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451 Camillo Drive - *represented the seller*  
690 Oak Crest Drive - *represented the buyer*  
381 Mariposa Avenue #B - *represented the seller*  
118 East Laurel Avenue #C - *represented the seller*  
60 Rancho Road - *represented the buyer*  
381 Montecito #B - *represented the seller*

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## STEVE SCIURBA, KENSINGTON SENIOR LIVING EXECUTIVE AND FORMER SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER PRESIDENT TAKES NEW POSITION

Steve Sciorba, best known around town for his position with The Kensington Senior Living facility from the day its doors opened in 2014, has taken a new position with more responsibility at another facility. Also known for his leadership at the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce as President and Board Member for several years, he was extremely committed to helping the town in any way he could. With his departure last month, The Kensington has added Amber Brooksher as the Director of Community Relations ([abrooksher@kensingtonsl.com](mailto:abrooksher@kensingtonsl.com)) to Executive Director CC DeGraff's management team. Sierra Madreans will miss Steve's thoughtfulness and generosity to the city's events and organizations. Many expressed their thanks for his years of service!



## NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Nomination papers have been forwarded to the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office for verification of voter signatures.

**FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL - 4 YEARS**  
Vote for no more than two (2)  
(Names listed in Alphabetical Order)

Andy Bencosme - *Neighborhood Realtor/Community Services Commissioner*  
Kelly Kriebs - *Corporate Attorney*  
Robert Parkhurst - *Environment Management Consultant*  
Kurt Richter - *Retired Business Manager*  
Josefina Riley - *Program Manager/Businesswoman*

**FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL - 2 YEARS**  
Vote for no more than one (1)  
(Names listed in Alphabetical Order)

Edward T. Garcia - *Economist / Finance Consultant*  
David Loera - *Independent Insurance Investigator*  
Tracey Verhoeven - *Small Business Owner*

**FOR CITY TREASURER - 4 YEARS**  
Vote for no more than one (1)

Michael Amerio - *Incumbent*

**For City Clerk - 4 Years**   Vote for no more than one (1)  
No nomination received.

**MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON:**

Shall the office of the City Clerk be appointive?  
YES / NO

For more information please call Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk, Elections Official, at (626) 355-7135 or via e-mail at [LAguilar@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:LAguilar@cityofsierramadre.com)

Laura Aguilar  
Assistant City Clerk, Elections Official

Posted: 5:00 pm, August 7, 2020

## CITY HOLDS 'SAFE' MATER DOLOROSA RETREAT CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS



Keeping with its pledge of transparency on development issues, the City of Sierra Madre successfully held a series of public workshops on the current status of the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Project (Monastery Development) on the city's Tennis Courts on August 4th. There were 3 workshops with a maximum attendance of 20 people each. Attendees were required to make reservations in advance, wear masks and remain socially distanced.

The following day, the City repeated the workshop using the virtual platform Zoom for those who were unable to attend the in-person gatherings. The estimate of participation at the online event is around 70.

Presenters at both included Mayor John Capoccia, City Manager Gabe Engeland, Sierra Madre Development and Preservation Services Director Victor Gonzales, Mater Dolorosa

*Photo courtesy Tevin Voong*

Representative Cameron Thornton and Lisa Brownfield from MIG as the facilitator.

At this point the proposed project consists of 42 single family homes ranging in square footage from 2600 - 3800 square feet.

At each of the workshops, community concerns were basically the same. What will be the impact of the surrounding homes, the sizes of the homes, the impact on the environment, and concerns over increased traffic and noise.

Engeland reassured the audiences that this was the very beginning stages of the projects development and changes were certain to address many of the expressed concerns.

He also indicated that there would be additional community forums all along the way.

The city will post the complete Zoom presentation on its website at: [http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/city\\_manager\\_s\\_office/transparency/monastery\\_development](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/city_manager_s_office/transparency/monastery_development)

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## HOW IS SIERRA MADRE RESPONDING TO THE 2020 CENSUS?

Yes, in the midst of a Pandemic, the U.S. Census must be taken. It says so right in the Constitution. Why? Because your government needs to know how many people it has to serve.

The census has nothing to do with politics, despite the fact that the results are used as a basis to guarantee fair representation in Congress. The census does not seek any information that is not readily available these days on the internet.

What the census does do is guarantee that when your money, i.e., federal funds are distributed, for roads, transportation, disaster, etc., it is done in a fair and equitable manner for your city, county and state. Under counts in the census can really cause a community to be shortchanged.

For those who were in Sierra Madre during the last natural disaster, the 2011 Windstorm, you may remember how, due to the reported population of the town, not the amount of damage done, federal assistance was allocated. Sierra Madre was a small town and every dollar of both state and federal funding was allocated based upon the stated population.

Therefore, it is in everyone's best interest to participate in the 2020 Census, especially in small towns like Sierra Madre. Given the current circumstances, i.e., COVID-19, it is a very good idea to complete the census either online or via telephone in order to avoid a Census Taker knocking on your door.

So how has Sierra Madre responded so far?

National Response:	63.1%
California Response Rate:	64.5
LA County Response Rate:	59.6
<b>SIERRA MADRE</b>	<b>72.7</b>
Arcadia	67.1
Monrovia	68.3
Duarte	67.7
Pasadena	65.7
South Pasadena	74.6
Bradbury	55.6

For more information on how to respond go to:

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

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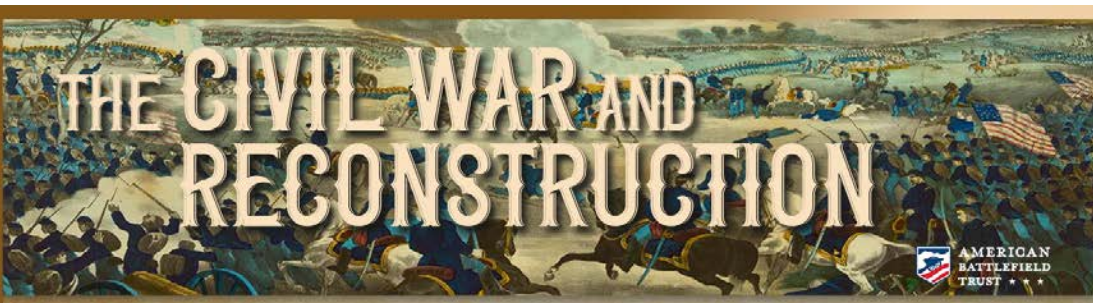
[www.FreeAnimalDoctor.org](http://www.FreeAnimalDoctor.org)

Sierra Madre based non-profit



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The Community is invited to Join our **ZOOM** Meeting  
**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**



MEET AND CHAT WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER

**JOHN LLOYD, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of History  
Cal Poly University, Pomona

**AUTHOR, SPEAKER**

Civil War and Reconstruction, US Constitutional and Legal History, Labor History, and Urban Environmental History.

Please join our virtual meeting as we welcome our guest speaker, Dr. John Lloyd, Associate Professor of History at CalPoly Pomona. Dr. Lloyd calls upon his vast knowledge of the subject to discuss "The Civil War and Reconstruction, Why they matter today?"

To participate send an email requesting our **ZOOM** link to  
**sierra.swish@gmail.com**

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It's no secret that COVID caught the world by surprise. It has changed the way we all live and work, and many uncertainties persist.

Even so, we at The Kensington are here. We are vigilant. We are open.

That said—and in light of COVID's impact on senior adults—we understand the current concerns of families who need a more supportive living environment for their older loved ones. So let us assure you, we responded immediately and aggressively to control the spread of the virus by complying with all recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Public Health.

With necessary adjustments in place, our nursing staff and caregivers are addressing resident needs promptly. Comprehensive clinical care programs are intact. We are finding ways to sustain family connections while keeping our residents safe.

We encourage you to call us to talk. If your loved one has care needs that exceed your ability to provide, then know that we are ready to help. If your loved one is showing signs of memory loss, then we're in a position to slow its decline. If your loved one is suffering from more progressed memory loss, then we can provide a secure environment and relieve you of overwhelming care demands. If you need a break, then we can offer a short-term stay until you catch your breath.

**We're standing by, eager to listen. Please get in touch.**

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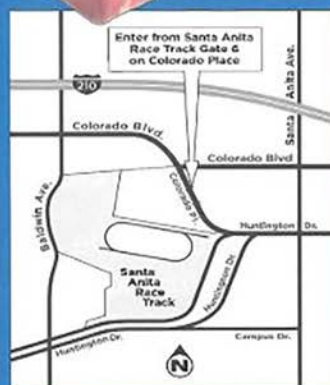


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## TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

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2. Been asked to quarantine  
3. Recently traveled internationally



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# SIERRA MADRE

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## TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills *thechefknows@yahoo.com*

### DRINKING AT HOME 101

The Suffering Bastard is a cocktail developed by a legendary barkeep Joe Scialom—best known for his time as head bartender at Shepherd's Long Bar in Cairo, Egypt—as a hangover cure for those particularly bad mornings the day after. The drink was made famous by its (potentially apocryphal) role in the Second Battle of El Alamein during World War Two.

As the story is told, the morning of the battle, the Hussar soldiers in Cairo were caught off guard by Rommel's forces after a night of particularly heavy drinking and debauchery. The army sent a cable to Scialom requesting an urgent delivery of several gallons of his famous hangover cure, the Suffering Bastard. He delivered, the soldiers recovered, and the Germans were kept at bay. The Second Battle of El Alamein was a turning point in the North African campaign. It ended the long fight for the Western Desert and was the only great land battle won by the British and Commonwealth forces without direct American participation. Go USA! Three cheers for American General Paton who took over from here.



#### Ingredients

1 ounce gin  
1 ounce cognac  
4 ounce ginger beer, chilled  
1/2 ounce Rose's lime juice  
2 dashes Angostura bitters

Garnish: Orange slice and mint sprig  
Old-Fashioned Glass

#### Directions

1. Add the gin, cognac, Rose's lime juice and bitters to a cocktail shaker with ice and shake until well mixed and chilled.
2. Stir the ginger beer into shaker.
3. Pour into a double Old-Fashioned glass—Do not strain.
4. Garnish with an orange slice and sprig of clapped mint.

ChefSecret: Here is a handy Unit Conversions list in case you missed that class in bartender's school.

1 oz = 30 ml  
1 cl = 10 ml = 1/3 oz  
1 standard jigger = 1.5 oz = 45 ml  
1 barspoon = ~1 teaspoon = ~5 ml  
1 tablespoon = 0.5 oz = 15 ml  
1 cup = 8 oz  
1 liter = ~4.25 cups = ~34 oz  
1 gallon = ~3.8 liters = 5 750ml bottles

Juice of one lime = ~1 oz = ~30 ml  
Juice of one lemon = ~1.5 oz = ~45 ml

*Tune into Go Country 105 FM this Sunday Morning at 8 AM*

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Hello August! The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow are a drop to the chill of autumn. But the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons and sunsets smeared with too much color."  
Natalie Babbitt - Tuck Everlasting

"August in sub-Saharan Los Angeles is one of the great and awful tests of one's endurance, sanity and stamina."  
Henry Rollins

"Loud is the summer's busy song. The smallest breeze can find a tongue, while insects of each tiny size grow teasing with their melodies, till noon burns with its blistering breath around, and day lies still as death."  
John Clare

I'd say that's a pretty accurate description of August. All we can do is move slowly, remember that only "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid-day sun," (Noel Coward); clip the burned leaves off our plants; water sparingly early in the morning and keep praying for that El Nino thing to show up this winter.

"Hello August...can time slow down, please?"

We've all been immersed in the really too hot and miserable days when we could honestly say, "These are the times that try men's (and women's and children's and dogs and cat's) souls." Of course, when Thomas Paine said that in 1776, he wasn't talking about the weather. Now, the beginning of August, incurable optimists such as myself are ready to think a little bit about a cooler fall. I, personally, can't wait for September to decorate for fall – get out all my pumpkins, start setting them around and wishing I'd bought that beautiful blown-glass pumpkin I saw at the Art Fair a couple of years ago. Can there really be too many pumpkins? And the answer to that is No! Sadly, there won't be pumpkins and the Halloween festivities up on Alegria this year but I'm going to put a pumpkin picture up this week because it will be a good memory.

One outdoor thing that is really working well is the al fresco dining up and down the boulevard. Folks are having a great time sitting outside, socially distanced, of course, but patronizing our restaurants and keeping them afloat. One of my favorite things has been sitting outside with a nice glass of wine and looking up at our own personal mountains. Besides, anything cooked by somebody other than one's self is always delicious.

We continually offer thanksgiving to the fine minds who came up with air conditioning and, thanks to Wikipedia, here's something you might not know about this best invention ever: The basic concept behind air conditioning is said to have happened in ancient Egypt, where reeds were hung in windows and moistened with trickling water. The evaporation of water cooled the air blowing through the window. Brilliant. This process also made the air more humid, which was beneficial in that dry desert climate. In ancient Rome, water from aqueducts was circulated through the walls of certain houses (think mansions) to cool them. 2<sup>nd</sup> century Chinese inventor Ding Huan of the Han Dynasty invented a rotary fan for air conditioning, with 7 wheels, 10 ft. in diameter, manually powered by prisoners of the time. Emperor Xuanzong (712-762) of the Tang Dynasty had the "cool hall" built in the imperial palace which used water-powered fan wheels for air conditioning, as well as rising jet streams of water from fountains. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Cornelis Drebbel "turned summer into winter" for James 1<sup>st</sup> of England by adding salt to water. And we, here in the 21<sup>st</sup> century just press a button and enjoy instant relief... thank you modern technology! We are beyond grateful!

I came across a nice wall hanging at my doctor's office. It's so great to see that kindness is being promoted these days among the younger set and bullying is simply not tolerated. It's a shame that doesn't extend to all areas of life...social media, for instance. Anyway, here it is:

K – Keep silent if it's not kind  
I – Interested – be interested in what others are doing  
N – Never be mean  
D – Demonstrate God's love to everyone you meet  
N – Notice something nice about those around you  
E – Express gratitude for life itself  
S – Speak encouragingly  
S – See if you can help someone who is struggling/

If school ever starts again, if the world ever returns to normal again, if we can ever get closer than six feet to people, if we can ever let our faces show again, I hope we can just be kind!

Stay cool, dear friends and neighbors, keep that mask in place, don't shake hands, wash yours frequently and hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"  
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You can follow me on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@playwrightdd>

### SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

**July 26 to August 1, 2020**  
*During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 236 calls for service.*

#### Vehicle Tampering

A resident in the 600 block of Fairview Ave. reported that sometime between 7/26/20 at 3:00PM and 7/27/20 at 9:30AM, unknown person(s) ransacked his vehicle that was parked in the driveway. Nothing of value was missing from the vehicle. Case to Detectives

#### Stolen Vehicle

On 7/27/20 officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Liliano Dr. at about 4:19PM for the report of a stolen vehicle. The resident parked his vehicle in his garage at about 1:40PM, when he was about to leave at about 4:10PM he saw that his vehicle was missing and notified police. Case to Detectives

#### Theft from a Vehicle

On 07/29/20 at 3:20PM, officers responded to a theft from vehicle in the 500 block of Santa Anita Ct. The resident saw a late model white Dodge Charger stop in front of the location and two suspects exit the driver and passenger side doors. The driver approached the victim's vehicle and entered the unlocked driver's side door. The suspect ransacked the vehicle and took personal items. Case to Detectives

#### Traffic Collision

Officers responded to the intersection of E. Orange Grove Ave and Rancho Rd. at 5:19PM on 7/29/20 for the report of a traffic collision. One person was evaluated by SM Fire Department personnel and taken to a local hospital for treatment.

#### Theft from a residence

A resident came in to the station lobby to file a report of a stolen telescope from the front porch in the 200 block of W. Montecito Ave. that occurred on 7/30/20 between 10:00PM and midnight. Case to Detectives



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### EMERGENCY SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT



## ROAD TO CHANTRY FLATS CLOSED

Executive Order No. 2020-01

The portion of Chantry Flat Road within the jurisdiction of the City of Sierra Madre is closed to all vehicles and pedestrians. The full executive order can be found on the home page of the City's website ([cityofsierramadre.com](http://cityofsierramadre.com))



## PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER!

Support the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association by purchasing flowers, edibles, and succulents.

Specialty plants including longevity spinach!  
Some fertilizer and tomato cages are available.

9 am to 11 am every Saturday  
until plants run out!

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YMCA Sierra Madre Recreation  
Center Garden  
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(Enter on the east side at the northeast corner)  
Suggested donations start at \$5.00

Proceeds benefit SMRFA and the YMCA

Masks and social distancing required  
We hope you'll come support our non-profits  
and go home with some terrific new plants!

**Sierra Madre Rose Float Association**  
587 E Sierra Madre Bl  
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(626) 355-7005





## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Mon	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Tues	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Wed	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Thur	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, all City Council, Commission and Board meetings with be conducted virtually until further notice. The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may be made by e-mail to [PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com) by 6:00PM. on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record.

Any member of the public may also call into the meeting to provide their comments. To provide public comment by telephone, please call in when your topic of interest is being discussed by the City Council and provide your name and the agenda item number. You will be placed in the cue until the Mayor opens up the topic for public comment.

To participate in public comment, please call:  
Phone Number: (669) 900-9128  
Meeting ID: 626-232-0232  
Password: 232242  
The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) and broadcasted on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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

### 1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

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

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

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

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work together in service of our community.



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Sierra Madre Woman's Club



## Wistaria Thrift Shop

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## Local Area News Briefs

### South Pas Police De-escalate Volatile Situation

South Pasadena Officers responded last week to Diamond Ave and Monterey Rd. in response to numerous 911 calls reporting a man was acting erratic and violent, screaming and jumping in and out of traffic. At one point, a caller reported the subject chased a child down the street with something in his hand. Officers quickly arrived, contacted a 46-year old, unhoused resident armed with a screwdriver in his back pocket and contained the scene.

The man was swinging a license plate at officers, possessed numerous hypodermic needles, all while taunting officers to engage him in a fight. A mental health clinician was requested to assist at the location, while officers spent approximately 30 minutes utilizing de-escalation and crisis communication with the subject. Prior to the clinician arriving at the scene, circumstances developed, and officers were forced to take action and were able to safely detain the subject. No one was hurt and the subject was eventually transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

### South Pas Fire Sends Personnel to the ‘Apple’ Fire

Two South Pasadena firefighters are on the front-lines of a pair of major wildfires in the state this week the department said Friday. Captain Dan Dunn has been assigned as a fire line paramedic at the Apple Fire which has burned nearly 30,000 acres in Riverside County. Engineer Anthony Corrao is at the July Complex Fire in Redding, also assigned as a fire line paramedic. Captain Dunn will be assigned for approximately 10 days they said.

### Donate Blood at the South Pasadena Library



The South Pasadena Library will partner with the American Red Cross on a blood drive Tuesday, August 25. Appointments will be available between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for SOPASLIB to book an appointment today. This will be the Library's third blood drive during the COVID-19 crisis. Thanks to the generosity of donors we have already collected 196 units of blood to help our neighbors.



## Brookside Tree Falls Onto Parkgoers

By Dean Lee

Two people were injured Wednesday after a large tree at Brookside Park in Pasadena fell unexpectedly.

Investigators were looking into why the 100 foot tall eucalyptus gave way onto four people who were playing volleyball under the tree at the time.

According to fire personnel they, along with Urban Search and Rescue teams, responded to the park at around 6:45 p.m. with reports of people possibly trapped.

Firefighters utilized chainsaws to cut the branches from the tree to conduct a primary and secondary search of potential victims," they said. "No additional victims were discovered and an 'all clear' was reported at

6:56 p.m."

Two of the four people, a man and woman in their 20s had cuts and scratches. One of theme might have sprained an ankle and had back pain officials said.

Pasadena Information Officer Lisa Derderian told reports that the group heard a noise, saw the tree start to fall and moved quickly aside.

Derderian said that Pasadena's Urban Forestry division examines all trees on city property at least once a year. There were no reported issues with the tree that fell.

According to Derderian, the city is expected to have an independent arborist look into why the eucalyptus tree fell.

Wednesday's incident was near the site of another tree that fell on a group of children

in 2015 outside Kidspace Children's Museum. The 75-year-old pine tree injured eight children, two critically.

In that case, it was determined that the collapse was caused by prolonged drought, followed by heavy rains and a weak root system.

## No School Re-Opening Waivers Per State Guidance

The City of Pasadena Department of Public Health announced that they will adhere to new guidance from the California Department of Public Health, which recommends that counties with case rates of COVID-19 at or above 200 cases per 100,000 residents do not extend waivers for the re-opening of classroom instruction for students in grades TK- 6.

California health officials have barred school campuses from reopening this fall in counties that are on the state's coronavirus monitoring list due to high case counts or other metrics reflecting the transmission the virus in the county.

"The science and data is guiding the decision-making and although discouraging, it's in the best interest to help protect the health and safety of our children, teachers and staff and their families they go home to every night," states Dr. Ying-Ying Goh.

This decision will be reconsidered once the case rate falls to the levels recommended by the State.

The Pasadena Health Department will continue to work with all of our partners across the County to implement the infection control strategies we know effectively reduce community transmission and case rates so that schools can re-open for in-person instruction as soon as the data and science tell us it's safer to do so.

While all schools, public and private, across the County are closed for in-person instruction of students, teachers, staff and administrators are allowed to return to school buildings provided adults adhere to existing protocols that require physical distancing and infection control measures, including wearing face coverings.

## Pasadena Humane Society Announces Name Change



The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, which has been a leader in its advocacy for the compassionate and humane treatment all animals for nearly 120 years, announced Wednesday they have changed the name to 'Pasadena Humane' moving forward.

"Pasadena Humane wants to celebrate what it means to be a humane organization," said Dia DuVernet, president and CEO of Pasadena Humane. "Humane' is at the core of what we do each day for the animals and people in our community."

Not only does the shortened name highlight what is most important to Pasadena Humane, it helps clear up confusion about the organization's identity and associations, officials say. Though Pasadena Humane works collaboratively alongside other animal welfare organizations to create a better world for animals and their caregivers, Pasadena Humane is an independent organization that has no formal affiliation with the ASPCA and Humane Society of the United States. Pasadena Humane is a local, nonprofit organization serving the people and animals of the Greater Los Angeles Area.

The updated name also comes with a new look, new logo and a brand-new website which boasts some exciting new features, including:

Adoptable Pet Viewer: A regularly updated photo feed of adorable, adoptable animals at the shelter. Users can easily browse animals by species, sex, age, and size. Visitors can click

on the animal's photo for more info about that pet.

Expanded Menu: Pasadena Humane is much more than a shelter, and new navigation and updated menus allow users to easily find the information they are looking for. Visitors can click around and more readily learn all about Pasadena Humane programs and services.

Home-to-Home Adoptions: A new way to rehome pets without bringing them to the shelter. Pet parents who need to find a new home for their furry loved ones can post their pet on the website, while prospective pet adopters can view adoptable pets living in private homes.

The new website also features original photography of animals adopted from Pasadena Humane. Nearly every animal featured on the site is a pet that found their "happily ever after" after a short stay at Pasadena Humane.

Pasadena Humane is a donor-supported, non-profit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area. The organization is dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassionate care for all animals. The animals in its care come from 11 animal control contract areas, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles-area and beyond. Pasadena Humane also offers lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keep pets in homes. To learn more, visit: [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org).

## NASA Scientist Over the Moon With Homegrown Radish Research

*The event will discuss how NASA scientist grows radishes to practice for future moon farming.*

**Monday, Aug. 17 • 11 a.m.-noon • Zoom**

While others have perfected sourdough starter

or whipped up chocolate chip cookies during the pandemic, NASA scientist Max Coleman has been toiling in his kitchen over containers of baby radishes - all in the name of science.

Why radishes? "They have been used before in space, and they germinate very, very fast," Coleman says. Previously, other researchers had sent radishes to the International Space Station, and now, Coleman and his colleagues hope to help the quest for astronauts to eventually grow their own food on the lunar surface. Q & A. will follow.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, July 26th, through Saturday, August 1st, the Police Department responded to 790 calls for service, of which 82 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, July 26:

- At 12:25 p.m., officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of Southview Road regarding the theft of a bicycle. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect stole the bike by cutting the lock and removing it from the victim's patio.
- At 5:56 p.m., officers responded to T-Mobile, 1230 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the store, stole a black Apple iWatch and fled the scene in an unknown direction. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, July 27:

- At 2:12 p.m., officers responded to 7-Eleven, 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. A male suspect stole a can of beer and brandished a knife when confronted by a store employee. He fled the scene and was located by officers. The suspect brandished the knife at officers before complying and throwing it to the ground. The can of beer was recovered and the 48-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 9:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Duarte Road regarding the report of a missing person. The missing person, an elderly female, left to get food and didn't return. She was located by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department and returned safely to her home.

Tuesday July 28:

- At 3:20 a.m., officers responded to Savers Thrift Store, 16 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a burglary. An investigation revealed an unknown male suspect smashed the glass door to the front of the business. He entered the business and pried a locked and empty cash register. The suspect fled the scene. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 9:07 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of Alice Street regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim last saw his car intact around 6:00 p.m. the previous night. An unknown suspect smashed the rear window of the vehicle, stole the victim's checkbook and debit card, and fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Wednesday, July 29:

- At 11:40 p.m., officers responded to Residence Inn, 321 East Huntington Drive, regarding a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers heard a verbal altercation between a male

and female. Officers contacted the couple inside their room and discovered the fight had turned physical when the male threw his girlfriend to the ground leaving her with visible injuries. The 27-year-old male from Bakersfield was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- At 5:06 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1700 block of Vista Circle regarding suspicious circumstances. The resident received unknown seeds in the mail from an unknown person in China. The seeds were reported to the U.S. Department of Agriculture who took custody of the seeds.

Thursday, July 30:

- At 2:17 a.m., officers received a hit notification of a stolen vehicle in the area Santa Anita Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. Officers located the vehicle occupied by three suspects. An investigation revealed the suspects were in possession of multiple pieces of stolen mail, burglary tools, and a meth pipe. Two of the suspects had outstanding warrants for their arrests. The 21-year-old female, 23-year-old male, and 30-year-old male, from El Monte, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 3:36 a.m., an officer responded to a call of a suspicious occupied vehicle parked in a business parking lot on the 11,000 block of Clark Street. The officer contacted the male driver and female passenger inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Further investigation revealed he was a convicted felon in possession of methamphetamine, two meth pipes, and a stun gun. The 32-year-old male from Huntington Beach was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, July 31:

- At 11:01 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 1000 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a domestic dispute. An elderly male pushed his elderly wife to the ground during an argument. He then brandished a knife and threatened to kill his daughter. The 73-year-old male from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 10:50 p.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Holly Avenue and Campus Drive when he observed a driver operating his vehicle with the headlights turned off. The vehicle had major damage to the front end and the passenger airbag had been deployed. The driver side tire was also missing. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 22-year-old male from LA Habra was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## ATHENS SERVICES TRANSITIONING BACK TO NORMAL OPERATIONS IN MONROVIA

As the public is aware, service delivery methods were impacted due to COVID-19 in most sectors imaginable and solid waste was no different. In response to COVID-19, Athens Services implemented changes to how their customers waste was collected and sorted. Beginning in April, Athens was utilizing a single pass collection system where all customer bins were collected in a single truck. At the materials recovery facilities (MRFs) the sorting was transitioned away from hand sorting and was only done mechanically. These measures were implemented to maximize the safety of their staff and the public.

As of August 1, Athens has returned to the separate collection of all customer bins and the MRFs are back to nearly 85% of capacity in terms of hand sorting. Barring any changes to CDC recommendations or other regulatory orders in light of COVID-19, Athens will continue forward in resuming normal operations.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the Public Works Department at (626) 932-5575.

## 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19

The 2020 Census is underway, and more than half of the households across America have responded and more are responding every day. Online, phone, and mailed self-responses will continue throughout the data collection process. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local authorities regarding COVID-19.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

The Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management have provided federal agencies with guidelines for resuming operations on an epidemiologically sound, data-driven basis, adhering to the latest federal, state, and local guidance. The Census Bureau

continues to monitor the changing conditions at the state and local level, and in consultation with the appropriate officials, update its planned start dates for selected operations in selected states.

The information the Census Bureau receives daily from FEMA and state and local authorities guides Census Bureau decisions on timing. As a result, selected field operations will resume on a phased schedule on a geographic basis.

Under the adjusted 2020 Census operational plan, the Census Bureau is conducting a series of preparatory activities so we are fully ready to resume field activities as we continue to advance the mission of the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count. In-person activities, including enumeration, office work, and processing activities, will always incorporate the most current guidance from authorities to ensure the health and safety of the public and Census Bureau employees.

Activity/Operation	Original Schedule	New Schedule
<b>Self-Response Phase</b> (online, phone, mail)	March 12–July 31	March 12–October 31
<b>Group Quarters</b> (e-Response and Paper Enumeration)	April 2–June 5	April 2–September 3
<b>Update Leave—Stateside</b>	March 15–April 17	Selected Area Census Offices starting May 4
<b>Update Leave—Puerto Rico</b>	March 15–April 17	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.
<b>Update Enumerate</b>	March 16–April 30	June 14–July 29
<b>In-Person Group Quarters Enumeration</b>	April 2–June 5	July 1–September 3
<b>Mobile Questionnaire Assistance</b>	March 30–July 31	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.

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## Plastic Bag Ban Still in Effect in South Pasadena

Friendly reminder to all – the plastic bag ban is still in effect! As a cautionary measure to protect front-line workers, Governor Newsom signed an executive order in April 2020 to put a 60-day pause on California's single-use plastic bag ban. Although the suspension did not apply to municipalities with their own local bag ban like South Pasadena, many South Pasadena stores followed state procedures and halted the use of reusable bags and started using single-use plastic bags instead. This suspension has since expired and the plastic bag ban is in full force. Here's what you can do to protect yourself from the virus and protect the planet from the avalanche of plastic being used:

Ask for paper bags instead of plastic. Covid-19 has been found to last longer on plastic than paper.

Bring your own reusable bag, but be prepared to bag your own groceries. Make sure to be courteous of the people around you and bag your groceries quickly, outside of the line, or leave your groceries in your cart and bag them by your car.

By working together, we can ensure that essential front-line workers are safe and that we are continuing to live as sustainably as possible. We are all in this together.



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- A customized home report with project recommendations
- Suggestions for immediate home improvement projects

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The Pasadena Symphony is working in partnership with the City of Pasadena and local health authorities in the event that state guidelines are announced that would allow for small outdoor concert events to take place in the fall. "We have two scenario plans in place - the first brings Pasadena Presents live in-person and outdoors at the Pasadena Pavilion for the Performing Arts (formerly known as the Levitt Pavilion), and the second brings Pasadena Presents exclusively online for its ticket buyers and donors," said Lora Unger, CEO adding "Our season is set to start on October 17. We don't want to over promise and under deliver, and yet we also want to make the right decisions at the right time. We will continue to monitor public health guidelines as they evolve over the next two months so we can act based on what guidelines will be in place in October. We're focused on ensuring we can deliver exciting concerts to our audience and bringing musicians back to work safely. Both scenarios achieve those goals. The show must go on, and if need be the show will go online."

The organization is proceeding with great care so it can be prepared to create a safe and joyful concert-going experience, with protocols in place including socially distanced seating pods, mandatory mask wearing, increased sanitation practices and reworked ingress and egress plans. David Lockington's pre-concert discussion, Insights, made possible with generous support from Alan Fisher, MD, will be sent via email to ticketholders prior to each concert. The outdoor pavilion has been redesigned to seat up to 350 patrons in socially distanced pods, with plans to have multiple performances to accommodate the reseating of all ticket buyers who wish to attend. In the event that outdoor concerts remain prohibited into the fall, the performances will be recorded at Ambassador Auditorium and presented exclusively online.

Current ticketholders and subscribers will be invited to transfer their current tickets directly to the Pasadena Presents series. Single tickets will be made available as inventory allows. The orchestra will also offer a membership to view the series online. For information, ticketing options and updates on Pasadena Presents, please visit <http://www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org/> or call (626) 793-7172.

## 'George Floyd' Law Passes First Policy Committee

Assemblymember Chris Holden's (right) police reform legislation, AB 1022, passed in the Senate Public Safety Committee today with a 5-1 vote. The bill establishes clear guidelines for police responsibility and accountability when witnessing excessive force by another member of law enforcement.

"Americans across the nation demand more accountability in our criminal justice system," said California Attorney General Xavier Becerra. "It's going to take sustained, thoughtful reform like Assembly Bill 1022 to help answer the call. At the California Department of Justice, we're committed to partnering with our legislators and stakeholders across the state to help get the job done. I commend Assemblymember Holden and his colleagues for getting this bill through the Senate Public Safety Committee. It's time for important policies like a peace officer's duty to intervene to be more than just recommendations. We're ready for them to be the law of the land."

California law requires police officers to intercede when present and observing another officer using force that is beyond that which is necessary, but there are no universal measures used to determine that an officer has in fact interceded. In the case of George Floyd, a lawyer for one of the accused junior officers argued that there was intervention because the junior officer asked the supervising officer if they should turn Floyd on his side.

"We were outraged when we watched the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer

from a knee to the neck," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Equally disturbing, was the lack of intervention from the police officers who witnessed a clear use of excessive force."

AB 1022 provides a selection of techniques to establish that an officer has in fact attempted to intercede. The bill also expands on current law to disqualify a person from being a police officer if they used excessive force that resulted in great bodily injury or death or to have failed to intercede in that incident.

If the bill becomes law, police officers would be required to intercede when witnessing excessive force under the updated guidelines and report the incident in real time to dispatch or the watch commander. Failure to intercede by a police officer would make them an accessory to any crime committed by an offending officer. Retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor would be prohibited.

"From Rodney King in 1991 to Stephon Clark in 2018, California has a bad a history with excessive use of force by police officers," continued Holden. "With protection from the law, this legislation compels police officers to do the right thing."





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### More Hand Sanitizer Safety Tips:

- Avoid products that say "FDA-approved" on the label – there are no hand sanitizers approved by the FDA.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you have swallowed hand sanitizer or are experiencing symptoms after repeated use of these products on your skin. Contact your poison center (1-800-222-1222) for advice.
- Signs and symptoms of methanol poisoning include headache, blurred vision or blindness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of coordination, and decreased alertness.
- Keep hand sanitizers out of the reach of children and supervise their use.



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE 8/07/2020

08/07/2020 3:30pm  
(Compared to 7/31/2020)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY	08/07/20	07/31/20
Total Cases	193,423	185,872
Deaths	4,627	4,552

STATS BY CITY	Population	Cases	Deaths
	(last week's stats in parenthesis)		
Pasadena	14,1371	2060 (1943)	111 (105)
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	57 (47)	1 (1)
City of Arcadia	57,754	364 (309)	21 (15)
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	74 (70)	2 (1)
City of Bradbury	1,069	13 (12)	0 (0)
City of Duarte	22,016	389 (360)	24 (24)
Uninc. - Duarte	4,428	93 (84)	2 (2)
City of Monrovia	38,800	565 (559)	34 (34)
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	67 (66)	0 (0)
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	60 (51)	3 (3)
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	227 (217)	25 (25)
Uninc. - Altadena	43,260	500 (440)	13 (11)

La County Testing as of 08/07/20: 1,892,897

Positivity Rate (No. of tests that are positive out of total tests taken) as 08/07/20: 10.5%  
Nationally recommended Positivity Level: 8%

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Public Health anticipates a continued reporting of a backlog of cases as the State electronic laboratory system (ELR) reporting delay is addressed. Data sources that track other key indicators, including hospitalizations and deaths, are not affected by this reporting issue.

Ninety-two percent of the people who died from COVID-19 had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 4,610 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health); 49% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 24% among White residents, 15% among Asian residents, 10% among African American/Black residents, less than 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races. Upon further investigation, 55 cases and four deaths reported earlier were not LA County residents.

"So many families are experiencing the pain and sadness of losing a loved one to COVID-19. We extend our deepest sympathies to all of you," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We remain guided by science and data that can be used appropriately to move us forward along the road to recovery in a measured way. The lower number of daily hospitalizations we are seeing is an indicator that we are making some progress. However, we need to see lower rates and our future success depends on commitments we each make every day about doing our part, working together and sustaining efforts that get us to the other side of this pandemic. Our collective goals of slowing the spread of this virus and reopening and keeping open vital community and economic sectors means we must put off the parties, gatherings, and trips to crowded places in order to get to low community transmission rates so we can re-open our schools and get more people back to work."

Businesses must make sure they are doing their part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Current Health Officer Orders require business owners to take immediate action to implement strategies that protect workers and customers. They must also report COVID-19 outbreaks to Public Health in a timely fashion. Health Officer Orders require businesses with three or more known cases of COVID-19 within the workplace over the span of 14 days, to report the outbreak to Public Health.

Residents must also make sure they are doing their part. Residents should not gather with anyone they don't live with. They should wear a face covering securely over their nose and mouth and keep six feet apart from others not in their household when out in public and wash hands frequently. All events and gatherings, unless specifically allowed by Health Officer Orders remain prohibited.

This State ELR issue has undercounted the County's positive cases and affects the number of COVID-19 cases reported each day and our contact tracing efforts. Given the current ELR delays, the department urges any person with a positive lab result to call 1-833-540-0473 to connect with a public health specialist who can provide information about services and support. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov)

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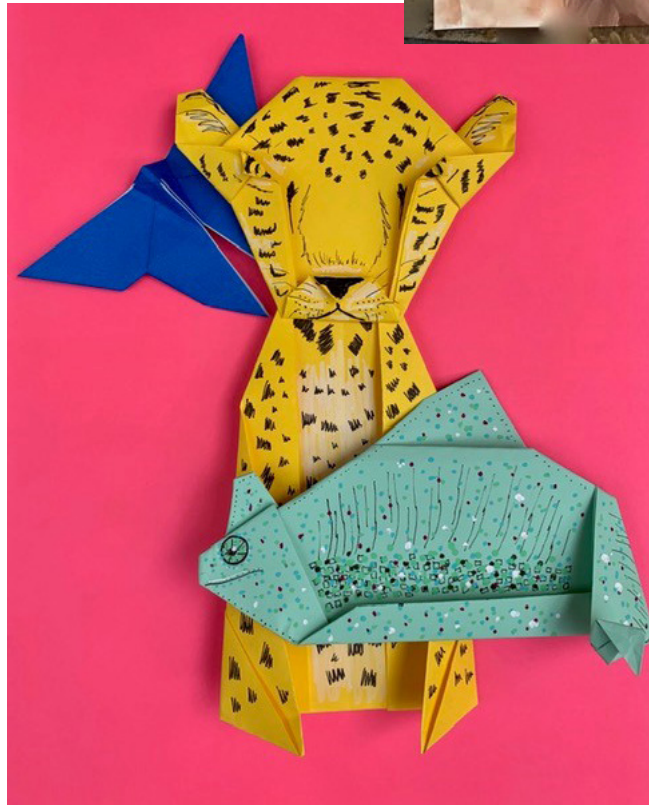
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In June, Creative Arts Group transformed what was once an empty driveway into a thriving outdoor studio. Starting the week of August 17, CAG will be offering a 5-week 'Back to School' Session for children ages 5-14 in their new shaded, open-



air studio. With the sail shades and misters overhead cooling the air and everyone wearing masks, the new studio is a comfortable and socially distanced outdoor environment welcoming to all.

The 5-week session includes classes and workshops in clay, papier mache, painting, drawing, origami, tile painting and mosaic.

For more information and to sign up for classes, please see the Creative Arts Group website ([www.creativeartsgroup.org](http://www.creativeartsgroup.org)) or give the office a call (626-355-8350).

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Los Angeles County's case rate currently is 355 per 100,000 and we will not be considering waiver applications, at this point in time.

We know that to many families, this is a disappointing announcement, but it's based on the existing science and data that is guiding all of our decision-making. We need to ensure the health and safety of our children, school teachers and staff and all of their families.

This decision will be reconsidered once the case rate falls to the levels recommended by the State.

The Department of Public Health will continue to work with all of our partners across the County to implement the infection control strategies we know effectively reduce community transmission and case rates so that schools can re-open for in-person instruction as soon as the data and science tell us it's safe to do so.

While all schools, public and private, across the County are closed for in-person instruction of students, teachers, staff and administrators are allowed to return to school buildings provided adults adhere to existing protocols that require physical distancing and infection control measures, including wearing face coverings.

## COVID-19 CHILDCARE FUNDING

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors allocated \$15 million in CARES Act funding for childcare vouchers to serve essential workers and low-income families in the County. The Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education is contracting with the Child Care Alliance, a network of LA County Resource and Referral /Alternative Payment agencies, to distribute vouchers.

Families seeking early care and education services may call 888-92-CHILD (888-922-4453). Eligibility for these vouchers is set by the state.

At this time, Child Care Alliance are still in the process of implementing the program in partnership with LA County. Interested families are encouraged to call Child Care Alliance and provide contact information and zip code. The zip code will help them search their database for a Resource and Referral agency, which is where they will forward the family's information. Once the program is implemented, a local Resource and Referral agency will reach out to the families to provide further details.

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# All Things

By Jeff Brown

For a moment, I forgot. Karla and I were out at an outdoor restaurant on a summer evening, surrounded by tables of chattering families and relaxed couples. In the waning yellow sunlight, we sipped wine, enjoyed our halibut, and soaked up the life around us. Giddy liberation was in the air. The entire main street of this small suburban town north of New York City had been closed to cars, so that restaurants, a pizza place, and an ice cream joint could set up distance tables outside. People wore masks on sidewalks and while making their way to their tables, taking them off when they were seated.

Similar successful adaptations to the pandemic can be found throughout the Northeast, where the test-positivity rate has fallen to about 1% and deaths and hospitalizations have plunged. The coronavirus is a formidable foe, but we now know how to minimize person to person spread.

How many people get sick and die between now and a vaccine is largely under our control. "We can virtually eliminate the virus anytime we decide to," says Andy Slavitt, a former head of the Center For Medicare and Medicaid Services. Several other countries in Asia and Europe have largely done so.

To undo the damage of premature re-opening in the South and West, Slavitt says, these states would need a second lockdown, closing all bars, indoor restaurants, churches, and public transit for about 50 days period. Masks should be mandated and interstate travel shut down. These policies, Slavitt calculates, would drive the reproduction rate of covid-19 down to 0.5. Then exponential pandemic math would take over and the communities with 60,000 active cases would, 50 days later, have just 58 cases.

At that point, testing and contact tracing become fast and effective. Life could safely resume, with some prudent restrictions. The alternative is now on display in ICU's in Florida, Arizona, and Texas.

Will successive surges define our lives into 2021? Our choice.

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My latest book, released without fanfare due to the focus upon the pandemic, is called "Guide to Getting Around with or without a Compass." I believe readers will find it both interesting to read, and useful in developing a sense of natural navigation.

The book is fully-illustrated with color photos, and begins with how ancient people observed their environment and learned to read the landscape for directional and other clues.

Ancient people did not have any of our modern technology, and so they developed an acute awareness of their environments, including the movement of the sun, the moon, and the stars. They knew where they were in relation to other things, and they developed unique tools for maintaining this sense of awareness.



Diann Benti shows the latest book. Available from Amazon, or from the Store at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com)

Modern people rarely think about north vs. south, the divisions of time, or how these things are figured, adjusted, or corrected. Why? We've let our technological tools do this work for us, and as an unintended consequence, we've grown increasingly unaware and ignorant of our surroundings.

In this book, my hope is to awaken in you that excitement that comes with learning how to determine north from the stars, how to determine east from the sun, and how to use your natural sense of awareness to guide you.

In fact, there is no single natural observation that will tell you directions. You need to be observant of many features and understand what they mean. You need to use your common sense and you need to be able to "think on your feet." Then, with practice, you stand a good chance of determining compass points and knowing how to get around without modern devices.

The best way to understand the landscape you're in is to get to a high spot where you can observe as much of the local terrain as possible. Get up to a rocky peak, or some high area with an unimpeded view of the terrain. Once, when there was no such high spot, I actually climbed a tree in order to get a look at the lay of the land.



Parker Davis looks at woodpecker holes? Are woodpecker holes a good sign of direction? Supposedly, they are found on the east side of trees, but these were found on the west side of an old pine.

#### Moss on Trees

We have long heard that moss grows on the north side of trees. We have all heard this so often, in so many formats, that you'd think it was some sort of absolute dogma. I still recall in my high school years when I was taking backpacking and survival classes from Abbey Keith of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. Keith liked to ask us a lot of questions.

On one Saturday morning, he asked all of us, "Does moss grow on the north sides of trees?" The room was somewhat silent. Everyone was leaning towards a strong "yes," but no one answered. "Yes," said Keith loudly with a broad grin. "It does! But it also grows on the east side, the south side, and the west side of trees, especially in a dense forest where there is little light." Everyone laughed.

Though there is logic to this idea, and though in a clearing the moss is less light and more moisture there),

is predominantly on the northern half of the tree (there's less light and more moisture there), it is not a precise, nor reliable, method of direction-finding. Keith would later tell us that if it's a pine tree, and if you're in California, and if the tree is in a clearing, then the moss is probably on the north half of the tree. Somewhat useful, but not very good for precision direction-finding.

This new book deals with how to make a shadow compass with a stick in the ground, how to recognize key constellations for direction-finding, and dozens of ways to tell directions by observing nature. Of course, I also describe how to use maps, and how to use a compass, and a few unique ways to get around with only a compass.

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We have not closed our doors! It's a difficult time, especially for pet owners who are laid off, and heart-breaking that many have been forced to surrender their beloved pets. We receive daily requests to rehome pets whose owners are either no longer able to keep them or who, sadly, have died. Pets in shelters will increase, while adoptions will decrease. Yet, pet care must go on. Lifeline for Pets would love to help, but we are greatly in need of local foster homes and adoptions for cats. Every time we place a kitty in a foster home, we make room for another one in need, such as young twins, LUCIE & LALA here, only a year old, and very sweet. If you are looking for a way to make a difference, this is it! If you have room in your home and in your heart to foster or adopt, please look over our website at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org). Our foster application is at [www.lifelineforpets.org/foster-application.html](http://www.lifelineforpets.org/foster-application.html), and our adoption application is at [www.lifelineforpets.org/cat-adoption-application-revised.html](http://www.lifelineforpets.org/cat-adoption-application-revised.html)





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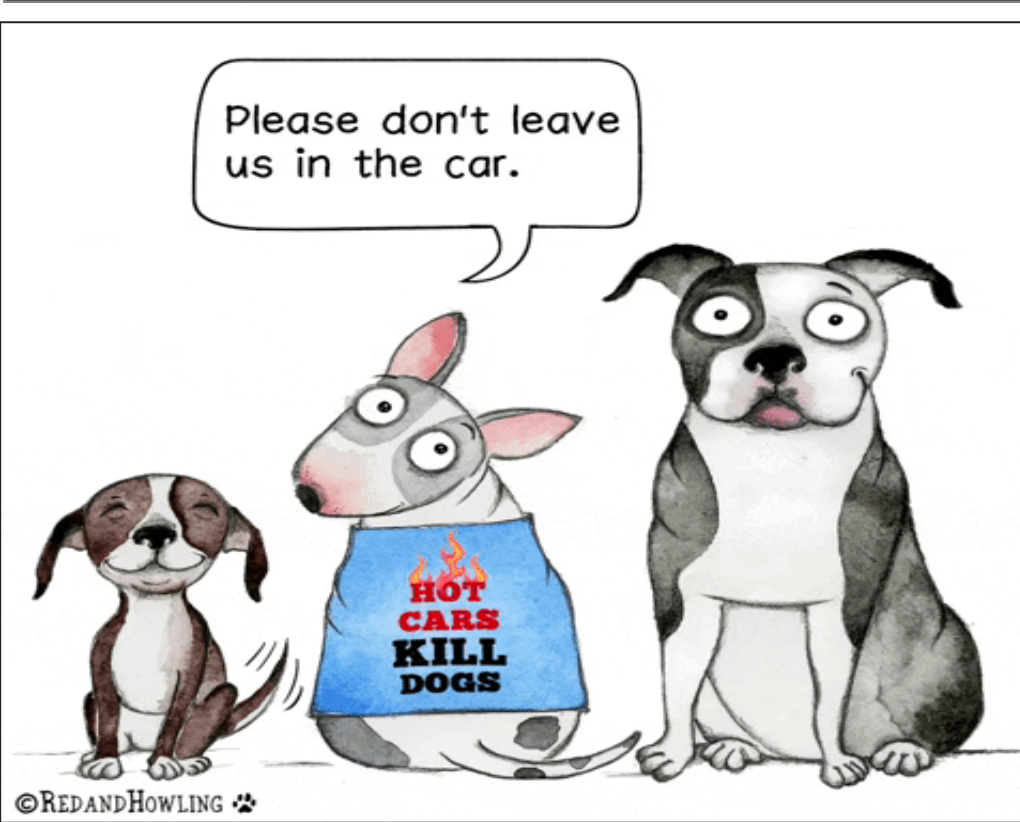
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## HOW MEDICARE AND OTHER TOOLS CAN HELP OLDER SMOKERS KICK THE HABIT

Dear Savvy Senior:

*I understand that COVID-19 hits smokers a lot harder than nonsmokers but quitting at my age is very difficult. Does Medicare offer any coverage that helps beneficiaries quit smoking? Must Quit*



Dear Must:

It's true. Smokers and vapers have a higher risk of severe COVID-19 infection as the coronavirus attacks the lungs. That's why quitting now is more important than ever before.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you'll be happy to know that Medicare Part B covers up to eight face-to-face counseling sessions a year to help you quit smoking. And, if you have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, certain smoking-cessation medications are covered too. Here are some other tips that can help you kick the habit.

It's Never Too Late

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 12.5 percent of Medicare beneficiaries smoke. Many older smokers, like yourself, indicate that they would like to quit, but because of the nicotine, which is extremely addictive, it's very difficult to do.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable illness, responsible for an estimated one-fifth of deaths in the United States each year.

But research shows that quitting, even after age 65, greatly reduces your risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, osteoporosis and many other diseases including COVID-19. It also helps you breathe easier, smell and taste food better, not to mention saves you quite a bit of money. A \$6 pack-a-day smoker, for example, saves about \$180 after one month without cigarettes, and nearly \$2,200 after one year.

How to Quit

The first step you need to take is to set a "quit date," but give yourself a few weeks to get ready. During that time, you may want to start by reducing the number or the strength of cigarettes you smoke to begin weaning yourself.

Also check out over-the-counter nicotine replacement products – patches, gum and lozenges – to help curb your cravings (these are not covered by Medicare). And just prior to your quit day get rid of all cigarettes and ashtrays in your home, car, and place of work, and try to clean up and even spray air freshener. The smell of smoke can be a powerful trigger.

Get Help

Studies have shown that you have a much better chance of quitting if you have help. So, tell your friends, family, and coworkers of your plan to quit. Others knowing can be a helpful reminder and motivator.

Then get some counseling. Don't go it alone. Start by contacting your doctor about smoking cessation counseling covered by Medicare and find out about the prescription antismoking drugs that can help reduce your nicotine craving.

You can also get free one-on-one telephone counseling and referrals to local smoking cessation programs through your state quit line at 800-QUIT-NOW or call the National Cancer Institute free smoking quit line at 877-44U-QUIT.

It's also important to identify and write down the times and situations you're most likely to smoke and make a list of things you can do to replace it or distract yourself. Some helpful suggestions when the smoking urge arises are to call a friend or one of the free quit lines, keep your mouth occupied with some sugar-free gum, sunflower seeds, carrots, fruit or hard candy, go for a walk, read a magazine, listen to music or take a hot bath.

The intense urge to smoke lasts about three to five minutes, so do what you can to wait it out. It's also wise to avoid drinking alcohol and steer clear of other smokers while you're trying to quit. Both can trigger powerful urges to smoke.

For more tips on how to quit, including managing your cravings, withdrawal symptoms and what to do if you relapse, visit 60plus.SmokeFree.gov. There are also a variety of helpful quit smoking apps you can download like SmokeFreeApp.com and QuitGenius.com.

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.

## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



### HOW TO AVOID THE NEED FOR A PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT

Last week, I discussed some of the pros and cons of using prenuptial agreements. Here, we'll look at different estate planning vehicles that could provide similar—or even better—protection than prenups.

Revocable living trust created by you: By setting up a revocable living trust and funding it with your separate assets before getting married, those assets would likely be considered non-marital property and not subject to division by the court upon divorce—as long as you never commingle any of those assets with your spouse after your marriage. To ensure your separate property assets stay separate, it's vital that you create and fund the trust with your assets before the marriage and never add any assets acquired or created during the marriage.

If you commingle assets acquired during the marriage in a trust containing your separate non-marital assets, a court could declare all of those assets as marital property subject to claim as part of a divorce settlement. To this end, a revocable trust only protects your separate assets from divorce if they remain separate from marital property throughout the whole length of your marriage.

You can also use a revocable living trust to provide for your surviving spouse and children from a previous marriage in the event of your death or incapacity. Unlike a will, assets held by a trust are not subject to the court process known as probate, so those assets would be immediately available to your spouse and kids, sparing your family the time, expense, and potential conflict of probate.

Note that since a revocable trust is "revocable" by definition, there is no asset protection for assets in your revocable trust, meaning that a revocable living trust will not protect your assets from creditors during your lifetime. If you want to achieve protection from both a future divorce and future creditors, you may want to consider one of the irrevocable trusts below.

Irrevocable trust created by your family: You can protect your assets from divorce by having your parents (or another loved one) establish an irrevocable trust for you before your marriage. Then, the Investment Trustee of the irrevocable trust (who could be you) could purchase all of your existing assets in an arms-length transaction and manage those assets inside of the trust, where they are totally protected from a future divorce and any future creditors. Note that this strategy does require special

provisions to ensure you cannot make distributions to yourself from the trust without the approval of an "independent trustee." This trustee could be a best friend or a professional trustee, but cannot be anyone related or subordinate to you.

Your parents or grandparents could also leave any future inheritance you are to receive to this irrevocable trust, ensuring that your inheritance would also be protected. If this irrevocable trust is properly established and the terms are well-drafted, all assets the trust owns—and any assets left to you in the future—will be fully protected from a future divorce, future creditors, and even from estate taxes and probate upon your death. Yes, I like these trusts a lot.

Irrevocable trust created by you: It's also possible for you to establish an irrevocable trust for yourself and gift your assets into the trust to keep them safe from divorce. However, this strategy is not as airtight as having a parent or grandparents establish the trust for you.

When you gift assets to an irrevocable trust, there's a risk that a spouse or future creditor can claim fraudulent conveyance, depending on how soon you gift those assets after creating the trust. That said, if you are looking for asset protection and an alternative to a prenuptial agreement, and do not have a parent or grandparent available, a self-settled irrevocable trust can be a great second-best alternative.

Start your marriage off right

If you are getting ready to tie the knot and would like to ensure that assets you bring into the marriage don't end up being lost in a future divorce settlement or are protected for your kids from a prior marriage, it is important to take action now. Once you are married, many planning options are off the table.

And regardless of your concerns about divorce, you definitely need to create or update your estate plan to protect and provide for your soon-to-be-spouse and any children you have in the event of your death or incapacity.

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

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...August 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 Lhein@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.

**Food Banks Support: Seniors & Families:**

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

**First Church of the Nazarene-Pasadena** 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-351-9631  
Wednesday 10:30 am-12 pm

**Pasadena Senior Center** 85 E. Holly St. Pasadena 626-685-6732

**Foothill Unity Center** 415 W. Chestnut Ave. Monrovia 626-358-3486 Monday 1 pm-3:30 pm,  
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  
2nd & 4th Saturday 11 am-1

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



### ARE HOMEMADE COOKIES ADDICTIVE?

Some people say we are living in the "new normal." I'm not sure exactly what they mean, and I don't have the time to ask, nor the desire.

If the "new normal" is what I have been experiencing in the parsonage for the last several months, I'm all for it. Let it continue. Everybody should be able to live their own normal.

Because of being limited, as far as traveling is concerned and going shopping or whatever, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have spent a lot of time at home enjoying our time together.

I must say that my wife and I don't always see eye to eye. After all, I'm 6'3", and she's only 5'2". I'm tempted to say at times, but I value my life too much, that I have a "higher perspective" than my wife. But you didn't hear it for me.

We have spent almost half a century together, and we're coming out of it most amicably. Some people might say we were opposites in many regards. She's on the vegetable side of the table, and I'm on the fruit side.

There have been some little clashes concerning that. She's a vegetable connoisseur and I, well, let's say I'm a fruitoholic. The only veggie I really approve of is the Carrot Cake.

Apart from that, we have been able to carve out a wonderful life together. I didn't realize how much it was until all of this "lockdown" nonsense that we're in right now.

When I go out, come home and walk into the house, I am overwhelmed by the aroma that is all through the house. The first time this happened, I had to stop and try to figure out what was happening. Then it became clear, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had spent the whole day cooking or baking.

One day it is baking, and then the next day it is cooking and putting it all together, it is marvelous.

We haven't eaten out in a restaurant for months, but rather have enjoyed home-cooked meals the whole time. I'm not sure if I should leave a tip!

I remember one day when I came into the house the aroma was one of my favorites. My wife had been baking cookies all day long, and the house was filled with that beautiful aroma.

On the table were cookies just out of the oven, and in the oven was a new batch of cookies. Those cookies on the table smelled so wonderful. Not only that, but they also looked delicious. I'm not sure what delicious looks like, but those cookies came very close to that definition.

I came and stood by the cookies and looked at them,

and then I heard, "Don't you dare touch one of those cookies!"

Looking up, my wife was staring at me, knowing full well my intent to snatch a cookie. The problem with cookies on the table is when you take one, there is an empty space so you can't get away with it.

"But, my dear, they look and smell so wonderful. This must be the last batch of cookies you have ever made in your life."

I'm trying to negotiate into getting at least one cookie. The problem is, nobody, especially me, can negotiate with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I looked at her, looked back at the cookies, and then again at her with some of my most sorry-looking eyes I could manufacture. If I could have created a tear, I would've at that moment.

At that time, I knew I would have to wait to have a cookie, but it was just killing me to not only smelling them but seeing in the same room that I'm in. Such torture is inhuman.

I went into the living room and sat down to watch a little TV. In a few moments, my wife came in carrying one cookie and said, "You can have one cookie per day."

Smiling at her, I accepted the cookie and indulged in gratifying my cookie-itis. And it was wonderful. My problem at the time was, it was only one, and it was small.

I found out she was making these cookies for other people and members of the family. I tried to tell her that I was a member of the family, but she threw a grudge at me and continued baking the cookies.

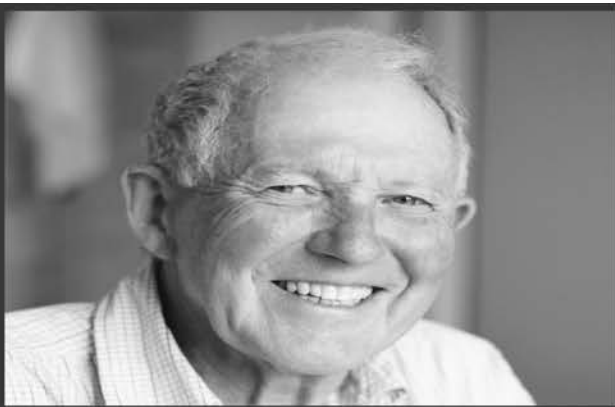
How can anybody live on just one cookie per day?

Later on, I saw on the table plastic bags filled with cookies designated for some friend or family member. An idea crumbled in my head at that time. When my wife said, "one cookie per day," what did that actually mean?

Looking at all the bags of cookies on that table, I developed my own interpretation and assumed it meant one cookie per day per plastic bag. I hope she doesn't catch on to my plan, but I have enjoyed her cookies all day long. Remember, I only ate one at a time.

As I was enjoying my last cookie, a verse of scripture came to mind. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

My words don't mean anything unless it is backed up by what I do. I think I need to confess my cookie snatching to my wife.



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## STUART TOLCHIN MAYBE THIS WILL HELP



What I am attempting to do today is to share some of my own experiences in the hope that this will lead to pleasant reader experiences of humor, insight or inspiration. I have been counselled by wise friends and told that such writing, excluding negativity, is what is needed today. I hope these examples from my own experience communicate something to you. The rest is up to you; so let's begin.

My mother always suggested that when one was feeling blue that it would be a good idea to put on tight shoes because it would feel so good when you take them off. So if the shoe doesn't fit don't wear it.

The next thing I suggest is to listen to "The First Time I ever Saw Your Face" sung by Roberta Flack. I'm listening to it right now as I construct this piece. I heard it in my head just as my son's face appeared as he was being born. It had been a very hard and long labor and I still remember his mother being told to "push push" while I wiped the sweat off her forehead and pushed against her back. My ex-wife says I broke my wrist, I don't remember that, but I remember seeing my son's crown emerge upside down and backwards; but eventually seeing his face for the first time and crying then and crying now forty eight years later.

Time to dry the tears, at least mine, and move to the category described by Roberta's singing "The First Time"; those remembered first times that are forever inspirational. Some years ago my wife Irene and I were driving in Utah and looking for Bryce Canyon National Park. Eventually we found it, and what can I tell you, it was so beautiful, so absolutely beautiful that I cried for the first time in years. If you have not been there by all means go and see it for the first time perhaps again and again just like the first time. I still have a shirt with a color picture of Bryce Canyon on it that my infant granddaughter likes to pull on when I carry her.

Next category; Infants, especially infant granddaughters. If you don't have one I strongly recommend that you get one. There is almost nothing comparable to the bliss of lying next to the incomparable peaceful beauty of a sleeping infant. Yesterday, just to get out of the house I called my daughter and told her I would be passing by her house and asked if it would be possible to bring the baby to the front porch just so I could see her. I drove to her house and parked in front and my daughter brought the baby out. Justice, that's her name, as she saw me and she started to quiver, kicked her legs, laughed, and clapped and waved- expressing and creating joy for the both of us.

I have already used almost all of my allotted words; but I want to share one more experience with you. If possible follow a profession where you can be of service to people and make a difference in their lives. I was an attorney appointed to work on the release of a man who had been in prison for twenty five years. After much searching I found a psychiatrist and a gang expert to work on the case, both of whom recommended his release. There were many complications but after the hearing his wife and I walked across the street to the Cathedral and stood at the monument to the Virgin of Guadalupe. She prayed and I hoped and later when the decision came releasing him I was as exhilarated as the freed man and his wife.

Well that's it. My part is over. Sorry it wasn't funnier.

## PETER FUNT WHAT'S TO DEBATE ABOUT NEED-ING MORE DEBATES?



In a presidential campaign that has twisted at every turn, it's no surprise that the latest issue up for debate concerns debates.

Surprisingly, the Trump campaign now favors more debates, while some liberal pundits are suggesting that there should be fewer – maybe none. Seems clear to me: In a pandemic-torn campaign, voters will benefit from as many presidential face-offs as possible.

Writing to the Commission on Presidential Debates, Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani argued that a fourth debate should be added to the current schedule of three, with the first moved up before early voting gets underway.

Giuliani noted that by the time of the first debate on Sept. 29, "as many as eight million Americans in 24 states will have already started voting." Even more ballots will have been cast by the second and third debates, Oct. 15 and 22.

The CPD said it would not move the planned debates earlier. However, the group indicated that if both Trump and Biden want a fourth debate it would consider the request.

Both campaigns should act immediately to arrange a fourth event, in the interest of filling the gaps in this most unusual presidential campaign. Both candidates have been off the trail, with rallies and virtually all public appearances canceled. Democrats announced that Biden will not be going to the convention in Milwaukee to accept his nomination, opting to speak by video connection. Republicans will hold a modified convention in Charlotte but Trump, too, will appear via video.

At this point, nationally televised debates are all that remains of a conventional campaign.

"For a nation already deprived of a traditional campaign schedule because of the COVID-19 global pandemic," Giuliani wrote, "it makes no sense to also deprive so many Americans of the opportunity to see and hear the two competing visions for our country's future before millions of votes have been cast."

Meanwhile, a mystifying op-ed by columnist Elizabeth Drew in The New York Times declared: "Let's Scrap the Presidential Debates." What a strange suggestion in an election year that has already been forced to scrap just about everything else.

The chorus of liberal pundits urging Biden to skip the debates entirely is alarming. Joe Lockhart, Bill Clinton's former press secretary, advises Biden: "Whatever you do, don't debate Trump." According to Lockhart's analysis for CNN, "It's a fool's errand to enter the ring with someone who can't follow the rules or the truth."

If Lockhart believes Biden can't think fast enough to counter Trump's lies, he's wrong. Moreover, if the former vice president can't handle a ruthless debate opponent then he probably can't handle the presidency.

It wasn't long ago that some of us believed Trump might duck the debates altogether, with so much of his disastrous past year ripe for interrogation. But as polls show him trailing Biden (the Real Clear Politics average gives Biden a 7 point lead), Trump's strategy is shifting.

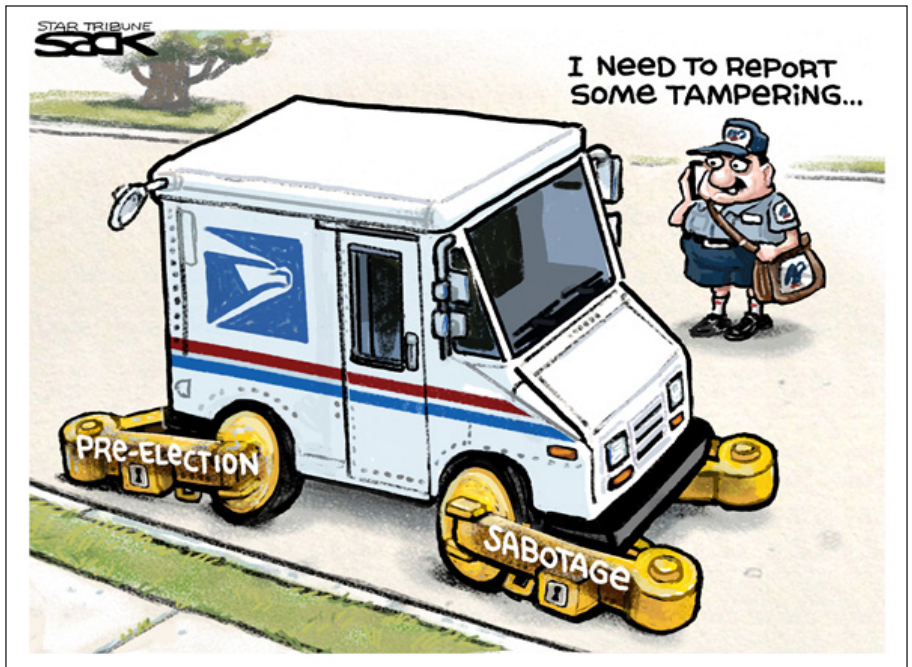
Four presidential debates of two and a half hours each is probably all that can be squeezed in. Perhaps one could be devoted to domestic issues and one to foreign affairs. To further probe the differences between the two campaigns, a second debate for the vice presidential candidates should be added to the one planned for Oct. 7.

Before selecting Joe Biden as their nominee, Democrats had 12 official debates. The events were strained at times because there were so many candidates – but not because debating itself wasn't vitally important. Now, with Election Day drawing near, why should voters have to settle for misleading campaign ads, brief news clips and Twitter bombs to make their decision?

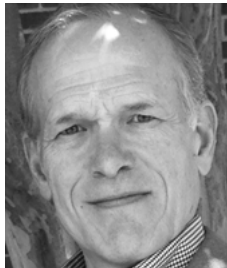
The CPD has opened the door for a fourth presidential debate – and presumably a second vice presidential debate – if requested by both campaigns. Trump and Biden should act quickly to make it happen.

In Pew research following the 2016 election, 63 percent of voters said the presidential debates were "very" or "somewhat" helpful in deciding which candidate to vote for. Certainly in the pandemic election of 2020 voters deserve all the help they can get.

Peter Funt is a writer and speaker. His book, "Cautiously Optimistic," is available at Amazon.com and CandidCamera.com.



## MICHAEL SHANNON POWERFUL ORGANIZATION LEARNS LITTLE PEOPLE CAN FIGHT BACK



From day one the Trump HR operation has been the Chernobyl of Human Resources. Instead of hiring some of the 63 million people who voted for Trump, the administration made a point of hiring people for whom the Trump administration was a bit beneath their dignity.

At least a few of the appointee failures could have been solved by having all new hires attend an orientation that consisted solely of watching a 2016 Trump campaign rally in full. That would have been the first exposure to the issues that won the election for Trump for many and would have served to put them on notice regarding the administration's priorities. Now, as Trump's first term draws to a close, the administration is finally taking steps to punish wayward appointees. Although in typically Trump fashion, it isn't a systematic effort. Instead, Trump became aware of the betrayal when a group of little people decided they weren't going to lie down and take it. The story begins in Tennessee. The Tennessee Valley Authority is a federally-chartered corporation created by FDR during the depths of the Great Depression. The TVA's goal was to control flooding by harnessing the rivers for hydroelectric power and then generate economic development. Like most government behemoths, TVA long-ago lost sight of its mission as a U.S. entity supposed to help U.S. citizens. The new CEO, Jeff Lyash, evidently decided he was tired of creating jobs in Tennessee and wanted to start growing careers in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chattanooga Times Free Press found Lyash intended to import tech workers from India, using the H1-B visa program, to replace 200 US citizens already doing the job.

This is callous, corporate arrogance at its most corrupt. An organization created by Congress to aid Americans has no more business importing foreign serfs to replace citizens than the USPS has hiring drug mules to deliver the mail.

The H1-B visa scam is a popular in corporate suites because this government-sponsored wage-reduction program that's an ideal solution for tech executives who don't like to travel.

Instead of shipping jobs overseas, cynical U.S. corporations violate U.S. law to bring the workers here.

Problem solved. The boss doesn't have to worry about drinking the water and the U.S. wage scale is now identical to that of Bombay. The part of the law that says visas are only to be used for jobs the company can't fill domestically is winked at by everyone, except the 200 Americans doing the work previously at TSA who get fired. Most of the time companies force citizens to train the foreigners who have come to take their job, which is like ISIS making captives sharpen swords. The company keeps the terminated employees quiet by forcing them to sign non-disclosure agreements if they want to receive severance.

The employees at TVA decided to fight back. They met with the president and after the meeting Trump finally laid down the law firing two members of the board, "So, let this serve as a warning to any federally appointed board. If you betray American workers, then you will hear two simple words: You're fired. If the TVA does not move swiftly to reverse their decision to rehire their workers, then more board members will be removed."

TVA's response indicates Trump must keep firing. Lyash has no intention of changing his policy. In his breathtakingly arrogant and duplicitous response to the president he let fly with a burst of HR jargon, "We have a rigorous decision-making process that includes dialogue with the impacted union and an appeals process that is still underway. No potentially impacted employee from TVA will be let go until that entire process is complete."

If Lyash intends to obey the president there is no need for an "appeals process" because he would simply stop giving U.S. jobs to foreigners and rehire the citizens. What's more, the "appeals process" is simply a method of delaying until after the election when Lyash hopes Trump will be gone and he can tell the citizens who stood up to him not to let the door hit them in the behind.

This is the bureaucrat swamp mindset that Trump has faced since he took office. It's an indictment of his lack of seriousness that he didn't drop and continue dropping the hammer on these popinjay potentates from the day he took the oath of office.

Lyash personifies the 'I'm all right Jack' mentality of our corporate titans. When he took over as president of Ontario Power Generation, he booted some Canadians out of a job, so why should he care if U.S. little people get fired?

Trump should make him care. That's why Trump was elected. It shouldn't have taken Trump four years to take action.

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**EDITORS NOTE:** If you are living in America here and now, these are extradinarily difficult times. It is as though every single thing that could possibly challenge us and our beliefs, regardless of who you are, is demanding attention. Right now. Regardless of your race, gender, political beliefs, religion, or national origin, everyone is talking about everything that is or has turned their lives upside down. Our faith in our Democracy is faltering. We are being divided because of our religious and political beliefs; we are in denial about the lack of respect we show for each other and how little concern we have over the plight of those who are different than we are. Add to that, we are all struggling with COVID-19 which has made us deal with a previously incomprehensible situation over which we have no control! Yes, there is much that we want to talk about.

Every single day, The Mountain Views News hears from readers who have something to say. Whether it is our nation's state of political affairs, schools opening during a pandemic and what is the right or wrong things to do; the demand for social justice, the economy.....you name it and we hear from you. Why not share your conversations with others?

To that end, I have decided to run a special 'Letter To The Editor' section called "Conversations" where people can share their thoughts and/or experiences. We have a lot to learn from each other and we may find that we are really more alike than different. So, get on your computer, and send us what's on your mind. WARNING: Don't be mean spirited. No personal attacks. It's ok to be angry, but tell us why. Disagreement is fine and welcome, but this is a segment dedicated to having civilized 'conversations' about what concerns you as it relates to this country's current state of affairs. Share your experiences and feelings. We'd like to know. Maybe you can help us all out.

All submissions must be in electronic text format. No pdf's please. Submissions can remain anonymous if requested. Email your 'conversation' to: [editor@mtnviewsnews.com](mailto:editor@mtnviewsnews.com).

Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor

THE ROAD FROM 1966 MISSISSIPPI TO 2020 SIERRA MADRE

Part 2 Of 3 by Stuart Tolchin

As I hope some of you recall my article of last week described my flight from Los Angeles to Memphis, Tennessee from where I would be taken to Mississippi. I was a part of the “Bruin Grenada Project” invited to join the local struggle for equal rights and equal schooling in the knowledge that injustice to one group of Americans was an injustice to all.” These are the words of the UCLA Professor heading the project who wrote “the eyes of America and the world are on Grenada. Wherever men believe in freedom they support you and their hearts are with you”.

Eventually, accompanied by our grandiose expectations we arrived at the Bellflower Baptist Church. Central Headquarters for the project. Once inside the first person I saw was another young white college type looking at a Playboy Magazine open to the page of the Little Annie Fanny comic. Somehow that was a complete surprise and it brought me back down to Earth. Next I met a whole group of Male High School aged young men who spent great efforts attempting to teach me complicated hand-shakes. We all gathered in the main room of the Church to hear a talk by Hosea Williams, a close associate of Martin Luther King. The talk very inspiringly spoke of the importance of non-violence and described the city as being composed of paved streets and unpaved streets. Keep off the paved streets never walk alone. This was my first day in Grenada and already it felt special, scary, and wonderful. There was unity, a sense of importance and freedom songs.

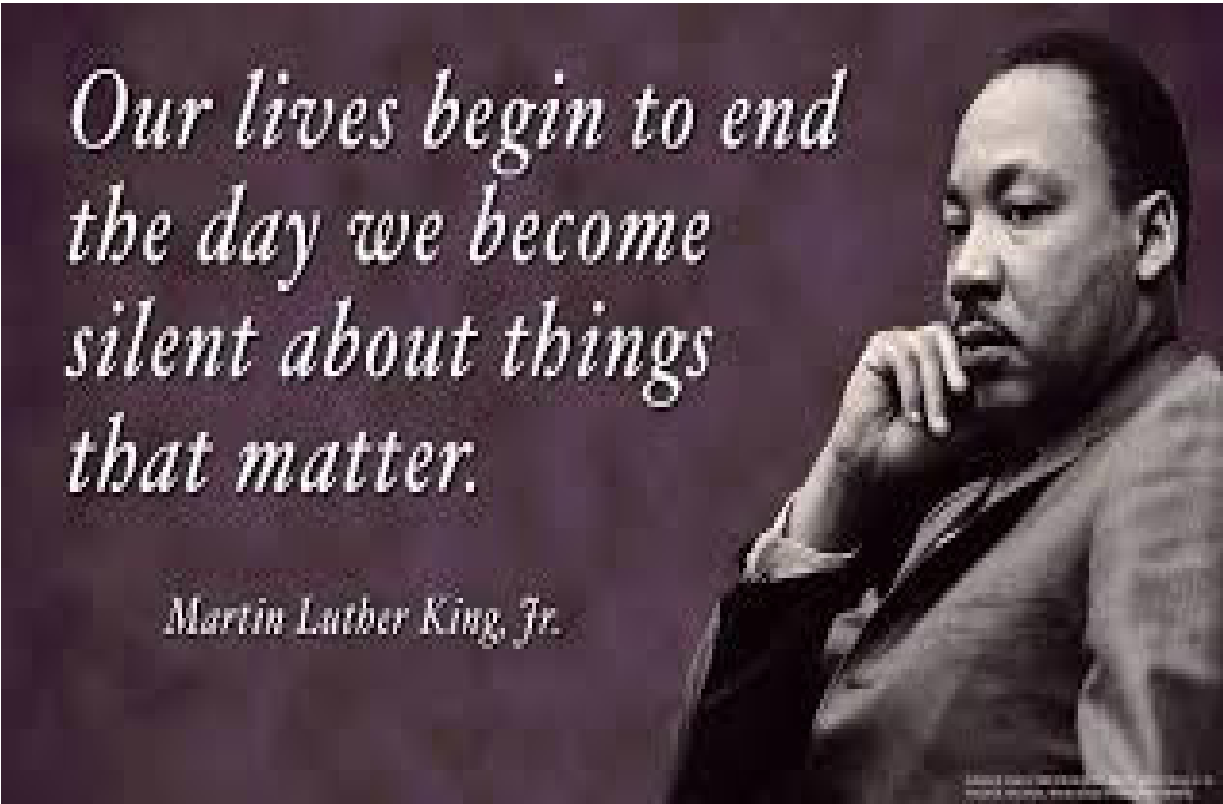
That night I was taken to the home of a Black family where I would be staying. In the morning, as I awakened and went out to the kitchen there were freshly made biscuits from scratch and grits ready for me to share with the rest of the family. I explained that I had never eaten grits or biscuits actually made from scratch. The family thought that hilarious and finally, the mom said “didn't you have a mother?!” We all laughed together and I shared my belief that if their son was supported in his educational efforts that he would do well. Thinking that his parents doubted his ability would not help. It never does!




Eventually I participated in my first mass march in which my beard received a lot of attention. So many flash pictures were taken of me that I almost wandered off the sidewalk which would have given the police marching next to us in the street a reason to place me under arrest. A policeman appeared in front of me on the sidewalk and I was about to walk around him when a young man who looked to be about 12 urged me to keep going forward thus saving me from arrest. As the march continued I saw Southern women lining the streets. As I looked at them they spat at me and someone else threw a brick that barely missed. This impression remains with me.

The Grenada newspaper reported, “The sight of the white students in the line resulted in claims that “outside agitators and beatniks” had been recruited to incite disturbances. (Remember I was the only one with a beard.) I listened to the concerns of parents and let them know I understood and admitted I did not know what I would do if I was in their place, but emphasized that there was movement towards equality of opportunity and their children were a part of that movement. It is now 54 years later and continual effort to insure equality of opportunity is still needed.

In my article, I will describe how this experience still affects me.

To be continued.





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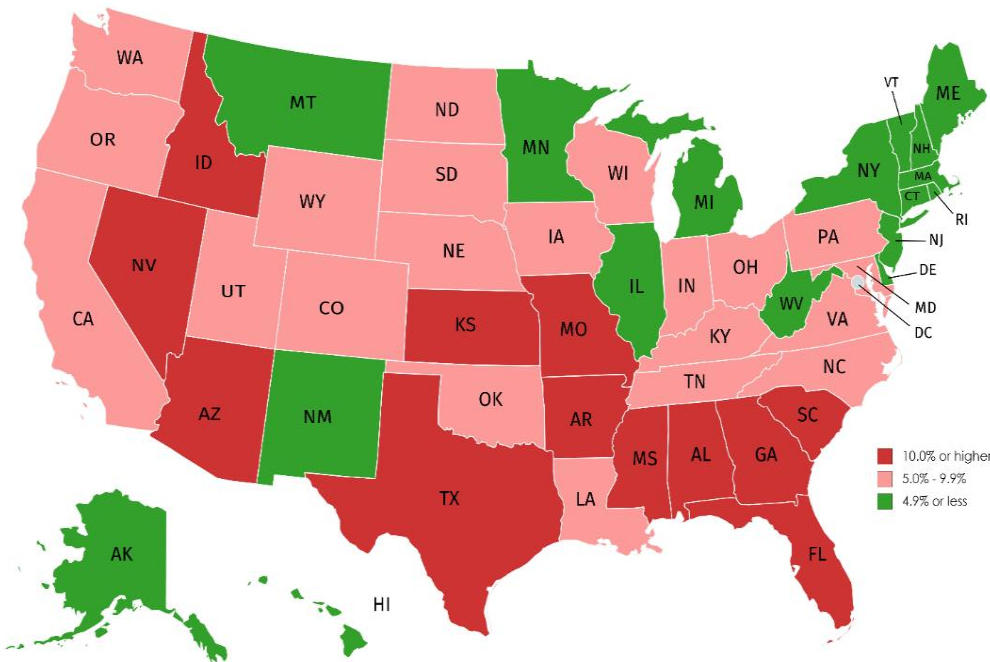
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State-By-State Breakdown: COVID-19 Testing Positivity Rates Among The General Population

On July 22, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [announced](#) that, “CMS will begin requiring, rather than recommending, that all nursing homes in states with a 5% positivity rate or greater test all nursing home staff each week.” If implemented today, **11,640 nursing homes** would be required to conduct such weekly testing.



“Governors and state health agencies in these 33 states need to take immediate action to protect nursing homes by ensuring facilities have adequate supplies of PPE (including N95 masks), putting pressure on lab companies in their states to expedite test results for our residents and caregivers, and mandating all residents of their state wear masks in public to help reduce the spread of COVID in the surrounding communities.”

**Mark Parkinson, President & CEO**  
American Health Care Association  
National Center for Assisted Living  
AHCA/NCAL

State	7-Day Positive Testing %	Total # Nursing Homes	State	7-Day Positive Testing %	Total # Nursing Homes
AZ	22.7%	146	VA	5.9%	287
MS	21.5%	204	PA	5.9%	695
FL	19.2%	699	MD	5.7%	226
AL	19.1%	228	OH	5.6%	953
ID	17.6%	82	SD	5.5%	104
SC	15.9%	190	WA	5.2%	205
NV	14.4%	66	OR	5.1%	130
GA	14.3%	358	MN	4.8%	368
MO	13.0%	522	DE	4.5%	47
TX	12.9%	1,219	MT	4.2%	71
KS	11.0%	331	RI	4.0%	80
AR	10.5%	227	NM	4.0%	71
IA	9.9%	434	IL	3.7%	721
LA	9.7%	278	WV	3.0%	123
UT	9.1%	98	HI	2.8%	45
TN	8.5%	316	MA	2.6%	376
NE	8.3%	201	MI	2.6%	441
WY	8.2%	37	AK	2.4%	19
KY	8.0%	285	NH	2.3%	74
CA	7.8%	1,194	DC	2.2%	18
IN	7.8%	533	NJ	1.6%	363
CO	7.3%	225	CT	1.6%	216
WI	7.2%	355	NY	1.1%	619
ND	6.8%	80	ME	0.7%	93
OK	6.6%	298	VT	0.7%	35
NC	5.9%	428			

Sources: [Johns Hopkins University](#) (July 26, 2020) & COVID Tracking Project (July 26, 2020)



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**File No. 2020108727**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NORTHBRIDGE ACUPUNCTURE 19321 VICTORY BLV SUITE 450, RESEDA, CA. 91335; NORTHBRIDGE ACUPUNCTURE 18165 ANDREA CIR. #2, NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91325. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YONGJUN LU 18165 ANDREA CIR. #2, NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91325 This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YONGJUN LU, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/20/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2020. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: B AND K JEWELERS 5530 CORBIN AVE SUITE 222, TARZANA, CA. 91356. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAVEN ASVAR 5530 CORBIN AVE SUITE 222, TARZANA, CA. 91356; BEHNOUSH PANAHPOUR 5530 CORBIN AVE SUITE 222, TARZANA, CA. 91356. This Business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: KAVEN ASVAR, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2020. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JEFF AUTO GLASS 14247 STRATHERN ST, RESEDA, CA. 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSMAN ARMIRA H 14247 STRATHERN ST, RESEDA, CA. 91335. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSMAN ARMIRA H, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/19/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2015. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRIORITY MESSENGER SERVICE 6308 WOODMAN AVE SUITE 112, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MORDECHAI GOREN 6308 WOODMAN AVE SUITE 112, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MORDECHAI GOREN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/19/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2015. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DARRYL URSERY CONSULTING 3840 POTOMAC AVE #19, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90008. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARRYL URSERY 3840 POTOMAC AVE #19, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90008. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DARRYL URSERY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/20/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2020. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SCHASSIS DISTRICT 10270 TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD., APT. 112, TUJUNGA, CA. 91042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESUS AVALOS 10270 TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD., APT. 112, TUJUNGA, CA. 91042. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JESUS AVALOS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2020. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VERDUGO MULTI GROUP 336 N CEDAR ST APT 5, GLENDALE, CA. 91206. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARMENUHI KHACHATRYAN 336 N CEDAR ST APT 5, GLENDALE, CA. 91206. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARMENUHI KHACHATRYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/11/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2015. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: N.B.S 4515 CANOGA DR, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YALDA SORUI 4515 CANOGA DR, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YALDA SORUI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/11/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2020. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DON CHON'S MENU DO 13302 1/2 FILMORE ST, PACOIMA, CA. 91331. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NICANOR JR. FLORES 11683 REMINGTON ST LAKE VIEW TERRACE, CA. 91342. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NICANOR JR. FLORES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/08/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/2020.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VISTA GROWERS 18823 NORDHOFF ST NORTH-RIDGE, CA. 91324; VISTA GROWERS 8255 GRIMES CANYON RD. MOORPARK, CA. 93021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EL ROBLE, INC. 8255 GRIMES CANYON RD., MOORPARK, CA. 93021. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: EL ROBLE, INC., RICARDO ROBLES, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/30/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2020.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BRIAN KENNETH BRAATEN**  
**CASE NO. 20STPB05655**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BRIAN KENNETH BRAATEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ARTHUR SCOTT BRAATEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARTHUR SCOTT BRAATEN 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: 12/07/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HENRY MORENO**  
**CASE NO. 20STPB05703**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HENRY MORENO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH STELLWAGEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH STELLWAGEN 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.

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