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PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE 4.6 EARTHQUAKE STRIKES SOUTH OF ROSEMEAD, RATTLING SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AT 11:38PM FRIDAY

Early reports say the epicenter was near El Monte, 2 miles south of Rosemead. At press time, no reports of serious damage or injuries.

YMCA AWARDED BID TO MANAGE SIERRA MADRE POOL

At last week's council meeting, the city elected to award the lease for the Sierra Madre pool to the Pasadena-Sierra Madre YMCA. The organization will take over operations at the Aquatics Center, ending its lease with Waterworks Aquatics after eight years.

Waterworks swim lesson format was met with mixed reviews by residents. While some noted that they enjoyed lap swim and programs for kids, others felt pool temperatures were kept too warm and there was a lack of community programming.

In 2012, budget woes brought about by the destructive wind storm at the end of 2011 was cited as the main reason for leasing the pool to Waterworks. The city sustained \$1.2 million in damage as a result of the windstorm. After some early growing pains mainly over pricing and hours, Waterworks overall received favorable reviews.

However, this year, when it came time to review and possibly renew the Waterworks contract, once the Request for Proposal was sent out, Waterworks response disturbed many residents. In an effort to maintain the contract, the group resorted to rather aggressive techniques to gain the support. Those efforts including 'robocalls' and mailers were not well received by many, confirmed City Manager Gabe Engeland.


The YMCA, in its bid, proposed to tailor programs and hours to fit community needs and also offer free community events throughout the year. Engeland noted there may be a pool closure to allow for transition, pool maintenance and to set rules for COVID-19 protocols. This may be as long as 30 days. The new contract will begin October 1, 2020.

The initial lease is set for two years, with the option to renew for an additional three years. Though leasing the pool to the Y will bring in \$4,000 a month or \$48,000 annually, that is \$18,720 less annually than the current lease. Despite this figure, the City expects to save money on maintenance and capital items.

YMCA programs that will be offered include: lap swim, recreation swim, water aerobics, various group, private, parent & me swim lessons, and swim team. In addition, the YMCA proposed an annual Water Safety week, a free Get Summer program for youth, Junior Lifeguarding, and community rentals.

K.McGuire/MVNews

INSIDE MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS THIS WEEK

 Special Pre-Election Coverage that will run weekly on all Statewide Measures, County and City Races and Issues and the PUSD 2, 4 and 6 Races.

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In one of the most efficient emergency operations anyone can ever remember, the Sierra Madre Fire, Police, CERT, Search and Rescue and City Staff utilized traditional methods of protecting the city and new technology to keep residents informed of the fire's progress and possible threat. As reported previously, the SMFD also sent teams out to assist other agencies as they worked day and night to keep the fire from spreading.

The last dispatch to the community was sent on Wednesday by the Sierra Madre PD: "The current status of the fire for Sierra Madre is that all contingency lines have held the fire in check. Fire crews have worked diligently today in the rough and steep terrain to establish perimeter lines that are intended to contain the southern portion of the fire. Once the perimeter lines are complete, crews will monitor to make sure the lines have held. After validation, these perimeter lines will become a portion of the overall containment of the Bobcat Fire. Today the evacuation orders for Sierra Madre residents east of Santa Anita Ave. and north of Elkins Ave. were lifted.

However, Sierra Madre remains under evacuation warning at this time. The order requiring streets to remain clear in the canyon areas of all vehicle, property, and debris expired at 6:00 pm. Red flag parking restrictions in the canyon areas will remain in place indefinitely.

When the Bobcat Fire first started, there was no imminent threat to Sierra Madre and informational updates on the fire were focused on the overall condition and status of the fire. As the Bobcat Fire moved toward Sierra Madre, communications became more frequent and detailed as it pertained to the Sierra Madre community. As the threat to Sierra Madre is diminished, communications will once again decrease.

The City will not communicate via Nixle Alerts unless there is an immediate threat or substantial change to the status of the Bobcat Fire in regards to Sierra Madre. The City will provide additional updates on the Bobcat Fire after daily Incident Command briefings."

In true Sierra Madre fashion, the community expressed their gratitude with donations of food and water for the brave men and women who keep the town safe.

Resident Allen Wolff took the photo below of PhosChek being dropped on the fire lines.

Also below, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce delivered two pallets of water for first responders

SMFD Chief Bartlett posted a sincere letter of thanks that you can find on the city's website: [www.cityofsierramadre.com](#)





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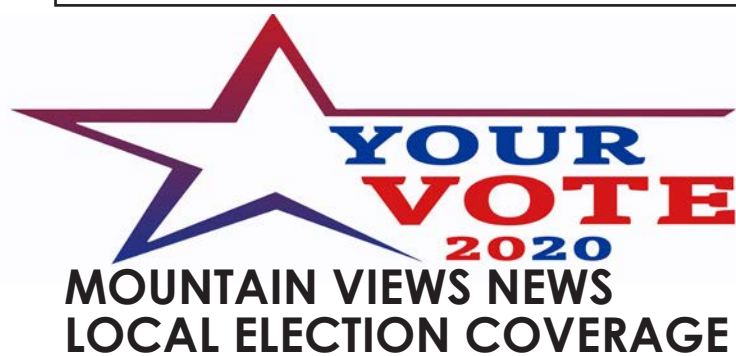
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
2:00 PM**

**THE BANDSHELL IN MEMORIAL PARK
SOCIAL DISTANCING/MASKS REQUIRED
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
LIMITED SEATING**

**THE SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND THE SIERRA MADRE
WOMEN'S CLUB WILL SPONSOR THE
SECOND CANDIDATES FORUM ON**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
4:00 PM**

**THE BANDSHELL IN MEMORIAL PARK
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On November 3, 2020 voters across the country will either cast ballots by mail or physically go to the polls in some have already dubbed, "the most important election of our lives". That may be very true especially on the National level. However, the election of capable individuals locally is equally as important.

In the State of California alone, there are more than a dozen ballot measures for citizens to vote on. In the city of Sierra Madre residents will go to the polls and select three people from a field of eight to sit on our city council, vote on whether or not to elect or appoint our City Clerk, vote for our City Treasurer and select the representative to sit on the Pasadena Unified School Board.

The Mountain Views News will do our best to provide our readers with good, reliable, objective information on all. For the ballot measures we will provide you with the Pros and Cons of each measure.

In addition, each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates and give each of the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions:

1. Why are you running for City Council (or the PUSD Board)?

2. What are you going to do for Sierra Madre?

3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals?

All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions and their answers will be published unedited.

The schedule for the candidates responses will be as follows:

Saturday, September 19, 2020
SM City Council Candidates 2 Year Seat

Saturday, September 26, 2020
SM City Council Candidates 4 Year Seat

Saturday, October 3, 2020 California Ballot Propositions

In addition to the candidate spotlights, we will attempt to cover the various forums sponsored by local organizations.

Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper.

This is true in all things, not just this election.

Finally, we will also provide for you the calendar of important dates regarding the election. It is our goal to do whatever we can to help you make an informed decision on November 3, 2020.

Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor

In alphabetical order:



CANDIDATE EDWARD GARCIA

Website: EdwardGarciaForCityCouncil.com

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Facebook: [Edward T. Garcia for Sierra Madre City Council](https://www.facebook.com/EdwardT.GarciaforSierraMadreCityCouncil)

I have lived in Sierra Madre for 18 years and have volunteered my time back to the community whenever possible. My wife Amy and I are grateful to raise our three children in the same town that four generations of her family have lived in and cherished.

I am running for city council because I am passionate about serving my community. I am committed to making Sierra Madre continue to be a wonderful place to live for families and individuals. I believe my background in Economics and Finance will be an asset to the city and, if elected, I will make decisions based on fiscal responsibility balanced with maintaining the way of life we have come to enjoy in Sierra Madre.

I have been working as a Forensic Economist for over 15 years and have been qualified by the courts as an expert in the fields of Economics, Finance, Statistics, and Valuation. I have testified in California Superior Court as well as U.S. Federal Court in trial and deposition nearly 200 times. Also, I am currently a part-time professor at Cal Poly Pomona and previously taught at Azusa Pacific University. I have taught a variety of classes in the subjects of both Finance and Economics.

Some of my community involvement includes:

• Sierra Madre Community Foundation, Current President and Board Member (previous Treasurer and Secretary)

• City of Sierra Madre UUT Oversight Committee, Member, 2015

• City of Sierra Madre Special Revenue Committee, Chair, 2015

• Yes on Measure UUT Committee Chair, 2016

• No on Measure D Committee Chair, 2018

• St. Rita, Cub Scout Pack 110 Cubmaster, Fall 2017 through Spring 2019

• St. Rita, BSA Troop 100, Troop Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor, 2020 (current)

• Sierra Madre Little League, Managed or Coached the past seven seasons.

Over the past two elections here in town, the residents have overwhelmingly stated that they desire a fully-funded autonomous city. The current city council and city management has done an excellent job of being a caretaker of the city's finances and, if elected, I will continue to guide the city in that direction.

I am officially endorsed by Mayor John Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Rachele Arizmendi, and Council Member and Former Mayor Gene Goss.

As your councilmember, I will make certain that we have a responsible budget, continue to reduce our pension liability, and maintain the services our community expects.

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 3rd.

CANDIDATE DAVE LOERA

I have lived in Sierra Madre for 35 years and have always been active in our community. My contributions to the community have been many.

I am a past president of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

I was a Reserve Police officer for the City of Sierra Madre for 10 years.

I have been commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3208 in the City of Sierra Madre.

I have served on the Committee for Congresswoman Judy Chu in the collaboration between the Veterans Administration Health Care System to establish a Veteran's Health Center in the San Gabriel Valley.

I have served on Assemblymember Chris Holden's Veterans Advisory Committee.

As a long time, citizen of Sierra Madre, I am very aware of issues that are important to the community. I believe a council member's primary responsibility is to listen to their constituents and act on their concerns.

Whether it is for my Church, Country, Family or Community my top priority is being of service to others and I look forward to representing our great city.



CANDIDATE TRACEY VERHOEVEN

Since I was a child, I knew that I wanted to run for office and be of service. My father was a fallen peace officer and that installed a sense of duty in me. My mother said I came out of the womb wanting to make the world a better place. I remember always fighting injustice whether it was standing up to a bully for a schoolmate or fighting for a better system. My mom often likes to tell the story that when I was in Kindergarten, I led a boycott. I remember that our milk would sit unrefrigerated for hours before our lunch. It made no sense to me even as a little kid. Since the teachers wouldn't do anything about it, I told all of the other kindergarteners to boycott the milk and bring juice in a thermos instead. They refrigerated it.

My motto is *Preserve and Prosper*. One of the reasons I moved to Sierra Madre was for the small town charm and the feeling of community. I want it to stay that way. I am a problem solver so I will work with the Mater Dolorosa Monastery to keep communication open between the Monastery, the City, and the citizens of Sierra Madre regarding the development of their property. I appreciate the fiscal responsibility of the current City Council and will partner with our small businesses to ensure they prosper.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Foothill Community Democrats, Debbie Sheridan and Karen Rowinsky of Sierra Madre Community Services Commission, Kim Clymer-Kissinger of Sierra Madre Energy, and Melissa Taylor, Former Monrovia Mayor.



Environment, Natural Resources Commission, Lauren Pressman Co Founder of SMART, and Melissa Taylor, Former Monrovia Mayor. *titles for identification only.

I have always had jobs where I needed to be creative and have good communication skills to get things done. It may be a cliché but communication is the key to everything and that is one of my strengths. Being on City Council is a labor of love for a town and people who have given my family and I so much. I would be honored to be your next Councilperson.

Please visit my website at www.traceyforcitycouncil.com.

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

September 6, to September 12, 2020 During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 230 calls for service.

Attempted Theft from a Vehicle Officers responded to a call of someone breaking into a vehicle in the 2000 block of Santa Anita Ave. at 1:19AM on 9/12/20. The resident heard someone in his driveway and shouted at the suspect who then ran away south on Santa Anita Ave. The resident stated that nothing appeared to have been taken from the unlocked vehicle. Case to Detectives. NOTE: Throughout the week the PD issued several citations for traffic violations including driving without a license and/or driving with a suspended license. Please monitor the status of your driver's license.

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Sierra Madre City Council ★CANDIDATE FORUM★

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 2:00—4:00
The Bandshell in Memorial Park

On November 3, 2020 Sierra Madre will choose 3 residents to sit on the City Council! There are 8 candidates for you to choose from! At this Candidates Forum you will have the chance to meet and hear from all of them.

Candidates for the 2 Year Seat:(Choose 1)

Edward T. Garcia
Dave Loera
Tracey Verhoeven

Candidates for the 4 Year Seats:(Choose 2)

Andy Bencosme
Kelly Kriebs
Robert Parkhurst
Kurt Richter
Josefina Riley

Bring your own chair. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.

This will be a socially distanced event and Masks are required.

Want to ask questions? Email them before
10:00 am Sunday to:
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If you cannot attend, you can log onto the
city's website at:

<http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre#sierramadre1>



This event is sponsored by the
Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre.

HAVE YOU SEEN HENRY?

Missing orange tabby with green eyes named Henry.

Last seen on Esperanza & Baldwin (below the post office) on the morning of September 11th.

If you have seen Henry or have any information please reach out to Rebecca Liston at (626)372-7364 or email 14listonk@gmail.com.



HONORING OUR FIREFIGHTERS



Sierra Madre Playhouse's marquee honors our amazing firefighters. Without their commitment, our town might be just a memory! We thank them for their bravery and dedication to tirelessly keeping us safe from the fires.

Our marquee looks a bit ragged now, but SMP is in the midst of a renovation of the marquee that is long overdue. SMP's current Light the Lights campaign is in progress to support needed renovation to the 1910 building. The marquee transformation should take several weeks, at which time its former brilliant face on the Boulevard will continue to be a source of inspiration for Sierra Madre while we remain dark until we can gather again.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Firefighters never die. They just burn forever in the hearts of the people whose lives they've saved." Susan Murphree

"Thank you for putting your life on the line to keep us and our community safe. We are so thankful for your commitment, dedication and service. Our prayers remain with you as you faithfully serve in harm's way."



Sierra Madre was my home for 51 years, most of which my darling husband, John, and I spent at our house on Alegria. We saw many fires come and go over the years but never anything as bad as this past week has been. Many years ago, during a fire which came very close, I packed my car in readiness. So funny...people ask you what you'd take if you had to evacuate. Here's what I packed: Most of my Dad's art, all the afghans I had crocheted, the photo albums and my jewelry. No clothes.

This time, when our beloved city is so threatened, I am far from my friends and family but so very grateful for the pictures Lisa Cardella, Bob Gollighugh, Lawrence Taylor, Susan Henderson, our Police Department and many others have posted on Facebook. Most of all, huge thanks to Robert Gjerde for his concise reports on what is going on. So many Sierra Madre residents have posted excellent pictures of the firefighters, the helicopters and those with "boots on the ground." I am praying for rain!

A Firefighter Poem

"He stares in the face of death without a second thought,
To save that one special life, that he so bravely sought.
He has walked as close to 'hell on earth' as any man could do,
And he's so proud of the job he did for people he never knew.
He puts his life on the line every time duty calls,
Always doing what needs to be done, without a single pause.
He is a fireman with overwhelming pride,
Never afraid to take a chance when saving someone's life.
If you ask him, he says, "it's my job."
But we know he's someone so special,
And always ready to go.
So when you hear the sirens wail, or see the flashing lights,
Stand aside and look with pride,
He's going to save a life."

We are so grateful for these people who are putting their lives on the line to save the homes of those who live in the beautiful foothills of our own personal mountains.

I saw this prayer, The Firefighter's Prayer, and thought I'd close with this. Know, dear friends and neighbors, that my prayers are with you and the home...the city I loved for so many years. I miss you.

The Firefighter's Prayer

"Lord, I ask you to be with me in a very special way,
As I face the challenges of a firefighter's day.
I pray that you will help me to be the best I that I can be,
For there are many people who are depending on me.
When duty calls to danger, walk closely by my side.
Instill in me great courage, be my strength, my guide.
And whatever I am called to do, always thankful I will be,
That you have been the unseen guest
Walking next to me."

The picture is one that is very close to my heart. It is of our Sierra Madre EMT's there at our Fire Department, with John, after they had assisted him and taken him to the hospital. It was only weeks after that he went to heaven but I will never forget how wonderful and kind they were to both of us.

Like you, I am praying that this fire will be contained, controlled and that no homes will be lost. May God bless Sierra Madre and all the towns around us that are in danger. Take care of yourselves, dear friends and may God bless us and keep us and make His face to shine upon us and give us peace and hope.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"
Both of these books are stuffed with hope and a good recipe or two.
There's a new Emma Gainsworth Kindle novelette available right this minute:
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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 will be conducted virtually until further notice. The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may be made by e-mail to PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com by 6:00PM, on the day of the meeting. 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:
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The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and broadcasted on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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

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
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September 21—26

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Tuesday

Try It Tuesday Craft—Online, kits available at the Library after 4:00pm

Wednesday

Activity Kit—Available at the Library after 10:00am

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3 City Council Seats - 8 Candidates

Our Town's Future Is In Your November 3rd Vote
PSU District #6 - 4 Candidates (1 from Sierra Madre)

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Sierra Madre Woman's Club



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SGV Woman Linked to Drug Overdoses in Pasadena

Charged with Federal Narcotics Trafficking Offense

Prosecutors filed a criminal complaint Friday against a San Gabriel woman who allegedly sold narcotics to several individuals in Pasadena who suffered overdoses last week.

According to the Department of Justice, Marisol Bolanos Hernandez, 35, was charged with one count of drug distribution resulting in serious bodily injury.

Bolanos allegedly sold narcotics to a man who, along with a friend, was found unresponsive at a Pasadena location on the evening of September 11. The two victims were transported to local hospitals, where one recovered, but another died two days later. Pasadena Police officers seized white powder residue from the location of the overdoses, but that material has yet to be tested, according to the affidavit in support of the complaint.

At the hospital, the surviving victim, identified as A.C., responded to Narcan, indicating there were opioids present, and his urine samples were positive for cocaine. A.C. was released from the hospital the following day and told Pasadena Police that he purchased cocaine from "Mari," shared some of the drugs with the deceased victim, and lost consciousness after taking the purported cocaine, according to the affidavit. Investigators have determined that Mari is Bolanos through evidence that includes A.C. identifying her out of a six-photo lineup, the affidavit states.

The narcotics distribution charge in the complaint relates to the drugs allegedly sold to A.C.

The affidavit also alleges that Bolanos sold purported cocaine to two other overdose victims on September 11. Both of these victims required hospitalization and survived. Phone records link Bolanos to another fatal overdose on September 11, according to the affidavit.

Pasadena Police detained Bolanos on September 16. During an interview she admitting selling what she believed to be cocaine to three of the overdose victims, including A.C., on September 11, according to the affidavit. Bolanos was taken into federal custody on Thursday by special agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration. She was expected to make her initial appearance Friday in United States District Court in downtown Los Angeles.

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

The charge of drug distribution resulting in serious bodily injury carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The case against Bolanos is the result of an ongoing investigation by the DEA and the Pasadena Police Department.



City to Look at Proposals for Civic Center

Pasadena city officials are set to host a virtual meeting Tuesday where developers will present proposals for development in the Civic Center, including affordable housing and the historic rehabilitation of the former YWCA building (pictured above) in the Pasadena Civic Center. The meeting will start at 3 p.m.

According to city staff, in June of 2019, "the city issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the former YWCA building, located at 78 North Marengo Avenue. As the city was proceeding with the RFP, a state law related to affordable housing changed in January 2020, and compelled Pasadena to pause the RFP process. Despite Pasadena's pursuit of affordable housing as part of the Civic Center development, the new State law required the City to issue a Notice of Availability (NOA) to a broader set of affordable housing developers."

As a result of the city's 2019 RFP process and the 2020 supplemental NOA process to comply with updated State regulations, Pasadena currently

has three affordable housing proposals for the Ramona Street lot, and two development proposals for the renovation of the YWCA building block.

The affordable housing developers include: 1) Abode Communities, proposing 103 dwelling units for families in a 5-level building which may include subterranean parking; 2) National Community Renaissance of California, proposing either a 94-unit family project or a 112-unit senior housing project in a 5-level building, with 94 on-site parking spaces for the family project and 50 on-site parking spaces for the senior project; and 3) BRIDGE Housing proposing to construct a 72-unit affordable housing project for seniors with approximately 39 spaces on site in a 4-level building on the Ramona Street lot.

The two remaining developers which are seeking to renovate the YWCA building and make improvements to the block are: 1) HRI Properties, LLC of New Orleans, LA, whose plans are to restore the former YWCA building into a 179-room historic hotel; and 2) Edgewood Realty Partners, LLC of South

Pasadena, CA, whose plans are to restore the YWCA building into a 164-room hotel operated by Palisociety.

During Tuesday's virtual meeting, each developer will have about 15 minutes to present their proposals, and the public will have an opportunity to submit questions for the developers to answer.

For the Zoom meeting URL, goto: cityofpasadena.net "click on News Releases Developers to Present Proposals for Civic Center."

Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

Teenager Charged in Parking lot Stabbing

A 19 year old man was charged with murder Wednesday in connection to the stabbing death of an Altadena man in a Northwest Pasadena CVS parking lot.

According to reports, Enrique Real was charged in court and remained in jail on \$2 million bail.

Police said that they found Christopher Flores severely bleeding on the ground after responding to several 911 calls, September 11, around 8:15 p.m., of a stabbing near the corner of Orange Grove Boulevard and Fair Oaks Avenue.

Flores, 30, died later at a nearby hospital.

Witnesses told police that the two men were walking through CVS parking lot when Real stabbed Flores several times for reasons unknown. A knife with blood on it was recovered at the scene, police said.

Construction to Shut Down Fair Oaks

City officials said Friday that The Lincoln Property development at Parsons will be performing pavement work starting next week to remove the median island and reconstruct the street. Due to operation and impact, it requires full street closure on Fair Oaks between Holly and Union, and will be done at night time they said.

Construction will start, September 28, and take four nights to complete, by Friday morning October 2. The work hours would be from 11p.m. to 8 a.m., per plans approved by the city's Department of Transportation. Morley Builders will set up advanced changeable message signs one week prior, by Monday, and distribute notices to affected businesses.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

South Pasadena City Manager Steps Down

Fire chief now acting city manager, Elaine Aguilar hired as interim assistant city manager.



South Pasadena City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe (pictured right) suddenly announced last week that she will retire from her position as city manager, it was effective September 12. Officials also said that effective immediately Fire Chief Paul Riddle will assume the role of acting city manager. At council's direction Acting City Manager, Chief Riddle, "will continue to lead the remaining COVID-19 response and begin taking the action necessary to safely move our community forward."

DeWolfe served the city as its city manager from November 6, 2017 until her separation and retirement date of September 12, (her last day of service was

September 11).

"The city council wishes her the best in the next chapter of her life," said Mayor Bob Joe. The city will begin the recruitment process, which usually takes several months, for a new city manager, and will likely appoint an interim city manager during the recruitment process so that the fire chief can return his full attention to his critically important duties.

The council voted Wednesday to add a position of interim assistant city manager and hire Aguilar during the absence of Finance Director, Karen Aceves and/or the recruitment process for a new full time city manager.

South Pasadena Virtual Car Show Sunday is Canceled

The longstanding annual event looks to return in 2021 with a live event featuring hundreds of vehicles up and down Mission Street in South Pasadena. Committee pushes for public support.

Cruz'n for Roses, which has drawn thousands to South Pasadena over the years and looked to go virtual on Sunday, has been canceled.

Organizers had prepared to hold the event on computer screens and mobile devices, shelving the 16th annual live event due to the coronavirus. It typically draws about 300 cars up and down Mission Street participating in the Cruz'n For Roses Hot Rod and Classic Car Show.

The South Pasadena Tournament of Roses scheduled the event in an effort to raise funds for the city's float in Rose Parade on New Year's Day in January 2022. The cancellation of the 2021 Rose Parade was announced earlier this year due to COVID-19.

"It has been a difficult year for everyone due to the virus and after the live show was cancelled we simply ran out of time to put on a quality virtual show, so we're gearing up and looking forward to our car show to Mission Street," explained Janet Benjamin, the SPTOR committee chair

for the event.

Each year, the SPTOR looks to raise between \$80,000 to \$100,000 to construct South Pasadena's entry in the Rose Parade. Local committee members hold a series of fundraising events throughout the year, including a golf tournament, raffle for parade and Rose Bowl Game tickets, a year-end Crunch Time Party featuring dinner, silent and live auctions and the car show.

"Because we're not able to hold large gatherings due to the coronavirus, along with the economic hardships of our sponsors, we're not able to hold the show on the street this year," said Benjamin. "Hopefully, the coronavirus situation will improve and we can make the live event bigger and better next year."

Canceling the event doesn't mean community members can't continue to contribute to the city's float, insists SPTOR President Brant Dunlap. "We know that the city takes a lot of pride in having a float participate in the Rose Parade every year and we encourage everyone to make a donation, large or small," he said. "Every dollar helps. Thank you for supporting our effort."

To make a contribution, visit: SPTOR.org

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 6th, through Saturday, September 12th, the Police Department responded to 807 calls for service, of which 84 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 6:

1. At 10:48 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a male subject asleep in his car, refusing to leave. Upon contacting the 55-year-old male from Monrovia, the officer noticed symptoms of alcohol intoxication and determined the subject was unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, September 7:

2. At 10:27 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Fairview Avenue, regarding the report of a female lying on the ground. Officers contacted the female who displayed symptoms of alcohol intoxication. The officers determined that she was unable to care for herself. The 49-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

3. At 12:19 p.m., officers responded to the area of Sunset Boulevard and Fairview Avenue regarding a domestic dispute. The suspect and his domestic partner had been arguing about their relationship when the suspect sprayed the victim with pepper spray. The 22-year-old male from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At 11:23 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for committing unsafe lane changes near the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Duarte Road. The officer contacted the driver and discovered that he had been driving with an expired driver's license. Further investigation revealed the driver was in possession of stolen bank account information and personal identifying information belonging to multiple victims. The 41-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

5. At 11:29 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 2300 block of South Second Avenue regarding the report of several gunshots heard in the area. The resident heard the shots and located a bullet hole in her window. No one was injured. No suspects were seen, and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, September 8:

6. At 06:00 a.m., an officer responded to Brandon's Landscape, 40 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a burglary report. Unknown suspects forced entry into locked storage containers and stole over \$15,000 worth of landscaping equipment. It was also discovered that a catalytic converter was stolen from a commercial truck. The investigation is ongoing.

7. At 7:11 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of Ellen Way regarding a fraud report. The elderly victim received a telephone call from an unknown suspect who claimed to be a public defender for her grandson. He claimed that her grandson had been arrested, then requested \$9,500 to bail him out. The victim agreed to pay, the suspect drove to the victim's home, where he retrieved the money and left. Shortly after the report was made to the police department, the

suspect called the victim requesting more money. He arrived at her home to retrieve the money and officers apprehended him. The 25-year-old male from Irvine was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, September 9:

8. At 9:31 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2100 block of Canyon Road regarding a theft report. The victim claimed his car key was stolen by his roommate. An investigation revealed the roommate was upset because the victim had not paid his rent in several months and he refused to leave. The key was located and returned to the victim. The 51-year-old female from Arcadia was issued a citation.

Thursday, September 10:

9. At 6:27 a.m., officers responded to Arcadia Chinese Baptist Church, 100 West Duarte Road, regarding a male subject seen trespassing at the location. Officers contacted the subject who was found sleeping behind the building. The 41-year-old male from Pasadena was issued a citation.

10. At 11:45 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 2400 block of South Sixth Avenue regarding a burglary. Unknown suspects forced entry into the home by smashing a bathroom window. The suspects left the location and returned in a truck to steal a horse trailer. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, September 11:

11. At 2:15 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Santa Rosa Road regarding a male subject seen in the rear yard. The subject ran off after he realized that he had been seen by the resident. Officers located the subject and discovered that he was in possession of heroin, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 29-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, September 12:

12. At 2:52 a.m., an officer responded to the Residence Inn, 321 East Huntington Drive, regarding a male subject sleeping in a vehicle. The officer contacted the subject and noticed drugs in plain sight, inside of the vehicle. The subject was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The 36-year-old male from La Verne was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

13. At 7:34 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration, near the intersection of Huntington Drive and Gateway Drive. An investigation revealed the driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 32-year-old male from Victorville was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At 3:52 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a shoplifting report. A loss prevention specialist witnessed the suspect conceal numerous items inside her handbag before exiting the store without paying. The 60-year-old female from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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Free Flu Shot Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Clinics

Pasadena Public Library will offer free standard dose flu shots this month in partnership with Huntington Hospital Community Outreach. Flu shots will be provided to adults ages 18 years and older and children ages 9-17 who have a parent/guardian present for consent. Vaccine supplies are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please wear a sleeveless or short-sleeve top and have your upper arms exposed prior to reaching the flu shot station. A face covering is required.

Flu Shot Requirements

- Participants must not be ill at this time or have any of the following symptoms:
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Congestion or runny nose

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
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Contact the South Pasadena Senior Center to make an appointment today!
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For upcoming flu vaccines for the general public, please visit Huntington Memorial Hospital's website: huntingtonhospital.org.

Playhouse Announces New Fall PlayhouseLive Lineup



Pasadena Playhouse announced Wednesday the Fall Programming for PlayhouseLive, a first-of-its-kind nonprofit streaming platform to showcase theatrical productions to a national and international audience, launching online September 30.

Pay-per-view theatrical streaming events will include: poet, performance artist and professor Javon Johnson in Still., a timely one-man performance about the complexities of the Black experience, commissioned by Pasadena Playhouse; the premiere of Jerry Herman: You I Like, a new musical revue dedicated to the works of legendary Broadway composer/lyricist Jerry Herman; new works from Ojai Playwrights Conference; and family entertainment from the Bob Baker Marionette Theater.

In addition, the debut programming will feature the pilot episodes of four new series:

In Development gives an insiders' look at unproduced theatrical works as they are introduced to the world for the first time. The first episode will feature Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman performing excerpts from Iceboy!, a new musical by Mark Gollman, Jay Reiss and Erin Quinn Purcell.

Intermission with Hashtag Booked features celebrity interviews hosted by LaNisa Frederick and Danielle Pinnock, a comedic duo that started the web series Hashtag Booked. Their first guest will be acclaimed actor Alfred Molina.

Page to Stage takes you behind the curtain to explore the theatrical journey from

conception to opening night. In Page to Stage: Little Shop of Horrors, the creative team at Pasadena Playhouse takes you from rehearsal to opening night of their groundbreaking revival; featuring interviews with George Salazar, Mj Rodriguez and Amber Riley. Page to Stage is free to the public.

From the Archives celebrates the unique impact regional theater has had across generations in shaping American culture. Initial episodes include a silent film featuring rare vintage footage of the Playhouse from the 1930s; a documentary short chronicling the years the Playhouse went dark (1968 through 1984) and the journey of the extraordinary woman who kept the hope alive to bring the historic theater back; and a fascinating look at the historic 1928 production of Eugene O'Neill's Lazarus Laughed which brought 151 actors together to perform 420 roles in a four-act play – this unforgettable production put Pasadena Playhouse on the map.

PlayhouseLive will also feature educational programming, including The Everyday Avant Garde in Black Theatre Making, led by award winning writer, composer, and performer Eisa Davis, Shakespeare Masterclass, led by internationally-recognized director and actor Rob Clare, Basics of Stage Management, led by Broadway stage managers Kathleen Purvis and Andrew Neal, and the return of Adam Epstein with The Contemporary Broadway Musical and Janet Fontaine with Playtime with Miss Janet.

To get more information including new pricing specials, sign up for the newsletter at: playhouselive.org.

The Power of Theater: Fall Term of the Masters Series

The fall term of The Masters Series presented by the Pasadena Senior Center will be virtual via Zoom Tuesdays, Sept. 22, to Oct. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. and will be titled The Power of Theater.

The four sessions of The Masters Series, which embraces lifelong learning, will explore topics from adaptations and playwrights to Greek origins, socially relevant musicals and plays based on fact.

Beverly Olevin, director, playwright, teacher and award-winning novelist, will present the weekly, interactive classes which will include scenes from plays that explore the conflicts, joys and journeys of our lives and reveal what makes us laugh, touches our hearts and helps us live richer lives.

Sept. 22: Novels Turned Into Stage Plays – A great novel does not necessarily make a great play. They are two very different art forms. Explore examples of successful adaptations from novel to screen, including "Crime and Punishment," "Moby Dick," "Lord of the Flies," and "To Kill a Mockingbird." Sept. 29: The Works of Our Best Playwrights – Olevin will discuss plays by Tom Stoppard, Peter Shaffer, Lin Manuel Miranda, August Wilson, Eugene O'Neil and William Shakespeare.

Oct. 6: Spectacle! – Theater from Greek origins to today's socially relevant musicals

will be examined.

Oct. 13: Plays That Bring Famous People to Life – Explore plays that transform true events into intellectually exciting theater.

The cost for the full series of four presentations is \$50 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$60 for non-members. This online series is not available for payment for individual sessions.

To register for the fall term of The Masters Series or for more information visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Online Classes, call 626-795-4331 or email AnnieL@pasadenaseniorecenter.org. Everyone who registers will receive email instructions for joining each week's Zoom class online.

For more information about other Pasadena Senior Center programs and services, including online options for classes, events and activities during the COVID-19 crisis, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

The center, at 85 E. Holly St., is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has been deemed an essential service provider for older adults, so its doors are open five days a week for social services and other assistance to older adults in need. Hours during this period are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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SMOKE ADVISORY

Unhealthy Air Quality Declared due to Smoke from Wildfires Burning in the Region

LOS ANGELES – According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, smoke from wildfires burning in the region has caused unhealthy air quality in the following areas:

- West San Gabriel Valley
- East San Gabriel Valley
- Pomona-Walnut Valley
- San Gabriel Mountains

This advisory remains in effect through Saturday, September 19.

“It is difficult to tell where smoke, ash or soot from a fire will go, or how winds will affect the level of these particles in the air, so we ask everyone to remember that smoke and ash can be harmful to health, even for people who are healthy,” said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Health Officer for Los Angeles County. “If you can see smoke, soot, or ash, or you can smell smoke, pay attention to your immediate environment and take precautions to safeguard your health. These precautions are particularly important for children, older adults, and people with heart or lung diseases.”

These precautions include avoiding unnecessary outdoor exposure and limiting physical exertion (whether indoor or outdoor), such as exercise. Children and people who have air quality sensitive conditions, such as heart disease, asthma, and other chronic respiratory diseases, should follow these recommendations and stay indoors as much as possible even in areas where smoke, soot, or ash cannot be seen, or there is no smell of smoke. If your condition worsens, contact your health care provider immediately for medical advice or call 911.

Wildfire smoke is a mixture of small particles, gases, and water vapor. Small particles are the primary health concern. These small particles can cause burning eyes, runny nose, scratchy throat, headaches, and illness (i.e., bronchitis). In people with sensitive conditions, they can cause difficulty breathing, wheezing, coughing, fatigue, and chest pain.

“We are also advising day camps that are in session in smoke-impacted areas to suspend outside recreational activities, such as hiking or picnics, until conditions improve,” said Dr. Davis.

People can participate in indoor activities in areas with visible smoke, soot, or ash, provided the indoor location has air conditioning that does not draw air from the outside, and it has closed windows and doors to protect the cleanliness of indoor air. If not, it is recommended that everyone follow these guidelines as if they were outside.

The following recommendations will help you protect yourself and your family from the harmful effects of unhealthy or poor air quality:

If you see or smell smoke or see a lot of particles and ash in the air, avoid unnecessary outdoor activity to limit your exposure to harmful air. This is especially important for those with heart or lung disease (including asthma), the elderly and children. If outdoor air is bad, try to keep indoor air as clean as possible by keeping windows and doors closed. Air conditioners that re-circulate air within the home can help filter out harmful particles. Avoid using air conditioning units that only draw in air from the outside or that do not have a re-circulating option. Residents should check the filters on their air conditioners and replace them regularly. Indoor air filtration devices with HEPA filters can further reduce the level of particles that circulate indoors.


If it is too hot during the day to keep the doors or windows closed and you do not have an air conditioning unit that re-circulates indoor air, consider going to an air-conditioned place, such as a cooling center, to stay cool and to protect yourself from harmful air.

Do not use fireplaces (either wood burning or gas), candles, and vacuums. Use damp cloths to clean dusty indoor surfaces. Do not smoke.

If you have symptoms of lung or heart disease that may be related to smoke exposure, including severe coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, wheezing, chest tightness or pain, palpitations, nausea or unusual fatigue or lightheadedness, contact your doctor immediately or go to an urgent care center. If life-threatening, please contact 911.

When smoke is heavy for a prolonged period of time, fine particles can build up indoors even though you may not be able to see them. Wearing a mask may prevent exposures to large particles. However, most masks do not prevent exposure to fine particles and toxic gases, which may be more dangerous to your health.



Practice safe clean-up following a fire. Follow the ash clean-up and food safety instructions at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/ReturningHomeAfterAFire.pdf>.



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(Compared to 9/11/2020)

LOS ANGELE COUNTY*		09/11/20	
Total Cases		252,066	
Deaths		6,171	
STATS BY CITY	Population	Cases	Deaths
	(last week's stats in parenthesis)		09/11/20
Pasadena	14,1371	2485	121
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	78	1
		(2455)	(117)
		(76)	(1)
City of Arcadia	57,754	470	33
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	85	3
		(458)	(32)
		(85)	(3)
City of Bradbury	1,069	14	0
City of Duarte	22,016	534	29
Uninc.- Duarte	4,428	144	4
		(519)	(28)
		(133)	(4)
City of Monrovia	38,800	730	37
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	80	0
		(712)	(37)
		(78)	(0)
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	72	3
		(68)	(3)
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	265	27
		(260)	(27)
Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	673	13
		(661)	(13)
La County Testing as of 09/18/20:		2,493,557	(2,405,239)

Positivity Rate (No. of persons positive out of total persons tested) as 09/18/20: 10.1%
Nationally recommended Positivity Level: 5%

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

Public Health Reminds Everyone to Get Immunized against the Flu
The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 38 new deaths and 1,160 new cases of confirmed COVID-19. To date, Public Health has identified 257,271 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 6,324 deaths.

There are 780 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 and 31% of these people are in the ICU. The number of daily hospitalizations has returned to levels seen early in the pandemic.

Because it is highly likely that both flu and COVID-19 will be present in L.A. County this year, Public Health advises residents to protect themselves from the flu by getting the flu immunization.

Every year, tens of thousands of people nationwide are hospitalized or die from flu-related illness. Considering the toll COVID-19 has had on our healthcare system, now more than ever it is important to be protected from influenza by getting immunized. Not only is getting immunized important because it is safe and provides protection against the harmful effects of influenza, it can also help keep people out of the hospital which will conserve hospital resources that may be taxed with both influenza and COVID-19 circulating at the same time.

You can get the flu immunization from your regular health care provider or local pharmacy. Flu immunizations are also provided at no-cost or low-cost at various locations throughout the County. For more information on where you can get immunized for the flu, visit: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

“We send our deepest sympathies to everyone who has lost a loved one or friend to COVID-19,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. “As many residents are spending more time indoors to avoid the poor air quality, I remind everyone to take precautions to minimize COVID-19 spread if you are indoors with others. Please remember to distance from other people, wear a face covering, and wash your hands frequently and to clean high touch surfaces often if around others who are at high risk. It is important to continue to isolate from others if you are sick and to get tested for COVID-19 if you were exposed or have symptoms. ”

Of the 38 new deaths reported today, 13 people that passed away were over the age of 80 years old, 10 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, nine people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64 years old, and four people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49 years old. Thirty-two people who died had underlying health conditions including 12 people over the age of 80, seven people between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, nine people between the ages of 50 and 64 years old, and four people between the ages of 30 and 49 years old. Two deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach.

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 5,950 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health); 51% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 23% 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, 37 cases and 17 deaths reported earlier were not L.A. County residents.

Testing results are available for more than 2,494,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.

The best way to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Always put six feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household. Always wear a face covering in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household. The face covering is meant to protect other people in case you are infected. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. And others can spread COVID-19 to you when they have no illness symptoms. Please remember to also wash hands frequently.

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.

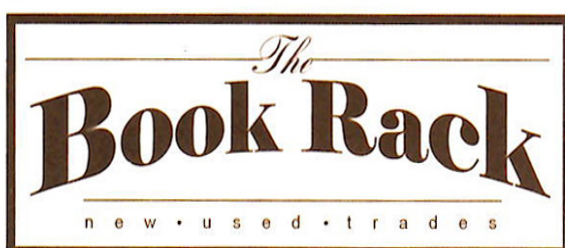
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ARCADIA-- Over the past 25 years, Arcadia High has had an average of 20 or more National Merit Scholarship semifinalists each school year and adds 20 more Arcadia High students this year who have earned a coveted spot in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship competition.

A group of nine people, including police officers and community members, are standing in front of a house for a memorial service. A silver balloon with the number 14 is visible. The group consists of seven men and two women, all wearing face masks. They are dressed in a mix of casual and professional attire, including polo shirts, t-shirts, and khakis. The house behind them has a grey shingled roof and blue trim around the windows and doors. The scene is set on a grassy lawn with a stone walkway leading to the house.

Arcadia High National Merit Semifinalists received a special delivery from Principal Angie Dillman and team

"Being recognized as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program is such a special honor for our students," said Arcadia High Principal Angie Dillman. This was the motivation for Dillman and her fellow Arcadia High administration team and Arcadia High counselors to personally deliver certificates, balloons, and cupcakes to the homes of each of Arcadia High's 20 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists in an effort to ensure these students' accomplishments did not go unnoticed through this time of Distance Learning.

Applying to the National Merit Scholarship program begins in a student's junior year of high school, with Arcadia High's current 20 semifinalists starting this journey by joining over 1.5 million juniors from nearly 21,000 high schools across the country in taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of these test-takers, approximately 16,000 of the highest-scorers from each state are awarded entry into this acclaimed academic competition.

To be eligible for a finalist spot in this program, Arcadia High's semifinalists and Arcadia High counselors will work together to submit a detailed scholarship application, wherein they provide information about a semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. In addition, semifinalists need to have outstanding academic records throughout their high school careers, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and write an essay.

Of the approximately 16,000 semifinalists, 15,000 finalists will be selected. Those who make it to the finalist phase will receive notification of this designation in February 2021 and will be the final pool of scholars considered for a 2021 National Merit Scholarship.

In addition to a stellar showing each year in the National Merit Scholarship program, Arcadia High School has been ranked in the top 1 percent of best public high schools in the nation by Niche.com, and its Class of 2018 saw a 100 percent graduation rate. In addition, Arcadia High has also been distinguished as a U.S. News and World Report Gold Medal School three times, an honor bestowed on less than 3 percent of the more than 19,000 schools in the country. Similarly, Newsweek named Arcadia High on its Top Public High Schools in America list. Arcadia High graduates are represented in every Ivy League school and in top universities across the country. Likewise, for two consecutive years, the Arcadia Unified School District has been named on the College Board's Annual AP® District Honor Roll. For additional details on the National Merit Scholarship program, visit <http://nationalmerit.org>, and for information about Arcadia High School, visit <https://ahs.ausd.net/>.

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With air quality forecasted to improve next week, all Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) LEARNs programs and Grab and Go Food Centers will resume full service on Monday, September 21, 2020. This is subject to changing fire conditions, but we will notify you as soon as possible.

We know that this has been an anxious time for many students, employees, and families. We're pleased to resume these important services for our community.

LEARNS supervised care programs will resume Monday, September 21 at all school campuses. Students who participate in the program will be indoors, following COVID-19 health and safety protocols. More information at www.pusd.us/learns

Grab & Go Food Center curbside service resumes Monday, September 21 at all 20 sites from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The free meal service consists of pre-packed nutritious breakfast and lunch, and is offered for students and their families Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 20 sites. Details. On Fridays, families are encouraged to request extra meals for the weekend.

Please note that the City of Pasadena's weekend lunch service, which operated at seven PUSD campuses since the "Safer at Home" orders took effect in March, ended on September 13. We thank the City of Pasadena for supporting PUSD families and the community during this crucial time. www.pusd.us

Arcadia Public Library is offering free online creative writing workshops from September through November. The workshops are taught by Arcadia High School student and published writer, Audrey Sloeng, who is completing her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Each workshop focuses on a different genre—journaling, flash stories, poetry, song writing, and free writing—and lets teens express themselves and share their work in a safe and encouraging environment.


The workshops are open to students in grades 6 through 12. They will be held on September 12, 19; October 17, 24; and November 14 and 24 from 3 to 4 pm, except for November 24's workshop which is scheduled for 5 to 6 pm. Teens do not have to attend all the classes, although it is strongly recommended that the poetry writing workshop be taken with the song writing workshop.

For more information and to register, call the Arcadia Public Library's Adult and Teen Services department at 626.821.5569. For more information, please call 626.821.5569 or visit the website at www.ArcadiaCa.gov/Library.

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COFFEE: HEALTHFUL OR DETRIMENTAL? PART TWO



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"If you brew your coffee with precise intent, you can alchemically transmute those com-mon grounds into a veritable elixir."
Educator Timothy Hall

AN EXPERIMENT IN ALCHEMY

Continuing from last week, here are a few guidelines if you'd like to begin alchemi-cally changing "a cup of coffee" to "wonderful elixir." This is the procedure that Timothy Hall was taught by his mentor, R. E. White of WTI in the mid-1970s.

Begin with meticulously clean utensils. Stainless steel, French porcelain, glass, or copper are preferred; softer metals (e.g., aluminum) should not be used.

First, measure the needed amount of water (spring water is better than the chlorine and fluo-ride-laden city tap water) and set on the stove to boil.

Next, prepare your filter. An ideal filter is a simple cloth bag sewed into a cone, using the dens-est cotton flannel. These are reusable indefinitely -- far superior to commercial paper filters. The bag is suspended over your cup, or a second pot; the coffee grounds are measured into the bag (a fine grind works best).

Another ideal system is a French ceramic pot with a ceramic cone that fits into the top, and a gold-plated reusable filter. You measure your grounds into the filter.

When the water has boiled, stand squarely and strongly on both legs; breathe deeply; then, slowly pour the water in a clockwise circular motion over the grounds. While pouring, visual-ize and fell the energy of Love flowing from your heart, down your arm, and into the beverage.

We call this “chi,” and much has been written about this “chi” energy in books on Chinese heal-ing and martial arts. You may need to "imagine" the feeling at first, but with practice you will find it easy. It sometimes feels like a mild electric shock.

If you wish to add anything to the resultant beverage, try raw honey and raw cream.

One of the main problems with extensive coffee ingestion is that it either removes or destroys the B-vitamins from the body, resulting in a slowly cumulative degeneration of the sheaths of the body's nerve fibres. This is what causes the “nervousness” with heavy coffee-drinkers. Honey, cream, and B-vitamins added to the diet, help to offset any harmful effects.

When the above process is done thoughtfully and lovingly, the process is somewhat analogous to the Japan-ese tea ceremo-ny. And it CAN result in a truly fine elixir. Please try this method of “elixir-making” in your own Alchemi-cal Chamber (aka "kitchen") and let us know your results.

So is coffee “good” or “bad”? As always, it depends on the way you interact with it.

Coffee says: "As you care for me, and as you treat my fruits, so shall I be able to provide sus-tenance to you, my dear humans. Ignore me, and I have nothing, or little, to offer but "cheap thrills" of your lower aspects of autonomic nervous system."

Coffee also says: "Compromise and/or adulterate me and you'll not only have something of little value, but your choice to exploit/adulterate me will change my potential beneficence into an exploitation/adulteration of your own body and brain."

As is nearly always the case with such matter of “health,” ALL is choice, Choice, and CHOICE, and consequence of choice.

TIPS TO KEEP PETS SAFE DURING WILDFIRES

Dr. Jennifer Freeman, DVM, PetSmart resident veterinarian and pet care

1. Ensure your pets are safely contained. Consider getting a pet carrier if you don't already have one and practicing crate training in advance to avoid extra stress in the face of an emergency. For fish or turtles, it's a good idea to have buckets or plastic bins with a lid on hand in the event you need to evacuate them. This is a safer alternative to transporting these pets in glass bowls or aquariums.
2. Make sure your pet has identification. Countless pets go missing after storms, wildfires and other natural disasters. Proper ID on your pet is the best assurance that you and your pet are reunited in the event you are separated. “Consider microchip identification for your pets, as this is a permanent way to identify them and is used universally by animal shelters and veter-inarians,” Freeman said.
3. Look for pet-friendly housing options for your pet should you need to evacuate your home. Ensure your pet is up to date on vaccinations, which are often needed for boarding, and that you have a supply of your pet's medication.
 - Ask friends, relatives and others outside of your immediate area whether they could shelter your animals.
 - Prepare a list of animal shelters, boarding facilities and veterinarian offices that could shelter animals during an emergency and include 24-hour phone numbers.
 - If you plan to take your pet with you, seek out pet-friendly hotels that are along possible evacuation routes in advance so that you are not caught without a place to stay for the night.
4. Assemble a pet emergency supply kit. Pet emergency kits do not need to be big but should include the following, in an easy-to-carry waterproof container that can be taken in the event of an evacuation.
 - Portable food and water bowls, along with a one-week supply of food and fresh water
 - Vaccination records
 - An extra supply of medication including heartworm and flea/tick prevention (if refrig-eration is necessary, have easy access to a small, insulated bag or cooler)
 - Pet First-Aid items such as antiseptic spray, antibacterial ointment, and bandage mate-rial. These are easy solutions that can deliver quick first-aid care in the event of a pet injury.
 - A list of regional pet-friendly hotels
 - A bed, carrier and leash and harness for each animal
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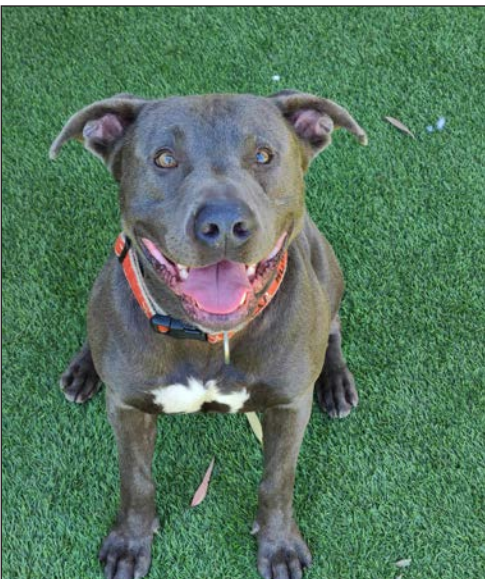
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Dear Getting:

There are two key factors you need to consider that can help you determine if purchasing a long-term care (LTC) insurance policy is a smart decision for you and your wife. One factor is your financial situation and second is your health history. Currently, around 8 million Americans own a policy.

Who Needs LTC Insurance?

As the cost of LTC – which includes nursing home, assisted living and in-home care – continues to rise, it's important to know that most people pay for LTC either from personal savings or Medicaid when their savings is depleted, or through a LTC insurance policy. National median average costs for nursing home care today is around \$92,000 per year, while assisted living averages around \$50,000/year.

While national statistics show that about 70 percent of Americans 65 and older will need some kind of LTC, the fact is, many people don't need to purchase a LTC insurance policy.

The reasons stem from a range of factors, including the fact that relatively few people have enough wealth to protect to make purchasing a policy worthwhile. Seniors with limited financial resources who need LTC turn to Medicaid to pick up the tab after they run out of money.

Another important factor is that most seniors who need LTC only need it for a short period of time, for example, when they're recovering from surgery. For those people, Medicare covers in-home health care and nursing home stays of 100 days or less following a hospital stay of more than 3 consecutive days.

So, who should consider buying a policy?

LTC insurance policies make the most sense for people who can afford the monthly premiums, and who have assets of at least \$150,000 to \$200,000 or more that they want to protect, not counting their home and vehicles.

Another factor to weigh is your personal health and family health history. The two most common reasons seniors need extended long-term care is because of dementia and/or disability. And, almost half of all people who live in nursing homes are 85 years or older. So, what's your family history for Alzheimer's, stroke or some other disabling health condition, and do you have a family history of longevity?

You also need to factor in gender too. Because women tend to live longer than men, they are at greater risk of needing extended LTC.

Choosing LTC Insurance

After evaluating your situation, if you're leaning towards buying a LTC policy, be sure to do your homework. The cost of premiums can vary greatly ranging anywhere between \$2,500 and \$8,000 per year for a couple depending on your age, the insurer, and the policy's provisions.

Also note that because of coronavirus, it may be more difficult to qualify for coverage now if you're age 70 or older, in a high-risk group or have had a positive COVID-19 test.

To find a policy, get a LTC insurance specialist who works with a variety of companies. See the American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance website (AALTCI.org) to locate one. Also shop insurers like Northwestern Mutual and New York Life, who work only with their own agents.

Another option you may want to consider are Hybrid policies that combine long-term care coverage with life-insurance benefits. These policies promise that if you don't end up needing long-term care, your beneficiaries will receive a death benefit.

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



ONCE YOUR KIDS ARE 18, MAKE SURE THEY SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS

While estate planning is probably one of the last things your teenage kids are thinking about, when they turn 18, it should be one of their (and your) number-one priorities. Here's why: At 18, they become legal adults in the eyes of the law, so you no longer have the authority to make decisions regarding their healthcare, nor will you have access to their financial accounts if something happens to them.

With you no longer in charge, your young adult would be extremely vulnerable in the event they become incapacitated by COVID-19 or

another malady and lose their ability to make decisions about their own medical care. Seeing that putting a plan in place could literally save their lives, if your kids are already 18 or about to hit that milestone, it's crucial that you discuss and have them sign the following documents.

Medical Power of Attorney

A medical power of attorney is an advance directive that allows your child to grant you (or someone else) the legal authority to make healthcare decisions on their behalf in the event they become incapacitated and are unable to make decisions for themselves.

For example, a medical power of attorney would allow you to make decisions about your child's medical treatment if he or she is in a car accident or is hospitalized with COVID-19.

Without a medical power of attorney in place, if your child has a serious illness or injury that requires hospitalization and you need access to their medical records to make decisions about their treatment, you'd have to petition the court to become their legal guardian. While a parent is typically the court's first choice for guardian, the guardianship process can be both slow and expensive.

And due to HIPAA laws, once your child becomes 18, no one—even parents—is legally authorized to access his or her medical records without prior written permission. But a properly drafted medical power of attorney will include a signed HIPAA authorization, so you can immediately access their medical records to make informed decisions about their healthcare.

Living Will

While a medical power of attorney allows you to make healthcare decisions on your child's behalf during their incapacity, a living will is an advance directive that provides specific guidance about how your child's medical decisions should be made, particularly at the end of life.

For example, a living will allows your child to let you know if and when they want life support removed should they ever require it. In addition to documenting how your child wants their medical care managed, a living will can also include instructions about who should be able to visit them in the hospital and even what kind of food they should be fed.

Durable Financial Power of Attorney

Should your child become incapacitated, you may also need the ability to access and manage their finances, and this requires your child to grant you durable financial power of attorney.

Durable financial power of attorney gives you the authority to manage their financial and legal matters, such as paying their tuition, applying for student loans, managing their bank accounts, and collecting government benefits. Without this document, you will have to petition the court for such authority.

Peace of Mind

As parents, it is normal to experience anxiety as your child individuates and becomes an adult, and with the pandemic still raging, these fears have undoubtedly intensified. While you can't totally prevent your child from an unforeseen illness or injury, you can at least rest assured that if your child ever does need your help, you'll have the legal authority to provide it. Contact us if you have any questions.

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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! ...September Birthdays*



Clem Bartolai, Pat Hall, Donna Anderson, Teresa Chaure, Cathy Gunther, Esther Macias, Sheila Pierce, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, Patti O'Meara, Judie Cimino, Mary Steinberg, Geri Wright, Parvin Dabiri, Denise Reistetter and Nehama Warner.

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

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Banks Support: Seniors & Families:

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

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

GETTING AWAY WITH IT IS HALF THE FUN!



I must admit I don't get away with very much, and I never have. It's not that I never try. It's just that whenever I try to

get away with something, it always backfires. I wish there were a class somewhere entitled, "How You Can Get Away with Anything." I certainly would sign up. But I haven't found it yet. Every time I do something behind the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's back, she always turns around. I don't know if she has eyes in the back of her head or if it's just women's intuition. Believe me, I will not investigate this subject. The many times she has fooled me is beyond calculation. I am probably the easiest person to fool in all the world. A salesman, I am not.

As a kid, I made little dishes out of popsicle sticks. Then I went around the neighborhood to try to sell them. My sales pitch was, "You don't want to buy one of these, do you?" I didn't sell any.

I complained to my mother, and she said, "You need to try again. Maybe this time it will work." The next day I put together my material and went door to door in the neighborhood. Much to my surprise, everybody bought one of my little dishes.

I went home very excited and told my mother how many I sold. In the next couple of days, I worked to produce these little popsicle dishes. As I was working on them, I was whistling and sometimes singing.

Years later, I discovered the real story. Remember, Paul Harvey, who used to say, "Now for the rest of the story."

Behind my back, my mother called all the neighbors, up and down our street explaining the situation and asked them to purchase one of my popsicle dishes. I don't know this for sure, but she may have paid them to do that. I've never been able to find out the truth.

If you can't put one over on me, you might as well hang up your boots and go to bed. During this "in-house season," the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage put me on a diet. What am I to do? I'm not allowed in the kitchen because of the catastrophe that happened the last time I was in the kitchen. Don't ask. She put together a diet for me that was supposed to be very healthy.

My diet is simply anything I can get into my mouth at the time. Barring, of course, vegetables. Her diet composed of nothing but vegetables. Her idea is I am a little bit overweight. I then remind her of my favorite Bible verse that says, "all the fat is the Lord's" (Leviticus 3:16). When

I quote this verse, I always smile and counter it with a grimace I cannot overcome. She will pat my stomach and say, "That's not what that verse means."

Never argue with a wife, especially your wife. All the cookies have been eradicated from our premises. Believe me, I've searched everywhere and I have not found one cookie crumb. She made a mistake the other day. As we were sitting down to watch a little TV, she brought over one cookie and said, "Since you have been good with your diet, here is your reward."

I wish she would not have done that. Once I start something, I have an obsession with completing it. And believe me, when I say, one cookie doesn't complete the obsession.

I smiled and thanked her and graciously munched on the cookie.

That gave me an idea, I had to pass a little store the next day, and they sold cookies. I thought to myself, "Well, what's another cookie going to do to hurt me?"

I only bought one little bag of cookies; that's how disciplined I am. I thought one little bag could easily be hidden. At least that's what I thought. When I got home, my wife was not there yet, so it allowed me time to conceal my little cookie obsession. I concealed it near my easy chair, so I could access it without her knowing it.

I love it when a plan comes together.

I forgot about the bag of cookies because days can get hectic. After supper, we sat down in the living room to relax and enjoy just a little TV. It suddenly dawned on me that I had a little stash of cookies underneath my chair. The more I thought of it, the more I thought of it.

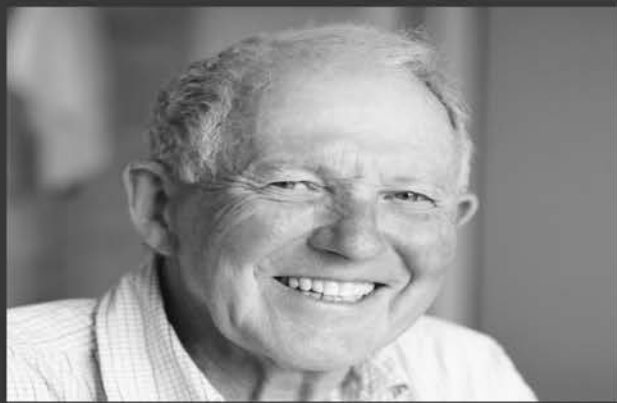
During a commercial, my wife got up to go to the bathroom, so I thought this would be a great time to sneak a cookie. I reached under my chair to grab the bag of cookies, and I couldn't find it. I searched and searched and searched, and it wasn't there. I started to scratch my head and wonder where I put it.

Then my wife came into the room and said, "You weren't looking for this, were you?"

In her hand was the bag of cookies I hid under my chair.

Wearing a little grin on my face, I thought of a verse of Scripture, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Try as we might, our sin will finally catch up with us.

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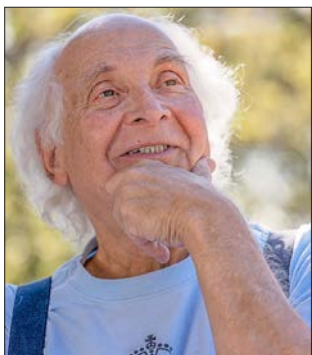
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STUART TOLCHIN



TOUGH DECISIONS

Trying to stay calm in a time of stress like many of you in Sierra Madre I am having to make some very tough decisions. With the helicopters overhead making such annoying noise and the police cars going up and down the street broadcasting words I cannot quite hear it is really tough for me to decide what books I want to bring with me when we are finally forced to evacuate. Have you ever wondered what books the especially literate Jews took with them to Auschwitz or Dachau? I have never before wondered and wonder why I am wondering now.

I just learned that the order mandating an evacuation in the Upper Canyon was the result of a misunderstood direction to remove all non-resident lookie loos and was, mistakenly taken as an instruction to remove all residents thus causing all kinds of confusion and stress. Wonderful! My wife is no longer threatening to disconnect and pack up the computer and I may be able to complete this article. Before returning to the decision about the book I should share with you my worry that I have not called my mother to assure her I am okay. She died in 2011 but my need to call still persists to reassure her when I need reassuring myself.

There is a television commercial that shows repeatedly with a man involved in a frenzied fight with bad guys of all variety while speaking over the phone with his mother who lives in a world of comfortable normalcy and perpetual discontent. This commercial seems to reflect my indecision as to what book to bring. Do I want a book which reflects my actual present reality of worries about fires and medical conditions including the pains in various parts of my body reflecting strenuous lifting associated with packing, unpacking, and repacking. Do I want a book that reminds me that my blood sugar numbers are completely out of control such that even my iPhone tells me to do something to normalize the reading. I am advised to be sure to get a good night's sleep and to go out and walk or exercise as possible ways of lessening stress. Hysterical don't you think? It's so smoky outside that my wife had to put on two or three masks just to go outside and pick up the Sunday papers.

In addition to the nearby raging fires, the Covid epidemic, and the unimaginable political mess I have had a very disturbing week. In association with the series of interview articles which now accompany my regular weekly columns I have been conducting interviews which delve into subjects that usually are not discussed with me. I have learned that the high price of medical services and prescription medications result from corrupt practices. I have learned that at medical research facilities possible evidence of effective preventive medications are withheld until it is certain that patents can be obtained. I was also told that more fire fighters died resulting from jurisdictional rivalries between agencies than from anything else.

I am not sure I understand their reasons but the people that I spoke to are people I respect and were very sincere. Opposing their sincerity is the nonsense play-acting I see on all television news stations where there is so much sensationalizing, exaggeration and outright lying that it all makes me sick. The only alternative is to turn on the repeated lessening of sporting events played in empty stadiums utilizing canned crowd noises and pictured cutouts and taped reactions instead of actual fans. It all seems so phony!

Hooray, that last sentence makes clear to me the book I must choose. Catcher InThe Rye, the favorite book of my late High School years, in which the phoniness and lying of the adult world drives a young man crazy. Well, I am no longer young but it certainly feels like I am going crazy and not alone.

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JOHN MICEK



LOSERS? SUCKERS? TERRORISTS? ANARCHISTS? MEET THE REAL FOLKS BEHIND TRUMP'S INSULTS

Ty Rewolinski doesn't look like a loser. Or a sucker.

Standing on a Harrisburg street corner outside the headquarters of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, Rewolinski looks like what he once was: A U.S. Marine Corps sergeant who served his country in Iraq. He's tall and broad and self-contained. His eyes are alert. A silver cross dangles from his neck.

A few minutes before we started our conversation, I'd heard him mutter under his voice, "I'm no loser"

It seems like an entry point. So I ask him him what he thinks of the story in The Atlantic, since corroborated by several other news organizations, that the current commander-in-chief, President Donald Trump, believes soldiers are "losers" and "suckers."

"It makes me feel horrible," he said in a quiet and even voice that might as well be shouting out loud.

I keep coming back to the quiet directness of his answer. A Marine sergeant, who's likely seen terrors that none of us will ever see, feels "horrible," because of what the commander-in-chief is alleged to have said about him.

And right there, that's the human cost of living in Donald Trump's America.

Like all bullies, Trump has dehumanized the people behind his insults and jibes. And it's exacting a price on their – and our – souls.

During a press conference from the White House's South Portico last week, Trump pushed back hard against his critics, growling that "only an animal" would say such things about America's service men and women, and our fallen soldiers.

"The story is a hoax, written by a guy who's got a tremendously bad history," Trump said, of Atlantic reporter Jeffrey Goldberg, the story's author. "The magazine itself, which I don't read, I hear is totally anti-Trump ... He made up the story, it's a totally made-up story."

But is it so hard to believe? Really?

In nearly four years in office, and on the campaign trail before that, Trump has smashed through one norm after another. He mocked the appearance of former GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina, saying "Look at that face! Would anyone vote for that?" He referred to onetime White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman as a "dog."

He's called Mexican migrants "rapists." He's invented a playground nickname for each of his political rivals. He's used a racial epithet to refer to Sen. Elizabeth Warren. He once mocked a disabled New York Times reporter.

Trump, who has never served, trashed former Defense Secretary James Mattis as "the world's most overrated general." Former National Security Adviser John Bolton was alternately "incompetent," a "wacko" and "a disgruntled boring fool who only wanted to go to war," according to the Los Angeles Times.

So is it really inconceivable that Trump, who has compared avoiding sexually transmitted diseases to fighting in Vietnam, and who derided the late Sen. John McCain, who endured unspeakable torture during his time as a prisoner of war, would really talk that way when he thinks the world isn't listening?

Destiny Brown doesn't look like an anarchist or looter. But if Trump saw the grandmotherly Black woman in the bright yellow Black Lives Matter t-shirt, that might well be how he'd describe her.

After all, he's done it before.

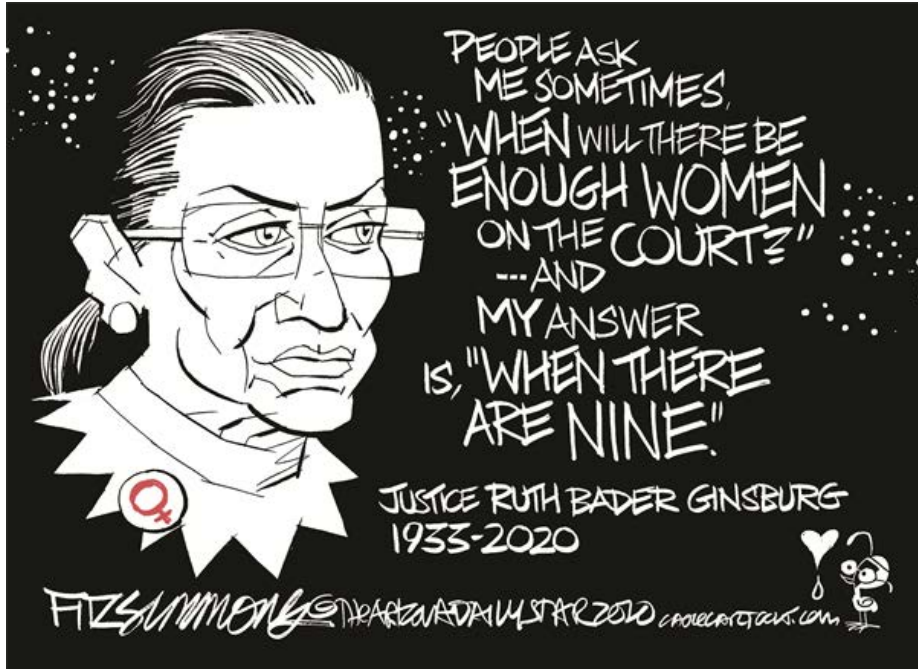
"Look at what happened in New York, look what happened in Chicago. All Democrats. All radical left Democrats," Trump said during a rally in New Hampshire last month. "You know what I say about protesters? Protesters, your ass. I don't talk about my ass. They're not protesters, those are anarchists, they're agitators, they're rioters, they're looters."

"We're not violent," Brown told me emphatically. "It's so sad with race and how it is in the world now."

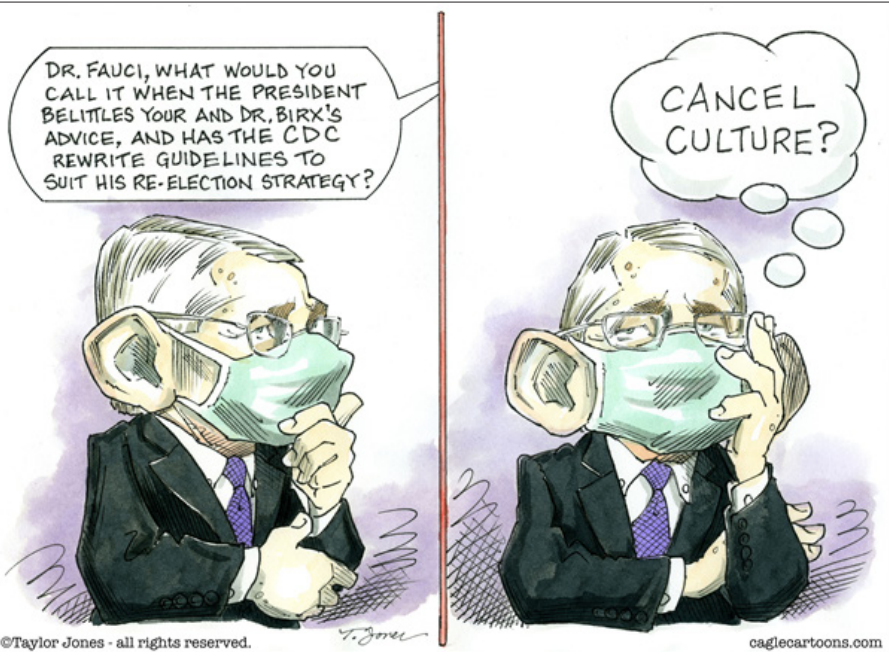
Brown says she's looking to Biden to heal a badly fractured country. Biden, she says, "will smother the flames."

"I believe the president that's in there now, he's responsible for it," Brown adds.

She's not wrong. Try as he might to shift blame, that's Donald Trump's America. An award-winning political journalist, John L. Micek is Editor-in-Chief of The Pennsylvania Capital-Star in Harrisburg, Pa. Email him at jmicek@penncapital-star.com and follow him on Twitter at [ByJohnLMicek](https://twitter.com/ByJohnLMicek).



Hopefully, we won't have to resort to this ...



TOM PURCELL



CHANGE VOTING AGE TO 16? TRY 80!

San Francisco residents will vote on a measure in November to allow teenagers as young as 16 to vote in local elections. That's according to The Hill, which also reports that in recent years, two women in Congress introduced measures to lower the voting age nationwide to 16.

One argument for doing so is that 16-year-olds are permitted to work and therefore must pay taxes – but, unable to vote for political leaders, they have no representation regarding how their tax “contributions” are spent.

Another is that young people should be able to help shape the world that they will run in the not-so-distant future.

Those are fair points. My response: We should raise the voting age to 80.

Youthfulness is wonderful – but not without its challenges where voting is concerned.

In our era of instant mass communication with millions through smartphones, the opportunity for misinformation to spread is incredible.

The younger one is, the more likely one is to take for gospel truth anything that appears in social media news feeds. Clips from hyperbolic cable news programs, which are more interested in ratings than in truthful discussion of our national challenges, are hurting our country. In a representative republic, which requires an informed citizenry, the uninformed voter is challenging enough. But the misinformed voter risks giving political power to people who can do a lot of damage with it.

Critical thinking, which college education should teach, appears to be losing ground to uncritical “groupthink.” The younger and more passionate one is, the more one may be at risk of “getting facts wrong” and voting for silver-tongued politicians whose real goals are their own personal and financial gain.

An 80-year-old is much less likely to fall for such nonsense.

At 87, my father reads a print newspaper and does at least one crossword puzzle every day. He reads two or three books a week. His mind is sharp.

He has seen a lot of silver-tongued politicians come and go – and a lot of once-popular ideas do a lot of damage to a lot of people.

He remembers the hopefulness of the War on Poverty, for example. We've spent more than \$20 trillion on it since the 1960s, and though it has helped millions avoid poverty in terms of food and housing, it has given us too much poverty of the spirit – too many broken families and children with limited opportunities to reach their fullest potential as human beings.

At 87, your bones ache. You find yourself in long conversations about roughage in your diet and good prostate health. You're in no mood for nonsense. You aren't easily swayed by the passions of the moment. You don't feel the need to faint at political rallies – unless you forgot your nutrition drink that morning.

You've paid way too many taxes and seen billions wasted on everything from unnecessary wars to pipe-dream programs that enrich lobbyists who get their pals in Congress to fund them more than they have done any good.

You know you may not be here much longer. All you care about is what you can do to make our country's future better for your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And that is the lens you would use to evaluate candidates and ideas. We would be better off as a country if our voters did more cranky critical thinking and indulged in less feel-good emotional nonsense.

Bring on the octogenarian voters!

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEAUTY IS GOSSIP, BEAUTY GOSSIP, 2697 E 56TH WAY #9, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHERYLLE NAJAI NICOLE ALLEN, 2697 E 56TH WAY #9, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHERYLLE NAJAI NICOLE ALLEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/10/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-136001
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JJC CONTRERAS TRUCKING, 13303 FOXLEY DR, WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JJC CONTRERAS TRUCKING, INC., 13303 FOXLEY DR, WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JOSE JUAN CONTRERAS-ESPINOZA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/09/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-136801
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZINCO COURT CLASSES, ZINCO TECH SOLUTIONS, 817 1/2 E FOOTHILL BLVD, MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ZINCO EDUCATION, INC., 817 1/2 E FOOTHILL BLVD, MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: TANIA YOMARA FLORES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/10/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-133230
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) JOSE JUAN CONTRERAS-ESPINOZA, 13303 FOXLEY DR, WHITTIER, CA 90602, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: JJC CONTRERAS TRUCKING, 13303 FOXLEY DR, WHITTIER, CA 90602. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/25/2019, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2019283173. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/02/2020. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) JOSE JUAN CONTRERAS-ESPINOZA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020135591
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALL

GUARD APPAREL 18133 TOPHAM ST. TARZANA, CA. 91335; CALL GUARD 18133 TOPHAM ST. TARZANA, CA. 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT GUZMAN 18133 TOPHAM ST. TARZANA, CA. 91335. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT GUZMAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/09/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2020. 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) Publish: ED Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020139491
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMY'S DESIGN 12415 HENZIE PLACE GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARMENUHI DOVLATYAN 12415 HENZIE PLACE GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARMENUHI DOVLATYAN OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/15/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2018. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020130946
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HEALING HANDS HEALTH GROUP 421 E. ANGELENO AVE SUITE 204, BURBANK, CA. 91501; HEALING HANDS HEALTH GROUP 8432 GLENCREST DR. SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANVEL SIMONYAN 8432 GLENCREST DR. SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANVEL SIMONYAN OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/28/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2015. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020125489
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARMTIK LIMOUSINE SERVICES 4446 E LEXINGTON DR APT 203, GLENDALE, CA. 91206. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTAK HAMBARDZUMYAN 8147 N CEDAR AVE APT 109, FRESNO, CA. 93720. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AARTAK HAMBARDZUMYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/19/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2018. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020122656
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TAHERAH OILS & SOAP 9423 RESEDA BLVD UNIT 420, NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91324; TAHERAH OILS & SOAP 2235 108TH AVE, OAKLAND, CA. 94603. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANEESAH TAHERAH GRAYSON 2235 108TH AVE, OAKLAND, CA. 94603. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANEESAH TAHERAH GRAYSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2020. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020125001
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAZ COMPUTER 21550 BURBANK BLVD 201, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REZA MEGHRAZI 21550 BURBANK BLVD 201, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: REZA MEGHRAZI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/18/2020. The

registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020116086
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WARRIOR HEALING ARTS 20951 INGOMAR ST CANOGA PARK, CA. 91304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOELLE GREGORIA NANAWA 20951 INGOMAR ST CANOGA PARK, CA. 91304. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOELLE GREGORIA NANAWA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/01/2020. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020120757
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAZMIK LUXURY TRANSPORTATION 300 N CEDAR ST GLENDALE, CA. 91206. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAZMIK MKRITCHYAN 300 N CEDAR ST GLENDALE, CA. 91206. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAZMIK MKRITCHYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/07/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2016. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020116884
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EROS AND LU 3673 FREDONIA DR, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90068. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEO ROD 3673 FREDONIA

DR. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90068. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LEO ROD, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/2020. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020128840
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXECUTIVE BARBER SHOP 2948 1/2 HONOLULU AVE, GLENDALE, CA. 91214. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NARBH KOVAYAN 635 F CHESTNUT ST APT 6, GLENDALE, CA. 91205. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NARBH KOVAYAN OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/25/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020128803
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TODDS A/C & HEATING SERVICES 8656 SYLMAR AVE, PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TADEH TAHMASIAN 8656 SYLMAR AVE, PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TADEH TAHMASIAN OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/25/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2018. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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Well, we've made it to another Birthday! Since 2006, I have been publishing a weekly newspaper in the San Gabriel Valley specifically covering the cities of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Pasadena, and also South Pasadena, Altadena and San Marino. It was August 4, 2007 however, when the first edition of the Mountain Views Observer (now know as the Mountain Views News) was published! My how time flies! That is a total of 698 CONSECUTIVE weeks; approximately 12,564 pages; more than 7 million print readership! Our website traffic exceeded 4 million page reads in 2019 alone! I am pretty proud of what we have accomplished over the last 14 years, despite huge economic challenges, such as the 40% tariff on newsprint that comes from China and has adversely impacted print media in the United States or California's AB5 which is another threat to newspapers statewide, we survived.

And then.....2020 and COVID-19 happened! To date, we are still alive and moving forward. We are proceeding cautiously and are committed to continue providing you with accurate information about your community. In March, when we reached out to you for help we expected that by May at the very least the Emergency would be over. We could not have imagined in our wildest dreams that in August the crisis would still be with us. As indicated in the beginning, the Mountain Views News has survived primarily

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ELY ANNA RIVAS
CASE NO. 20STCPO2753

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner **ELY ANNA RIVAS**
FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – STANLEY MOSK COURT HOUSE CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
ELY ANNA RIVAS
Proposed Name:
ELYANA RIVAS MAURIES

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/16/20 at 03:00 PM in Dept. 20 Room 310 located at 111 N Hill St, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated above to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Petitioner Appearing Pro Per
ELY ANNA RIVAS
11208 Newcomb Ave.
Whittier, Ca. 90603
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHAEL ZADEH CASE NO. 20STPB07239

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANET ZADEH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANET ZADEH 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: 01/21/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Notice of Telephonic Hearing
Due to court closures, you may participate telephonically by scheduling with CourtCall at 1-888-882-6878. Please check the court's website at www.lacourt.com for information regarding closure to the public.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

DANIEL MAURIES SOLANO
CASE NO. 20STCPO2754

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner
DANIEL MAURIES SOLANO
FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – STANLEY MOSK COURT HOUSE CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
DANIEL MAURIES SOLANO
Proposed Name:
DANIEL DARRY MAURIES

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 1/05/21 at 11:00 AM in Dept. 72 Room 731 located at 111 N Hill St, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated above to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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on the paper's ability to publish legal notices and the support of our advertisers many of whom are also impacted by the COVID19 virus. However, that has all changed. We were informed mid-March that the County of Los Angeles closed all public access to buildings that process legal notices. Such action, while absolutely necessary means that the income generated from the publication of the Fictitious Business Notices came to an abrupt halt and that has not changed. Without the ability to publish those legal notices, continued publication of the Mountain Views News remains in jeopardy.

With your help, however, we can continue to sustain the only paper where your community news comes first while we work on alternatives to the current legal notice processing is found or LA County Buildings allow public access again.

Remember, print media is the only source of information that CANNOT BE HACKED! What you read in the Mountain Views News is accurate and as publisher, I stand behind every word. Our sources are reliable and dependable. Our Opinions share both sides of the argument. Community events and local organization activities are also an integral part of what we provide each week. And, while we do have an online presence, each week thousands of print copies are distributed.

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Susan Henderson, Owner/ Publisher/Editor

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A TRIBUTE TO RUTH BADER GINSBURG 1933-2020

"We've lost another great warrior for equality and justice for all"

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“With the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, America has lost one of the most extraordinary Justices ever to serve on the Supreme Court. She was a magnificent judge and a wonderful person -- a brilliant lawyer with a caring heart, common sense, fierce devotion to fairness and equality, and boundless courage in the face of her own adversity. , *Former President Bill Clinton* who appointed Ginsburg in 1993

“Our Nation has lost a jurist of historic stature. We at the Supreme Court have lost a cherished colleague,” Roberts said. “Today we mourn, but with confidence that future generations will remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg as we knew her -- a tireless and resolute champion of justice.”, *Supreme Court Justice John Roberts*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg embodied justice, brilliance and goodness. Her passing is an incalculable loss for our democracy and for all who sacrifice and strive to build a better future for our children., *House Speaker Nancy Pelosi* "Tonight, the flags are flying at half staff over the Capitol to honor the patriotism of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Every woman and girl, and therefore every family, in America has benefitted from her brilliance."

"Justice Ginsburg paved the way for so many women, including me," *former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton* said on Twitter. "There will never be another like her. Thank you RBG."

Senator Joe Biden: "Ruth Bader Ginsburg stood for all of us. She was an American hero, a giant of legal doctrine, and a relentless voice in the pursuit of that highest American ideal: Equal Justice Under Law. May her memory be a blessing to all people who cherish our Constitution and its promise."

Senator Kamala Harris: "For all who believe in the power of the law as a force for change, Justice Ginsburg was and will always be a titan. She was a relentless defender of justice in our country and a legal mind for the ages."

Writer and director Janet Mock called Ginsburg "a feminist icon and American hero" on Twitter and thanked her for "working well beyond retirement until the very end because our country needed you."

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the kind of scholar and patriot you get excited about explaining to your kids," tweeted *actress Mindy Kaling*. "The kind of person who you say 'who knows, one day you could be HER'. I hope you rest well, RBG, you must have been tired from changing the world."

Ginsburg devoted her career to chipping away at discriminatory laws and policies, inspiring reactions like the tweet from *former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams*: "May we continue fight for Justice here with her passion, brilliance and extraordinary mischief. Until good is done."

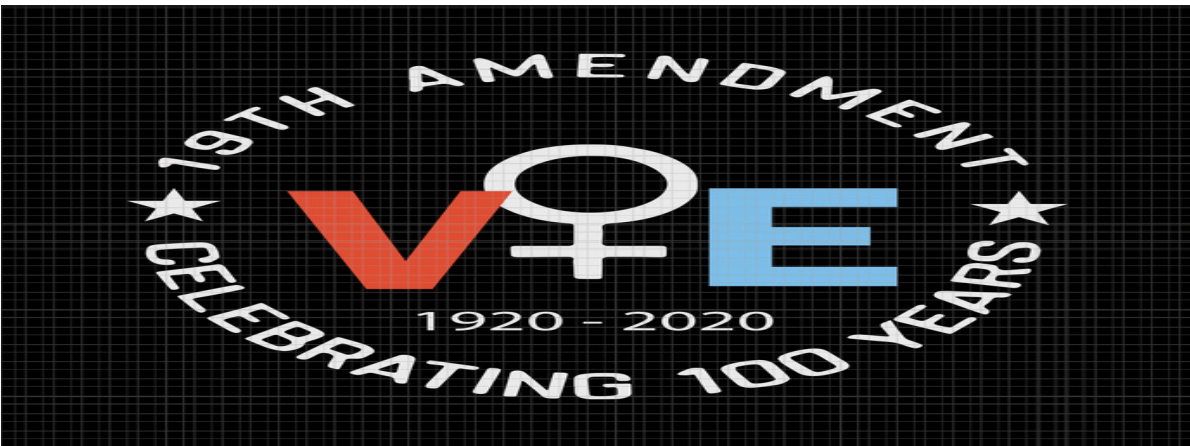
"Even had she not become a Supreme Court Justice, Ginsburg earned a place in history for what she did to win equality for American women," said "*RBG*" *directors Betsy West and Julie Cohen* in a joint statement. "When we asked her several years ago how she wanted to be remembered, she said with characteristic modesty, 'Just as someone who did whatever she could, with whatever limited talent she had, to move society along in the direction I would like it to be for my children and grandchildren.'"

Ruthie was my friend and I will miss her terribly. The t-shirts simply labeled “RBG” made her notorious. But it was her wit, her tenaciousness, and her skill as a jurist that made her an icon. As a young mom heading off to Rutgers law school, I saw so few examples of female lawyers or law professors. But Ruthie blazed the trail. I’m forever grateful for her example — to me, and to millions of young women who saw her as a role model., *Senator Elizabeth Warren*

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was one of the great justices in modern American history and her passing is a tremendous loss to our country. She will be remembered as an extraordinary champion of justice and equal rights., *Senator Bernie Sanders*

Rest in peace Ruth Bader Ginsburg - a true legend, an iconoclast, a glass ceiling breaker, and a feminist icon. She changed the world in so many incredible ways. Prayers, love and strength to her family during this dark time. I hope you have fun with Antonin Scalia in heaven...
Meghan McCain

And News Anchor, Commentator and Author, Dan Rather:
Please let's save the politics for another day. The rank hypocrisy, outrage, and vote counting. Justice Ginsburg was a towering figure, a fighter. Time and time again she beat the odds. She wouldn't want anyone to give up or be deterred from fighting for the dreams she embodied,



PORTRAITS OF OUR NEIGHBORS By Stuart Tolchin

AMANDA MACIEL ANTUNES

As unforeseen as these times are, so was my meeting with Amanda Maciel Antunes. Ten days ago she and another woman, both masked, walked past my house. Taking them to be mother and daughter, I commented that their masks were probably unnecessary if they were family living together. I learned that they were just neighbors living at the entrance to the canyon. I asked the younger woman if she was familiar with the famous writer Anais Nin who lived in that same area a few decades earlier. I maintained the superior attitude of an older man who had lived in the canyon for forty two years, but my attitude quickly evaporated never to return in the presence of this amazing young woman. She nonchalantly explained that serendipitously she lived in the very apartment where Anais Nin had lived! Amanda had become, in addition to many other things, a Nin scholar.

It would take many books to describe the life and person of Amanda Maciel Antunes. After another chance meeting I asked to interview her. A few days later she came bearing tasty homemade Brazilian cheesebread that she had awakened early to bake. Despite the heat she was wearing a long dress that covered her from neck to foot. When I remarked upon her clothing I learned that she always makes her own clothes generally from materials that come from her native Brazil. Amanda explained that she was from a partly indigenous family that lived in an isolated area in Salto de Pirapora, Brazil. In order to go to school she took long bus rides to a larger city. Although she was something of a prodigy she was unique among the other students who called her “the girl from the farm” or “the girl from the past.” With a divided family blessing she fled Brazil at the age of fourteen to follow the life of an artist ending up in Boston, learning English by studying an Anais Nin diary. It has taken ten years to settle her immigration problems but now married and living in Sierra Madre she has become an LA based multidisciplinary artist working in painting, costuming, performance, writing and installation art. While living in Sierra Madre she began each morning by climbing part way up the Mount Wilson Trail where she sits on a bench creating a tapestry on which she embroiders a poem. On the way back down the trail she picks up assorted items storing them in her backpack to later to be used in her other art projects. Somewhere along the trail she has created her own sanctuary.



Still, I have told you nothing about her person. To me she seems like a kind of Angel with a bit of an accent and some very strong opinions. She is a Feminist who asserts that a great part of Western hemisphere and European history involves the continued suppression of women largely because men are frightened of feminine power.

In a Zoom presentation in which Amanda was interviewed by two older Feminist poets she spoke of her need to be an artist. She explains that every moment of her life she lives her art, living her life with integrity and continuing to enrich her soul. She is very interested in the underlying connections between our deepest selves which mere words cannot reach. The continued presence of the obscured past and the often unnoticed present is an underlying theme. She looks for a safe place to be to feed her soul and is, for now, disinterested in forming a family. Nevertheless, she is a very loving person, willing to fly across country to aid a troubled friend or to check on new friends in the canyon.

Even with all this, she looks just like any other person walking in the canyon sometimes with her backpack. In her bag is the ongoing living piece of art. As I hoped to emphasize in these articles, every person you pass along the road has a new story to tell, and the more stories you hear the richer your own world can be.

Go to <https://www.sos-siren.com> to see Amanda’s Zoom interview.


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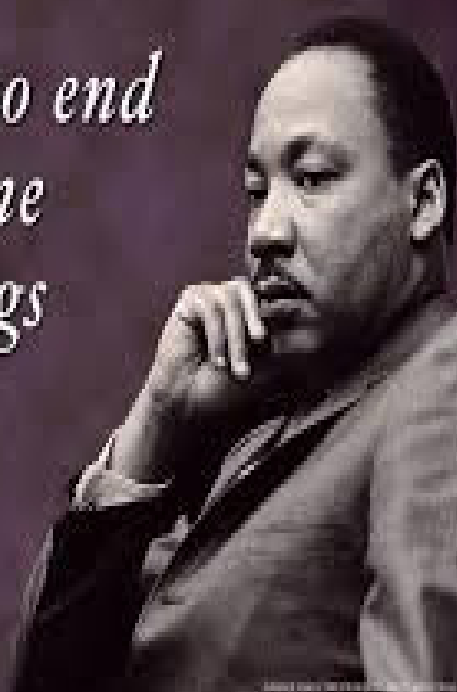
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