course, many of them are celebrations of the lives of people who have graduated from here to heaven.

Flag Day, June 14th, for instance, was my father-in-law's birthday. He would have been 127. He's been gone quite a long time, but my memories of him and my mother-in-law are so good that I wanted to share a little bit of them. He was a life-long member of the Gideon's and must have given out thousands of little New Testaments in his lifetime. During WW2 he was down at the train station as the young soldiers were taken out of Los Angeles to go to war, handing out New Testaments, shaking their hands, encouraging them, and praying for them. They lived, Jay and Leila Davis, all their lives together in the home that Leila's father bought on Van Ness Avenue in Los Angeles when she and her family first moved here from Idaho when she was 14. She became a school teacher, specializing in adult education, and he worked for the County all his life. He took a walk daily in his neighborhood and was one of the people who left his world a little better than he found it, picking up trash along the way every day. I expect that the line of people who came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, because Jay Davis gave them the Good News, stretched for miles when he arrived in heaven to receive his crown and "well done, good and faithful servant." They loved me and all our family. I had never met people like them before, and have been grateful all my life for the day John took me to meet them and they ran out the door to meet and welcome me.

On this date (June 16) in 1933 My best friend and Walking Sierra Madre buddy, John Davis joyfully arrived on the planet!

John and I were married fifty years and his birthdays became more and more interesting as time went on because he made it very clear he didn't want any more stuff. He let me refresh his wardrobe as soon as he realized I could buy all his clothes for him and he'd never have to go in another department store again. But as far as the children were concerned, what he wanted was for them to arrange something for them to do together. Go someplace, do something. He went to air shows with Leah, helped son, John, remodel a house, went on an outing to an aircraft carrier with Patti and grandson, Blake. We flew to Texas to celebrate birthdays with Crissy and Chris, had innumerable dinners, lunches, breakfasts to celebrate and all my memories of his birthdays involve lots of laughter, flocks of family, good times and good food.

We went on a hot air balloon ride to celebrate his 40th birthday, had a belly dancer and the party of the century at our house on Alegria for his 50th. Yep, friends and neighbors, epic good times.

I suspect his birthday in heaven today is the best one yet. Interestingly, when I opened Sarah Young's devotional book, "Jesus Calling" today, the reading was really about him and his character, ending with his life verse, Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to have mercy and to walk humbly with your God." That was pretty much how John lived. Happy birthday my one and only love! The picture today, is one of us at the July 4th parade a few years ago.

Another birthday I have to mention is my friend Margie Simon, my son-in-law, Dave's mom. On July 2nd she will be 100 years old. She still maintains her own home, takes care of herself and, until Covid 19, volunteered every Monday at Cedars hospital. She is to be congratulated! 100 years old! Can you believe it!

One last thing, the cake John liked most for his birthday was apple cake so I'll pass it along to you guys.

EASY APPLE CAKE

2 cups Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut in good sized chunks
1 cup sugar - Place apples in a bowl and add sugar. Let stand 30 min. (That part is really important!)

Add:
1/4 cup oil
1 egg beaten
1 tsp vanilla
Blend well.
Combine:
1 cup unsifted flour
1 generous tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. salt
Stir into apple mixture.

Add 1/2 cup or so chopped pecans or walnuts. Spoon into well-greased 8" square pan. Bake at 350, 45 to 50 minutes till cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean.

Cut into squares and dust with powdered sugar. Best served warm, and it doubles and triples beautifully.

Take care of yourself this week, dear friends and neighbors. Be kind. Just be kind.

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Thur	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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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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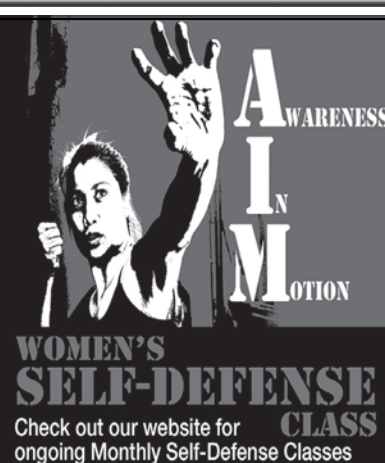


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Pasadena Summer Day Camp Returns

The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will offer summer day camp for Pasadena residents and Pasadena Unified School District students at seven parks throughout the city from Monday, July 6, through Friday, August 7.

Camp will be offered Monday through Friday at Robinson Park, Victory Park, and Villa-Parke centers from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for children ages 5 to 12. Half-day camps will be offered at Central, McDonald, and Washington Parks from noon until 5 p.m., and at La Pintoresca Park from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for children ages 7 to 12. The La Pintoresca Teen Education Center will offer teen-specific programming Monday through Friday from noon until 5 p.m. for children ages 12 to 17.

COVID-19 protocols based on guidance from the Pasadena Public Health Department will be in place. These include screening for symptoms, limited group sizes, physical distancing, and the use of face coverings. To the extent possible, siblings will be assigned to the same group. Programming will include sports and fitness activities, arts and crafts, dance, enrichment activities, and more.

Fees for camp 2020 have been reduced to \$25 per week for camps taking place at recreation centers, and a one-time \$25 fee for outdoor camps at parks. Camps will enroll between 30 and 40 children per week, and scholarships are available. Registration is being done through a lottery system, which opens on Thursday, June 18, and closes on Wednesday, June 23. Register on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department website to participate in the lottery, or call (626) 744-6500 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We’re thrilled to be able to offer summer day camp this summer,” says Brenda Harvey-Williams, director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. “After distance learning and the cancellation of sports and recreation programming, we know our local kids are ready to get back to play.”

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Men Who Helped Women Win the Vote

Wednesday, June 24 • 4 p.m.

- Online

Suffrage activists in the U.S. fought long and hard to win the vote for half of its citizens – women. Did you know that there were many men who walked shoulder-to-shoulder with their mothers, sisters, wives and daughters to secure the vote for them? We invite you to join women’s historians Martha Wheelock and Ellen Snortland of the National Women’s History Alliance, nwhp.org, as they showcase the rarely seen men who gave their support and votes to the women as a natural extension of “liberty and justice for all.” Sign up at: pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventID=2768 and you will be provided with the link to join in the presentation.



Salvation Army Donation Center Burns

By Dean Lee

Pasadena fire investigators were looking into possible arson after a Salvation Army Donation Center went up in flames Wednesday sending massive flames and smoke into the air seen for miles. Thousands of pounds of donated goods were burned.

According to Battalion Chief Bill Cuskey firefighters responded to the donation center 56 W. Del Mar Blvd. shortly before 12:30 p.m. Firefighters found

smoke and fire from the rear of the building off the Waverly Dr. service entrance.

Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said about 20 people evacuated the Salvation Army Thrift Store next door to the center.

Derderian said donated goods had been piling outside since the thrift store shutdown in March over COVID-19. The store had reopened May 22. She said it was lucky the blaze did not spread to nearby buildings, including a school.

“The aggressive firefighting stance contained the spread of fire and was isolated without flames and smoke into the air extending to surrounding structures,” Cuskey said.

Due to the large amount of storage and overhaul needed, bulldozers and other heavy equipment were used, he said.

Assisting Agencies included San Marino Fire, Arcadia Fire, Glendale Fire Department Air

New Health Officer Order Lets More Sectors Reopen

City of Pasadena Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh issued last week a revised Safer at Home Order in line with the next steps in California’s phased reopening plan. This new phase of reopening aligns with neighboring communities, moving Southern California towards a regional recovery and supporting our local businesses, many of which are small and locally-owned.

The Health Officer Order will allow for the following sectors to reopen once they implement the required protocols for infection control and distancing:

- Gyms and fitness facilities
- Pro-league arenas without live audiences
- Day camps
- Museums and galleries
- Music, film and television production

Hotels, motels and short-term rentals for leisure travel

As with all businesses that are permitted to reopen, the Health Officer Order contains protocols for reopening to ensure it is done with as little risk as possible for employees, customers and residents. Employees and visitors to these businesses will need to wear a cloth face covering when around other people and practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. It is important for everyone to follow the directives and to do their part every day to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

This step forward does not mean the threat of COVID-19 is gone. Residents must continue to practice physical distancing, wear cloth face coverings, and follow all other public health guidelines in place. If at any time the city’s rate of infection and other key metrics demonstrate a rapid acceleration of new cases that threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system, future reopenings may be limited or reopened sectors may be closed. Those with underlying medical conditions and those ages 65 and older are still safer at home.

COVID-19 Testing

With a growing number of COVID-19 community testing sites established across the state, Pasadena Public Health Department urges residents to get tested, especially if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are at a higher risk of either contracting the virus or becoming seriously ill from COVID-19.

California has partnered with OptumServe and Verily to launch more than 100 testing sites across the state. ChapCare’s Kathryn Barger Health Center, located at 1595 N. Lake Ave. in Pasadena, is available by appointment only Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. To register for a test, visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or call (888) 634-1123. COVID testing is also available at other locations, including some urgent care centers and pharmacies in the community. Contact your healthcare provider for testing options.

For more information, including isolation and quarantine guidelines, visit: cityofpasadena.net/public-health/covid-19-testing-centers/.

Utility, South Pasadena Fire and Alhambra Fire.

One Firefighter fell ill and was transported to a nearby hospital. The fire was knocked down in just under an hour.

Officials also cautioned that donation centers should know their limitations when accepting physical goods. Cuskey said there were hundreds of large boxes of sorted and crated items at the center.

Brookside Raises Golf Course Fees

The Pasadena city council approved Monday increasing fees at Brookside Golf Course citing a need to offset losses after the course closed March 19 due to COVID-19. According to city staff and the Rose Bowl Operating Company standard golf fees will be flexible and could go up to \$50 and increase as high as \$90, including golf carts, for tournaments and shotguns.

Officials said this is the first time fees have increased since 2015.

“Under this model green fee rates will have the flexibility to go up or down based on direct competition without delay,” City staff said. For example, if our competition raises their green fee by \$1, we can act quickly (through the RBOC Golf Committee) and decide in real time if such an increase makes sense for Brookside.”

According to Darryl Dunn RBOC General Manager, “The initial goal is to achieve approximately a 3 percent increase to the green fees. This will bring us closer to market prices and help to offset Brookside’s estimated 1.5 percent annual expense increase for water use, labor, etc. It should be noted that the initial rate increase will not be a uniform increase across all rate categories. Instead each rate will be evaluated, now and in the future, as it compares with the rates of the competition in the market and changed accordingly. This is especially true for protecting the youth development conducted at Brookside through the Southern California Golf Association and most notably being home of The First Tee of Pasadena.”

The council also approved a \$1 Capital fee to each green fee.

The new fees could bring in an additional \$135,000 for improvements on the golf complex and clubhouse. The increased revenues would help off-set rising RBOC operation costs as well as much needed Capital Improvements to the Brookside facility they said.

The increased revenues would not include food and beverage revenues or merchandise sales.

The Huntington Library to Reopen Gardens July 1



The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens announced this week that after more than three months of closure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it will reopen most of its 130 acres of gardens—with sweeping new safety measures in place—on July 1 to visitors with advance tickets (and now to Huntington members with advance tickets). During July and August, The Huntington will also be open on Tuesdays, historically a day it has been closed, and will offer special evening hours on certain dates during the summer months in order to expand its more restricted capacity due to COVID-19. In July, there will be two monthly free days, instead of only one, to facilitate broader public access to The Huntington’s popular outdoor spaces.

Such high-touch areas as the Children’s Garden and The Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory for Botanical Science, as well as the galleries and other indoor spaces, will remain closed during the summer months but are expected to reopen in the fall. The Huntington’s research library also remains closed.

Those who wish to visit The Huntington beginning on July 1 (or now if a member) will be required to secure an online ticket in advance at huntington.org. Due to Los Angeles County guidelines for physical distancing as well as group

gatherings, only 1,500 tickets for regular daytime visitors will be available each day, representing about a third of the average number visiting on a busy spring day. All visitors will be required to comply with such COVID-related safety measures as wearing face coverings and being screened for symptoms, including a temperature check.

“The Huntington is a resilient institution, staffed with energetic and extraordinarily dedicated people who have worked nonstop to stay in touch with our diverse audiences and get us to the point of reopening in a safe way,” said Huntington President Karen Lawrence. “We have spent considerable time developing our safety protocols to protect our staff, our members, and the public. We know our visitors can’t wait to walk our paths again, and we can’t wait to welcome them back.”

Visitors coming to The Huntington will be able to experience a small portion of the expanded area in the Chinese Garden on the north side of the lake. Slated for completion in the fall, the total expansion project will constitute about nine acres featuring new landscape, paths, pavilions, two galleries, and a café.

For ticketing and visitor information visit: huntington.org/visit.

Tournament of Roses Gives Foundation Grant Awards

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation announced this week its 2020 grant awards totaling over \$140,000 presented to 16 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. These grants will support new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors. Due to COVID-19, many of the grant recipients were able to adjust their service approach to comply with physical distancing, while others pivoted their programming to meet community needs related to the pandemic.

Since its inception, the Tournament of Roses Foundation has funded over \$3 million in charitable contributions on behalf of the Tournament of Roses Association. A goal of the Foundation is to invest in

people through sustainable programs. This year, two \$25,000 grants were awarded to such organizations:

- Two-year, \$25,000 grant - YWCA Pasadena- Foothill Valley supporting TechGyrls.
- Single-year, \$25,000 grant, awarded to the Pasadena-Sierra Madre YMCA for their Sports and Recreation program.

The other 14 community initiatives received grants in the categories of Performing and Visual Arts, Sports and Recreation, and Education (Early Childhood Education, Literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). In addition, the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF), a 2-year grant recipient, received the second half of their funds and has allocated the \$25, 000 to provide COVID-19 relief.

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The Arcadia Police Department is seeking the public's help in locating an "at risk" missing person

Steven Ellington, 59 years old, male African-American, 5' 4", 160 lbs. Mr. Ellington has short black hair and dark brown eyes. He was seen wearing a long sleeve black t-shirt, camouflage pants, black socks, and black shoes with white tips.

Mr. Ellington was last seen on 6/17/20 at approximately 7:00 PM in the area of Huntington Drive and Baldwin Ave, in the city of Arcadia. Arcadia Police officers and detectives have been searching for Mr. Ellington, but need the public's help in locating and returning him safely to his home in Arcadia. Mr. Ellington's family believes he may have boarded a Metro or Foothill Transit bus and is no longer in the Arcadia area.

Mr. Ellington has a cognitive disability and may not be able to identify himself, or return home on his own. If you have information or see Mr. Ellington, please call 9-1-1 or contact the Arcadia Police Department Dispatch Center at (626) 574-5123.



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ARCADIA AWARDS GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

June 17, 2020 – The City of Arcadia recently held a lottery to award grants to 49 small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program, under the new Arcadia Works! Program, is dispersing \$245,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Grants of \$5,000 each, primarily provided under the federally funded CARES Act to assist with COVID-19 relief, are being directly awarded to small businesses in Arcadia.

Hundreds of businesses applied for the grant program and the need is deep throughout the community. Recipients included the full range of business types, from small retailers, to restaurants, to spas and salons, to offices that have been in Arcadia for decades. Mayor Roger Chandler participated in the lottery with Development Services Department staff. "The City received an overwhelming response to the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program," said Mayor Chandler. "It is important that we do everything we can to support small businesses during these challenging times."

The response from the Arcadia community has been overwhelming and several grant recipients have shared their feedback. "I am looking forward to sharing the great news with our employees," said Mariza Gatdula from Arcadia Dentistry, who will be using the grant towards helping retain employees.

"We have been a small women-owned business for over 20 years in Arcadia," said Cheryl Marino of Cake Sisters. "It is so nice to see the support the City has given small businesses during this pandemic. This grant will help alleviate some of the stress caused by the mandatory closures," she added.

"We are appreciative of the local business community's interest in the grant program, and we sincerely hope this funding is helpful in keeping these businesses active and vibrant", said Jason Kruckeberg, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director. "The COVID-19 Small Business Grants represent a concerted effort by the City of Arcadia to provide direct relief to as many local businesses as possible and is just one of the steps the City is taking to support our small business community." In addition to the grants, the City is providing other local resources and initiatives, including business license renewal payment extensions, extension of development deadlines, business assistance ombudsman services, allowances for additional outdoor seating areas for dining, and a partnership with the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce for business outreach and marketing.

The City is hopeful that more CDBG funding will become available to be used for additional grants in the near future, and is exploring other funding opportunities as well. "We plan to keep all applications on file should future funding become available," said Mr. Kruckeberg. "I believe that this direct financial assistance is the best way to help. Unfortunately, there is no quick fix to the economic impacts of COVID-19 but we are here to support our business community in any way we can," he added.

Please visit ArcadiaCA.gov/LocalBusiness for more information, and stay tuned for additional announcements in the coming weeks. For any questions or assistance, please contact the Development Services Department by phone at (626) 574-5409 or by email at DSD@ArcadiaCA.gov.

MONROVIA NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF MONROVIA SUMMER PROGRAMS

Given that large gatherings continue to be prohibited to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of the community, the City of Monrovia has modified the 2020 summer events. This summer, the City of Monrovia is excited to present the first-ever decorating contest to celebrate Independence Day, launch new virtual recreation classes and activities and welcome back the Monrovia Street Fair & Market!
For programs, events and classes that require registration, those interested can sign-up by simply clicking on the links in the digital Monrovia Today.

The summer edition of the Monrovia Today will be available online in the first week of July. Fitness classes, dance lessons, academic support programs and much more will be offered to residents and community members to virtually participate in during the summer season. To make access to virtual programs, this year the Monrovia Today will be digital and residents will not receive a physical copy. In the upcoming week, a postcard should arrive in homes with a QR code to scan, leading to the digital Monrovia Today. Registration for programs, events and classes will begin on July 6.

Monrovia Street Fair & Market

The Monrovia Street Fair & Market will return on July 3, at 5 p.m. In order to keep in compliance with physical distancing protocols, the Monrovia Street Fair & Market will implement a few changes. The market will be condensed and located on Myrtle Avenue between Olive Avenue and Walnut Avenue. To avoid crowding, a limited number of visitors may occupy the marketplace at one time. Visitors may be asked to wait when the market has reached capacity. In addition, there will be one entry in, at Olive Avenue, and one exit out. Those visiting will see a temporary discontinuation of the kids' play area and entertainment, and the addition of hand wash and hand sanitizer stations.

4th of July Celebration

For this year's 4th of July celebration, every resident has the best seat in the house! All are encouraged to take a few minutes to experience a portion of the 2019 Fireworks Spectacular Show. This special video will also give thanks to Monrovia's Blue Star Families and show appreciation to those serving the Country. The video will air on Saturday, July 4, at 5:00 p.m. It can be viewed on the City's website, Facebook Page and YouTube.

The City of Monrovia will also host a 4th of July Home Decorating Contest and an Old Town Monrovia Window Decorating Contest for those looking to show their community pride. All Monrovians are encouraged to break out their bunting, American Flags, banners and balloons and show they are Monrovia Strong! To register for the competition, please visit the City of Monrovia's website. Judging for the competition will take place on July 1 and July 2, with the winners announced and maps made available on July 3.

As a reminder, all fireworks are prohibited in the City of Monrovia.

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SOUTH PASADENA RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

The South Pasadena City Council responded to community input regarding the status of its financial controls at last night's public meeting. Mayor Robert Joe explained that the City Council was recently made aware of community concerns about the City's financial processes based on public comments by a former City employee. "This City Council firmly believes the community has every right to know about our financial condition, the oversight processes we now have in place, and how we are managing our resources during this very challenging period," he said. The City Council and staff continue to prepare the City budget, which must be adopted by the end of June. The Council pledged to not take action to adopt the 2020-21 fiscal year budget until the City Finance Commission fully reviews all changes made since its last review.

Related to the criticism from the former finance department staff member, Mayor Joe said, "I want to assure the community that we take these concerns seriously. Over the past few years, we have made significant changes in our procedures so that our financial record-keeping and forecasting is far more rigorous than in the past. We recognize the critical importance of having the community trust us to manage our public resources wisely, and we have taken significant steps to earn that trust."

Mayor Pro Tem Diana Mahmud, who served as the City Council's liaison to the Finance Commission during the relevant period of the City's review of the Finance Department, made the following statement:

"About three years ago, we learned of some accounting errors and deficiencies that had gone undetected for several years during previous Finance Director's and City Manager's tenures. We took immediate action to correct these issues, including conducting a forensic audit to find out exactly what happened and how it could be prevented in the future. We want to be very clear: the audit confirmed that no city funds are missing. The audit did highlight the need for process improvements and we have made them in our operations, including a reorganization of our Finance Department; stronger internal controls; and contracting out for services such as payroll and business licensing."

"We are continually examining our operations to maximize efficient use of our limited resources and have the proper tools in place to weather financial downturns such as the one we are now experiencing. As the Mayor stated, our Finance Commission will review our budget once again before the Council considers its adoption at our June 24th meeting. We encourage the community to ask questions, provide feedback, and share comments. You expect

and deserve nothing less."

City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe, who was hired by the City three years ago to bring a higher level of oversight of financial operations, spent time during the Council meeting to provide an update to the City Council and community:

"I would like to provide the Council and the community with a brief history of our financial procedures and operations, outline the significant changes we have made to become even more responsible stewards of public resources, and address the points made in a recent communication from a former City staff member.

"Let's begin by noting that the community has every right to expect full disclosure and transparency regarding our financial operations, reserves, and other aspects of city management. I understand the frustration among some members of our community and welcome any opportunity to discuss our finances in detail.

"First, some background on how we got to where we are today. In late 2017, we discovered a pattern of inappropriate accounting practices and internal control deficiencies dating back several years, spanning several previous Finance Directors, which, among other things, inflated the size of the unrestricted General Fund. This same accounting issue shows up in the City's 2017/2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Staff brought the concerns to the City Council, which quickly directed staff to begin the process of investigating and determining the full extent of the problem. We immediately put into place proper protocols to correct these practices while we began detailed work to reconcile all funds. We found that the amount of funds in various categories were over- and under-stated, resulting in the unrestricted General Fund to appear larger than it really is. Very importantly though, and as the mayor (vice mayor) pointed out: we found there are no missing funds in any City account. The location where various funds were inaccurately placed was not disclosed or discussed in previous audits; the City has a new independent auditing firm to increase the overview of internal controls, including proper accounting.

"We began the process of documenting and reallocating dollars to the appropriate accounts for multiple previous years. This effort was – and continues to be – time consuming and labor-intensive. We have a small team of employees in the Finance Department, and while they work to complete clean-up efforts, they must also continue to process the City's daily business such as paying bills, managing audits, monitoring the budget, and preparing the

budget for the next fiscal year. As a result, the clean-up efforts will require additional time to complete.

"We also put other measures in place to strengthen the Finance Department and reduce the potential for similar deficiencies in the future. This included restructuring the department, hiring additional specialized staff, contracting out other financial services at a savings to the City, hiring a new independent audit firm, creating and enforcing new policies, training and cross-training employees, and introducing new technology.

"It's important for the community to know that the presentation of the draft budget for the 2020/21 budget year was delayed from June 3 due to the curfew put into place by Los Angeles County, and as a result, the final adoption of the budget is delayed until June 24. In addition to the budget presentation, at that meeting we will provide a much deeper explanation and review of the actions we have taken to address the previously identified deficiencies. Prior to that meeting, I thought it would be helpful to provide a brief timeline of events during the past few years that have brought us to where we are today. We will make that document available tomorrow (June 11, 2020) afternoon.

"Also, since the budget was presented to the Finance Commission on May 26, there were changes made to the draft budget posted on the City website as a result of updated non-general fund revenue estimates provided by Los Angeles County and changes in department budgets in response to evolving Safer at Home rules. Those changes will be presented to the Finance Commission next week along with a discussion of the enhanced fiscal controls now in place. It is important to note that department budgets and revenue estimates will continue to evolve as the County permits more services and businesses to reopen. We must recognize that we are still in a very fluid environment regarding estimates and predictions. Because of this, we anticipate presenting a budget update to Council at least quarterly, and potentially more often if circumstances demand. That said, we are confident that the accounting and allocation of General Fund monies, including General Fund reserves, is more accurate today than it was in 2017 or in the 2017/2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report."

The City's Finance Commission heard a presentation from City staff on June 18.

The City Council will review the draft budget and Commission recommendations and consider adoption of the budget at its meeting on June 24, 2020.



This November, my dad is going to turn 80. He is doing great in the mind and in spirit, but his body has many problems. He can barely walk now and just was forced to get a motorized scooter. He lives in severe pain in his back and legs. This has made it so hard for him to enjoy my nephew, his six-year-old grandson.

I am telling you this not to get to know my dad (he is a great guy!), but rather because I can't imagine him surviving on the streets or in his car. But this is precisely what our Outreach Team encountered this week. They received a referral for an 80-year-old woman who has been living in her car for the past year. From what they learned of her story, she had been living in the same apartment building, with a Section 8 voucher, for the past 17 years. William told me that she is super sweet, one of the nicest ladies he has met. A year ago, however, the owner sold the building and put the residents out. While she has a voucher, she doesn't have enough money for first and last on rent, not to mention there are almost no units available. William and Najwa met with her, and we were able to get her into a motel while they look for permanent housing. I ask you to think of the 80 year olds in your life and imagine this scenario.

It is only thanks to your dedication and commitment to Friends In Deed that we can help this woman, and so many others, on the road to rebuilding their lives. In this time of COVID-19 and economic down-turn, we are so grateful for everyone who continues to be so generous in their support, thank you!

Finally, on this Juneteenth, let us take this day to commit to learning more about our national history, listening as our Black neighbors and friends share their pain and struggle, and continuing to work for justice and equality.

And, Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there! Blessings, have a lovely and safe weekend,

Rabbi Joshua
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

ARCADIA WOMAN ARRESTED ON COMPLAINT ALLEGING SHE SWINDLED INVESTORS OF COACHELLA HOTEL COMPLEX OUT OF MORE THAN \$20 MILLION

LOS ANGELES – A San Gabriel Valley woman was arrested this morning on a criminal complaint alleging she fraudulently solicited \$21.6 million in funds for a condominium and hotel complex in the Coachella Valley, then spent a significant portion of her victims’ money on her own lavish living expenses, including luxury cars, travel, and designer clothing.

Ruixue “Serena” Shi, 36, of Arcadia, was taken into custody by special agents of the FBI. She has been charged with one count of wire fraud and is expected to make her initial appearance this afternoon in United States District Court.

According to an affidavit filed with the complaint filed Wednesday and unsealed today, between November 2015 and July 2018, Shi solicited investments for the Hyde Resorts and Residences Coachella Valley. Hyde Resorts was to be a 207-unit luxury condominium and hotel complex that was supposed to have a total of 95,000 square feet of on-site conference facilities, a pool, spa, fitness center and other amenities.

Shi was the president and owner of Global House Buyer (GHB), a China-based real estate development company, and also was CEO of the Beverly Hills-based company Hyde Morgan Development, LLC, the affidavit states. The Hyde complex was to be developed by GHB while Hyde Morgan solicited investments.

Shi contacted prospective investors in the Hyde complex – who mostly were based in China – through sales presentations she gave at hotels, radio advertisements, and through the solicitation of investments over forums on We-Chat, a Chinese messaging, social media, and mobile payment application, according to the affidavit.

Among the false representations Shi allegedly made to her victims to induce them to invest was that the Hyde development was scheduled to begin construction in 2017. Investors were told they would be purchasing condos ranging in price from \$400,000 to \$700,000, according to the affidavit. Investors were required to pay 40 percent of the total purchase price upfront as a down payment, but Shi promised that GHB would help them finance the remaining balance with loans from U.S.-based banks when the project was completed.

Chinese investors in the Hyde project were falsely told that their investments with Shi would enable them to obtain visas through the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, the affidavit states. EB-5 is a federal program that allows foreign investors to secure a U.S. visa by investing a large sum of money to finance a business in the United States that employs American workers. One victim told law enforcement that Shi told her that Shi would procure a long-term visa for her through the EB-5 Program if she invested \$500,000 in the Hyde project, the affidavit states.

Shi also allegedly told investors that GHB had purchased a 47-acre lot of land in Coachella Valley where the Hyde development was to be built. In reality, Shi purchased only 20 acres of that property, the affidavit states. Shi also falsely told investors that GHB had obtained the required city development approvals for the Hyde development, which included the re-zoning of the land she purportedly had purchased, when no such approvals had been given.

When some victim-investors began demanding refunds after hearing GHB no longer was in operation in the United States, Shi allegedly offered them partial refunds if they signed a contract purporting to prevent them from disclosing they had received the refund. She also allegedly sent investors phony photographs purporting to be of construction that was underway. In truth, GHB never began construction on the Hyde development and never purchased the entire plot of land where the development was to be built, the affidavit states.

Bank records allegedly show that Shi transferred the victims’ funds to her personal accounts and then misappropriated a significant portion of victims’ money for her own expenses. For example, she allegedly used \$2.2 million of investor money to pay a company that provided luxury travel and concierge services, nearly \$295,000 to purchase two Mercedes-Benz automobiles, and hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy clothes, restaurant meals, and hotel stays in Beverly Hills, France, Thailand and China.

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

If convicted, Shi would face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

The FBI investigated this matter. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Alexander C.K. Wyman of the Major Frauds Section.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 36 new deaths and 1,051 new cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Twenty-six people who died were over the age of 65 years old, seven people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65 years old, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. Thirty-one people had underlying health conditions including 25 people over the age of 65 years old and six people between the ages of 41 to 65 years old. One death was reported by the City of Long Beach and one death was reported by the City of Pasadena.

To date, Public Health has identified 78,227 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 3,027 deaths. Ninety-four percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 2,807 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health); 42% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 29% among White residents, 17% among Asian residents, 11% among African American residents, less than 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races. Upon further investigation, 13 cases reported earlier were not LA County residents. There are 1,429 people who are currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are in the ICU and 22% are on ventilators. Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for nearly 868,000 individuals and 8% of people testing positive.

A modified Health Officer Order and directives for the reopening of additional businesses is being issued today with an effective date of June 19. The Health Officer Order will allow for the following sectors to reopen once they implement the required protocols for infection control and distancing:

Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities and racetracks with no spectators
Personal care services including: esthetician, skin care and cosmetology services; electrology; nail salons; body art professionals, tattoo parlors, microblading and permanent make-up; and piercing shops; and massage therapy
Bars, wineries, breweries and tasting rooms
The Health Officer Order contains protocols for all businesses that are permitted to reopen to ensure it is done as safely

as possible for employees, customers and residents. Employees and visitors to these businesses will need to wear a cloth face covering when around other people and practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Some employees may be required to wear face shields. It is important for everyone to follow the directives and to do their part every day to keep everyone as safe as possible. Businesses should take the time to put all of the protocols in place before reopening. The directives will be available online and are contained in sector-specific protocols that inform all re-openings.

“To the many families who are mourning loved ones lost to COVID-19, please accept our heartfelt sympathies,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. “COVID-19 has impacted everyone across the county, and we are all feeling exhausted by the safety requirements, yet we still have to find it within ourselves to do our part to protect each other from the spread of the virus. As more sectors re-open, we risk losing all the progress we have made in slowing the spread, if we don’t take every precaution possible to prevent exposing others and ourselves to the virus.”

Because this virus is still easily transmitted among people in contact with each other, 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, and wear a clean face covering when in contact with others from outside your household. It’s important if someone thinks they could be positive for COVID-19 and are awaiting testing results, to stay at home and act as if they are positive. This means self-isolating for 10 days and 72 hours after symptoms and fever subside, or until they receive a negative result. If a person tests positive for COVID-19, they should plan on receiving a call from a contact tracer to discuss how to protect themselves and others, to find out where they may have been, and who they were in close contact with while infectious. 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.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER COVID-19 UPDATE 6/19/2020 3:30pm

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Total Cases	79,609	(70,476)
Deaths	3,063	(2,832)

DEATHS BY:

Age Group (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- 0 to 17	5042
- 18 to 40	29881
- 41 to 65	28672
- over 65	11611
- Under Investigation	416

Gender (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- Female	37164
- Male	38114
- Other	10
- Under Investigation	334

Race/Ethnicity (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- American Indian/Alaska Native	63
- Asian	3537
- Black	2506
- Hispanic/Latino	26721
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	316
- White	7368
- Other	11048
- Under Investigation	24063

STATS BY CITY

	Population	Cases	Deaths
	(last week's stats in parenthesis)		
Pasadena	14,1371	1099 (1023)	86 (84)
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	4 (4)	0 (0)
NO CHANGE			
City of Arcadia	57,754	125 (105)	7 (6)
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	17 (12)	1 (1)
City of Bradbury	1,069	4	0
NO CHANGE			
City of Duarte	22,016	154 (144)	17 17
Uninc.- Duarte	4,428	25 (18)	1 (1)
City of Monrovia	38,800	207 (185)	27 (25)
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	24 (23)	0 (0)
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	23 (15)	2 (2)
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	140 (138)	21 (20)
Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	197 (178)	6 (6)

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

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

It has been said, that there is no substitute for time. Only through its passage can many of life's experiences be fully understood. This Fathers Day I reflect back on a lesson of life and a Father that has ceased to teach and comfort me. I would like to invite you along for a single night with a man that has left this Earthly place but dwells eternally within my heart. The article below was written and published before his passing.

My Evening with a Restaurant Critic.

My entire life has been an eight course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite, dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but I have come to realize that I was wrong. For some in life it is the famous baseball player; or possibly a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or the profound artist. How many times in life, if ever do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire and challenge life with a depth of wisdom? For most they will never get the opportunity. I can claim one prize in this life; I have had the opportunity to observe, speak with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that place for me. They have been labeled "The greatest generation" for a reason. Each day another from that stratum of America, "slowly goes into the night."

Many of you know that my Father Elmer Dills was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but as a fine wine, wisdom increases in its depth and flavor as it ages. On this night our adventure took us to Madeleines(since closed) in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madeliennes. "Table for three, please," on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (the budding Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well behaved children; I know their parents are invariably going to be respectful people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment, I know it goes beyond just me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention and gratification, just a smooth easy in being in his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right in this business. My Dad the legendary restaurant critic doesn't even ask what

the ingredients of the dishes are as he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just as natural as going to dinner with a group of friends, I think.



The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit, just like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," just like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two training thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other. She will discover soon enough why I wear running shoes and a sport coat.

I order the Spencer Steak, of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked, it vanishes quickly.

Back to Dad, the waiter asks, "How was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked would give the response, "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!!" "And the dessert was?" A shrugged of the shoulders told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today, I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure he will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

Happy Fathers Day – I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything. This was a re-print and may just run it every year at this time just to remind you and all to hold these special days near your heart.

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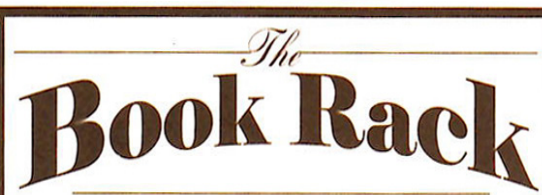
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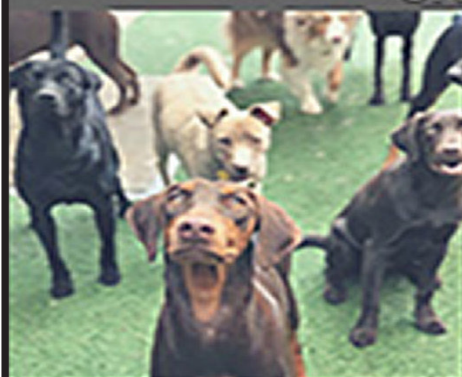
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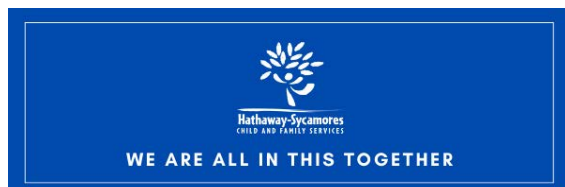
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Guests will be able to cook virtually alongside Chef Claud and enjoy a curated “Summer Steak Night” 3-course meal and signature cocktail for two as well as a bottle of Ascension Cellars 2015 Mayhem Syrah. (Vegetarian option is available.)

Proceeds will go directly to helping children, young adults, and families impacted by COVID-19, includ-ing providing critical mental health services and continuing to provide care to the community we serve.

To learn more about the event and purchase tickets, visit this link. As space is limited and “Zooms” are filling up, please RSVP before Tuesday, June 23rd.

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All Things By Jeff Brown

In 1955, 14 year old Emmett Till of Chicago was visiting family in Mississippi when he was kidnapped by a group of white men who accused him of flirting with a white woman. They beat him bloody, gouged out his eye, shot him in the head, mutilated his body, and dumped it in the Tallahatchie River. (The men were later acquitted) His mother chose to have an open -casket viewing, and to let Jet, an African American magazine photograph his son's brutalized remains. It forced America to see for the first time what American racism actually looked like, "said Benjamin Saulsberry, director of the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Mississippi. That image, and the shame and disgust it evoked, launched the civil rights era. Years of sit-ins, protests, and confrontations with police finally toppled Jim Crow segregation, and culminated in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. And now, after Americans watched a kneeling white police officer nonchalantly crush the life out of George Floyd, we have come to another Emmett Till moment-a reckoning period. The passionate, multiracial protest that has filled the streets of more than 1000 U.S. cities and towns will not end racism. But as Mahatma Gandhi taught, shame and moral revulsion can be powerful weapons against oppression. In the past week, we have seen police chiefs taking a knee with Black Lives Matter protesters. Cities and Congress are moving towards major reform of policing. A near-insurrection broke out among current and retired generals after President Trump sought to bring in active-duty troops to "dominate" the protestors, a la Tiananmen Square. Confederate statues and flags are finally coming down. In a Monmouth University poll 76% of Americans called racism "a big problem" in the U.S.-up 26 points since 2015. No one can unsee the knee on George Floyd's neck, or unhear his cry, "I can't breathe". Change is slow, and change is wrenching but change is coming. William Falk Editor-in-Chief "The Week"

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JANE FULLER: Sierra Madre Singer and Guitarist
"Welcome Back to Sierra Madre!"

"I hope people realize the value of live music now that it's been gone during the Covid shutdown," says Jane Fuller, who has been performing in Southern California for over



30 years.

"I want to use music to help the local businesses during this financial downturn," explains Fuller, who will be performing her upbeat music at Corfu's Restaurant at 5 p.m. on June 27. The theme will be "Welcome Back to Sierra Madre."

Fuller wants people to wake up and re-discover what "atmosphere" really means, and to get a taste of what they've been missing. "Life is 3D," she explains. "Atmosphere means there are smells, and tastes, and vibrations. Music is literally vibrations in the air that affects our entire being. When you're in a restaurant eating with a friend, it's a multi-sensory experience that feeds our need for social interaction. We're all social creatures," she says enthusiastically.

"I think that people go to musical performances for something more than just the music," she explains. "People want a sense of community. They want to be a part of something."

Fuller is also a theatre arts teacher for the LA Unified School district, though all classes have been on-line the last few months, with no direct social interaction. In the past, she has even involved her students with her public performances.

Fuller has produced four CDs, including "Night and Day," "You're Coming Back Again," and a Christmas CD called "The Spirit of Giving." Her most recent CD is called "Someone to Listen." Her music can be purchased at CDbaby.com.

Fuller began to play the guitar at age 10, when the folk music trend invaded the Catholic Church and Masses included guitars. "One of the girls at school showed me a few chords, and I had to learn quickly," she says. Fuller explains that she had a strict nun in 5th grade who pushed her into leadership positions in stage, and in organizing the music for Mass. "I had to deliver for God," she says with a laugh. "I had to learn the new songs for church, and this drove me to improve my guitar playing."

Fuller went to Alverno High School, and took classes at Pasadena City College. "I studied under Bob Bradford at PCC and learned a lot about blues and jazz. I really learned a lot from him," she emphasizes.

She earned a bachelors degree in Creative Writing and Literature at UC Santa Cruz, and a degree in theatre arts from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

She has lived in Sierra Madre since 2004, and has long felt a part of this community, from her high school days at Alverno, to teaching at Saint Rita's, and to her many musical performances.

She believes that part of her mission as a musician is to support local businesses. "It's so much more than just supporting a business," she explains. "A successful business brings in people, and the people are uplifted and come together. This creates a sense of community, and it's really just like growing a garden. But in this case, the "fruit" of that garden that a healthy community produces are the people with naturally healthy immune systems."

This show on June 27 will be dedicated to longtime Sierra Madre resident Barry Schwam, who performed at Sierra Madre playhouse for years, who recently passed away from cancer. Fuller will be performing one of Barry's songs ("Once I was a Mountain") on an autoharp that Schwam bequeathed to Fuller. For more information, see www.janefuller.com

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WHY HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS IN THE COVID-19 ERA

Dear Savvy Senior:
Are people with high blood pressure at increased risk of getting coronavirus? Hypertensive Helen

Dear Helen:

If you have high blood pressure, you definitely need to take extra care to protect yourself during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Research shows that people with hypertension are more susceptible to getting COVID-19, are more likely to develop severe symptoms if they do get sick, and are more likely to die from the infection, especially if they're older.

High Risk Links

A weaker immune system is the key reason people with high blood pressure and other health problems are at higher risk for coronavirus. Long-term health conditions and aging weaken the immune system so it's less able to fight off the virus. Nearly two-thirds of Americans over 60 have high blood pressure.

Another concern that has been circulating, but was put to rest last month, were theories that the medications that are commonly prescribed to treat high blood pressure – ACE inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) – could make patients more vulnerable to contracting COVID-19, and more susceptible to severe illness if they did become infected.

But new research published in The New England Journal of Medicine last month found no risk linked to these medications.

COVID Complications

While pneumonia is the most common complication of the virus, it can also damage the cardiovascular system. That's why people with high blood pressure, heart disease, and heart failure are at risk.

High blood pressure damages arteries and reduces the flow of blood to your heart. That means your heart has to work harder to pump enough blood. Over time, this extra work can weaken your heart to the point where it can't pump as much oxygen-rich blood to your body.

Coronavirus can also damage the heart directly, which can be especially risky if your heart is already weakened by the effects of high blood pressure. The virus may cause inflammation of the heart muscle, which makes it harder for the heart to pump.

If you also have plaque buildup in your arteries, the virus may make those plaques more likely to break apart and cause a heart attack. Studies have shown that people with heart disease who get a respiratory illness like the flu or earlier types of coronavirus are at higher risk for a heart attack.

What to Do?

While everyone needs to take precautions to prevent coronavirus, people with high blood pressure and other health conditions need to be extra careful.

The best way to avoid getting sick is to stay home as much as you can. If you have to go out, wear a mask and keep at least 6 feet away from other people. And every time you come home, wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Also, clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces like cell phones, countertops and doorknobs.

The CDC also recommends that you have enough medicine on hand to treat high blood pressure and other health conditions. And stock up on over-the-counter medicines to treat a fever and other symptoms if you get sick.

While a coronavirus vaccine isn't available yet, you should stay up to date on your other important vaccines. The pneumococcal vaccines – Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23 – will prevent you from catching pneumonia on top of coronavirus. Also get a flu shot in September or early October. Its symptoms are easy to confuse with coronavirus, which could make it harder for doctors to diagnose you if you do get sick.

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



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...June Birthdays*



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

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:

Lawren Heinz Lheinz@cityofsierramadre.com and Clarissa Lowe Clowe@cityofsierramadre.com.

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-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 forward this information to our County Contact.

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Wednesday & Friday 9 am-11:30 am

Lifeline Community Services & Economic Development 2556 N. Lake Ave Altadena
626-797-3585 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12 pm-2 pm & 8:15 pm-9 pm

Morning Star Outreach Ministry 1416 N. Mentor Ave Pasadena 626-794-4875
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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

THOSE USED TO BE THE DAYS



Being limited as to travel and outside activities can sometimes get rather boring. You can be inactive only so long, and then you get in that car that drives you to crazy land.

Finding something to do to keep me from being bored has become somewhat of a challenge.

However, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can always find something to do, especially something for me. That is why every day I "act" as if I am busy. I think I ought to get some Emmy award for that because I am a rather good actor. I have had a lot of practice.

Not only that, but my hearing is not very good. Therefore, when my wife asked me something, I pretend that I am busy and cannot hear her. I think she has caught on to my acting skills here. There goes that Emmy.

One evening the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were sitting in the living room together watching TV. At the same time, I was working on some sermon notes I was preparing for Sunday. I think that got most of my attention at the time.

Eventually, I looked over to my wife, smiled and said, "I'm beginning to understand politics much better and I think these politicians on TV are really making sense to me." Then I flashed her one of my smiles.

She stared at me for a moment and then said, "You do know we're watching The Three Stooges, don't you?"

To get caught is one thing but this rather threw me for a loop. (Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk).

My wife keeps herself quite busy and I certainly cannot keep up with her. She cannot sit down for very long and rest.

This is where I come in as the husband. I sit down and rest for her so she can go about and keep busy. I must say I am very good at resting for her.

While she was rummaging through some stuff, she discovered a box of old photographs of our family. I forgot we had such photographs. After all, we have cell phones today with photographs on them. Does this younger generation know what a photograph really is? Has any young person ever seen a camera?

She brought several boxes out into the dining room and began opening them up and spreading the photographs on the table. I do not know who the photographer was on most of these but they were not that good. However, you gotta take what you get.

"Do you know who that person is?" My wife asked. I looked at it and I could not imagine who that person was in that photograph.

"No, it doesn't look familiar to me at all." My wife just stared at me and said, "Take another look."

I could not figure out who that picture was and I could not imagine the location of where that picture was taken.

"That is a picture of you just before we got married. Now do you remember?"

There was a picture of a young man with hair and as skinny as a lamp pole. I just could not see that that was a picture of me. Now, I am old, and my hair is starting to retire and, let's say, I'm not skin-n-y.

"Are you sure that's a picture of me?"

"I should know because I'm the one that took the picture."

If that's what I looked like back then, what has happened to me?

"I sure have changed, haven't I?"

She just looked at me and smiled. I wondered what she was smiling about but I was not going to ask her for fear she would tell me.

Then she brought out the other pictures. There were pictures of our wedding, which I really could not remember. Oh yes, I remember getting married, but I did not know we were that young. Is it legal to get married when you are that young?

Looking at those wedding pictures, I said something perhaps I should not have said, "Now, I know why you married me. I was so handsome back then."

Looking at me for a moment, she finally said, "No, I married you for your money."

We look at each other for a moment, and then both of us broke out in hysterical laughter. I may have had good looks back then, but I certainly did not have any money.

Of course, today I have neither good looks nor money.

Then there were the pictures of our children as they were born. I had forgotten how young they were when they were born.

Then there was that wonderful picture of all of us as a family. My wife, our three children and I are setting together for this photograph.

Wow! It does not seem possible that that is what we looked like way back then.

We spent the rest of the evening picking up pictures and saying, "Do you remember this picture?" Of course, my wife could remember more of the pictures than I could. I was however, getting a good picture of what our life was back then, how things have changed.

That evening I thought of what the apostle Paul said. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51).

God has a wonderful change in store for those who put their faith and trust in him.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472. www.whatafellowship.com.



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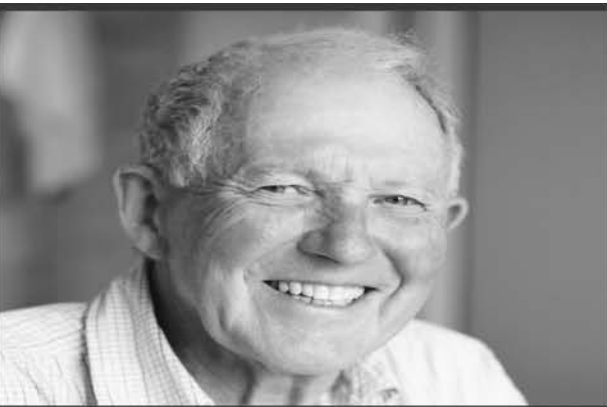
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STUART TOLCHIN



THE SYMPHONY IS STILL PLAYING EVEN IF I CAN'T HEAR THE MUSIC

Last night as I watched one of the late cable news programs I heard that over 50% of Americans report themselves as being unhappy. In contrast to the surrounding negativity I am feeling pretty good. The last two days my wife and I have been able to spend time with our granddaughter. Last week the baby had just began to crawl and this week she is speeding around exploring every corner of the room. Somewhere along the line she has learned to imitate a lion and my favorite moment of yesterday occurred when my wife was lying on the ground and my granddaughter approached her from one side and I approached her from above. Together my granddaughter and I roared like savage beasts and my granddaughter scaled the loving human mountain and together all three of us screamed in celebration. Really, that is plenty of fun for all of us and frankly we do not need amusement parks or luxury cruises or even individual motor vehicles.

Like many males I was busy trying to earn a living, fighting to keep a marriage together when my own kids were babies. The marriage broke up and when my daughter was the same age as her daughter is now I was living in a furnished one room apartment with a dog and my books. For years the books were my major salvation especially since I didn't sleep much then. A few years later I obtained custody of both my kids and all three of us and the books moved to Sierra Madre. Forty some years later the kids have grown up and live in their own places and I remarried and live in the paradise of Sierra Madre with my wife surrounded by my old friends the books. About twelve years ago I wrote an article which I called the Symphony of Books. By that I meant that I could look around at the books on the shelves and appreciate their wonderful contents as if they were a private symphony playing continuously for me. Along the way I have gotten pretty old and really don't remember much of what was in the books but still, even, today just looking at the names of the books brings back the magical feelings of when I read them and was moved by their silent music. Despite almost never leaving the house for months the combination of my appreciation of my granddaughter, my wife, the beauty of our canyon and the continual unheard music of the books has allowed me to accept the pleasure that is all around me.

That is my message. Sure, the present situation is unimaginably difficult but every moment presents an opportunity to appreciate that which we never, or almost never, had the time or energy to notice. Please listen to your symphonies, that are still in your memory, heard or unheard.

Enjoy what there is to be enjoyed.

JOE GUZZARDI



GOP JOINS BIG COMPANIES IN PUSH FOR MORE IMMIGRANTS

If a contest were held to name the visas most hurtful to American workers among the 25-odd federally issued ones that include employment authorization, the likely outcome would be a tie. The overwhelming majority of employment-based visas mean that an American job will be lost to a foreign national or that a qualified U.S. candidate will be denied job opportunities because craven employers have such easy access to the cheap labor that visa holders provide.

Even visas that specifically deny employment are illegally and fraudulently substituted for work permits. Infosys Limited, an Indian outsourcing company, hired B-1 visa holders to perform skilled and unskilled labor that denied chances to Americans even though that visa is designated for temporary entry only. An estimated 1 million Indian nationals – predominantly lawful, white-collar IT workers – prevent American citizens from obtaining gainful employment.

Recently, President Donald Trump has been making noise about extending his April 22 immigration Executive Order to ban several employment-based visa categories from entry, at least for the immediate future. So far, nothing has come from the president's ramblings, and rumors of further restrictions may be just more Trumpian smoke and mirrors.

Nevertheless, Capitol Hill chatter persists that the president's expanded proclamation could bar U.S. entry for H-1B, H-2B, L-1 and J-1 visa applicants. Those visa categories represent, respectively, H-1B tech workers, H-2B seasonal nonagricultural workers, L-1 international transfers and J-1 Exchange Visitor programs that include au pairs, summer work-travel participants and interns, as well as high school and university student exchanges, and medical professionals.

Trump's premise that more foreign nationals entering the devastated U.S. economy represents "a risk" is indisputable. After all, more than 40 million Americans are jobless, and their prospects are dim. The National Bureau of Economic Research estimates that more than 100,000 small businesses have closed forever. The economy is slowly reopening, but only at partial capacity. Even though the 40 million-plus total and the brutal reality that the U.S. is facing one of its most devastating economic turnarounds are inarguable facts, immigration advocates and congressional globalists aren't fazed one iota.

The Fortune 500 lobby wrote a whiny letter to Trump and the departments of Labor, State and Homeland Security, signed by 324 employers, trade, industry and higher education associations, including profiteers Google, Facebook and Amazon. Collectively, the lobbyists pleaded with the president to keep their incoming cheap labor stream flowing, arguing ineffectively and insultingly that "constraints on our human capital are likely to result in unintended consequences and may cause substantial economic uncertainty if we have to recalibrate our personnel based on country of birth." In other words, if visas are put on hold, U.S.-based corporations would actually have to -perish the thought – hire Americans.

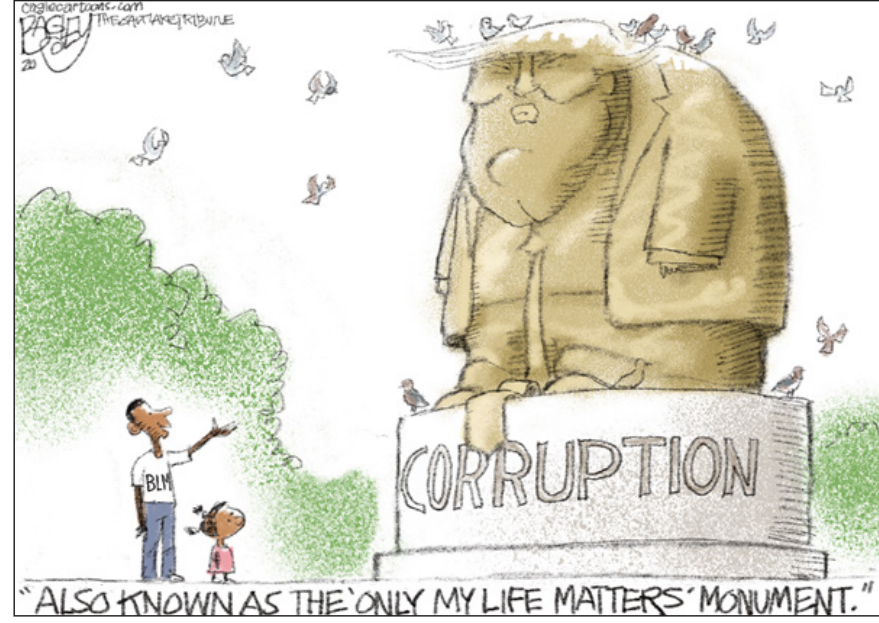
Given that Congress should be defending Americans, 21 GOP House Representatives shamefully joined forces with the Fortune 500 lobby when they sent a separate, supportive letter defending the presence of foreign nationals, specifically those who are part of the Optional Practical Training program. Never congressionally approved, OPT is one of the largest displacers of American tech workers. OPT includes thousands of graduates annually, and sidelines an equal number of American job aspirants.

Welcome to the world of immigration politics! No intelligent argument can be made that within the U.S. au pairs, landscapers, lifeguards and bookkeepers can't be found, especially in this wrecked economy. Most of those jobs would be ideal for high school or college students that have recently graduated but are unemployed. The J-1, H-2B and L visas have devastated those employment categories. Even America's medical school graduates, more than 35,000, have lost out on residency positions, without which they can't practice as physicians because international graduates have entered the country to fill those jobs.

In 2017, a political eternity ago, Trump signed an executive order, "Buy American and Hire American," intended to generate higher wages and greater opportunities for U.S. workers. Today, the president has a chance to take a big step forward toward reaching that goal. For Trump, now is put-up or shut-up time. The president must reject the immigration lobby's shallow pleas, and keep his promise to put Americans first.

Joe Guzzardi is a Progressives for Immigration Reform analyst who has written about immigration for more than 30 years. Contact him at jguzzardi@pifrdc.org

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROLAND JOHN TCHENG AKA ROLAND J. TCHENG AKA ROLAND JOHN TCHENG YUK KAY CASE NO. 20STPB04439

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROLAND JOHN TCHENG AKA ROLAND J. TCHENG AKA ROLAND JOHN TCHENG YUK KAY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEAN M. PFAFFINGER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JEAN M. PFAFFINGER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/30/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020078436

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LENDING PLACE 5010 N PARKWAY CALABASAS SUITE 201, CALABASAS, CA. 91302; LENDINGPLACE 5010 N PARKWAY CALABASAS SUITE 201, CALABASAS, CA. 91302; LENDING-PLACEONLINE 5010 N PARKWAY CALABASAS SUITE 201, CALABASAS, CA. 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PACIFIC CAPITAL FUNDING CORP 5010 N PARKWAY CALABASAS SUITE 201, CALABASAS, CA. 91302. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION Signed: CAPITAL FUNDING CORP, LEON GRANSKY, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/08/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2020.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020084182

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YNW GENERAL HOME SERVICES 12439 MAGNOLIA BLVD, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA. 91607; YNW GENERAL HOME SERVICES 1120 ISLETON PLACE APT 4, OXNARD, CA. 90030. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YEHUDA WAITZMAN 1120 ISLETON PLACE APT 4, OXNARD, CA. 90030. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YEHUDA WAITZMAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/19/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2020.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020088468

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONNECTOR TEST INTERNATIONAL 1808 E ALTADENA DR ALTADENA, CA. 91001; CONNECTOR TEST INTERNATIONAL 80 W SIERRA MADRE BLVD. #201, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SKIP HUNTING 1808 E ALTADENA DR ALTADENA, CA. 91001; This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SKIP HUNTING, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/26/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2020.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020081321

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MELROSE WASH AND FOLD 4671 MELROSE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90029; MELROSE WASH AND FOLD 3651 S. LA BREA AVE #706 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GIA MARKOFF 3651 S. LA BREA AVE #706 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GIA MARKOFF, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2020.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGUERITE DASTOOR CASE NO. 20STPB04030

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGUERITE DASTOOR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHIRAZ FAGAN AND KHORSHED DASTOOR in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHIRAZ FAGAN AND KHORSHED DASTOOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/19/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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