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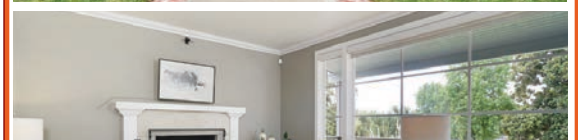
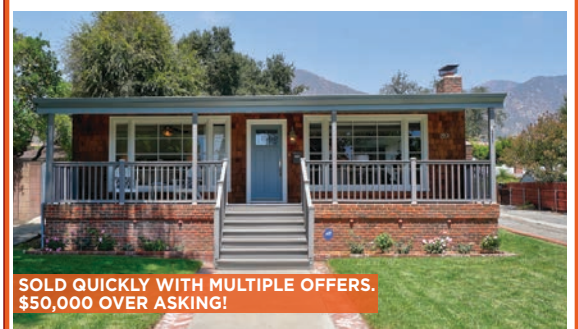
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BELOVED SIERRA MADREAN, BUD SWITZER, PASSES AWAY



It is our sad duty to report that Glidden "Bud" Switzer peacefully passed away on September 23rd, shortly after his 92nd birthday. The 2006 Citizen of the Year and a former 4th of July Grand Marshal, Bud was best known for his pumpkin carving, which led to an annual Halloween event on Alegria that brings visitors to the City from miles around. Active in the VFW 3208, Bud was an avid runner for many years, and was an active supporter of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race. He worked with John Grijalva on the establishment of the Memorial Park Veteran's Wall.

Bud was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Donna Mae, and his son Kevin. He is survived by a son Cam, and daughters, Debbie and Lisa.

Bud was a beloved member of the Sierra Madre community for decades, and we will have much more to say in a future article on Bud. He will truly be missed. *Photo and Caption by Bill Coburn*

HALLOWEEN WINDOW ART!

All Sierra Madre households are invited to create Halloween art for display on our local merchants' windows. All ages from a single address are welcome to draw or paint any Halloween theme on a paper 'canvas' provided to you by Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Create your visions of Halloween using pencils, markers, paint, ink - any medium you want. The art will be displayed on pre-approved downtown merchants' windows from October 23 until November 2. Civic Club members will mount your artwork on the windows. Sign up on-line at [sierramadrecivicclub.org](#) before October 8. High quality craft paper, 36" x 36", and further instructions will be delivered free to your front door. One per address.

Important Dates:
October 9-10 Paper and instructions delivered to your front door.
October 20 Deadline to return completed art in labelled box at 184 South Lima.
For further questions, please contact Karma Bell, Halloween Chair for Sierra Madre Civic Club, at 355-6487.

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES PUSH FOR REPAIRS/NEW FACILITY

The Sierra Madre Library Board of Trustees met with the City Council to discuss the future of the library including needed updates and repairs, use of the adjacent lot and the chance of putting the construction of a new building on the ballot in either 2022 or 2024.

As of today, a parcel tax to replace the current library does not have the necessary votes to make it on the 2020 ballot, according to a survey conducted by FM3 Research. Approximately 55% of those surveyed said they would vote "yes" on a ballot measure, which is well below the two-thirds needed for passage.

Fifty-three percent of Sierra Madre residents, who were surveyed back in 2018, were in favor of making needed repairs to the current library with only 33% in favor of the construction of a new library. City Council members expressed concern over spending funds on repairs to a building that could be replaced by a new facility if such a project was approved on a ballot in the next four years. The City is already dealing with added expenditures as a result of COVID-19 and the Bobcat Fire. Estimates for repair to the library and adjacent lot range from \$800,000 to \$3.5 million, depending on the scope of the project.

Full repairs to the current library would include ADA modifications, seismic retrofitting, and electrical wiring. Cost for repairs would come from fundraising or a property tax. The trustees will also want to maintain access to the adjacent lot for outdoor activities and programming. They are hoping to obtain funds for outdoor seating, improved lighting and stage upgrades.

City staff have also considered using the adjacent lot for low-income housing options.

Despite whether trustees receive approval for repairs, there is an ongoing push for a new facility to be built in the future and hopes to see it on the ballot in 2022 or 2024. A new facility would cost approximately \$17 million, a 40-year bond and an annual tax parcel of \$236.

Of the over 1,700 surveyed, 89% said they had a favorable opinion of the library and felt it was an important part of the community.

As of now, the direction is to review necessary repair options and costs with the acknowledgement of keeping the adjacent lot for library use. A future meeting will be set to discuss progress and next steps.
Kevin McGuire/MVNews

SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU SIERRA MADRE

Hello Sierra Madre,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally express my most sincere gratitude! Let me lead off with a very heartfelt thank you to all City staff. WOW, what an absolute illustration of what true teamwork looks like. It was amazing to uncover the hidden talent that some folks possessed, as well as the relentless dedication to provide the utmost service to our community. The City is extremely fortunate to have such devotedness.

Secondly, to our Public Safety, in both Fire and Police, I am proud to work alongside each and every one of you. When called upon, you all answered with an astounding "How can I help?". You had to leave your families to protect and serve those families that we have sworn to safeguard. You should be proud of yourselves. I know I am very proud of you and your efforts,

Lastly, and most prominently, to the residents of Sierra Madre. These past 6 months have been tremendously difficult for many, and with the added stress of the Bobcat Fire, I know some were overwhelmed with emotion and apprehension. I was so happy to see the true compassion of Sierra Madre come out. Neighbors were checking on neighbors, and people were offering to assist strangers. Sometimes life has a funny way of showing us what genuinely matters, and that is that we have consideration for one another. These are the values that make this town special! Keep casting this forward. I would like to thank you for your unwavering love and support, we are tremendously honored! Please take care, and take care of each other!

Sincerely,

Brent Bartlett
Interim Fire Chief

A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Sunday morning 24-25 firemen had breakfast at Nano's. A woman called in and paid for their meals. She wants to remain anonymous. That's saying thank you, Sierra Madre style!
(Submitted by an eyewitness!)

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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL 4 YEAR SEATS - VOTE FOR 2



SAVE THE DATES...

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
SOCIAL DISTANCING/MASKS REQUIRED
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
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**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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**THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
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Marilynne Wilander
Roger Wilander**

**ZOOM ONLY
Wednesday, September 30, 2020
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Meeting ID890 8211 1678
PASSWORD: MVNEWSA12**

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8908211678?pwd=UURIN2oxaWhLOHdKaFf5aHN0a0RjZz09>

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PRESERVE SIERRA MADRE AND THE CANDIDATES TALK ABOUT PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Saturday, September 26, 2020 on Zoom

There are three people running for the two year position, and five for the four year position. Each candidate will speak to us for half an hour. If you would like to join us for the entire time, or just part of the time, simply go to the Preserve Sierra Madre website at www.preservesierramadre.com and click on the link on our homepage. The candidates' times are:

9:00 Robert Parkhurst (4 year)
9:30 Dave Loera (2 year)
10:00 Josefina Riley (4 year)
10:30 Andy Bencosme (4 year)
11:00 Tracey Verhoeven (2 year)
11:30 Ed Garcia (2 year)
12:00 Kelly Kriebs (4 year)
12:30 Kurt Richter (4 year)



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS LOCAL ELECTION COVERAGE

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.

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 (I to r):



I am **ANDY BENCOSME**, a proven leader, volunteer, and problem solver that cares about people and my community. I manage Century 21 Village Realty, a downtown small business that has been in Sierra Madre since 1988. For 17 years, I have trained, managed and mentored Real Estate professionals to better serve the community and those who strive to achieve the American Dream, with the largest investment they are likely to make in their lifetime.

As a business leader and resident, I have made it my mission to give back and be a part of the fabric of the community. I am on my sixth year serving on the Sierra Madre Community Services Commission, which provides oversight and direction on many City and Civic events and programs. I, along with my wife Julie (a near life-long resident), have volunteered countless hours with many Civic, Professional and Charitable Organizations.

I have an undergraduate degree in History and a Master's degree in Business Administration. I was a Public High School teacher and later in upper management for Earthlink, in Pasadena, before Real Estate. I have managed budgets of \$90 Million with 2,000 employees and classrooms of 35 teenagers with \$0 budget. This November, we will be electing 3 brand new Council Members. We need proven leadership on our Council. As a City we will be facing the continued COVID-19 Pandemic and it's impact on our Businesses and our Residents. Our downtown businesses are an important part of our community and we have to support them and be flexible and creative to help them survive.

The potential Monastery Development is going to have a huge impact on the City as well as the current residents around it. We need someone with experience in zoning, land use and land management to think through some unintended consequences we may face in the future based on the decisions we make over the next few years.

Our infrastructure continues to feel the impacts of decades of neglect and we have to plan and prioritize to bring Sierra Madre's infrastructure up to sustainable standards. This includes our Water and Sewage systems, our streets, parks and Public Library. Operating a small business and being a volunteer leader has trained me to be a consensus builder and problem solver. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work to make things better for Sierra Madre.

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ROBERT PARKHURST

I love our vibrant, resilient, 139-year-old foothill community of Sierra Madre. I am running because I am passionate about taking care of our town and citizens. In addition to being a husband, father to two teenagers, 30 year resident of California, and homeowner (caretaker) to a historic home built by one of the early families in Sierra Madre,

I am a dedicated community servant and environmental steward. I'm working to support and improve Sierra Madre and the San Gabriel Valley community as the Vice Chair of Sierra Madre's Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission and am Vice Chair of Clean Power Alliance's Community Advisory Committee.

I have three priorities for this great City – replace our aging infrastructure, strengthen our local economy, and protect our natural resources.

On infrastructure, our town has multiple areas to address from our water pipes to our library. For example, many of our water pipes have not been replaced in nearly a century. At our current rate, it will take nearly 30 years to replace them. I plan to develop a 10-year capital plan to replace our pipes in half that time and address other key structures.

For the economy, we have an incredible downtown with fabulous businesses. However, our Commercial Code has too many barriers for small businesses. It can take more than a year to get a permit, driving prospective businesses to neighboring communities. And the pandemic is only making the business climate more challenging. I will support our businesses weather the pandemic and I will update our commercial code to make it more reasonable.

For our natural resources, as we have seen from the recent drought, heat wave and fires, climate change is upon us. We need to decarbonize our economy as quickly as possible. I volunteered to identify a 554 kW solar project right here in Sierra Madre. It will come online next year and save the City money in its first year of operation. I plan to continue efforts to address these and other areas of natural resources including wildlife protection, and fire safety.

Sierra Madre is an incredible City and I am proud to live here. I am excited to engage and connect with you on how to improve our city so it continues to flourish. I promise to work hard to serve our community. Please vote for me on November 3.

www.Parkhurst4SierraMadre2020.org



JOSEFINA RILEY

I am running for office because I want to be directly involved in shaping Sierra Madre's future. My goals are to leave it a better place for our kids and families while protecting all the things that make Sierra Madre a distinctive and wonderful place to live. Sierra Madre is a wonderful place to raise a family, send kids to school, view beautiful scenery, and enjoy a thriving downtown that is full of community events. I want to ensure that we retain those things, and help to make things safer, and less ex-

pensive for our residents.

2. Currently 75% of the revenue in Sierra Madre comes from our resident's pockets. The revenue generated by our businesses in comparison, is quite low. Additionally, we have a hard time bringing in new business and retaining old ones. Why is this the case, when we have such a lovely downtown? I will focus on alternative ideas to help bring in new businesses and help the old businesses stay. This will make Sierra Madre an even more desirable place to shop, dine, and will hopefully alleviate some of the burden on our resident's pockets. It is projected to take 29 more years to fix the entire pipeline of water mains (at \$1M yearly) to deliver water to our residents reliably. I would like to see this project fast tracked so that we stop wasting water due to old, rusting mains. If we do not do something to grow revenue, we will have to continually increase taxes and water prices for our city to remain in the black. I will also address the parking situation. The



classrooms at Sierra Madre Elementary and at PTA events at both SME and Sierra Madre Middle School.

Kelly has spent more than twenty years as a corporate lawyer advising business owners how to achieve their goals. She has negotiated, documented and closed dozens of transactions in her career. Her entire professional life has been focused on identifying solutions and bringing people together.

As a representative of Sierra Madre residents, Kelly Kriebs will be committed to making fiscally responsible choices to safeguard the City's financial wellbeing. Such financial health will be crucial to continuing to upgrade and then properly maintain all of the City's infrastructure, including the water system. She recognizes that the heart of the community is its downtown and will work to secure the long-term success of the City's small businesses and maintain the local jobs they supply.

Kelly enjoys all that Sierra Madre has to offer and wants to ensure it can be enjoyed for generations to come. She spends as much time on the local trails as she can, including in three Mt. Wilson Trail Races. Her favorite community event is the Fourth of July Parade (along with the Third of July beer garden sponsored by Friends of Sierra Madre Little League!). Kelly has a deep respect for the hard work of the City's Community Services Department and will look to leverage that staff's experience to expand recreation opportunities and community events.

With the combination of her love of Sierra Madre and professional experience, Kelly Kriebs will bring to the City Council sensible decision making and a lasting commitment to the City's quality of life and sustainable future.

Kelly wants to hear from you: contact her via her website

<https://kriebsforcitycouncil.com>) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/kellykriebs2020/>).



KURT RICHTER

LOVE OUR PAST/PROTECT OUR FUTURE

My family immigrated to Sierra Madre in 1924. You can imagine all the stories that came out of 12 kids growing up in a tiny house on Victoria Lane. Family members have lived here in town continuously since then. I spent my elementary school years here roaming the still familiar streets and living in the lower canyon. It's all this history and fond memories that brought me back 10 years

ago so my kids could grow up here.

Now retired after a long successful career in business, I am ready to dedicate myself to working for the city I love. This is why I am running for office. I know my skills of managing large operations (sales teams, marketing departments, office staff, manufacturing and distribution facilities) will translate to what is needed to effectively manage our city.

What I plan to do for the people of Sierra Madre that I'd be representing is everything possible to Protect our future. What does this mean? Of course, we have to keep our village/small town environment by managing development in a way that protects the charm of Sierra Madre. Along with this, we must develop strategies that will enhance the local economy. We need to entice into town the type of businesses that will survive in the new online retail world we now live in. Highly specialized/special interest shops and restaurants that will draw customers from outside Sierra Madre to come spend their money here. Parking expansion will need to be thoughtful.

Another big decision affecting Sierra Madre is the future of the Library. The City Council will need significant guidance from the community to deliver a 21st century library and at what cost. Books are important, but the library can provide so much more for the new work at home population. It can be a vibrant info and communication center for businesses and individuals with workstations and private conference rooms equipped with tools and systems for small conferences or video meetings.

As a member of the City Council I will listen to the citizens of Sierra Madre so we can together accomplish all our goals as we address these and all the other important issues in town (Infrastructure, Trails, Monastery, Bears, Police and Fire Budgets, just to name a few). Sierra Madre, together we can continue to make this the best place to live in Southern California.

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city is overwhelmed with folks parking on our residential streets for the purpose of hiking. While it is understandable that people want to visit our trails as well as our downtown, a scalable parking solution needs to be put in place. One of my proposals is to leverage clean energy and bring in public transportation solutions such as a circulator or microtransit for example. With microtransit, people would be able to call the transit vehicle from their phones and it would pick them and drop them off at the trails or downtown like an uber or Lyft type service. If we are successful in this, the ground level, outdoor eating spaces could be enlarged to accommodate more people, safely, and we could have a scalable solution for bringing in consumers to our small city, while preserving our natural open spaces, and avoiding unnecessary development.

3. The first step will be to study the problem, review successful plans that other cities have implemented and set goals. I

will support the creation of focus groups that include our local business owners and residents to brainstorm solutions. The main focus would be to study how to bring in more business, how to retain existing businesses, so that Sierra Madre becomes a desirable, thriving and competitive place to do business. I envision a future in Sierra Madre where we have outdoor eateries in safe spaces, away from driving and parked cars; Where you can call a transit or shuttle bus from your house or a designated lot, it arrives in minutes, and drops you off downtown or to one of our beautiful destinations. I will work with the transportation authorities to put together a plan that makes sense. I will negotiate this future for Sierra Madre, because who wouldn't want to sit outside, perhaps on a rooftop lounge, eating delicious food and safely enjoying our beautiful city's views.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
 Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT – Design Review Findings for Residential Projects
 Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
 Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of a Municipal Code Text Amendment, amending Chapter 17.20 (One-Family Residential), Chapter 17.48 (Development Standards), and Chapter 17.60 (Variances and Discretionary Permits), of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, and other applicable Zoning provisions of the Municipal Code.

The objective of the MCTA is to create design review findings, for projects requiring administrative development permits and design review permits that are objective and in compliance with State housing law, and to reduce design review regulations in the R-1 (One-Family Residential Zone).

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting; Thursday, October 15, 2020 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

- Watch the meeting on Channel 3 (Government Access Channel) or live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com
- Email public comments to: publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com by 6:00 PM on the day of the meeting.
- Requests for verbal public comment must include name, phone number, and agenda item number and must be e-mailed to above email address by 6 PM on the day of the meeting. City staff will call the phone number provided at the appropriate public comment time.
- To participate in public comment please call: (669) 900-9128; Meeting I.D: 626-232-0232; Password: 232242

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

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

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I loved Autumn, the season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it." Lee Maynard
 "If a year was tucked inside of a clock, then Autumn would be the magic hour."
 Victoria Erickson

"Winter is an etching, Spring a watercolor, Summer an oil painting, and Autumn a mosaic of them all."
 Stanley Horowitz



Today is September 22nd, the official beginning of Fall. We've survived the incredible heat of summer...and it's still not all that cool. We've survived the fires, the earthquake, we're adjusting to the best of our ability to the pandemic, political advertising is about to drive us insane and the election is still months away, but the nights are getting cooler, friends and neighbors. Fall colors are emerging on the trees and Autumn is here.

We can start thinking about hot spiced apple cider and everything pumpkin. I, personally, want a slice of pumpkin cheesecake. My friend Elaine and I discovered some years ago that a slice of pumpkin cheesecake and a split of champagne at the Cheesecake Factory was about as delightful an experience as one was going to get.

I came across a recipe for a crustless, low-carb, pumpkin cheesecake that is fast to put together, tastes really good and isn't hideously calorie-laden. I'm sharing it with you:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch pie plate, line the bottom with a parchment paper circle then grease the parchment paper.

Blend in your mixer:

*16 oz reduced fat cream cheese, softened
 ¾ cup canned pumpkin
 ½ cup sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1-1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 1 Tb. Flour
 2 large eggs*

Pour into your prepared pie plate. Bake until center of the cheesecake is almost set (soft but not liquid) about 40 minutes.

Transfer to a cooling rack and cool to room temperature then refrigerate.

The recipe suggests refrigerating it for at least four hours or overnight before slicing it but I discovered that it was utterly delicious when I had a piece shortly after it cooled off. I also felt somewhat self-righteous about it as it is less than 200 calories per slice. Of course, the recipe doesn't specify the size of the slice so I say, go for it! It's not anywhere near what the Cheesecake Factory makes, but it's pretty good.

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion." Henry David Thoreau

Thoreau, most famous for his book, Walden, which advocated simple living in natural surroundings, probably would have liked this pumpkin cheesecake as it takes the simpler route of not dealing with a graham cracker crust. Thoreau was born in 1817 and passed on in 1862, just 44 years old.

The Mountain Views News own columnist, Christopher Nyerger, espouses many of Thoreau's teachings, i.e., survival in the face of hostile elements, embracing environmentalism and living as simply as possible. Thoreau's words from Walden resonate today with where we are and the changes in lifestyle we have all had to make:

"I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life."

We are living a little more 'Spartan-like' than we might want to, but we are all adapting! Our children are learning to do school – for good or for ill – from a distance. We've created an al fresco dining presence in town that is lovely to see and delightful to enjoy, and we're masked at all public moments to keep infection to a minimum. Lipstick sales are in the negative column, but eye shadow and mascara sales are holding their own.

Treat yourself to this cheesecake and look forward to all that Fall brings with it, including scarecrows all over town.

"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple." J.K. Rowling Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

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:
 "Emma's Intergalactic Institute"
 It's on Amazon.com and here's the link: <https://amzn.to/3ibKD3Z>
 If you haven't read "Emma's Etouffee Cafe" you need to! It's also on Amazon.com,
 You can follow me on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/playwrightdd>

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

TIPPING DURING COVID-19 LOCK DOWN

Remember when Facebook was full of puppy dogs and pictures of our kids graduating school? Well, I've been able to reconnect with dozens of past friends - how great is that! But now, the left and right are fighting, and if we disagree, we are threatened with an end of a friendship, including a Facebook friendship. I read a post just this week from a General Manager of a very popular and expensive eatery who simply stated, "If you can't afford a good tip, stay at home." At first read we all raised our fists and said "YES!" but I must disagree. When you go out to eat and support your favorite restaurant, the dollars spent have a trickle-down effect. This term originated as a



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 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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joke from humorist Will Rogers; by going out to eat and spending \$100 you are providing work for the cooks, host/hostess, dishwasher, purveyors, vendors, and yes, the owner of the restaurant. So, with all that being said, I can't support this boycott, but I do agree to please tip your servers. I also like to leave a tip for the barista and a few dollars when I pick up a to-go order.

Here is my breakdown for tipping:

- 18% to 22 %
- For great service
- \$2 to \$4 for a to go order
- \$1 a drink at bar (when they're open)
- \$2 for a mixed drink
- 10% to 12% for a bottle of wine as long as they come by and pour.

Thoughts? Give me a call at (626) 765-7543 or just tune into my radio show Sunday Mornings at 8 AM Go Country 105

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	90s	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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Meeting ID: 626-232-0232
Password: 232242

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
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

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PSU District #6 - 4 Candidates (1 from Sierra Madre)

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Tuesday

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Local Area News Brief

Man Accused of Truck Attack on Protesters Arrested

A San Marino man who allegedly drove his truck into a crowd of peaceful demonstrators on May 31 in Pasadena was arrested Wednesday on a federal criminal complaint charging him with conspiring to violate firearms laws.

Benjamin Jong Ren Hung, 28, was charged with one count of conspiracy to transport firearms across state lines and to make a false statement in acquisition of firearms.

At his initial appearance this afternoon in United States District Court, Hung was ordered detained pending a Monday hearing to determine his bail status. Hung's arraignment is scheduled for October 15.

According to an affidavit filed with the complaint, Pasadena Police officers arrested Hung on May 31 after he intentionally drove his pickup truck into a crowd of protesters demonstrating in Old Town Pasadena. The crowd scattered as the truck approached, and no injuries were reported in the incident, the affidavit states.

During a search of Hung's truck on May 31, police found a loaded semiautomatic handgun, multiple high-capacity magazines loaded with ammunition, an 18-inch machete, \$3,200 in cash, a long metal pipe, and a megaphone, according to the affidavit.

Hung allegedly acquired the firearm from a friend who purchased it for him in Oregon and then transported it to California. When the friend purchased the firearm, he falsely represented that he was the actual transferee of the gun, rather than Hung, the affidavit states. Hung and his friend then allegedly conspired to transport the firearm to California, where Hung kept the firearm at his San Marino home prior to bringing it to the May 31 demonstration.

The affidavit further alleges that in March Hung purchased at least three additional firearms in Oregon and then transported them to California. He also allegedly amassed other firearms and tactical equipment from suppliers throughout the United States and used his family's vineyard in Lodi, California as a training camp to prepare to engage in civil disorders.

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

If convicted, Hung would face a statutory maximum sentence of five years in federal prison.

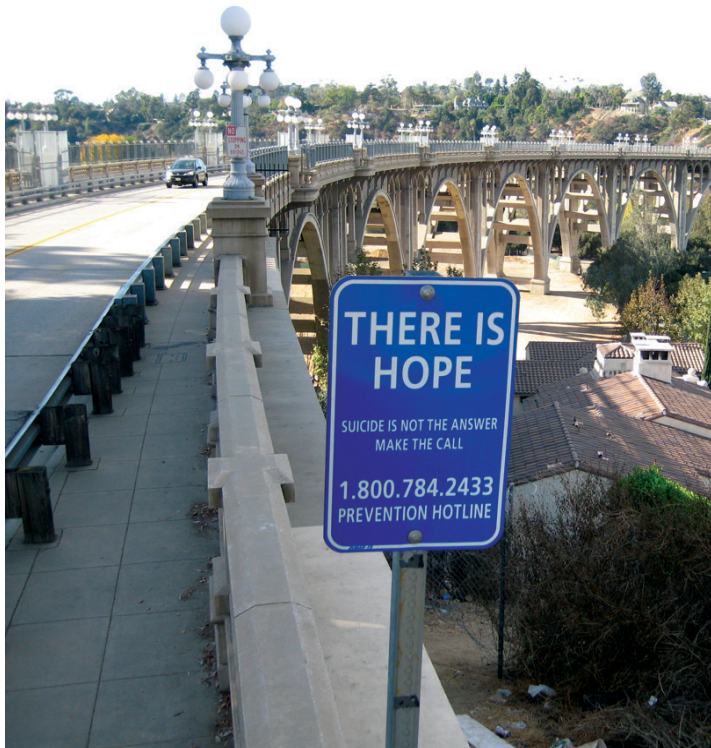
Bridge to get Temporary Suicide Mitigation Mock-up Mesh Panels

By Dean Lee

The public will get a first change to see exactly what Colorado Street Bridge Suicide Mitigation Project will look like after the City Council voted Monday in favor of full-scale mock-up installations and public viewing in November.

The council voted to enter into a \$160,210 purchase order contract with Custom Design Iron Works, Inc. for the fabrication and installation of five temporary mock-up panels.

According to the Pasadena Department of Public Works Director Ara Maloyan, three design options were chosen for the mock-up fabrication and will display two types of mesh patterns and pickets. The full-sized panels will be installed at two locations on the bridge, one on the southeast and one on the northwest, and be independently supported on the tops of the bridge balustrade. They also plan to adjust existing light poles to accommodate the panels.



The council voted with very little discussion. Only Councilmember Andy Wilson asked about cost and popularity of the designs. Maloyan said that 68 percent surveyed favored mesh versus 50 percent for pickets. The pickets also had the lowest cost he said. Councilmember John Kennedy said the mock-up panels had been previously vetted at the city's Public Safety Committee.

Maloyan also said a survey would be published on the project's website to solicit public

opinion on the mock-up design options once they have been installed.

The mock-up displays will be up for four to six weeks for public viewing. The Public Safety Committee will make a final decision sometime in late December or January.

According to the city staff report, the cost of fully implementing the Colorado Street Bridge Suicide Mitigation Project will range from \$2.5 million to \$4.6 million depending on materials and detailing.

Playhouse Announces Streaming Premiere of Still

Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman announces the premiere of Still., a newly commissioned work written by and starring spoken word artist Javon Johnson, and directed by Donny Jackson. The production will launch online at PlayhouseLive on September 30, and is part of the Fall line-up of pay-per-view streaming theatrical events.

As one of the nation's most prominent spoken-word artists, Javon Johnson takes to the Playhouse stage in Still. to share his very personal experience as a Black man in America at a pivotal time in our history. Johnson blends powerful imagery, witty prose and beautiful lyricism in this timely, unforgettable theatrical event.

Johnson has appeared on HBO's Def Poetry Jam, BET's Lyric Café, TVOne's Verses & Flow, The Steve Harvey Show, The Arsenio Hall Show, United Shades of America with Kamau Bell on CNN, and co-wrote a documentary titled Crossover, which aired on Showtime, in collaboration with the NBA and Nike.

Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman says, "We are honored to launch PlayhouseLive with the work of two extraordinary artists, Javon Johnson and director Donny Jackson. In this unique moment of American reckoning, Still. is a piece of art that eloquently captures what so many in our community are experiencing. It is a profound theatrical work created exclusively for a digital audience and captures a moment in history in real time, on our historic stage."

Javon Johnson is a renowned spoken word poet -- a three-time national poetry slam champion and a four-time national finalist. He is also Assistant Professor and Director of African American & African Diaspora studies and holds an appointment in Gender & Sexuality Studies in the Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies Department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Director Donny Jackson has been a staple of the poetry community for over 2 decades, and is also a doctor of clinical psychology, and a multiple Emmy-winning Producer and Director in unscripted television, including CNN's United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell, R&B Divas for TV One, The Bachelor for ABC, A&E's Teach, and Inside the Label for BET. Dr. Donny is also an NAACP Image Award winner for his producing duties on TV One's music documentary series, Unsung.

Still. can be rented through PlayhouseLive for \$19.99 and is available through November 1, 2020. After the initial purchase, Still. can be watched on any of the PlayhouseLive apps including Apple OS, Android OS, Roku, FireTV and more. Closed captioning will be available in both English and Spanish.

Additional information about PlayhouseLive and its programming, including new announcements and pricing specials, are available at: playhouselive.org.

PlayhouseLive breaks down the physical boundaries of theater walls and opens access to audiences all over the world. It is also integrated into the Pasadena Playhouse's Community at Play program which remove barriers to arts participation and ensures free and low-cost ways to engage with the arts. Distribution channels include a standalone website, iPhone and Android apps, AppleTV, Amazon FireTV, Roku, Chromecast, and AirPlay, among others.

Powered by Pasadena Playhouse, PlayhouseLive programming will include new filmed productions, staged readings, and cabarets, as well as original series, documentaries, and theater classes. It is a home for a wide array of theatrical voices through new and revisited work. PlayhouseLive also serves as an online companion to the work that Pasadena Playhouse and partner theaters create on our stages once live theater performances resume.

Pasadena Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The City of Pasadena is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans with free exhibits, demonstrations, book discussions, films, events, lectures, workshops and activities for all ages. Programming is provided by the City of Pasadena's Pasadena Public Library and the Latino Heritage Committee, in collaboration with the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department. For more information, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net or cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec.

Exhibits
"Metamorphosis" by artist Dr. Patricia Jessup-Woodlin Celebrates Día de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead, a celebration of life and death

October 1 - 31 | Hastings Branch Library, northwest windows, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

Community Events For Adults

Workshop - Spanish Conversation Group

Want to practice and improve your spoken Spanish? Join our conversational Spanish group now on Zoom! Volunteers and attendees help you to make personal progress and provide lots of practice speaking in Spanish. For all adults of any Spanish speaking level. Sign up at pasadena.evanced.info/signup.

Thursdays, through - Oct. 29, 2:30-5 p.m. | Zoom Book Discussion - Pasadena Reads Book Club: "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez

Meet to discuss "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez. "Afterlife" explores the complexities of familial devotion and tragedy against a backdrop of a world in crisis, and the ways in which we struggle to maintain hope, faith, compassion and love. Copies are available through hoopla using your Pasadena Public Library card: hoopladigital.com. Sign up at pasadena.evanced.info/signup.

Thursday, Oct. 8, 3 p.m. | Zoom Workshop - Crafts with Tosh and Tiff

Join us and learn how to make delicious traditional Spanish Rice, also known as Mexican Rice, Red Rice and Arroz Rojo. Join us on Instagram at @pasadenalibrary.

Monday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. | Instagram

Book Discussion - Virtual



Julia Alvarez

Hill Avenue Book Club: "Slum Virgin" by Gabriela Cabezón Camara

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Event and discuss "Slum Virgin" by Gabriela Cabezón Camara. Densely-packed, fast-paced prose, weaving slang and classical references, "Slum Virgin" refuses to whitewash the reality of the poor and downtrodden, and jumps deftly from tragedy to comedy in a way that has the reader laughing out loud. Copies of this title are available through hoopla using your Pasadena Public Library card: hoopladigital.com/title/12441390. Sign up at pasadena.evanced.info/signup.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Lecture - Hispanic Influence on California Architecture

Spanish-influenced architecture is one of the great Latino contributions to American culture, with millions of examples from California to Florida, built by tens of millions of people over the last four hundred years. This presentation focuses on how the Spanish/Hispanic/Latino architectural design vocabulary evolved over a thousand years and four continents, and how it has been employed in Pasadena. It examines numerous local examples, including the San Gabriel Mission, Castle Green, the Caltech campus, Civic Center, 1920s Spanish Colonial Revival houses built by George Washington Smith, Wallace Neff, and many others, along with more recent Hispanic-inflected projects, such as the Del Mar Station. Presented by Dave Nufer, program developer and docent with Pasadena Heritage and the Los Angeles Conservancy. The son of a mid-century modern builder, he has previously given talks at the library on "The Asian Roots of Pasadena Arts and Crafts Architecture" and "200 Years of Black Pioneers in Pasadena and Los Angeles." Sign up at pasadena.evanced.info/signup.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. | Zoom

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 13th, through Saturday, September 19th, the Police Department responded to 741 calls for service, of which 81 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Monday, September 14:

1. At 6:49 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Community Church, located at 121 Alice Street, regarding two transients sleeping at the location. Due to an existing, "No Trespassing Authorization" a 41-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 7:23 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of East Haven Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated her 2019 Honda Civic was stolen from her driveway sometime during the previous night. The investigation is ongoing.

3. At 11:59 a.m., an officer responded to Albertsons, located at 298 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft report. The store manager witnessed the suspect use self-checkout to scan \$107.88 worth of groceries before fleeing and stealing the items. The suspect fled in a green Honda Accord and drove south on Tyler Avenue. Due to a technical issue, there was no surveillance footage of the incident.

4. At 5:10 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Alta Vista Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim stated he did not order a GoBank/Green Dot VISA credit card he received in the mail. Assuming this was an incident of fraud, the victim refused to give the representative his social security number when he called for clarification. The victim does not know the suspect(s) or how they obtained his personal information.

Tuesday, September 15:

5. At 1:26 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on September 15th, an unknown suspect entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and fled with the victim's wallet, cash, and gardening tools. There are no investigative leads at this time.

6. At 2:51 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1800 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding an aggravated assault report. A resident confronted a suspect who was looking through her mailbox. After being confronted, the suspect then entered a vehicle and drove onto the victim's lawn in an attempt to hit the victim with the vehicle. The suspect is described as a black female with light complexion, her hair in a ponytail, wearing a light-colored tank top, and driving a black Lincoln Navigator. The investigation is ongoing.

7. At 5:11 p.m., an officer responded to Savers, located at 16 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a trespassing incident. The reporting party stated a transient was acting aggressively toward customers. The officer located the 41-year-old male from South El Monte, cited him, and released him in the

field.

Wednesday, September 16:

8. At 9:07 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of Las Tunas Drive regarding a burglary report. The victim stated his house was burglarized while being renovated. The suspects stole various appliances, televisions, and tools. The investigation is ongoing.

9. At 11:11 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Genoa Street regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) removed a lock to the victim's garage and fled with two bicycles and various bike parts. There is no suspect information at this time.

Thursday, September 17:

10. At 1:22 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a disturbance. The victim stated an argument with her boyfriend escalated when the suspect put the victim in a choke hold and threatened her. The suspect, a 39-year-old male from Arcadia, had fled by the time officers arrived. The suspect is outstanding as of September 22nd.

11. At 11:24 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of East Duarte Road regarding a battery in progress. An altercation between a husband and wife turned physical resulting in the wife falling. A stolen firearm was located at the residence. The suspect, a 32-year-old male from Arcadia, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim declined medical attention.

Friday, September 18:

12. At 12:32 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia City Hall parking lot, located at 240 West Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. The victim stated he ordered an Apple iPhone through eBay but after completing his purchase, the eBay seller changed the recipient's name and address. The victim did not receive his purchase and was possibly a victim of an internet scam. There are no investigative leads at this time.

13. At 4:21 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Duarte Road and Golden West Avenue regarding an area check for a stolen vehicle. The officers located the vehicle and after the vehicle pulled over, the driver exited the vehicle, threw a firearm, and complied with the officers' orders. The suspect, a 29-year-old male from Pasadena, was arrested for various weapons charges, drug offenses, and an outstanding felony warrant.

Saturday, September 19:

14. At 12:27 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue and Baldwin Avenue regarding Arcadia mail that had been found in a Sierra Madre dumpster by Sierra Madre Police Department. The found mail belonged to three Arcadia residential addresses and after contacting the victims, the officer determined the mail had likely been stolen on September 17th. The investigation is ongoing.

Bobcat Fire Update: Sept. 24

As of Thursday, the Bobcat Fire is currently 113,986 acres and is 50% contained. Yesterday crews successfully held all of the previous day's strategic firing operations. Fire activity moderated overnight, except in the Mount Waterman vicinity.

One of the priorities today will be the northeastern corner of the fire from Highway 2 to Big Rock Creek Road, where crews will be working to construct direct handline. If this is not feasible, they will prepare for strategic firing. The areas where strategic firing took place north of Mount Wilson will continue to burn out today and, if needed and conditions warrant, aerial ignition will be used to increase the depth along Highway 2. For more details, visit InciWeb.

UPDATE [9/24/20, 2 P.M.] The evacuation warning has been LIFTED for residents in our foothill neighborhoods north of Sierra Madre Boulevard. Because the evacuation warning has been lifted and there is no immediate threat to our city, we will be discontinuing our daily updates. We will resume providing daily updates if the need arises. We encourage everyone to stay prepared and have a plan for the next event.

Air quality is in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Unhealthy range today. If you can smell smoke:
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If you haven't already, please register for the Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System (PLEAS) to receive voice, email and/or text emergency notifications. PLEAS messages are only sent in the event of imminent danger where action, such as evacuation, is required.

Once you've registered with PLEAS, we also recommend you register with the county's Alert LA County mass notification system.

Nixle is the primary notification system for the Pasadena Police Department. Register at Nixle.com to receive alerts by text message and/or email. You can also text your ZIP code to 888777 to opt in.

All cities will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves and more information becomes available. You can also follow @Angeles_NE, @LACOFD, and @PasadenaGov on Twitter for incident updates.

REMINDER: The Bobcat Fire is a NO DRONE ZONE. Drones can collide with firefighting aircraft and cause a serious or fatal accident. Anyone interfering with wildfire suppression efforts may be subject to civil penalties and criminal prosecution. Please stay away to protect yourself and our firefighting crews.

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NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover has a challenging road ahead: After having to make it through the harrowing entry, descent, and landing phase of the mission on Feb. 18, 2021, it will begin searching for traces of microscopic life from billions of years back. That's why it's packing PIXL, a precision X-ray device powered by artificial intelligence (AI).

Short for Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry, PIXL is a lunchbox-size instrument located on the end of Perseverance's 7-foot-long (2-meter-long) robotic arm. The rover's most important samples will be collected by a coring drill on the end of the arm, then stashed in metal tubes that Perseverance will deposit on the surface for return to Earth by a future mission.

Nearly every mission that has successfully landed on Mars, from the Viking landers to the Curiosity rover, has included an X-ray fluorescence spectrometer of some kind. One major way PIXL differs from its predecessors is in its ability to scan rock using a powerful, finely-focused X-ray beam to discover where -- and in what quantity -- chemicals are distributed across the surface.

"PIXL's X-ray beam is so narrow that it can pinpoint features as small as a grain of salt. That allows us to very accurately tie chemicals we detect to specific textures in a rock," said Abigail Allwood, PIXL's principal investigator at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California.

Rock textures will be an essential clue when deciding which samples are worth returning to Earth. On our planet, distinctively warped rocks called stromatolites were made from ancient layers of bacteria, and they are just one example of fossilized ancient life that scientists will be looking for.

An AI-Powered Night Owl

To help find the best targets, PIXL relies on more than a precision X-ray beam alone. It also needs a hexapod -- a device featuring six mechanical legs connecting PIXL to the robotic arm and guided by artificial intelligence to get the most accurate aim. After the rover's arm is placed close to an interesting rock, PIXL uses a camera and laser to calculate its distance. Then those legs make tiny movements -- on the order of just 100 microns, or about twice the width of a human hair -- so the device can scan the target, mapping the chemicals found within a postage stamp-size area.

"The hexapod figures out on its own how to point and extend its legs even closer to a rock target," Allwood said. "It's kind of like a little robot who has made itself at home on the end of the rover's arm."

Then PIXL measures X-rays in 10-second bursts from a single point on a rock before the instrument tilts 100 microns and takes another measurement. To produce one of those postage stamp-size chemical maps, it may need to do this thousands of times over the course of as many as eight or nine hours.

That timeframe is partly what makes PIXL's microscopic

NASA's Mars Rover Will

adjustments so critical: The temperature on Mars changes by more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) over the course of a day, causing the metal on Perseverance's robotic arm to expand and contract by as much as a half-inch (13 millimeters). To minimize the thermal contractions PIXL has to contend with, the instrument will conduct its science after the Sun sets.

"PIXL is a night owl," Allwood said. "The temperature is more stable at night, and that also lets us work at a time when there's less activity on the rover."

X-rays for Art and Science

Long before X-ray fluorescence got to Mars, it was used by geologists and metallurgists to identify materials. It eventually became a standard museum technique for discovering the origins of paintings or detecting counterfeits.

"If you know that an artist typically used a certain titanium white with a unique chemical signature of heavy metals, this evidence might help authenticate a painting," said Chris Heirwegh, an X-ray fluorescence expert on the PIXL team at JPL. "Or you can determine if a particular kind of paint originated in Italy rather than France, linking it to a specific artistic group from the time period."

For astrobiologists, X-ray fluorescence is a way to read stories left by the ancient past. Allwood used it to determine that stromatolite rocks found in her native country of Australia are some of the oldest microbial fossils on Earth, dating back 3.5 billion years. Mapping out the chemistry in rock textures with PIXL will offer scientists clues to interpret whether a sample could be a fossilized microbe.

A key objective for Perseverance's mission on Mars is astrobiology, including the search for signs of ancient microbial life. The rover will also characterize the planet's climate and geology, pave the way for human exploration of the Red Planet, and be the first planetary mission to collect and cache Martian rock and regolith (broken rock and dust). Subsequent missions, currently under consideration by NASA in cooperation with the European Space Agency, would send spacecraft to Mars to collect these cached samples from the surface and return them to Earth for in-depth analysis.

For more information visit: nasa.gov/perseverance.



SGV Woman Linked to Drug Overdoses in Pasadena

Charged with Federal Narcotics Trafficking Offense

Prosecutors filed a criminal complaint last week 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.

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.

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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, delivered remarks at a press conference introducing the Protecting Our Democracy Act – a landmark reforms package that will prevent future presidential abuses, restore our system of checks and balances, strengthen accountability and transparency, and protect our elections.

Schiff’s remarks, as prepared, are below:

“I am pleased to be joined by the Speaker and my fellow Chairs, to announce the introduction of the Protecting Our Democracy Act. In introducing this landmark bill, the House is taking another vitally important step in our determination to protect our democracy.

“Since taking office, Donald Trump has viewed the constraints on his power and the demand for basic transparency and accountability as an inconvenience. He has claimed extraordinary power, bent and broken the law, and purposefully undermined the rule of law. He has probed for where his powers are least constrained, bound only by norms for which he has no interest. And where he has found weakness, he has exploited it, with grave consequences for our nation.

“The House Democratic Caucus, with the leadership of the Speaker, and all the Chairs represented here as well as many others, has stood strong. We have defended the law, the Constitution, and our nation’s values, even impeaching the president when he was caught abusing his power in an effort to extort a foreign partner for dirt on his opponent.

“Today is the latest step in our critical effort to hold this president, and all presidents, accountable. This bill is the culmination of many months of work by the Caucus to identify the most crucially needed reforms to our laws to constrain a lawless president. Some of these reforms have been contemplated for years, others became necessary only as we witnessed the serial abuses of power by this president.

“This bill is essential. Not just because Donald Trump’s presidency has been so damaging, though it has been. But because we owe it to the American people to put in place meaningful constraints on power, fix what is broken, and ensure that there is never again another Richard Nixon or Donald Trump, for either party.

“What has become painfully clear is that even in a dangerous world, the threats from to our democracy from outside the country are less than the threat from within. The guardrails that have been built over the course of our country’s history and strengthened after Watergate have been shaken and broken.

“To take just one example, Donald Trump has abused the pardon power in a fashion that no previous president has ever done. The power to pardon or commute sentences is embedded in the Constitution, and it is one of the least restrained powers the president wields.

“A president may use this power to correct unjust sentences, or to show mercy to those who have reformed. But instead this president has used it to reward his friends and cronies, even using it to commute the sentence of his longtime political advisor Roger Stone for lying to Congress in order to coverup for the president.

“This is not what the Founders had in mind. That’s why we’ve included a provision to deter the abuse of pardons by subjecting them to new transparency requirements if they concern a case that directly involves the president or their family. This is just one of many important provisions in this bill to prevent the abuse of presidential power, strengthen our system of checks and balances, and prevent interference in our elections.

“After Watergate, Congress enacted a series of landmark laws and reforms. They changed the way politics is conducted. They established laws to prevent the abuse of authority and to ensure that it would be discovered.

“We are taking a similar step today, to restore our checks and balances, to protect our elections, and to protect the legacy of our founders.”

Specifically, the Protecting Our Democracy Act will:

Prevent Presidential Abuses:

- Prevent Abuse of the Pardon Power: Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) and White House to provide materials to Congress concerning any self-serving presidential pardon or commutation in cases involving the President or his/her relatives, contempt of Congress, or obstruction of Congress; clarifies that the President and Vice President are “public officials” and pardons are “official acts” and “things of value” for purposes of the federal bribery statute; and prohibits self-pardons by the President.

- Ensure No President is Above the Law: Suspends the statute of limitations for any federal offense committed by a sitting president or vice president, whether it was committed before or during their terms in office, to ensure that presidents and vice presidents can be held accountable for criminal conduct just like every other American and not use their offices as a shield to avoid legal consequences.

- Enforce the Foreign and Domestic Emoluments Clauses of the Constitution: Codifies the Constitution’s Foreign and Domestic Emoluments Clauses by prohibiting federal officials from accepting of foreign emoluments without Congress’s consent and prohibiting the President from accepting domestic emoluments; strengthens the process for civil actions brought by Congress for violations of the Foreign Emoluments Clause; enhances financial disclosure requirements related to emoluments; and provides enhanced enforcement mechanisms for Congress and for entities within the Executive Branch.

Restore Our System of Checks and Balances, Strengthen Accountability, and Transparency:

- Enforce Congressional Subpoenas: Strengthens Congress’ tools to enforce lawfully-issued subpoenas; codifies a cause of action for Congress to enforce its subpoenas, including those issued to government officials; expedites the judicial process for congressional subpoena enforcement actions; empowers courts to levy fines on government officials who willfully fail to comply with congressional subpoenas; and specifies the manner in which subpoena recipients must comply.

- Reassert Congressional Power of the Purse: Strengthens Congress’ power of the purse by enhancing the Impoundment Control Act (ICA), including by adding penalties for failure to comply; increasing transparency and reporting requirements for the Executive Branch; and strengthens congressional budget oversight tools under the ICA and Antideficiency Act (ADA) to prevent federal agencies from misusing federal funds.

- Strengthen Congressional Oversight of Presidential Emergency Declarations: Imposes a limit on Presidential declarations of emergencies and any powers triggered by such declarations unless extended by a vote of the Congress; requires the President to provide all Presidential Emergency Action Documents (PEADs) to Congress.

- Provide Security from Political Interference in Justice: In order to limit political interference in criminal and civil enforcement matters, requires the Attorney General to maintain a log of certain communications between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the White House; requires the Attorney General to provide the log to the DOJ Inspector General (DOJ IG) bi-annually; and requires the DOJ IG to report to Congress any inappropriate communications or communications evidencing improper political interference.

- Protect Inspector General Independence: Permits only the President or the head of an agency to remove or place on administrative leave any Inspector General (IG), including IGs of the Intelligence Community (IC), and only for cause; clarifies that IGs of the IC have sole authority to determine matters of urgent concern, which include foreign interference in our elections; enhances congressional reporting requirements when an IG of the IC is removed or there are disagreements between an IG of the IC and heads of agencies; and requires the President to provide to Congress documentation of cause before removing an IG.

- Protect Whistleblowers: Enhances protections for federal whistleblowers, including measures to protect the anonymity of whistleblowers; clarifies the right of government employees, including those in the IC, to provide information directly to Congress; creates a private right of action for whistleblowers who are publicly outed by government officials; re-authorizes the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) and provides for whistleblower training for MSPB administrative judges; and limits the conditions under which a government official or employee may disclose a whistleblower’s identity or other whistleblower information, including limitations on the sharing of IC whistleblower complaints with persons named as subjects in the complaint.

- Provide Accountability for Acting Officials: Makes a series of changes with respect to the appointment, tenure, and qualifications of acting officials of executive agencies; limits the tenure of acting heads of agencies to no more than 120 days.

- Strengthen Hatch Act Enforcement and Penalties: Strengthens the Office of Special Counsel’s (OSC) ability to investigate violations of the Hatch Act; clarifies that employees of the Executive Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President can be investigated for Hatch Act violations; authorizes OSC to issue civil fines for Hatch Act violations committed by political appointees; and increases the maximum fine for Hatch Act violations by political appointees to \$50,000.

Protect Our Elections:

- Ensure Reporting of Foreign Interference in Elections: Requires that political committees report to the FBI and the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) certain foreign contacts; requires that each political candidate and immediate family member of a candidate notify a designated campaign committee official of certain foreign contacts; requires the FBI to report to the congressional intelligence committees any reporting received pursuant to these provisions.

- Prevent Foreign Interference in Elections: Clarifies that the definition of a “thing of value” in the Federal Election Campaign Act prohibition on foreign donations to political campaigns and candidates includes information sought or obtained for political advantage; enhances criminal penalties for violations of such prohibition; requires that political campaigns certify that they understand the prohibition.

The Protecting Our Democracy Act is sponsored by Chairs Adam Schiff, Jerrold Nadler, Carolyn Maloney, John Yarmuth, Zoe Lofgren, Eliot Engel, and Richard Neal. It is also sponsored by Reps. Steve Cohen, Gerry Connolly, Madeline Dean, Hakeem Jeffries, Ted Lieu, Katie Porter, Jamie Raskin, Mary Gay Scanlon, Jackie Speier and Eric Swalwell.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE 9/25/2020

09/25/2020 3:30pm
(Compared to 9/18/2020)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY* Total Cases	265,775	09/18/20 257,271
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Deaths	6,488	6,324
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STATS BY CITY	Population	Cases	Deaths
		(last week's stats in parenthesis)	
Pasadena	14,1371	2550	122
Uninc - East Pasadena	6,403	80	1

City of Arcadia	57,754	496	34
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	89	3

City of Bradbury	1,069	14	0
City of Duarte	22,016	552	29
Uninc.- Duarte	4,428	149	4

City of Monrovia	38,800	743	38
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	81	0

City of Sierra Madre	10,989	75	3
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City of So.Pasadena	26,053	280	26
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Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	696	14
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La County Testing as of 09/25/20: (2,493,557)

Positivity Rate (No. of persons positive out of total persons tested) as 09/25/20: 10.1%

Nationally recommended Positivity Level: 5%

Public Health is also reporting four new cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). This brings the total number of MIS-C cases in L.A. County to 38 children.

All 38 children with MIS-C in L.A. County were hospitalized and 47% of the children were treated in the ICU. Twenty-six percent of these cases were between the ages of 0 and 4 years old, 37% were between the ages of 5 and 11 years old, and 37% were between the ages of 12 and 20 years old. Latino/Latinx children account for 71% of the reported cases. None of the children with MIS-C in L.A. County have died due to the illness.

MIS-C is a rare inflammatory condition associated with COVID-19 that can damage multiple organ systems, require hospitalization, and be life-threatening. MIS-C symptoms include fever that does not go away and inflamed body parts, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. If you believe your child is displaying MIS-C symptoms, contact your primary care provider. If you do not have a primary care provider, dial 2-1-1 and L.A. County will help connect you to one.

"To the families and friends who are mourning their loved ones, we are deeply sorry, and wish you healing and peace," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We have seen slight increases in new cases and are paying attention to our case, hospitalization and death numbers to understand recent community transmission of COVID-19. Data through this upcoming weekend will inform our understanding of the impact of Labor Day holiday actions. This information will inform decisions on re-opening."

As of September 22, there have been a total of three deaths among the 1,853 pregnant women that tested positive for COVID-19. Eighty percent of pregnant women testing positive for COVID-19 are Latina/Latinx, 7% are White, 4% are African American/Black, 3% are Asian, 4% identify with another race, and race/ethnicity was unknown or unspecified for 1%. Among the 956 births where there was testing information, 16 babies tested positive for the virus.

Public Health encourages expecting and new moms to take extra care and remain home as much as possible to avoid potential exposure. If you must go out, wear a cloth face covering, keep physical distance from anyone who is not from your household, and wash hands frequently especially right before caring for your baby. If you are sick or positive for COVID-19 and breastfeeding, wear a mask while breastfeeding or bottle-feeding, and be sure to wash your hands before touching the baby or any pump or bottle before using. If possible, ask someone else to feed the baby your breastmilk by bottle. Public Health has detailed guidance for expecting and new moms at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/people/GuidancePregnancy.pdf>

While there are steps pregnant women and new mothers can take to lower the risk of being exposed to COVID-19, all residents and businesses can contribute to protecting people who are vulnerable to serious illness from the virus by using the tools we have to reduce transmission: implementing all requirements in the business protocols, practicing physical distancing and wearing a cloth face covering when out and around other people, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, isolating if you have tested positive for COVID-19 and quarantining if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus.

Of the 34 new deaths reported today (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena), 14 people that passed away were over the age of 80, nine people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, six people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64 years old and two people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49 years old. Twenty-eight people had underlying health conditions including 13 people over the age of 80 years old, eight people between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, five people between the ages of 50 and 64 years old, and two people between the ages of 30 and 49. Three 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 6,106 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, 40 cases and one death reported earlier were not L.A. County residents.

Testing results are available for more than 2,609,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive. There are 760 confirmed cases currently hospitalized and 28% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Data Dashboard, Recovery Metrics, 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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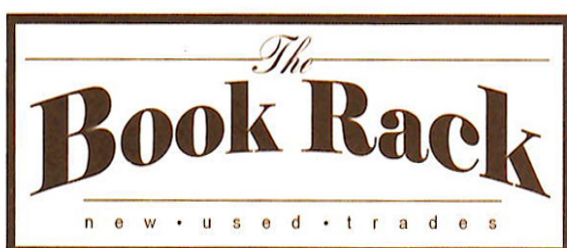
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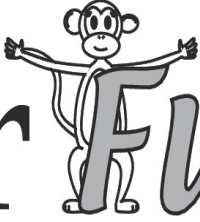
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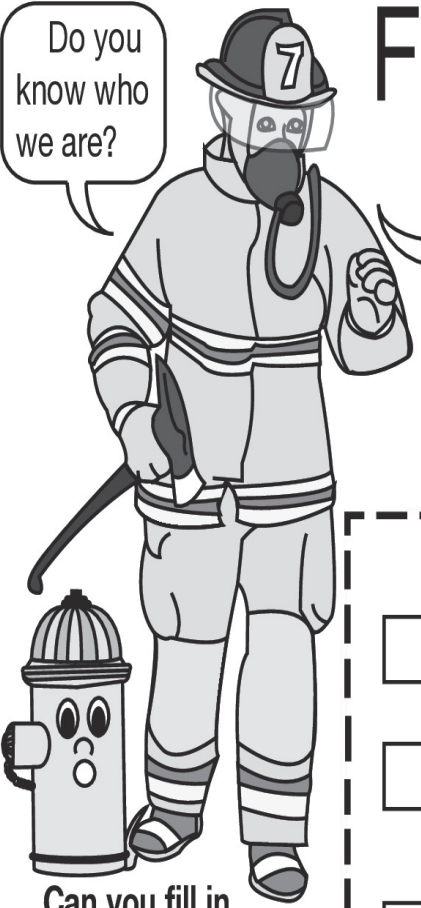


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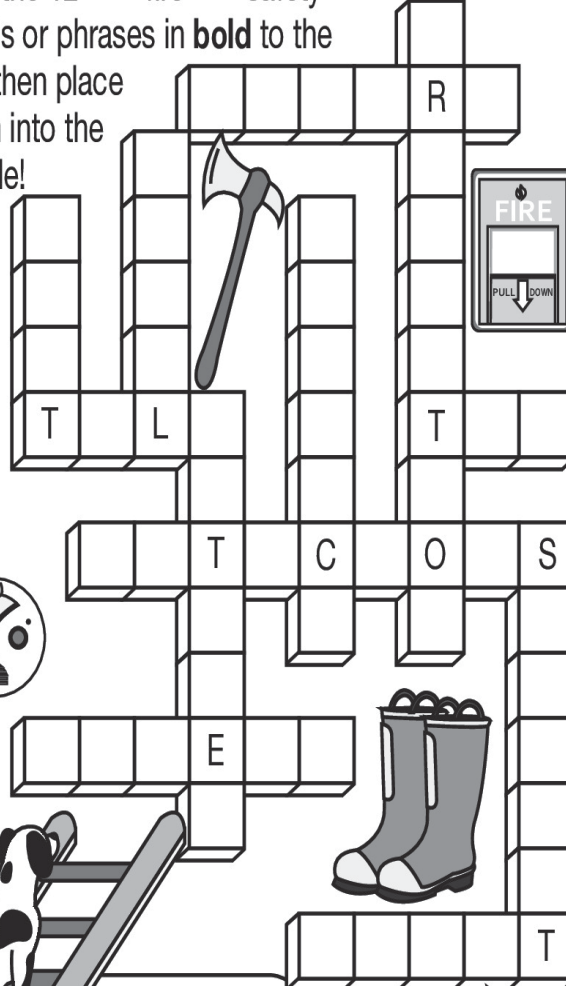
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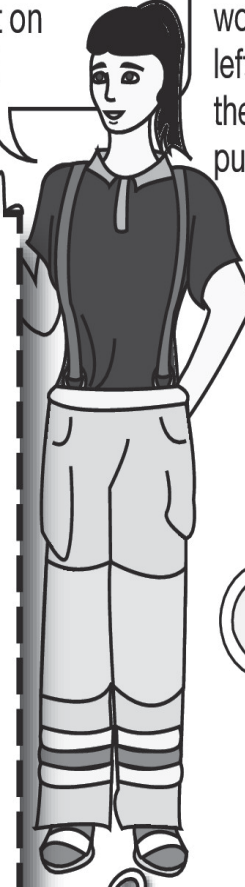


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- ☐ Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are for **adult** use only.
- ☐ Do you have smoke **detectors** on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- ☐ Do you know **two** or more ways out of the house?
- ☐ Never use elevators (**stairs** are much safer) if there is a fire.
- ☐ Smoke rises, so if there is a fire, stay low: **crawl** under the smoke.
- ☐ Have you picked a place to **meet** the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- ☐ Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.




Can you fill in the missing letters to name fire fighting equipment?

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- __ prin __ lers



We're learning to climb to new heights by practicing our duties every day.



CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



DEALING WITH DEATH

[Nyerges is the author of “Til Death Do Us Part?” a book about death and the many ways to deal with the death of a pet or loved one. The book is available as a Kindle download, or from the Store at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]

When a loved one dies, the close survivors often express regret that they didn't spend more time with the departed, or tell them that they loved them. Time flies, of course, and life always presents us with so many things to do. It's easy to put off what's important in life. I also deeply love and value my pets, and have always considered them very much a part of the family. As a child, I remember when our family dog Pariah was old and sick. I could no longer walk him, but I would go into the back yard to pet him and feed him. Then one day when I came home from school, my father told me that he "took care of" Pariah. "What? Where is he?" I exclaimed. My father calmly told me that the local pet hospital "euthanized" Pariah. "What does that mean?" my teenage-self replied. "Does that mean he'll be home soon?" "No," my mother chimed in with a somber tone. "The doctor put him to sleep. He was dying." My mother tried to hide her tears. I was shocked, and ran to my room. I was stunned! How could they do that. Later, after my father was asleep, my mother – who grew up on a farm – explained that she used to see animals die all the time. "We just tried to make them comfortable," she told me. "Animals know they are dying. They usually want to be around their people to feel safe, and not in a cold hospital where they don't know anyone." That was her way of telling me that she didn't agree with my father's decision. I was sad for a long time, and vowed that I would never again do that to any pet of mine – and I've kept that vow life-long, despite the inconveniences that come with assisting a person or pet in death. I've watched pets – cats, dogs, one pig – get old, stiff, and slow, and then they find a spot to go and die. I've learned to accept this as part of The Way. I was saddened by what a friend recently told me. His father, who lives alone, has had a cat for over 10 years. The cat became sick and old and was on its deathbed. The father – in his 80s – now seemed indifferent to this animal that once was a close friend. He wanted the cat to be taken to a vet and "put to sleep." Fortunately, the cat died in peace on its bed in its home. But I was saddened that a person could be such a fair-weather friend because the dear pet was now dying. All of life is precious, and we need not push the death process. It comes quick enough. Nor should we fear death. I think the reason that so many people fear death, and want dying people out of sight-out of mind, is because they cannot get into the shoes of the dying person. The dying person usually wants to be around the people who they were close to in life and not in a sterile hospital. The current Covid-19 situation has certainly not helped in this regard. (Yes, I know all situations are different, and sometimes the family simply cannot deal with the demands and pressures of the dying person).

The fact that we have grown so far from this very basic tenet shows how far we have strayed from out most fundamental roots.

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



6 CHANGES TO WATCH FOR IN YOUR 2020 TAXES

Although you may have just filed your 2019 income taxes in July, now is the time to start thinking about your 2020 return due next April. While it's always a good idea to be proactive when it comes to tax planning, it's particularly important this year.

encourage people to donate money to charity to help with COVID-19 relief efforts.

5. Adoption credit changes
If you adopted a child this year, you can claim a higher tax credit on your 2020 return to cover your adoption-related expenses such as adoption fees, court and attorney costs, and travel expenses. The maximum credit amount for 2020 is \$14,300, which is an increase of \$220 from last year.

6. New rules for early withdrawals from retirement accounts
If your finances were seriously impacted by the coronavirus, you may be in dire need of funds to cover your expenses. Thanks to new rules under the CARES Act, you now have more flexibility to make an emergency withdrawal from tax-deferred retirement accounts in 2020, without incurring the normal penalties.

Ordinarily, permanent withdrawals from traditional IRAs or 401(k) accounts are taxed at ordinary income rates in the year the funds were taken out. And pulling out money before age 59 1/2 would also typically cost you a 10% penalty.

But thanks to the CARES Act, you can avoid the 10% penalty (if under 59 1/2) on up to \$100,000 in coronavirus-related distributions (CRDs) from your retirement account. You are also allowed to spread such distributions over three years to reduce the tax impact. Or better yet, you can opt to put this money back into your retirement account—also within three years—and avoid paying taxes on the money all together.

That said, emergency withdrawals are only available to those individuals with a valid COVID-19-related reason for early access to retirement funds. These reasons include:

- Being diagnosed with COVID-19
- Having a spouse or dependent diagnosed with COVID-19
- Experiencing a layoff, furlough, reduction in hours, or inability to work due to COVID-19 or lack of childcare due to COVID-19
- Have had a job offer rescinded or a job start date delayed due to COVID-19
- Experiencing adverse financial consequences due to an individual or the individual's spouse's finances being affected due to COVID-19
- Closing or reducing hours of a business owned or operated by an individual or their spouse due to COVID-19

Because early withdrawals can negatively impact your retirement savings down the road, if you are looking to take advantage of this provision, you should consult with your financial advisor first. Also note that employers are not required to participate in this provision of the CARES Act, so you'll also need to check with your plan administrator to see if it's available at your workplace.

Maximize tax-savings for 2020
While the deadline for filing your 2020 income taxes isn't until April 15, 2021, with all of the new COVID-19 legislation, the earlier you start planning your taxes, the better. Let me know if you need support in clarifying how these new changes will affect your return and to implement strategies to maximize your tax savings for 2020 and beyond.

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Katnip News!



PRINCESS

Meet PRINCESS! Sadly, the owner is in hospice and the family is unable to care for this well-behaved sweetheart, born 2013. Our dog coordinator says:



Princess just had a vet visit to check her out and she is in perfect health, weighing in at only 16 pounds. From what I know, she is a little snuggle bunny. There are no cats in the family, due to allergies but I'm told they were feeding a stray in the yard and Princess showed no interest in chasing it. She is not a big barker - will bark when someone comes to the door or if someone comes into the yard (just like she supposed to do, right?). She is spayed, housebroken, has all her shots. Just sounds like the ideal pet. She is physically located in Moreno Valley but someone would be glad to bring her to Pasadena or wherever to be met. Please Share! Adoption information is on our website's Adoption Procedures page, and here is the application: <https://www.lifelineforpets.org/dog-adoption-application.ht....> Thank you.

Pet of the Week

How is such a cute kitten still waiting for his forever home? Five-month-old Lentil is as adorable as any kitten and loves to lounge around and show off his pink toe beans. He's also a big fan of toys and is very active. When he first came to us he was a little shy, but now he enjoys petting and being around people. Although it might take him a little time to come out of his shell around new humans, with a little patience, this guy will love you! This handsome guy is a true undiscovered gem of Pasadena Humane, so adopt him before someone else does!

The adoption fee for cats is \$90. All cat adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org and make an appointment for a virtual adoption consultation. Adoptions are by appointment only.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.



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All Things By Jeff Brown

THE COVID LONG-HAULERS

It's been six months since Zach got Covid, and he hasn't yet recovered. Zach, a previously fit, healthy 33 year old attorney who's the son of two good friends was never admitted to a hospital because of an acute shortage of ICU beds. But over two months of coronavirus hell, he developed pneumonia, struggled to breath, coughed constantly, shivered under three blankets, and barely slept or ate. His chest felt like it was on fire.

"There wasn't an inch of my body(truly)that wasn't in excruciating pain" he recounted in a Facebook post last week. Despite sophisticated medical care and an endless battery of tests, his chest still aches, he's breathless after a short walk and he's too weak to work. Zach is one of a largely invisible legion of "long-haulers"-covid survivors who continue to suffer a host of mystifying maladies. Studies suggest that about three-quarters of those who get sick remain ill for months. No one knows if and when long-haulers will return to their pre-Covid selves. "for now, this is my new normal" Zach said.

Whenever I see people highly congregating without masks or social distancing, I think Zach and a younger member of The Week's staff who is a long-hauler. Many younger Americans falsely assume that because most of the people Covid kills are over 70, they are safe.. In reality, the coronavirus makes some younger people very sick for reasons no one fully understands;Covid roulette is a high-risk game. Long-haulers like Zach would tell you that this nasty virus is not "a little flu" and that you don't want it inside your body, attacking cells in your blood vessels,lungs,heart and even the brain. President Trump would have told you that, too, if you were speaking to him privately.

The virus is "easily transmissible" and "a killer." Trump told Bob Woodward back in April. "This rips you apart" That's no lie. William Falk, Editor-in-chief of The Week

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HELPING SENIORS RECOGNIZE FAKE NEWS AND PROPAGANDA

Dear Savvy Senior:

Are there any resources that you know of that can help seniors detect fake news? My 75-year-old mother shares a lot of misinformation with her family and friends that she sees on Facebook. I've talked to her about it, but for some reason she has a difficult time deciphering real news from fake news and propaganda. Frustrated Daughter



Dear Frustrated:

Unfortunately, the digital misinformation problem your mom is experiencing is not uncommon. According to researchers from Princeton and New York University, people aged 65 and older are up to seven times more likely to share fake news and dubious links on social media than their younger counterparts.

Why?

There are several theories. The first is that many seniors started using social media sites like Facebook only within the past five or six years and may lack the digital literacy skills to identify false or misleading content.

Some other possible theories are that most seniors experience some cognitive decline as they age, making them more likely to fall for hoaxes. Many older Americans also suffer from chronic loneliness which can cause them to share misinformation as an attempt to make connections with other people. And studies have shown that older people are generally more trusting than younger generations, which can make them more gullible.

All this is particularly concerning now as we sit in the midst of a global health pandemic and a 2020 election season, both of which are ripe with misinformation, rumors and conspiracy theories. And seniors are prime targets of this false/misleading information because they are much more likely to vote than their younger cohorts and are much more vulnerable to getting sick and dying if they contract COVID-19.

Where to Get Help

To help your mom detect and combat online misinformation there are several great resources she can turn to that offer free courses and tips.

One is MediaWise for Seniors, a project of the Poynter Institute, which offers two free online courses to help seniors detect and combat online misinformation – see Poynter.org/mediawise-for-seniors.

The first four-week course has already filled up, but your mom can still enroll in a self-directed course called “Hands-On Lessons to Separate Fact and Fiction Online.” It is hosted by Christiane Amanpour and Joan Lunden, and is scheduled to begin Sept. 24, but she can take the course anytime.

In addition, Poynter has worked with AARP to produce Fact Tracker interactive videos and a webinar on spotting and filtering misinformation at AARP.org/facttracker.

Some other free course options you should look into include Senior Planet, which is offering a one-hour online course on “How to Spot Fake News” at SeniorPlanet.org.

The News Literacy Project that provides the Checkology virtual classroom, which was initially created for middle and high school students, is now offering an independent learners option that is ideal for older adults – see Get.Checkology.org. Their lessons will help your mom detect the difference between news, opinion and propaganda.

And Coursera, a free world-wide online learning platform, which offers an in-depth six-week course called “Making Sense of the News: News Literacy Lessons for Digital Citizens,” which she can access at Coursera.org/learn/news-literacy.

There are also many good websites, like PolitiFact.com, Snopes.com and FactCheck.org that will let your mom fact check a story to help her identify fact versus fiction. These sites have most likely already fact-checked the latest viral claim to pop up in her news feed.

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.

SIERRA MADRE OLDER ADULTS CAN PREVENT QUARANTINE BOREDOM, DEPRESSION

During this period of quarantine, many older adults want to discover new interests, increase activity levels and prevent boredom, loneliness and depression.

With the City of Sierra Madre's Hart Park House Senior Center closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and not offering classes on Zoom, the Pasadena Senior Center invites older adults in Sierra Madre to sign up for any or all of its nearly 30 autumn online Zoom classes. Pasadena residency and membership at the Pasadena Senior Center are not required.

“We want to fill this critical need for older adults everywhere so they can interact with others and reverse the emotional and physical impacts of isolation and loneliness,” said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center. “Our nearly 30 Zoom courses are the next best thing to groups of people getting together in person for a common purpose, and everyone, everywhere is invited to participate. We even extended the age range to 40 and older.”

Register no later than Friday, Oct. 9, at www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org. Everyone who registers will receive email instructions for accessing Zoom classes online.

Most courses are 10 weeks; a few are eight, five and four weeks. All are taught by experienced instructors who are certified in their respective fields. The total cost of each course ranges from only \$40 to \$85 for Pasadena Senior Center members and only \$50 to \$95 for non-members.

Dance

- Zumba Gold – Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 12. Low-intensity dance/fitness program features Latin and world rhythms.
- Beginning Tap – Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 13. Learn basic steps during each class, followed by a fun tap routine.
- Intermediate Tap – Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 13. Learn new routines as well as standard routines such as the Shim Sham Shimmy.
- Solo Ballroom Dancing – Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 14. No dance partner at home? No problem! Learn basic patterns of ballroom dances.
- Solo Ballroom Line Dancing – Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. beginning Oct. 14. Learn basic steps from foxtrot to cha cha in a line dance format.
- BollyX LIT – Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. beginning Oct. 16. Low-impact, Bollywood-inspired course improves coordination and mind-body awareness with dynamic choreography,

Exercise/Fitness

- Strength Training – Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning Oct. 5. Use anything that creates resistance, such as bottles of water, scarves and towels.
- Beginner/Intermediate Pep Up Your Life – Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 10. Introductory course increases flexibility, balance, muscle mass and bone density.
- Beginner/Intermediate Pep Up Your Life (additional class) – Tuesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. beginning Oct. 13.
- Beginner/Intermediate Pep Up Your Life (additional class) – Fridays from 8 to 9 a.m. beginning Oct. 16.

- Intermediate/Advanced Pep Up Your Life – Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 10. Advanced course increases flexibility, balance and more.
- Mat Pilates – Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. beginning Oct. 13. This course improves strength, flexibility, balance and coordination.
- Yoga and Presence Practice/Meditation – Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon beginning Oct. 13. Combines balance and flexibility with mind, body and spirit.
- Yoga – Wednesdays from 9 to 10:25 a.m. beginning Oct. 14. Aligns asanas (poses) through careful sequencing. For beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.
- Chair Aerobics – Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. beginning Oct. 14. Combines low-impact exercise with weights to tone muscles and increase flexibility.
- Chair Aerobics (additional class) – Fridays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. beginning Oct. 16.
- Qigong and Tai Chi – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning Oct. 15. Enhances physical and spiritual well-being through slow, fluid movements.

Hobbies and Special Interests

- Advanced Watercolors – Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 1. Designed for experienced watercolor painters.
- Advanced Watercolors (additional class) – Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 1.
- The Art and Joy of Sewing – Mondays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 12. Work with patterns, operate a sewing machine and more. Fabrics are included in the cost of the course. All skill levels are welcome.
- Creative Writing – Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Beginning Oct. 14. Learn how to write poetry, memoirs, novels and more.
- Beginner French 1 – Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. beginning Oct. 14. With an emphasis on travel terms, basic grammar, present tense and French culture.
- Beginner French 2 – Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. beginning Oct. 12. Continue to build grammar and vocabulary and learn additional tenses, culture.
- Intermediate French – Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 12. Direct communication, more vocabulary, tenses and French culture.
- Advanced French 1 – Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 14. Continue direct communication, vocabulary, literary tenses and French culture.
- Advanced French 2 – Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning Oct. 14. Major grammar concepts, French literature, culture and more.
- Introduction to Spanish – Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 14. Greetings, vocabulary and grammar, including class discussion and conversation.
- Intermediate Spanish – Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 14. Grammatical skills, vocabulary and conversation will be strengthened.
- Making Sense of the News – Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. beginning Oct. 15. Why some topics make it to the front page while others do not, and who decides.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...September Birthdays*



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

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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

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

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

Lawren Heinz Lheinze@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 forward this information to our County Contact.

Food Banks Support: Seniors & Families:

If someone is outside of our local area and in need of a food bank, they can find one nearest them by going to www.lafoodbank.org 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

OH TO BE CRAZY AND GET PAID FOR IT!

I usually don't complain a lot. When I do I get caught in some dilemma that I can't talk my way out. You think I would

learn my lesson, but I'm still in the learning curve.

It was a long week, and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had a busy schedule. She went her way, I went my way and the Spousal Twain only meets after the week's work is done.

Some weeks are better than others, but some aren't. And I was having a rather dismal week with a few things going wrong. For one, my vehicle needed to go to the garage to be fixed.

I always fear taking my truck in for repairs because it usually ends up costing more than expected. However, this week, when I went to pick up my vehicle, it was only 1/3 of what I thought it would cost. I was happy. After all, who wouldn't be happy?

I drove home in time for supper, and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had a wonderful supper prepared for us, and we enjoyed our time together. I am a little careful because she has a way of sneaking in vegetables that I don't recognize.

After supper, we took our coffee into the living room to watch a little bit of the news. That is always the wrong thing to do, and you would think I would know it by this time.

If there's anything positive on the news, it has something to do with this coronavirus. I'm a little weary of that.

Watching the news, my wife could see that I was getting a little bit agitated. I don't always get agitated, but when I do... I do.

“What has you all worked up,” my wife asked?

I was afraid to respond to that question. I have learned that every time your wife asks you a question, there is an agenda behind the scene that you can't see. I was afraid I was being set up or something.

Finally, I broke my silence and said, “I'm rather tired of all of these crazy politicians who don't know their right hand from their left hand, except when they stick it out for donations. I'm tired of these crazy politicians being on television! Why can't they go to the principal's office like I had to do so often when I was in grade school?”

I tried to keep my rant as short as possible. I had a lot more that I wanted to say, but I was a little frustrated, so I tucked it in the back of my brain. Incidentally, there's plenty of room back there.

When I quieted down, I heard some chuckles across the room. I looked in my wife's direction, and there she sat giggling and chuckling and having a great time of it.

“What's so funny?”

She just looked at me and continued giggling and then finally said, “Don't you know that those crazy

politicians get paid for being crazy. The crazier they are, the more money they make.”

Then she broke into one of her hysterical laughs. “Don't you,” she said between giggles, “wish you were that crazy?”

I had to think about that. I never thought of that before. But, as usual, my wife is right. I wish I could get a job where I didn't have to do anything and get paid 100 times more than I'm worth.

“If you want to make money like them,” my wife said rather soberly, “you will have to be just as crazy as they are.”

That's a very good thought. Maybe I ought to look into this situation a little closer.

“That's why you don't have much money,” my wife explained, “you are not crazy enough!”

That was a surprise coming from my wife. I thought she knew how crazy I really was. But then I got to thinking. Perhaps she is right after all.

“Where do you suppose they get all of their craziness?”

Again, my wife chuckled and looked at me and said, “Because they have no idea what they say from one day to the next. They live in a bubble and have lost a sense of reality in this world of ours.”

Again, she was spot on about this craziness in politics.

“They don't live in the real world,” my wife began to explain to me. “They live in a world of their imagination, and their imagination creates a spirit of craziness.”

“So,” I said to her, “if I'm going to get paid for being crazy, I gotta quit living in the real world.”

“Now you got it,” she replied.

I got it, but I'm sure not going to get it. Getting paid for being crazy means that I have to live in a bubble and not the real world, I wonder if it's really worth it?

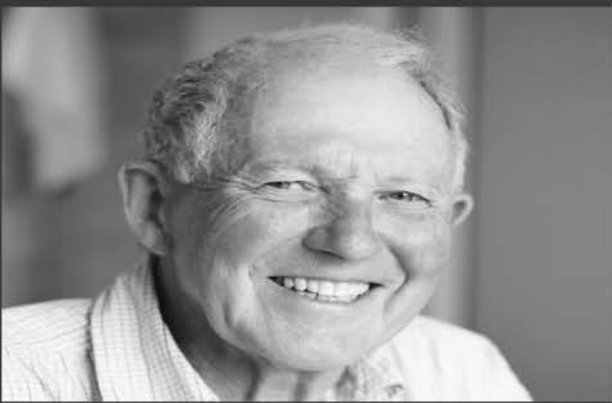
Maybe being poor and sane is the better alternative. I must confess that there are moments when I am tempted towards craziness. Then, I watched some politician on television giving a speech, and I realized being that crazy is worth it for me.

How much money would be worth becoming that crazy?

I then thought of a verse in the Bible. “Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless” (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

Being crazy isn't worth all the money in the world.

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FRED THOMAS



APPARENTLY, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME.

When I played Little League baseball (in the 70's) we made it to the Championship game and got trounced by a team that clearly were older than we were. Feeling defeated and heartbroken, that was the first time I remember someone uttering the phrase "It doesn't matter if you win or lose, but its how you play the game". I remember instantly thinking, "what a pile of crap" there is no real consolation in defeat. My coach went on to share his belief that our opponents had used players too old for our division and that we should be proud that we were even able to compete.

He said if, they have to cheat to win, they are only hurting themselves.

Over the years I realized that taking consolation and celebrating sincere effort and putting your best foot forward, most often gave me a short-lived feeling of exuberance. Nothing compared to hoisting the trophy, or winning the prize.

Now as adults, I've listened to my peers rip apart professional sports teams that cheat to win. Remember "Deflate Gate", or "Spygate", The baseball steroid era (when all of my friends bragged about being purest and steroids had no place in professional sports). Oh, how offended we were when we found out the truth about Lance Armstrong. The message was simple, win the right way or no way. We would not tolerate winning at any cost.

Even today, most of my friends moan about giving trophies out to everyone. At one point we knew that winning took hard work, relentless dedication, and was extremely difficult to achieve (which is why winning is rare and celebrated when achieved).

Hard work, is supposed to win the day. Now it seems as if our country has entered into what can best be described as the "Tonya Harding" approach to competing. Instead of putting in the work and the training and having enough self-respect to acknowledge when those efforts are not good enough to best your opponent, we move to attempting to destroy our opponents as our only way of achieving victory.

"Kneecapping" your opponent is nothing more than a recognition that it is the only way you can win. No longer able to win on the merits of your beliefs, unable at generating enough support for your ideologies, not willing to accept that plain truth that despite your best efforts, you opponent is stronger (for now) we take to the lowest forms of human behavior just to feel the excitement of holding that trophy up (if only for a second).

Winning seems to be the only thing that matters today, at any cost. The problem is, it's a cost we simply cannot afford.

JOHN MICEK



BIDEN'S GRACE AND EMPATHY REMINDS US OF AMERICA'S BETTER ANGELS

Joe Vadala's question was heartbreaking in every way imaginable. Vadala, a high school teacher whose fight against multiple sclerosis has left him immunocompromised, looked Joe Biden in the eye last week during CNN town hall in Scranton, Pa., told him he wanted to teach, but "I don't want to die," and leave his wife, who'd lost her own mother to COVID-19, a widow.

Vadala wanted to know if Biden would require kids to get vaccinated for COVID-19 the same way they're now required to get measles-mumps-rubella vaccinations before they can attend school.

Biden listened carefully. Then his face was clouded by something far away, haunting, an echo of a time familiar, yet not familiar. It was empathy.

"Ah, man, I'm so sorry," Biden told Vadala, before going on to say he wouldn't issue a vaccine mandate until it was proven safe for children. But, he added, emphasizing, "if Fauci says a vaccine is safe, I would take the vaccine. We should listen to the scientists, not to [President Donald Trump]."

There were moments like that throughout the town hall, which was held in a stadium not far from his childhood home. He opened the event by comforting Shani Adams, a Philadelphian who'd lost her sister to the pandemic. His face creased in sympathy, his lips pursed, recognizing a pain radiating from Adams that couldn't be obscured by a head scarf and face mask.

Biden sympathized with Joe Farley, a healthcare worker, who told the Democratic nominee that he'd taken out a credit card with 25 percent interest during the pandemic because he was making less than \$15 an hour, and couldn't make ends meet.

"The idea that you're not making the minimum of \$15 an hour is just wrong," Biden said. "No one should have to work two jobs to get out of poverty."

While some employers pay more, Pennsylvania's minimum wage has been mired at the federal level of \$7.25 an hour for more than a decade. The Republican-controlled General Assembly has resisted repeated attempts to raise it.

Biden listened. He let people finish their questions. He was polite and inquiring. And like any good pol, he reached across the vast distance separating him from his audience to try to establish a connection.

Maybe this shouldn't be unusual. But after four years of hectoring, bullying, blustering, and a complete empathy vacuum under Trump, the contrast of Biden's fundamental decency and sincerity could not have been more stark.

Trump was in Philadelphia earlier last week for a town hall put on by ABC News and hosted by anchor George Stephanopoulos.

The defining moment of that event, sure to live in a thousand campaign commercials, came when college professor Ellesia A. Blaque, who lives with a chronic inflammatory disease, had to shut Trump down as he tried to roll over her question about his plans to protect people with pre-existing conditions.

Trump told Blaque that "we are not going to hurt anything having to do with preexisting conditions. We're not going to hurt preexisting conditions. We're going to be doing a healthcare plan very strongly and protect people with preexisting conditions."

That's nonsense on two counts: Republicans and Trump are in court suing to overturn the Affordable Care Act, and with it, protections for people with preexisting conditions. Second, as my colleague and fellow Cagle Syndicate columnist Dick Polman points out, Trump doesn't have an alternative.

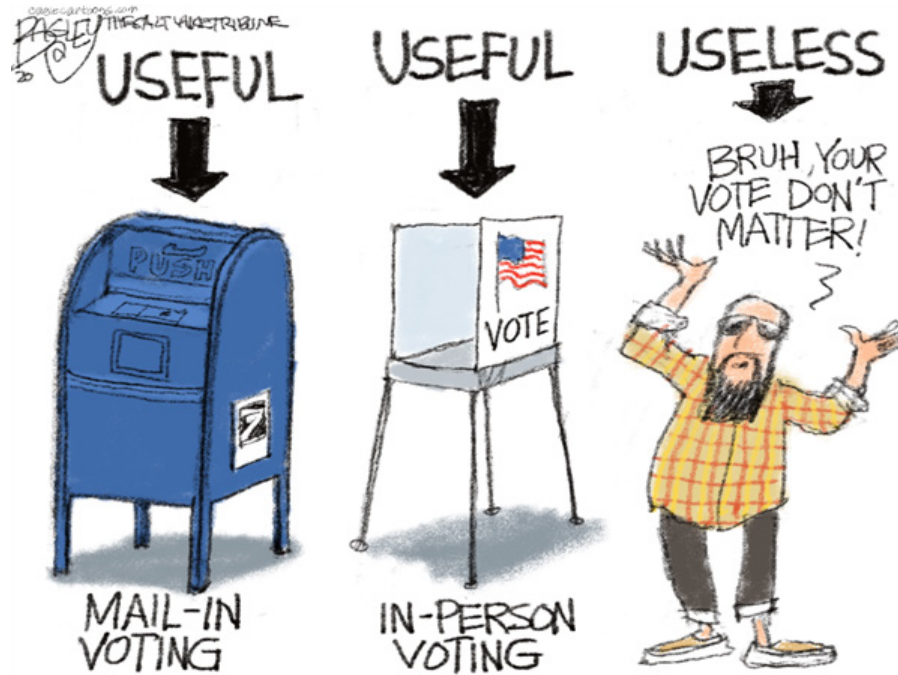
The 45th president's prompted some major – and deserved – clap back from Blaque.

"Encountering my question, one that millions of other Americans have, seemed to be a circumstance he had to suffer through to promote his reelection," Blaque wrote in an op-Ed for CNN. "Rather than seeing a human being asking for his support and help, perhaps all he saw was a fat Black woman – a metaphoric rock in his shoe that, if not for saving face, he would have begrudgingly removed and resentfully thrown into the Schuylkill River on his way back to Air Force One."

Again, contrast that to Biden's thoughtful and detailed answers, coupled with the grace and empathy we expect of our leaders at a time of need.

It's what we expect of presidents. It's not what we're getting now.

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STUART TOLCHIN



WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF IDENTITY?

I strongly identify as a Jewish person but what does that identity mean to me? There are Secular Jews and Cultural Jews and Jews who strongly identify with the heritage and history of Jews. Certainly there are many atheistic and agnostic Jews and I fall into this category but such a category tells me only what I am not rather than what I am. Many Jews identify strongly with the State of Israel and make periodic trips there to affirm their roots

and heritage and at one time I did identify with the original collective nature and energy of the place. Today, I no longer have that feeling. It is not only that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears to be a Trump-like figure who wishes to rule forever, perhaps to escape prison, but also because Israel has endorsed an apartheid like policy toward the Palestinians. Enough about Israel and what I am not, but what am I?

I remember in Elementary School in Chicago being required to fill out forms that asked to identify religion and nationality. I asked my mother what I should write knowing the word Jewish but not knowing what it meant. My mother said our religion was Jewish and I knew enough to know that some people went to Temple and prayed and followed rules about eating that I did not understand and did not want to. How could we be Jewish if we did none of those things? My mother turned away from me as if my questions were ridiculous (that happened to me a lot in those days-(in school the teachers called me the question man.) All right I was willing to agree that our religion was Jewish even though I had little idea of why. But what about nationality-what was our nationality? "Also Jewish" my mother said explaining that for a Jew it makes no difference what people call you or where your body happens to be or what traditions you follow.

Your religion and your nationality come from what you are inside and inside you are Jewish – genuh (that means enough in Yiddish), I forgot to tell you that we also spoke Yiddish as my father and grandmothers came from Russia and my grandmothers never spoke much English. But even then I knew enough to know that the language you spoke was not determinative of your religion or Nationality. My bubbe (you know grandmother) spoke a bunch of languages like Lithuanian, Russian, and Polish. I thought I knew how to spell spell bubbe (I still don't) until I tried to write to her from Berkeley. I realized I had never called her by her first name I knew it but never said it. It was only right that I write to her as Bubbe, however I spelled it, no matter how silly it might look to other people.

It is the same thing about my sense of my Yiddishkeit (Jewishness comes close.) It comes from the inside no matter how it looks on the outside. I know what my values are. They are largely the values expressed in our first amendment of being free to speak, think, write and associate FREELY. Ironically these are the very thoughts expressed by Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the news clips appearing right after her death. RBG exemplifies the very point I am trying to make. Her strength expresses herself not in the way she looked but from the values that she had inside whether they were expressed in affirmation or dissent.

That, too is the kind of Jew I am, a VISCERAL Jew who knows right from wrong, likes all kinds of people-especially strangers—and believes that it is possible for all of us to soon work together for the common good—no matter how it looks on the outside at the moment.

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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: ELYANNA 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
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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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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 on-line presence, each week thousands of print copies are distributed.

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Thank you in advance. Susan Henderson, Owner/ Publisher/Editor

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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 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,



#1 Make an ONLINE CONTRIBUTION to help us recover from the COVID-19 interruption of legal notice revenue. <https://www.gofundme.com/save-the-mountain-views-news>
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

For those of you who have family and friends opposed to abortion, voted for Trump in 2016 and now are struggling to justify a Biden vote, the following is from a pro-lifer's post explaining WHY she is changing her vote in 2020. You may find this helpful. From an ardent pro-lifer:

I keep seeing Christians say they can't vote for Joe Biden because of his stance on abortion. I've seen Christians proudly state they are single-voter issues — it all comes down to abortion. So they'll vote for Trump because he promises to appoint Supreme Court Justices who will overturn Roe v. Wade. That's the one and only thing that matters.

But why? Why is that the one and only thing that matters? Is that the one and only thing that matters to Jesus? Reading through the Bible, I would say unequivocally “NO.” What does the Bible say directly about abortion? And I ask this from my pro-life heart. The Bible has FAR, FAR more to say about pride, about abusing power to mistreat the poor, about lying, about treating others with hatred, about humility, about seeking forgiveness, about faithfulness — about ALL of that than it does about abortion.

So, Christians, why are you so willing to toss all of those morals aside? Why are you so willing to turn a blind eye to so many behaviors that are completely, blatantly in opposition to the heart and character of Christ?

When I read about Joe Biden's stance on abortion, I see a man who has wrestled with his faith. I see a man whose heart wants no abortions and who has struggled throughout his years in public service to determine the best way to accomplish that. Is it by making abortion illegal? (At one point, he said “yes.”) Is it by prohibiting government funding of abortion? (At one point, he said “yes.”) Or is it by supporting public policies that make abortion rates decline? (This seems to be where he's landed.)

This personal wrestling resonates with me. I have had those same wrestling matches within myself.

Did you know that between 1981 and 2016, the sharpest decline in abortion rates occurred under Democratic Presidents, not under Republican Presidents? The rates especially dropped under the leadership of President Obama and continued to decline after he left office. Most everyone agrees the reason for this is because access to contraception is key in preventing pregnancies. And under the Affordable Care Act, contraception coverage became more widespread. Even though some states enacted new abortion restrictions between 2011 and 2017, by 2017 57% of the nationwide decline occurred in states that had not enacted new abortion restrictions. So there is evidence that pursuing legal action isn't necessary (or effective) to reduce the amount of abortions.

I am pro-life. I would like to see zero abortions. I also want to honor and value the lives of women who find themselves in the position of considering abortion. Those lives also matter to me. So I don't believe criminalizing the choice is the best way to truly help those women. I think public policies that offer help and hope — financial and medical — are the best ways to reduce abortions.

Therefore, I need to find political candidates who will support programs that help the women who are most likely to feel that abortion is their only option, candidates who support making effective contraception affordable and accessible to everyone.

I also want a candidate who values all life. Refugees' lives. Women's lives. Black lives. Poor lives. Lives during a pandemic. The lives of people who disagree with him.


You see, when you say you're voting for Trump because you're pro-life, I can't take you seriously. Because Trump has not proven himself to value lives. For the love! — read his Twitter and show me how this man values life.

When you say you can't vote for Biden because of your Christian beliefs, I can't take you seriously. Because again and again and again, Donald Trump's words and actions fly in direct contradiction to the character of Christ.

For the past four years, I've been so disillusioned and heartbroken and sad to see so many Christians abandon their morals and contort their beliefs in order to justify their support of someone who so obviously violates every moral and value I was taught in the Church. Somewhere along the line, political masterminds decided that evangelical Christians could be manipulated into believing abortion and gay marriage are the only two things God cares about.

Friends, that is a lie. You have been hoodwinked.

Obviously, you don't have to vote for Joe Biden. But you can't use our Jesus and the Bible to defend your support of Donald Trump.



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PORTRAITS OF OUR NEIGHBORS

By Stuart Tolchin

PETER COOK

About eighteen months ago as I was rushing out of the Pasadena Library I managed to stop and hold the door open for some fifty something old guy carrying an armload of books. He said thanks, I said sure it means I don't need to do another good deed for a week. As we walked towards our cars we chatted and got along and he said something to the effect this could be “the birthday of a new world” He's just sort of an amazing guy who has read every book in the library, knows everybody in Hollywood, is an expert in marketing, is a technological whiz and in his spare time tries to save the world.

In the past eighteen months I have learned that he was pretty successful in business despite never finishing college. Some esteemed professor advised him that for a person of his ability - college was neither necessary nor sufficient for success. I learned that my new friend, Peter Cook, had followed this advice. Instead he used his time to read every book he could, largely from the library. I don't want to give you the wrong impression of this man. He is not overly academic, he is a great fan of George Carlin, Lenny Bruce, and Kurt Vonnegut all of whom are favorites of mine. He just happens to be a fountain of knowledge from whom information pops up like the bubbles in a Coke.

Anyway, at the time I first met Peter he was excited about the pending performance of his play Uranium and Peaches which was soon to be read at the Salk Institute to a packed house of Nobel Prize winners, informed scientists and White House advisors.

A picture of Peter emerges as one understands that he had read a biography of Leo Szilard. This is the man who originally conceived the idea of a nuclear fission reactor and then feared that the Nazis would use this knowledge to create an atomic bomb. Later, Szilard later became convinced that the creation of the bomb was unnecessary and that once created and dropped, a worldwide race for nuclear dominance would result imperiling the world. The play is about the attempt of Szilard and the future Nobel Prize winner Harold Urey to convince the new to office uninformed President Truman that dropping the bomb on Japan was unnecessary. After Peter read Szilard's bio, he wrote to the biographer, a man he had never met. This incredible chutzpah is very typical of Peter. The play that eventually resulted is designed to make the American public aware that we-the-people spend a billion dollars a week for the care, cleaning, painting, polishing and POINTING of an arsenal designed to vaporize hundreds of millions of women and children and kittens and puppies the world over. Unfortunately, we know who has his thumb on the button right now.

September 26, 2020 is recognized as International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. This was the subject of United Nations General Assembly first resolution of 1946. Yet today around 13,400 nuclear weapons remain. Peter's message for today is now that the world has pretty much given up slavery and cannibalism it is high time we give up vaporizing-and threatening to vaporize-people we don't like! There should be no such button anywhere, period.

I am inspired by Peter because of his energy, his dedication, his knowledge, and his willingness to share, and his continuing attempt to enjoy life as long as we have it. On Thursday, he and his wife are going off to the visit the Grand Canyon. I also admire their courage to travel- something I am reluctant to do in these times.

My message today is to always hold the door open for the person behind you. You never know. New friends can be fun and together you might be able to save the world.



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Susan Henderson, Owner/Publisher/Editor



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-  **Signature Verification**
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