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MATER DOLOROSA'S LOCAL FOOD MINISTRY CONTINUES TO HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY COVID 19

By Audrey Swanson

With the global pandemic, millions have lost their source of income, their homes, or simply their ability to leave the house. These effects have made it difficult for many people to provide themselves and their families with food on a regular basis. Luckily, organizations within our community have stepped in to help out our neighbors in need. Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center is one such organization.

Back in March, Mater Dolorosa partnered with several other groups to start a Food Ministry Program. Thanks to generous donations from supporters, they have been able to serve over 20,000 meals since the beginning of the pandemic. They have been able to cook thousands of meals per week, which they then distribute to several other organizations that hand out the food to people in need.



Photo courtesy Mater Dolorosa

When coronavirus began to spread, the Hart Park House Senior Center was forced to cease all operations for safety reasons. This meant that they could no longer provide the daily meal service that many seniors in Sierra Madre relied on. Luckily, the Mater Dolorosa Food Ministry partnered with the Sierra Madre Police Department has been able to fill this gap. As a result, SMPD has been handing out these meals to members of the community, mainly seniors, who have been affected by the pandemic. They hand out over 50 meals a week, and have at least 250 people signed up with their food program.

Foothill Kitchens is another organization that the Food Ministry has been able to provide meals for. Foothill Kitchens hands out these meals to individuals who are struggling with homelessness in the area. They are able to serve 120-150 people every single day down at the Lario River Bed thanks to their collaboration with Mater Dolorosa.

Throughout this time, the necessity of this ministry has not diminished. The virus is still affecting millions of people, and the needs are seemingly endless. Mater Dolorosa and the organizations they are partnered with plan to continue this program as long as they need to.

To be able to keep this amazing service running and continue helping out members of our community, however, they need support! A donation of \$100 can provide 15 meals to people who need them. They recently ran an exciting "Spice Up Your Summer" donation campaign. For every \$100 donated to the Food Ministry Program, Mater Dolorosa will send a spice kit containing a bulk-sized bag of spice or herb and a couple of delicious recipes featuring the included spice. By donating to this campaign, you not only help out your neighbors, you also get some new recipes to add to your repertoire and use to impress friends and family!

Now that summer has now ended, this campaign will soon be replaced by a similar donation campaign of a different name. Either way, to support Mater Dolorosa and all the important work they are doing, please visit <https://materdolorosa.org/covid-19-mater-dolorosa-response/>.

Thanks so much to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, Foothill Kitchens, St. Francis Center, and the town of Sierra Madre for all you do for the community. Thank you as well to the generous individual and corporate donors that have made these organizations possible.

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SIERRA MADRE PLAYGROUNDS REOPEN

On Friday, the County of Los Angeles lifted restrictions on playgrounds at the discretion of local cities. City Manager Gabe Engeland confirmed that the Sierra Madre playgrounds would reopen subject to the conditions listed below. Children of Sierra Madre, follow the rules and REJOICE!



PLAYGROUND USE PROTOCOLS


Everyone 2 yrs of age or older should wear a face covering at all times while at the playground

 Stay home if you are sick with fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

No eating or drinking is allowed at the playground, to ensure face masks are worn at all times

Adults or Caregivers are required to monitor their children and ensure that they maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others that are not part of their household

Wash or sanitize hands before and after your visit to the playground

 Visits should be limited to 30 minutes when others are in the playground

Elderly individuals and those persons with underlying medical conditions should be reminded to avoid the playground when others are present



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CALIFORNIA BALLOT PROPOSITIONS (Endorsements in Blue)



**Susan Henderson,
Editor/Publisher**

Unless you have been under a rock in the middle of the earth, you have certainly heard it said over and over again that this election, the one being held in exactly 30 days, *"is the most important elections in your lifetime."* And it is. What has happened in the last 4 years is the culmination of decades of too many American citizens not taking seriously their responsibility to participate in our governance. The excuses are many, *"I don't like politics", "My vote doesn't matter anyway", "I voted for him because he promised to make my life better"*. I could go on and on but I'll spare you. Too many Americans want all the benefits of a democracy, but they don't want to do the work. In the last Presidential election, less than 1/3 of the eligible voters participated. And, of those, too many voted not based upon the person's qualifications, but rather on a combination of personal likes and dislikes. So how's that working out for you? We ended up with a man with absolutely ZERO experience of doing anything for anyone other than himself and his family and friends. He has demonstrated that he isn't capable of looking out for the 'greater good'. How did he even get the nomination? Back to my previous statement, because the majority of Americans don't participate in the process or even pay attention. And back to my question, 'how's that working out for you? Well, if you don't know, let me share a few things with you:

1. The current 'President' has lied to the American people (those who voted for him and those who did not), more than 20,000 times. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/07/13/president-trump-has-made-more-than-20000-false-or-misleading-claims/>
2. He insults the intelligence of the American people on a daily basis. You can watch him say something and the next day he either disavows saying it or attempts to discredit anyone who repeats what he says as hostile or fake.
3. And he's an openly racist, sexist, homophobic socio-path (*a person with a personality disorder manifesting itself in extreme antisocial attitudes and behavior and a lack of conscience.*)

I can't even continue on. He's childish, diabolical, untrustworthy and mean. However, ironically, his destructive, incompetent and selfish ways may just lead to the salvation of our democracy. How? Because perhaps now people will open their eyes and pay attention to who we give power over our lives to. Perhaps now, we will do our homework and look into the experience, character and intelligence of who we vote for. And, perhaps people who make voting an afterthought, can now see the long lasting effects when we do not cherish our right to vote the same way we did when we cast our first vote.

Anyway, that's where we are today and if we don't change our ways and not only take the right to vote seriously, but also encourage family and friends to stop sitting on the sidelines, it will not bode well for the future of our county.

We have to become informed voters, and choose people to represent us, at all levels, who understand and are committed to fulfilling the duties of their elected positions. That includes working together with other elected officials so that all sides are represented.

Moving right along, the Presidential election is important, but everything begins at home. Our local elected officials have an immediate impact on the quality of our lives. Our county officials have the next most immediate impact and the statewide elections are next. Don't neglect them and get lost in the fray of the national elections. Become an informed voter and give as much attention to what happens at home as you do to what happens in Washington.

Over the last few weeks in Sierra Madre, there have been several forums giving the public the opportunity to meet the candidates for city council and for PUSD District 6. If you missed the forums, you can go to the city's website and watch them again. Invest the time before you cast that vote. All the candidates have made an effort to let you see them in person, so if you haven't done so, watching the forums is second best.

In addition the County of Los Angeles has an item on the ballot and the State of California has twelve ballot measures for you to vote on. The League of Women Voters at the invitation of this newspaper, presented the Pros and Cons of each on Zoom last week. You can view the presentation and listen to the discussions by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/cqcy-p2uMvannMT181W9JVP4E5SN-PWumr5OY1aoA2YD7sY2Njf6mmp2NTAKWUoGwg.QcIo-4jvULGvaGxRl> Passcode: 8YE=q&M4.

Mountain Views News Recommendations:

Every election, the Mountain Views News brings together its 'Editorial Advisors' to discuss the candidates and issues that are on the ballot. When done, we have our endorsement list to share with you.

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California Proposition 14, the Stem Cell Research Institute Bond Initiative

A "yes" vote supports issuing \$5.5 billion general obligation bonds for the state's stem cell research institute and making changes to the institute's governance structure and programs.

A "no" vote opposes issuing \$5.5 billion general obligation bonds for the state's stem cell research institute, which ran out funds derived from Proposition 71 (2004) for new projects in 2019.

California Proposition 15, the Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price.

A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thus continuing to tax commercial and industrial properties based on a property's purchase price, with annual increases equal to the rate of inflation or 2 percent, whichever is lower.

California Proposition 16, the Repeal Proposition 209 Affirmative Action Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to repeal Proposition 209 (1996), which stated that the government and public institutions cannot discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting.

A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby keeping Proposition 209 (1996), which stated that the government and public institutions cannot discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting.

California Proposition 17, the Voting Rights Restoration for Persons on Parole Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow people on parole for felony convictions to vote.

A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby continuing to prohibit people who are on parole for felony convictions from voting.

California Proposition 18, the Primary Voting for 17-Year-Olds Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primary elections and special elections.

A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby continuing to prohibit 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primary elections and special elections.

California Proposition 19, the Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions, and Revenue for Wildfire Agencies and Counties Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to:

- * allow eligible homeowners to transfer their tax assessments anywhere within the state and allow tax assessments to be transferred to a more expensive home with an upward adjustment;
- * increase the number of times that persons over 55 years old or with severe disabilities can transfer their tax assessments from one to three;
- * require that inherited homes that are not used as principal residences, such as second homes or rentals, be reassessed at market value when transferred; and
- * allocate additional revenue or net savings resulting from the ballot measure to wildfire agencies and counties.

A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, therefore continuing to:

- * allow eligible homeowners to transfer their tax assessments within counties and to homes of equal or lesser market value;
- * keep the number of times that persons over 55 years old or with severe disabilities can transfer their tax assessments at one;
- * allow the tax assessments on inherited homes, including those not used as principal residences, to be transferred from parent to child or grandparent to grandchild.

California Proposition 20, the Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNA Collection Initiative

A "yes" vote supports this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies); and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.

A "no" vote opposes this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies); and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.

California Proposition 21, the Local Rent Control Initiative

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to allow local governments to enact rent control on housing that was first occupied over 15 years ago, with an exception for landlords who own no more than two homes with distinct titles or subdivided interests.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, thereby continuing to prohibit rent control on housing that was first occupied after February 1, 1995, and housing units with distinct titles, such as single-family homes.

California Proposition 22, the App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to define app-based transportation (rideshare) and delivery drivers as independent contractors and adopt labor and wage policies specific to app-based drivers and companies.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, meaning California Assembly Bill 5 (2019) could be used to decide whether app-based drivers are employees or independent contractors.

California Proposition 23, the Dialysis Clinic Requirements Initiative.

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to require chronic dialysis clinics to: have an on-site physician while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; obtain consent from the state health department before closing a clinic; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative to require chronic dialysis clinics to: have an on-site physician while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; obtain consent from the state health department before closing a clinic; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.

California Proposition 24, the Consumer Personal Information Law and Agency Initiative

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to expand the state's consumer data privacy laws, including provisions to allow consumers to direct businesses to not share their personal information; remove the time period in which businesses can fix violations before being penalized; and create the Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the state's consumer data privacy laws.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative to expand the state's consumer data privacy laws or create the Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the state's consumer data privacy laws.

California Proposition 25, the Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum

A "yes" vote is to uphold the contested legislation, Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), which would replace cash bail with risk assessments for detained suspects awaiting trials.

A "no" vote is to repeal the contested legislation, Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), thus keeping in place the use of cash bail for detained suspects awaiting trials.

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Commercial Code Update Ordinance 1431
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 City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Ordinance 1431, amending Chapters 17.08 (Definitions), Section 17.20.015 (Definitions), Chapters: 17.36 (Commercial Zone) in its entirety, 17.40 (Manufacturing Zone), and 17.60 (Variances and Discretionary Permits). The purpose of the amendment is to update the list of permitted and conditionally permitted uses in the commercial zone, update the corresponding development standards, and develop a comprehensive list of commercial zone uses pursuant to City Council Resolution 20-62. Additional amendments to the chapters referenced above are intended to achieve consistency specific to cross references in the Commercial Zone and other related zoning provisions.

The Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council of the proposed text amendment at a noticed public hearing held on September 3, 2020.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.) All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PLACE OF HEARING

- City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Band Shell, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA.
- This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Guidelines for physical distancing. Masks will be required.
- This meeting will also be recorded for broadcast.
- Watch the meeting live on Channel 3 (Government Access Channel) or on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The subject ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, a §15060(c)(2), §15060(c)(3), and §15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations. The Ordinance amending Chapters 17.36, 17.40, and 17.60 will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; the ordinance does not involve a "project" as defined by Section 15378; and the ordinance is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; Therefore, it may be seen with certainty that there is no possibility this ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council 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.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE
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 City Council will conduct a public hearing to direct Staff to proceed with community outreach and public engagement process on designating the combination of suitable sites to address the Regional House Needs Assessment allocation to comply with California Department of Housing and Community Development's requirement and update the Housing Element in accordance of State Law. Every eight years the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) re-evaluates the status of the housing market throughout the State, and develops a new set of housing production goals for the State and its subregions. These allocated housing production targets are called the "Regional Housing Needs Assessment", or RHNA. Each regional government, which in our case is the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), then allocates these regional housing targets to all its member cities and counties.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The subject ordinance is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Chapter 17.68 have no potential for resulting in physical changes to the environment because the amendments are intended to establish standards to ensure the use, activity, and operations of residential and non-residential uses provide adequate parking facilities for the intended use. Any particular proposed project will be required to undergo the City's entitlement process and appropriate review under CEQA.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves;
We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!" Humbert Wolfe

"Welcome October! New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes.
May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love
and inner peace. May every day in October fill your day with Hope, Love,
Sunshine and Energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter!"

September was a tumultuous month, filled with fires, fear, fortitude, gratitude to all the fire fighters and first responders and it ended with the loss of another dear friend, Bud Switzer. John and I and our family lived across the street from Bud and Donna and their children for all the years we lived on Alegria. Their children and our children were friends, along with the Sutcliffe kids, the Blakeslee kids, the Biely and the Witter kids. When they were all growing up together, they swam in our pool, hung out at each other's houses, got in moderate amounts of trouble together and... oh friends and neighbors, these were the days when we were able to say, "Go outside and play!" and they did. Rode their bikes, and actually talked to each other.

One of my fondest memories of Bud is about his dog, Elvis. Elvis was one of those big dogs everybody loved, kids on their way to and from St. Rita's would stop to pet and talk to Elvis. Bud put a small license plate with "Elvis" on it on the fence so everyone would know what his name was. Elvis eventually went to dog heaven, but the sign stayed on Bud and Donna's fence.

There were the pumpkins, of course, and, sadly, during the time when Bud and Kevin carved hundreds of them each year we didn't have cell phones and didn't take pictures like we do now.

Their pumpkins were like nothing anyone had ever seen. Each one a different face, silly, grotesque, funny, so creative. Their work, of course, started the Alegria Halloween event which, hopefully, will be back one day with hundreds of people coming to see the fabulous displays on our street.

Bud was an early morning person, liking to get his walk in, frequently, while it was still pre-dawn. John and I ran into him one very early morning at the corner of Alegria and Mountain Trail. Said good morning and all that and then Bud mentioned that he had walked by a bear up by the turtle park. This was before the bears were with us on a daily basis. He was very casual about it, but that was Bud!

I have so many pictures taken at the Mount Wilson Trail Race ceremonies, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day where Bud was so proudly wearing his perfectly pressed uniform and carrying a flag. So proud of his service and looking so smart. No uniform in this picture, but a sweet smile.

Bud was devoted to his wife, Donna, and his children. Kevin's loss took a lot of the heart out of him but he continued to be the extraordinary person and neighbor he had been all those years. He will be missed.

And now, an Ode to October...

O...Oh please, please, let it cool off! Oh please, let the temperatures hover around those nice high 70's and low 80's! Oh please, let the nights be cool enough to think of pulling up the covers!

C...Cider! I'd love some hot apple cider. If you buy a gallon of apple cider, put it in an old percolator type coffee maker, add five or six cinnamon sticks broken in half, an orange cut in quarters, a bunch of whole cloves and whole allspice, then turn it on so the cider perks through the spices, you will end up with a big pot of happiness. Hot apple cider on a cold day is pure joy.

T...Total change of wardrobe! Wouldn't it be nice to wear jeans, boots, socks and...oh bliss! A sweater! Wouldn't it be nice to put all the shorts you've been living in since June into a drawer and forget about them till next June!

O...Outdoors! Wouldn't it be nice to actually enjoy being outdoors! To sit out on your patio in the morning with a cup of coffee and watch the sun come up? To sit outside with dear friends and enjoy a glass of wine or two and something simple like Triscuits and Humus or some veggies and ranch dip? And watch the moon appear in the sky. Be sure to spray yourself with mosquito spray and light that romantic citronella candle.

B...Blessed! Yes, we are blessed to see another fall season come around. To see the scarecrows all over town, to know that kids are going to paint all the downtown windows with wonderfully creepy designs.

E...Excitement! The air is filled with excitement. Fall is a new beginning. October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month. It's the month when we buy pumpkins and put them out on our front porch. The month when we decorate inside with fall leaves and yellow chrysanthemums. The month when I put out my spider-adorned sign that says, "The Witch Is In!"

R...Rejoice! Your electric bill is going to be less! Rain might be on the way! October is red and golden and brown. Carve a pumpkin, donate candy to one of the churches doing Trunk or Treat, and rejoice because you are alive! You are loved and this could very well be your best month of the year.

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER September 20, to September 26, 2020

*During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department
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Theft from a Vehicle
Sometime between 9/19/20 at 10:08PM and 9/21/20 at 5:22PM an unknown person(s) entered the resident's carport and opened his unlocked vehicle and took personal items.
Case to Detectives
Graffiti
Officers responded to the 100 block of N. Hermosa at 7:39AM for a report of an unknown person using an apparent can of white spray paint to spray graffiti on the sidewalk close by.
Case to Detectives
Criminal Threats
A report of teenagers making criminal threats on social media was taken in the 100 block of San Gabriel Ct. on 9/23/20 at 3:42PM.
Case to Detectives
Warrant Arrest
On 9/23/20 at 10:35PM in the 00 block of E. Sierra Madre Bl. A person known to the SMPD was in a business parking lot after hours. Following an interview the subject was found to be in possession of personal items that did not belong to him. The subject also had 4 outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was placed under arrest and taken to the Pasadena Police Jail for booking.
Case to Pasadena DA's office for filing considerations
Possession of Narcotics
On 09/25/2020, officers conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation at 11:50AM at Grandview and Santa Anita Ave. Officers discovered the driver was on parole for robbery. It was later discovered the subject was in possession of Methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, misappropriation of property, and pepper spray. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Jail for booking. Case to Pasadena DA's office

SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DRIVE-THRU PREVENTION FESTIVAL

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Saturday, October 10th 2020
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Drive-thru the Sierra Madre City Hall parking lot to receive emergency prevention and preparedness materials from local participating agencies. Children are encouraged to attend to receive a special SMFD gift bag!

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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:
Phone Number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 626-232-0232
Password: 232242

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com 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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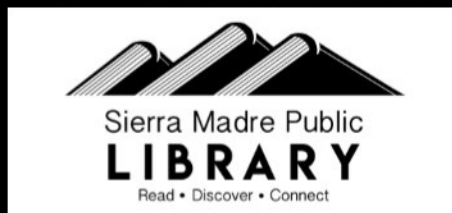


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Tuesday

Try It Tuesday Craft—View online; kits available outside the Library after 4:00pm

Wednesday

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

Snackchat 4th & 5th Grades—Online at 4:00pm. Get a pack at the Library beforehand

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena Outdoor Playgrounds Reopen



In accordance with COVID guidelines from the State on Outdoor Playgrounds and Other Recreational Facilities, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department reopened outdoor playgrounds on Friday.

Visitors to outdoor community playgrounds must comply with the following requirements:

Face masks over the mouth and nose are required for everyone 2 years of age or older with caregiver supervision at all times to ensure face mask use.

Do not use the playground when different households are unable to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or when the capacity limit has been reached.

Caregivers must monitor to keep adults and children from different households at least 6 feet apart. Consider coming on different times or days to avoid wait times and potential crowded times.

No eating or drinking in playground, to ensure face masks are worn at all times. Wash or sanitize hands before and after using the playground.

Elderly and persons with underlying medical conditions should avoid playground when others are present.

Limit visit to 30 min per day when others are present.

Signage will be posted with COVID-19 protocols at each playground. For more information, visit cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec, or call (626) 744-7311.

Halloween Guidelines for Local Businesses

City officials remind the public that Halloween celebrations will have a different look and feel on account of COVID. Pasadena businesses are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate Halloween this year with their customers. While organized Halloween events are prohibited, businesses can distribute goodie bags with wrapped treats to customers who are already patronizing their stores. Other alternative Halloween activities such as scavenger hunts, online costume and pumpkin carving contests, car parades and drive-in movie theaters are consistent with the "spirit" of Halloween celebration guidelines.



Vroman's Books in Danger of Closing

By Dean Lee

As with most struggling small businesses in Pasadena, Vroman's Bookstore has seen foot traffic and sales plummet due to COVID-19 shutdowns. The 126 year old bookstore saw sales down 40 percent in the last few months something company officials said cannot keep them in business.

"If Vroman's is to survive, sales must increase significantly from now through the holidays," they said bluntly.

Vroman's is the oldest independent bookstore in Southern California.

The bookstore staff made a plea with the community asking them to return to shopping at the store, making four requests.

To shop online with curbside pickup or call us to place an order; Return to shop in our stores with our new health and safety measures in place, understanding that capacity must be limited to ensure social

distancing; Shop in-store on weekday mornings, rather than busy weekends or afternoons; And shop early before the December holiday crowds – the stores will be far less crowded in October and November.

"We first opened our doors in Pasadena in 1894, and we're proud to play an important role in our community - Our customers and community are at the heart of all we do," they said. "There is no way we can adequately express to you our great appreciation for your loyalty and business. We are indebted to the many generations of customers who have made our 126-year legacy possible and we want to be here for you, for generations to come."

Vroman's is also a Community Partner of Pasadena Humane. Over the years, they have raised thousands of dollars for animals in need.

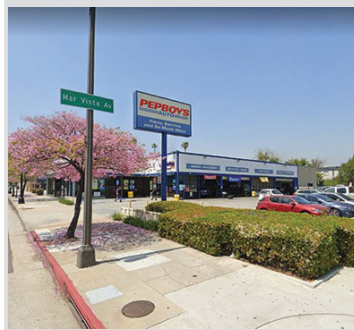
"They have stood the test

of time..., through a variety of disasters and crises, but COVID-19 is proving to be the worst setback yet, Pasadena Humane officials said adding, "When you check out, make sure to tell the clerk that Pasadena Humane is your Give Back Program nonprofit of choice."

For more information about Vroman's visit:

vromansbookstore.com or information about Pasadena Humane visit: pasadenahumane.org.

Free Oil Filter Exchange Event Today



All Pasadena do-it-yourselfers are invited to safely recycle their used motor oil and oil filters—and get a new oil filter for free—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., today at Pep Boys Auto Parts & Service, 1135 East Colorado Blvd. New filters are limited to three (3) per person with a maximum value of \$15.00 per filter. Free oil recycling kits will also be provided to attendees. Residents who would like their used motor oil picked up directly from their home can schedule an appointment by contacting the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.

Used motor oil and oil filters are classified as household hazardous waste, so they should not be disposed of in trash bins or dumpsters. Motor oil that is not disposed of properly can make its way into ground and surface waters, causing serious pollution. Oil filter exchange events help protect the environment by promoting proper recycling of used oil and oil filters.

Can't make it to Pep Boys on Saturday? View the list of certified used motor oil and oil filter collection centers located in Pasadena.

Pasadena's oil filter exchange events are made possible by a grant from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Home Instead Senior Care Donates to Senior Center



Dr. Gregorio Sanchez (pictured above), co-owner of the Pasadena branch of Home Instead Senior Care, presented a \$5,000 check to Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center, Wednesday, Sept. 30, to assist with the center's support of older adults' physical, mental and emotional health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This support includes a hotline (626-685-6725) for older adults who find themselves in need of food and/or hygiene products; online social activities, classes, discussions and celebratory events to help prevent quarantine-related loneliness, depression and boredom; the Telephone Reassurance Program that provides caring connections to help older adults make it through isolation; and more.

The donation was made possible after Home Instead Senior Care of Pasadena received the Founders Award from the national corporate headquarters for meeting a top tier of performance measures. This has afforded Home Instead Senior Care of Pasadena the opportunity to make a series of donations to nonprofit organizations in the community that provide services to older adults.

"The Pasadena franchise office has been active in the community for more than 15 years. Our mission, to enhance the lives of aging adults and their families, is the driving force of our business model, community outreach and local philanthropic endeavors," said Sanchez. "I am pleased and proud to make this donation to the Pasadena Senior Center, an organization that consistently thinks outside

the box and offers an abundance of opportunities for older adults to remain active and engaged as our nation maneuvers through this pandemic."

Sanchez received his Ph.D. in chemistry from University of Southern California and worked as a research scientist in the pharmaceutical industry for 15 years. His transition to owning a Home Instead Senior Care franchise was catalyzed by his experience as a family caregiver and his desire to provide the highest quality care to the most vulnerable residents in the Pasadena community. He and co-owner Carter Prescott are staunch advocates for person-centered care within the aging adult and developmentally disabled communities.

"I am humbled by this generous donation because vital programs and services of the Pasadena Senior Center that serve the needs of older adults have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 issue," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the center. "If ever there was a time when we must rely on increased monetary donations from individuals, corporations and foundations, it is now. It would break my heart to have to begin cutting programs and services."

For more information about Home Instead Senior Care of Pasadena, visit: homeinstead.com/479/about-us/homeinstead-team or call 626-486-0800.

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

South Pasadena Halloween Spooktacular goes Mobile

City officials announced a free, fun, and safe drive thru trick-or-treat event with the City of South Pasadena! They encourage you to come dressed in your costumes and show us your Halloween spirit by decorating the exterior of your car! Registration is required, click here to register. For more information or questions please call 626.403.7380 or email: recreation@southpasadenaca.gov.

Know before you go

Arrive only during your registered 15 minute time slot.

Upon arrival you will be asked how many participants are in the vehicle and be given that number to display in your windshield.

Follow designated treat trail, only stopping at each treat booth.

All participants must wear a face covering if any of the windows on the vehicle are open.

Participants must remain in their vehicle for the duration of the event and may only leave their vehicle in the event of an emergency.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 20th, through Saturday, September 26th, 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.

Sunday, September 20:

- At 3:15 a.m., an officer witnessed a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road near the intersection of Huntington Drive and La Cadena Avenue. An officer initiated a traffic stop and detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. Through a series of tests, the officer discovered the 37-year-old male from Rosemead had a blood alcohol content of .150%. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 2:21 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Golden West Avenue and Longden Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles with tracking devices to combat the increase in bike thefts throughout the city. An investigation revealed a 38-year-old male from El Monte was in possession of the stolen bicycle and GPS tracker. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, September 21:

- At 9:17 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East Wistaria Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) entered two vehicles and stole various tools. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.
- At 12:38 p.m., an officer responded to Springhill Suites, located at 99 North Second Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated he left his bag containing two cellphones and a wallet on a bench. He later discovered the bag had gone missing. There is no surveillance footage or suspect information at this time.

Tuesday, September 22:

- At 10:37 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of West Foothill Boulevard regarding a burglary investigation. The officer determined two transients were sleeping at the location, they had damaged the walls in one of the rooms and were in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. A 36-year-old male from Pasadena and a 33-year-old male from Bakersfield were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. During record checks of the suspects; the officer discovered the 36-year-old male had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants.
- At 1:10 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a fraud incident. The victim stated he recently received two credit application rejection letters, even though he never applied for any credit cards. The victim does not know the identity of the suspect(s) or how they obtained his personal information.

Wednesday, September 23:

- At 8:11 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of West Foothill Boulevard regarding a burglary report. The officer determined that sometime after Arcadia Police Department responded on September 22nd, unknown suspect(s) attempted to enter the location and steal electricity but failed. No suspects were located. There is no suspect information at this time.
- At 4:06 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a mail theft report. A witness reported seeing the suspect open several mailboxes and flee with something in his hand. The suspect fled in an older model, brown, four-door sedan west bound. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, short, heavyset, seen wearing a black hat, white shirt, blue shorts, and carrying a gray backpack. Assisting officers and an airship conducted an area check but were unsuccessful.

ARCADIA BUSINESS LEARNING LAB POWER HOUR NEW ONLINE SERIES BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

Join us on Wednesday, October 7 from Noon to 1 p.m. for the first in a series of four Business Learning Lab Power Hour webinars. Each one-hour session will feature helpful information and resources to assist Arcadia small businesses with online marketing and sales as well as a presentation on a topic of interest for successfully navigating the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presented by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, the City's Economic Development Division, and the Arcadia Public Library, events will be streamed online using the Zoom Meeting platform and are free to attend. Register online at <https://rb.gy/zjwwqw>. Links to join each virtual event will be emailed to registrants.

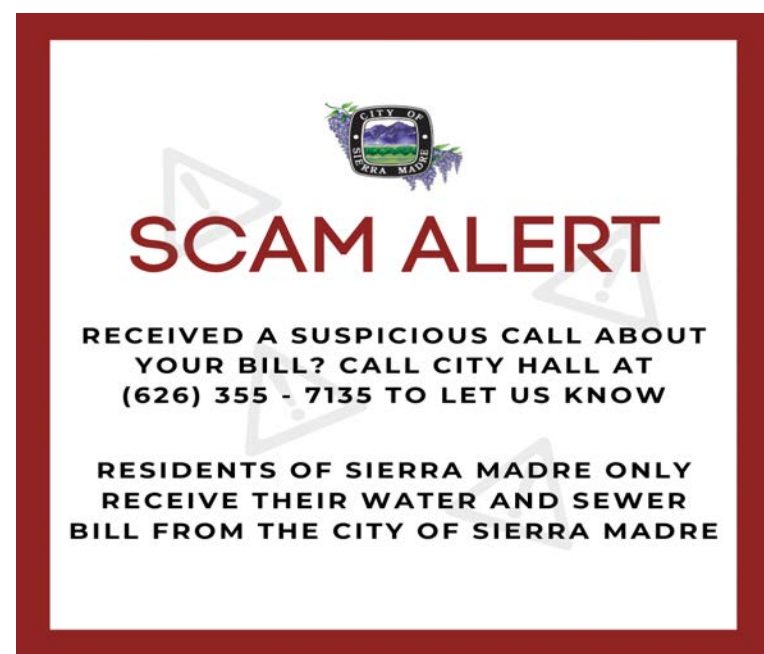
- Learning Lab 1: Wednesday, October 7, from 12 to 1 p.m. – Adapting Your Business to COVID-19 & Instagram for YOUR Business

- Learning Lab 2: Wednesday, October 28, from 12 to 1 p.m. – Economic Forecast & Creating/Updating Your Business Website

- Learning Lab 3: Wednesday, November 18, from 12 to 1 p.m. – COVID-19 Business Resources & Search Engine Optimization (SEO)

- Learning Lab 4: Wednesday, December 9, from 12 to 1 p.m. – Creating the Right Business Image & Online Advertising

For additional event information or assistance with registration, contact the Arcadia Library at (626) 821-5569 or by email at ref247@ArcadiaCA.gov



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Homeless Outreach in South Pas Continues During the Pandemic



Even during the pandemic, the South Pasadena Police Department's Homeless Outreach Program for Education, (HOPE) Team deploys 24/7, conducting outreach day and night while out on patrol to assist the homeless and educate them about COVID-19, the importance on social distancing as well as providing available resources, including emergency shelters in the area.

A resident recently brought to our attention a few homeless encampments that were believed to be located on the West side of the Nature Park along the Arroyo Trail. The Homeless Outreach team canvassed the area and located two medium encampments and one small encampment in the park. Two unhoused neighbors were contacted and informed they needed to relocate themselves and personal belongings to a different location. The unhoused residents were extremely cooperative and asked if our team could help them clean up and relocate their property. The team spent a short time providing our pick-up truck's services, and the unhoused neighbors cleaned up the sites and disposed of some trash. In the end, our team help relocate some of their personal belongings and learned that our unhoused neighbors had a place to stay in Highland Park. As we parted ways, resources and food were provided to our visitors.

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South Pasadena Park Playgrounds all Open

The City of South Pasadena is happy to announce that all playgrounds at our City parks are now officially open, as of yesterday. The California Department of Public Health along with County of Los Angeles Public Health has released new guidelines that will be followed in order to ensure that our playgrounds stay safe and open for our community. We encourage you to visit our parks, have fun and remember to PLAY IT SAFE! For further questions please contact the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7380

Temporary South Pasadena Finance Ad Hoc Committee

Filing period ends Monday

South Pasadena Mayor and the City Council invite qualified residents from the City to submit applications to fill the temporary Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Committee). The Committee will be comprised of two Councilmembers, two Finance Commissioners and up to three residents to work with staff on operational matters in the Finance Department. This Committee is anticipated to be an "ad hoc" temporary committee which will not be subject to the Brown Act.

To ensure a healthy and safe environment for all, the Application will be available on the City's website at: southpasadenaca.gov. Interested parties may also request the Application Packet via e-mail. If hard copies are desired, appointments must be made during available office hours (with a 24-hour advanced notice).

Applications should be submitted via email. Please note, that additional written information after the deadline will not be accepted, unless requested by the City Council.

It is anticipated that Committee meetings will primarily occur virtually, using online meeting applications such as Zoom or GotoMeeting. For any in-person meetings related to the Committee, mask/face coverings are required for staff

and all members. You will need to contact the Management Services Department when you arrive for a scheduled appointment so that you can be met at the front door of City Hall. Your temperature will be taken at that time. A 6-foot physical distancing is required during any meeting or appointment. Close of the application period is Monday. Questions pertaining to this process should be directed to: Lucy Demirjian, Assistant to the City Manager (626) 403-7210 or cmoffice@southpasadenaca.gov. To be eligible to be appointed to the Committee, you: Must be a resident and registered voter; and Must meet all minimum requirements.

The Committee is temporary and the term of the Committee is anticipated to be 6 months. Verification of voter registration will be confirmed upon submittal of your application.

Once an application is filed with the City, all information contained therein (except for telephone number(s), email(s), and other personal contact information) becomes a public record.

Filing Period ends Monday You must submit your Candidate Application Packet via email to cmoffice@southpasadenaca.gov. Submittals received after 3:00 P.M. will not be considered. There is no application filing fees. For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov.

Citywide Reading Program: One City, Many Stories

The South Pasadena Public Library is reinventing the traditional "One City, One Story" citywide reading program concept in response to the complex times in which we are living. Instead of focusing on a single book, One City, Many Stories (OCMS), encourages community members to engage with the theme Exploring Common Ground through four featured titles, one of the many titles on suggested reading lists created by Library staff, or a book of their choice. The goal of One City, Many Stories is to give community members an opportunity to expand their horizons through the lens of literature and thoughtful discussion.

One City, Many Stories will culminate in a special virtual Author Night on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, featuring Southern California-based authors Danzy Senna and Sherri L. Smith, and moderated by South Pasadena's Poet Laureate Ron Koertge. In addition, Library staff will lead real-time virtual book discussions for the four OCMS featured titles. Senna's New People and Smith's The Blossom and the Firefly are two of the featured titles. Individuals and community groups and organizations

will be invited to select a title from the reading lists and organize their own discussions. Readers will also be able to participate in online discussion forums moderated by Library staff.

OCMS will be hosted on Goodreads, a Web-based gathering place for readers where conversations about books and reading thrive. On the OCMS Goodreads page, participants will find the Library's suggested reading lists and information about each title, as well as links to book group discussion guides, the Library catalog and other material of interest related to each title. The One City, Many Stories: Exploring Common Ground reading lists are organized in three categories: "Different Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Experiences," "The Environment and Us," and "Reconciling the Past with the Present." Readers can read as many titles as they wish, and can even share their own recommendations in these categories with other readers through the Goodreads discussion forums.

One City, Many Stories will take place through November 1. To get started visit: southpasadenaca.gov/ocms and follow links to the OCMS Goodreads page.

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DEL MAR MEET ENDS, RACING AT SANTA ANITA, AND MORE!

By Joan Schmidt

Ending its Summer Meet with no injuries during races, Del Mar was named the “Safest Racetrack in the Country”, for the third straight year. The Jockey Title (most wins) was decided the last day: Flavien Pratt (50 wins) over Umberto Rispoli (49). Both hail from Europe; Pratt is French; Rispoli, Italian. Fierce competitors; but off track, the best friends work out together!

The Sept 5 Kentucky Derby surprised all! Favored was “Tiz the Law” (Manny Franco), also “Honor A.P.” (Mike Smith) and “Authentic”(John Velasquez) who won! When the floral garland was placed on “Authentic”, a ribbon wrapped around his leg, so he went on a rampage and decked trainer, Bob Baffert!

“Maximum Security” won the Pacific Stakes with Abel Cedillo aboard. Victor Espinosa rode Baffert-trained “Princess Noor” to victory in the Del Mar Debutant Stakes, Pratt won on “Madone” in the Del Mar Fillies Stakes and Rispoli on “Piixielate” in the Del Mar Derby.

Closing day, Espinosa on “Big Fish” won the Del Mar Juvenile Turf Stakes (Congrats trainer Dave Hofmans!); Pratt on “Dr. Shivel”, the Del Mar Futurity. Trainer Luis Mendez got his first Grade 1 Stakes win; and Drayden Van Dyke won the last race on “Three Ay Em”, trained by Andrew Learner.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Los Alamitos. After a spill, Jockey Vinnie Bednar suffered lower limb paralysis. He had spinal surgery at USC hospital, and will transfer to Craig Hospital in Colorado (specializes in spinal injuries.) A Go Fund Me has been set up; medical expenses will be catastrophic. Prior to the Kentucky Derby, five jockeys-Manny Franco, Mike Smith, John Velazquez, Javier Castellano and Tyler Gaffalione announced a percentage of their winnings will go to Vinnie’s medical expenses. Vinnie’s parents thanked everyone: the prayers, good wishes, generosity have lifted Vinnie’s spirit. Vinnie is so kind and well-liked; willing to help others, such as other disabled jockeys not as fortunate as him.

Santa Anita opened its Autumn Meet, ending October 25. Both Pratt and Rispoli had two wins on Opening Day. Rispoli won the Chillingworth Stakes on “Into Chocolate”; Juan Hernandez rode “Big Rider” in the Eddie D. Stakes win.

Saturday’s Stakes Winners included Drayden Van Dyke on “Improbable” (Awesome Again Stakes); Luis Hernandez, “Mucho Unusual” (Rodeo Drive Stakes); Victor Espinosa, “Princess Noor” (Chandelier Stakes); Flavien Pratt, “United”, (John Henry Turf Championship Stakes and “Get Her Number” (American Pharoah Stakes); and Luiz Saez “Amanzi Vimpilo” (Speakeasy Stakes).

Sunday winners were Luis Saez, “C Z Rucket” (Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes) and Flavien Pratt, “Harvest Moon” ((Zenyatta Stakes) and “Cupid Claws” (Tokyo City Cup Stakes.)



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

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I thought winter just started, is it springtime? Being a good guest I often ask what type of wine is the host or birthday boy’s favorite, and half the time the answer is chardonnay. When you look at supermarket wine offerings these days, many major chains seem to be focusing on wines, so why then is the space allocated to chardonnay so large compared to other varieties of wine? I have deduced my own theory that not only is the price point narrow compared to other wines, but the aging potential is longer so you might run into a chardonnay that is a few years old. Supermarket sales of chardonnay have remained steady over the past few years .

I have been a big fan of St. Francis Winery for some years -- I even visited the winery on a recent visit to Santa Rosa to the Charles Shultz Museum. St. Francis’ 2018 Sonoma Chardonnay fit all right notes with me, having benefitted from heavy rains that May and followed by a cool summer. I closed my eyes on my first taste and could actually taste the aromas of __citrus__, finished by soft tannins. The St. Francis website suggested a pairing of __crab, but my market was out of crab so I had rotisserie chicken which went very well with it. I do suggest decanting the wine for a few minutes before drinking and drink it just slightly chilled.



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Email Peter at thechefknows@yahoo.com and follow me on Twitter @ KINGOFCUISINE Tune into my radio show on FM 105 Go Country 105 on Sunday Mornings

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE 10/03/2020

10/03/2020 3:30pm
(Compared to 9/25/2020)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY*
Total Cases 272,653 09/25/20 265,775

Deaths 6,626 6,488

STATS BY CITY Population Cases Deaths
(last week's stats in parenthesis)

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La County Testing as of 10/02/20: (2,676,328)

Positivity Rate (No. of persons positive out of total persons tested) as 10/02/20: 9.9%
Nationally recommended Positivity Level: 5%

Date of Reopening - Restrictions

Nail Salons - October 1 - Indoor services may resume at 25% capacity. Outdoor services should continue as much as possible.

Schools (TK-2) Waiver Program - Applications can be submitted on October 5 - Limited to 30 schools per week.

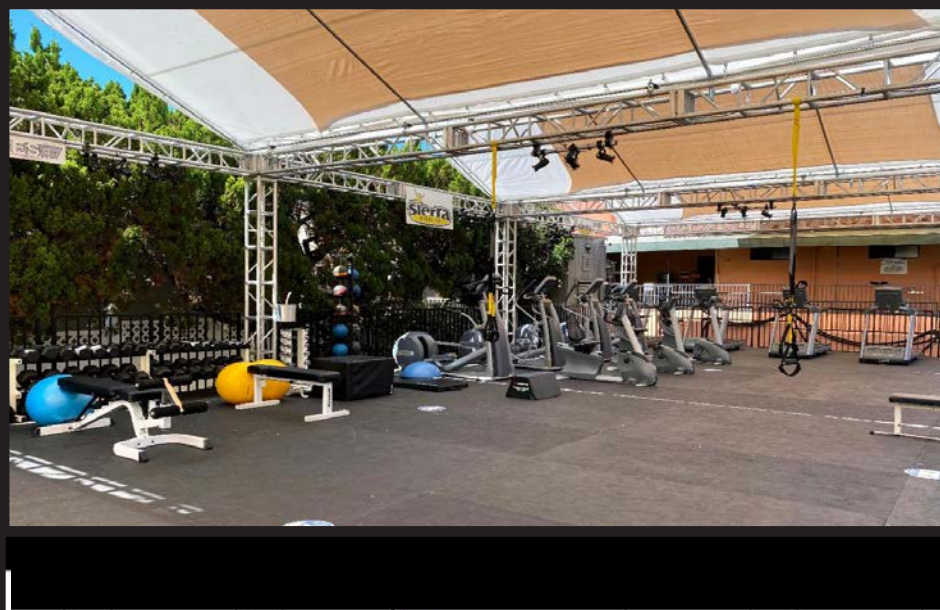
Cardrooms - October 5 - Outdoor operations only. Food and beverages may not be served at the tables.
Indoor Shopping Malls - October 7 - Occupancy limited to 25% capacity; all food courts and all common areas remain closed.

Outside Playgrounds - At the discretion of cities and L.A. County Parks and Recreation - Face coverings and physical distancing are required.

Public Health is consulting with County Counsel to determine the process and date for re-opening outdoor operations at breweries and wineries serving a meal. We anticipate this process will be completed in a week.

Beginning Monday, October 5, school waiver applications for in-person instruction for students in grades TK-2 will be available online at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov. Applications will be received and reviewed by Public Health in consultation with the State. Schools must follow all required school re-opening protocols for infection control, distancing, and cohorting. Students will be in cohorts of no more than 12 children and two supervising adults in each classroom. This group of students and adults will need to stay together throughout the entire day for all activities. Every school that re-opens will receive a site visit from Public Health. Public Health has a dedicated team of specialists providing technical assistance and disease management control to all schools that are re-opened or re-opening.

Comprehensive protocols for all sectors that reopen will be posted online to ensure the continued health and safety of workers and the community. Businesses are required to implement the protocols for infection control and distancing prior to reopening to ensure they are in compliance, and to avoid citations, fines and possible closure. Businesses have a duty to protect employees, customers and residents from COVID-19 as much as possible and to follow Public Health protocols and directives. It is important for everyone to follow the directives and to do their part every day to keep everyone as safe as possible.



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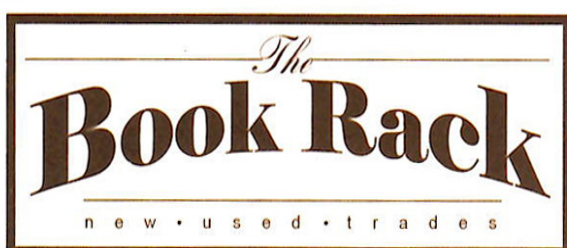
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Ms. Fundter is a 2020 graduate of La Canada High School and now attends The University of California at Davis where she is majoring in Environmental Science, minoring in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation, and playing on the waterpolo team.

She has been a valued member of the SMRFA crew for many years. Everyone at SMRFA wishes her well and hopes to see her again in the winter of 2021 when float decorating returns after the 2020 hiatus.



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SAFETY IS PRIMARY AS IN-PERSON CLASSES RESUME FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER TRAINING AT LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Citrus College Governing Board Member

This fall, with campuses closed, nearly all California community college students are pursuing their educational goals online. At the same time, the impact of COVID-19 has increased the need for qualified "essential workers" in fields like healthcare and automotive technology. This leaves students stymied between course requirements for at least some hands-on training for these professions and closed college campuses.

Citrus College has recently reopened labs for students in the Automotive and Diesel Technology programs to train essential workers for the Transportation and Logistics industry. The fact that these qualified professionals are considered "essential" adds an extra sense of urgency to quickly and effectively move students through their programs of study, so they can enter the workplace as soon as possible.

Doing so safely has required the development of myriad protocols and well-choreographed procedures to ensure the learning environment is safe for all participants---a deliberate and painstaking process.

In addition to the basic COVID-19 protections, like temperature checks, mandatory mask-wearing, the use of personal protective equipment, and the distancing of work stations, the college has developed a detailed set of checklists for instructional labs that follow guidelines provided by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health. These include specific protocols for parking, arrival and departure from campus, floor diagrams for standing and walking, the cleaning of classrooms and equipment and a great many other details. The limited number of students who are enrolled in these labs have been informed of the protocols and mandates for participation. They are also reminded of the risk of potential exposure to COVID-19.

Labs and clinical training for several other essential worker programs requiring in-person hours are also available at Citrus College, or will be available soon. Each program is required to meet and abide by every item on detailed checklists.

Studies show online learning is effective, has several unique advantages, and is sufficiently rigorous to satisfy the high standards required by all accredited institutions of higher learning in the state. And during a global pandemic, it is a safe option for students, faculty and staff. Training for some professions, however, requires in-person instruction, and local community colleges are stepping up to provide a safe environment as students complete the requirements for graduation or certification in their chosen fields.

About the Author:

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During a hike in Monrovia with one of my four-legged furry friends, a golden retriever named Gus, we were enjoying the cool breeze and warm sunshine as we ascended up the steep hill when we had a rattling encounter with a low-lying, lurking creature in the tall grass. Like most dogs, Gus is a very curious canine. He notices everything that moves around him, whether it be a leaf falling from a tree, a bird flitting about in a bush, or a squirrel scampering across a power line.

When wind-blown objects or whimsical wildlife draw Gus's attention, it's easy for him to forget his excellent "leash-side manner", and bolt toward the object in motion. I believe his random responses are deeply rooted in his desire to catch and retrieve, in return for a moment of loving praise from his human friends. After all, isn't that what we bred them for?

Although squirrels, bugs and lizards are most often what Gus and I encounter during our walks, deer, coyote and an occasional bear also appear quite regularly in the brush-covered hillsides surrounding the area where he lives. That's pretty commonplace in these local foothills. But on this particular evening, as we ascended up the hill, Gus and I came across a creature that took us very much by surprise!

I'm not sure if it was Gus's nose, ears or eyes that first drew his attention to the would-be elusive crawling creature. Perhaps it was a combination of all three. What I do know is that whichever of his keen senses kicked in at that moment, he was immediately snapped to attention and within a split second he changed his direction toward the object of interest.

Naturally, I looked to see what it was that had captivated Gus's undivided attention, and I saw what I first assumed to be a sagebrush lizard - a harmless reptilian we locals often see slithering over the rocks and through the dirt. Some lizards get quite large, and as adults they can develop a heavy coat of colorful scales and a broad head with shiny round piercing eyes. Lizards are quite agile and they move very fast, which is why dogs and cats love to go after them. It's all about the challenge of the chase.

When Gus got close enough to the reptile to scare it away, I was surprised to see that it did not move, rather it remained still and held it's ground. It was then that I realized our new-found friend was not a lizard at all. My canine companion had just come face-to-face with a snake lying low and lurking in the grass.

Fortunately I managed to pull Gus away before the snake had the opportunity to strike. When we were far enough away for my comfort level, we turned to get a better look at it. I was hoping to figure out what kind of snake it was. Per my estimate, the serpent measured about 25 inches long by 1-1/2 inches wide at its center. All I could think at that point was that Gus could so easily have been bitten, if I had not been paying attention and pulled him away promptly. Feeling lucky that we'd escaped what might have been a revolting development, we continued on our way and completed our hike.

When I got home that evening, I did a web search on snakes most often seen in our area and I determined that the one we saw was likely a Southern Pacific Rattler, which is one of the most common rattle snakes in the San Gabriel foothills. Although it's venomous bite can be lethal, this snake is not known to be aggressive. It just wants to be left alone to continue it's quest for survival, which explains why it refrained from striking and simply laid still in the grass. While I was on-line I also did a little research to refresh my memory on emergency procedures for rattle snake bites in the wilderness.

One of the many important things I learned is; dogs that spend time on the roads and trails of our local canyons should receive a snake bite vaccine before venturing out. There are various kinds of vaccines designed to prevent snake bite demise, so it's best to let your vet help you choose the right one for your pet. There's been some research on the outcome for vaccinated dogs versus non-vaccinated dogs bitten by snakes, and the data implies that it's definitely worth vaccinating your dog before engaging in frequent wilderness hikes.

Paramount to helping avoid the risks and detrimental results of a canine snake bite is to stay vigilant and attentive to what the dog shows sudden interest in during your hike. Basic canine training and maintaining control are very important as well, as exemplified by my reaction when Gus first saw the snake. If I had hesitated to call him back, he would probably have been inquisitive enough to aggravate the snake, in which case he would most likely have been bitten.

If a dog (vaccinated or not) is bitten by a rattle snake, immediate veterinary attention is imperative. In the case of a time-lapse between the biting and veterinary care, keep the dog well-hydrated in the meantime. If the dog is not willing to drink, use a syringe to force fluids down his throat and keep the dog as calm and relaxed as possible. Finally, and perhaps most obviously, do not panic! Stay focused and use your energy to handle the situation efficiently. The happy side of this potentially not-so-happy tale, is the fact that the rattle snake is known to be way more passive than aggressive. I often say "Love and let live", but in this case, I'll say "Love, let live and leave it alone." A rattle snake will typically hide in lieu of striking when left to itself, so give it some space and continue on your way. Here's to a healthy, hearty, happy hike!

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



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It seems that sore throats, coughs, colds, and flu have afflicted people forever, whether resulting from the proximate causes of pollen, dust, woodsmoke, or from talking too much, or yelling, or even from "catching" something from another person. This season we also have Covid-19 to contend with.

Fortunately, there are quite a few natural remedies which help relieve the pain and discomfort these conditions, and many of these have been used for at least centuries.

First, keep in mind that the best defense is a strong immune system, so do everything you can that maintains a strong immune system.

I spoke with Dr. James Adams, a doctor of pharmacology at USC, and a student of Chumash healing for about two decades. Dr. Adams wrote the book "Healing with Medicinal Plants," which is the source for my information today.

Each of the plants described are commonly available in the wild, and typically can be purchased in the dried form in herb shops. You can contact me if you cannot find these herbs.

ELDERBERRY FLOWERS (Sambucus nigra; formerly Sambucus Mexicana)
Different species of the elderberry tree can be found world-wide, often near water. It can be a large bush or a small tree, with pinnately divided leaves. Though the fruit has long been cooked and used for juices, wine, jam, and jellies, it is the flowers that are used for colds and flus. Indigenous people of California used the flowers to cure colds and flus. The flowers are made into an infusion and drunk. The flowers are only available in the spring, so you'd need to collect and dry them to be available year-round.

One popular liqueur, St. Germain, is made in France

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Katnip News!



SATCHEL & SERAFINA

Super gorgeous and loving! They have been with their "dad," a retired Navy Chaplain and a church minister, since they were 8 months old. He recently had to go into hospice care, and the family is too allergic to take the kitties. Satchel and Serafina don't understand why they are away from the only home they knew. We need a new home for them as soon as possible. Satchel is slightly larger and has a sort of hourglass white spot on his lower back. He is a calm, mellow, lovebug! Maybe he was named after the famous baseball star, Satchel Paige, because he liked to bat his toys around. Serafina, whose name is from Seraphim, the highest order of angels, has two tan spots on the back of her neck and loves to be petted and play. She's a busy girl. Both are bright and cuddly. They may not be a good fit for dogs or young children. Adopting Satchel and Serafina would be a great way of honoring their owner's service to our country. They will come fully vetted, chipped, and neutered. Call 626-676-9505. See more pictures, videos, adoption information and application on our website at the Adult Cats page, www.lifelineforpets.org. Good news--Princess has been adopted.



Pet of the Week

Four-year-old Max absolutely loves being around people! He has lots of exuberant puppy energy and loves walks, and he's super smart and picks up on commands really quickly. With his happy smile and constantly wagging tail, Max is a joy to be around. Max would do best as your only pet, but he truly loves people and will give so much love to his forever family!



If you're wanting to spend some time with Max before you adopt, he's eligible for a 30-day trial. Take him home for a month, get to know and love him, and we'll provide all the supplies. At the end of 30 days, you can make your adoption official. Email foster@pasadenahumane.org to get your adoption trial started!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$140. All dog 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. 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
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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HOW TO CREATE AN ONLINE MEMORIAL FOR A DEPARTED LOVED ONE

Dear Savvy Senior:
My mother passed away last week, and because of COVID we didn't have a funeral. I would like to create some type of online memorial for her so family and friends can express their condolences and share their stories. What can you tell me about making an online memorial for my mom? Grieving Daughter



Dear Grieving:

I'm very sorry for your loss. Creating an online memorial for your mom is a great idea and one that's become increasingly popular in the age of COVID. Thousands of families have created them for their departed loved ones, especially those who didn't have a proper funeral because of the pandemic. Here's what you should know.

What is an Online Memorial?

An online memorial is a website created for a deceased person that provides a central location where their family and friends can visit to share stories, fond memories, photographs, comfort one another and grieve. The memorial can remain online for life, or a specific period of time, allowing people to visit and contribute any time in the privacy of their own space.

Online memorials started popping up on the Internet in the late 1990s but were created primarily for people who were well known. But now, these sites are for anyone who wants to pay tribute to their departed family member or friend and ensure they will be remembered.

Content typically posted on an online memorial includes a biography, pictures and stories from family and friends, timelines of key events in their life, along with favorite music and even videos.

Another common feature is an online guestbook where visitors sign their names and write tributes to the departed. Online memorials can also direct visitors to the departed person's favorite charity or cause to make a donation, as an alternative to sending funeral flowers.

Some online memorial sites today even offer virtual funeral/event capabilities as a replacement for an in-person funeral. And they'll help you get the word out by offering invitations and RSVP tracking.

Top Online Memorials

To make an online memorial there are a wide variety of websites available that make it easier than ever to create a thoughtful, personalized profile for your mom to celebrate and honor her life, and the process of creating it can be very satisfying.

You also need to know that some online memorial sites are completely free to use, while others offer a free and a paid version that provides additional features.

Some of the best sites that offer both free and paid options are MyKeeper.com (free or \$75) and iLasting.com (free or \$49/year or \$99 for a lifetime membership).

Or, if you're interested in one that's completely free to use, some top options are GatheringUs.com (they do charge for virtual events), Memories.net, InMemori.com and WeRemember.com.

Memorialize Facebook

If your mom used Facebook, you can also turn her profile into a memorialized account for free when you show proof of death. This option will let your mom's family and friends share stories, photos or memories to celebrate her life, with the word "Remembering" shown next to her name.

Once her account is memorialized, the content she shared is still visible on Facebook to the audience it was originally shared with, however, her profile will not show up in public spaces such as people she may know, ads or birthday reminders.

In addition, you can also request a Look Back video, which is a short video created by Facebook highlighting your mom's pictures and most liked status messages.

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

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE AGREEING TO SERVE AS TRUSTEE

Being asked by a loved one to serve as trustee for their trust upon their death can be quite an honor, but it's also a major responsibility—and the role is definitely not for everyone. Indeed, serving as a trustee entails a broad array of duties, and you are both ethically and legally required to properly execute those duties or face potential liability. In the end, your responsibility as a trustee will vary greatly depending on the size of the estate, the type of assets covered by the trust, the type of trust, how many beneficiaries there are, and the document's terms. In light of this, you should carefully review the specifics of the trust you would be managing before making your decision to serve.

And remember, you don't have to take the job.

Yet, depending on whom nominated you, declining to serve may not be an easy or practical option. On the other hand, you might actually enjoy the opportunity to serve, so long as you understand what's expected of you.

To that end, this article offers a brief overview of what serving as a trustee typically entails. If you are asked to serve as trustee, feel free to contact us to support you in evaluating whether you can effectively carry out all the duties or if you should politely decline.

A trustee's primary responsibilities

Although every trust is different, serving as trustee comes with a few core requirements. These duties primarily involve accounting for, managing, and distributing the trust's assets to its named beneficiaries as a fiduciary.

As a fiduciary, you have the power to act on behalf of the trust's creator and beneficiaries, always putting their interests above your own. Indeed, you have a legal obligation to act in a trustworthy and honest manner, while providing the highest standard of care in executing your duties.

This means that you are legally required to properly manage the trust and its assets in the best interest of all the named beneficiaries. And if you fail to abide by your duties as a fiduciary, you can face legal liability. For this reason, you should consult with us for a more in-depth explanation of the duties and responsibilities a specific trust will require of you before agreeing to serve. Regardless of the type of trust or the assets it holds, some of your key responsibilities as trustee include:

- Identifying and protecting the trust assets
- Determining what the trust's terms require in terms of management and distribution of the assets
- Hiring and overseeing an accounting firm to file income and estate taxes for the trust
- Communicating regularly with beneficiaries and meeting all required deadlines
- Being scrupulously honest, highly organized, and keeping detailed records of all transactions
- Closing the trust when the trust terms specify

No experience necessary

It's important to point out that being a trustee does NOT require you to be an expert in law, finance, taxes, or any other field related to trust administration. In fact, trustees are not only allowed to seek outside support from professionals in these areas, they're highly encouraged to do so, and the trust estate will pay for you to hire these professionals.

So even though serving as a trustee may seem like a daunting proposition, you won't have to handle the job alone. And you are also often able to be paid to serve as trustee of a trust. Dedicated to empowering your family, building your wealth and defining your legacy,

MARC

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...October Birthdays*



Janda Ferris, Darlene Traxler, Margit Johnson, Sole Krieg, George Maurer, Dick Anderson, Eva Poet, Mary Jane Baker, Dixie Coutant, Cathleen Cremins, Adie Marshall, Darlene Crook, Susan Gallagher, Maggie Ellis, Gloria Giersbach, Elva Johnson, Ellen O'Leary, Jenny Piagentti, Gail Ann Skiles, Anita Thompson, Linda Boehm and Angela Stella

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

SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

CHAIR YOGA Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am Chair yoga with Paul is coming back! Class will begin on Monday, August 10th and will be held in the Covered Pavilion in Memorial Park in front of the Senior Center. Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation. Class size is limited so please call 264-8923 to reserve your spot.

HAWAIIAN AND POLYNESIAN DANCE CLASS Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Class will also meet in the Covered Pavilion in Memorial Park in front of the Senior Center. Join the class with instructor Barbara as she leads you through the art of Hula. Please call 264-8923 with any questions.

Classes will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. ALL participants must be wearing masks for the duration of the class. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and needed equipment or supplies for each class. Please call the Community Services Department at 355-5278 with any questions or concerns.

OCTOBER CRAFT

Wednesday, October 21, 11:00 am. Please join me as we try our hands at making Wooden Owl Ornaments. This will be a new type of program as we create our masterpieces via Zoom to ensure all of our safety. I will have all the supplies individually packaged and ready for pickup on Monday, October 19th pickup will be between 10:00 am-2:00 pm. I will have enough supplies for 10 participants. Reservations are required so please call 355-5278 x 704 to secure your spot. Please note that this is an ONLINE class that will be held via Zoom. We will not be meeting in the Hart Park House Senior Center.

IDEAS

Do you have any ideas for programming? Is there a class or club you would like to see in our Senior Community? Please call or email Lawren Heinz with ideas or questions. 626-355-5278 x 704 lhein@cityofsierramadre.com

City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and interfacing less with 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 time 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.

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.

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

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

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



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

CHILLIN AIN'T WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS

Last week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came up with a brilliant idea. At least, at the time, it seemed brilliant.

"Why don't we," she began, "take Monday off and just chill?"

Since it's been a long time since I did any chillin, I had to ask her, "What do we chill about?" She looked at me with one of those looks and said, "Oh, silly boy. Don't you know what it means to just chill for a day?"

It's been so long since I did any of that I'm not sure if I remember what the rules are for chilling for a day. I can't remember the last time we did that. I'm sure being sick in bed does not qualify.

"Don't you worry about a thing," she said with a huge smile on her face, "I'll take care of every-thing." That's what got me to worry. When the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is in charge of plan-ning, nothing is off the table. I queried her throughout the week about what she had in mind for Monday, and she would smile and say, "Don't you worry about a thing." That's all she would tell me, which led me to worry about everything.

Whenever anybody, especially my wife, tells me not to worry, it is a red flag to begin worrying as best I can. If anybody can worry with dignity, it is Yours Truly. I began worrying when I was very young. My parents would tell me, don't worry about anything, "We'll take care of everything, and you don't have to worry about anything."

Every time that happened, nothing really good came out of it, especially for me. My parents always planned around what they liked without any regard to what I liked. According to them, I was to like what they liked and appreciate what they were doing.

To an extent, I appreciated that, but to another extent, it made me worry quite a bit. After years of practicing my worrying, I think I have it down to a science.

So, when my wife says I'm not to worry and she'll take care of things, I then begin to worry like I haven't worried for a long time. I feared for the dawn of the coming Monday. As we went to bed Sunday night, my wife said, "Are you as excited about our chillin day tomorrow as I am?" Not knowing exactly what she had planned, I wasn't as excited as she was.

We had a light breakfast and chattered a little while watching the news on TV. "There's a new restaurant in our area. Let's go there for lunch." That was okay with me, then she said, "We should leave a little before lunch, I need to stop to pick up something." I really wasn't listening to what she said because I was trying to figure out what this chillin would be like today. "And then," she continued, "I need to go over to Lowe's and pick up some material for the room we're remodeling."

Of course, that room we are remodeling is my home office. How could I say no to that?

Finally, we did get to the new restaurant and had a wonderful lunch. After lunch, we headed over to Lowe's and picked up the material she had ordered. I still was trying to figure out what we were going to be doing to chill out today. While I was thinking about it, she suddenly said, "Look, there's a thrift store I haven't been to in a month. Let's stop and see what they got."

Coming out of the thrift store with a shopping cart full of stuff, "I sure am grateful that we stopped here today. Look at all the wonderful stuff I got and look at how much money I saved."

Driving out of the parking lot and onto the main highway, we went for just a few minutes, and then my wife said, "Oh, look over there. They have some material I need to get to finish the project I'm working on. Let's stop there for a minute."

We brought out another shopping cart full of "stuff" she needed for her project. I glanced at her as we got into the van, and she was smiling.

I made the mistake of asking her, "Why are you smiling?"

"Oh," she said, chuckling, "this is the best chillin day I've had, in, I can't remember how long. Aren't you glad we took this day off to chill?"

It was about suppertime, so I suggested we stop at a local restaurant for supper. While we were enjoying our supper together, she entertained me with all of the wonderful stuff she got and all the money she saved by shopping at these thrift stores.

We got home and sat down in the living room after we had unloaded her van, and she said, "This has been a wonderful time together. We should do this more often." And she looked at me and smiled, and I returned her smile thinking, I don't think so.

As she talked, I couldn't help but think of one of my favorite Old Testament passages. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

I still haven't figured out what a chillin day is, but I have learned, if I want what she wants, that makes it all the more wonderful.

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At first, Dad and I didn't see eye to eye about moving to The Kensington, but since he did, we're both thrilled

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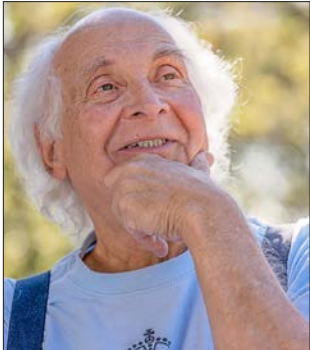
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STUART TOLCHIN



His life has had its ups and downs but, on the whole, he is just as happy or just as miserable, as everyone else. After the age of six he lived with me as his single parent. Soon my daughter joined us and we lived as a single parent family together with our dog.

My deficiencies as a parent are pretty obvious to anyone who knows me. I am terribly disorganized, lack almost all domestic skills, had absolutely no experience in parenting, and was a working lawyer with little extra time. Somehow the kids and I managed to eat and do our laundry and pay our bills. During the school year we had limited outings like going personally to pay our utility bills and to the bank because I never liked using the ATM. For me every possible interchange with another person represented a possible expansion of a pretty isolated life. We were regular customers at Robin's Restaurant and got to know Robin so well that my name was placed on the menu. Of course what I thought was isolated then is laughable when measured against the forced isolation required by today's Covid virus rules. What I could do then was listen, answer questions, and explain.

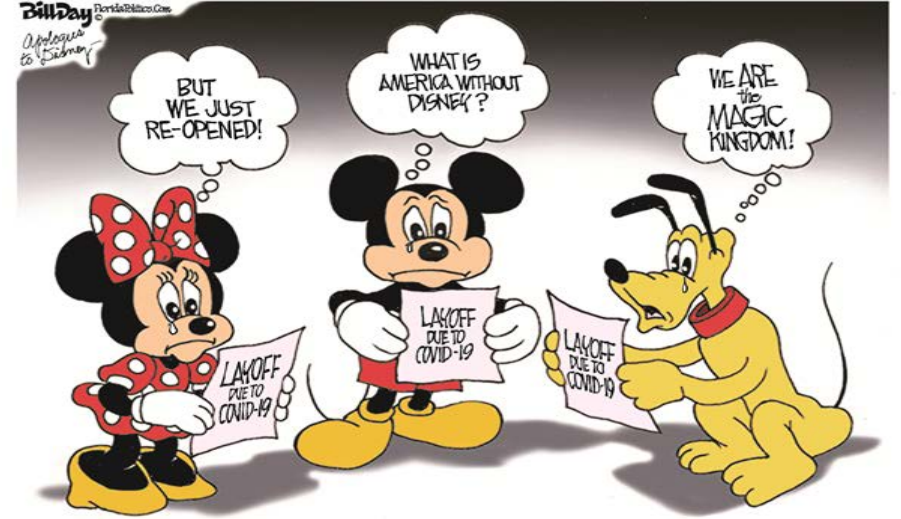
It was my son's acceptance of rules that allowed him to develop enough confidence and skill to lead the life that he does. He is always punctual, always remembers to take his multiple medications each day and amazingly has learned to make good friends wherever he has lived. He has learned to rely on people he trusts to explain situations that he does not understand. If I had any strength, whatsoever as a parent, it was my willingness and my ability to take the time necessary to explain things to him. While he was growing up he thought I was pretty smart and could explain most things to him. This morning when he called, he was troubled from watching the Trump-Biden "debate". "AREN'T THERE ANY RULES? AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD COUNTRY?" he simply asked.

All day I have pondered the question and have decided that the answer is not simply that the President is much like a willful undisciplined child. I now believe that by breaking all the rules and refusing to listen to anyone, Trump is demonstrating to his supporters and to himself that he is bigger and more powerful than any combination of ordinary weak-willed politicians. Those are the Democrats who wish to take away from deserving people all that they have worked for and value: their guns, their religion, their pride in self-reliance. They want to give everything away to the undeserving irresponsible losers of America. Many people actually believe that a kind of reverse discrimination exists and that it is the hard-working responsible segments (white people) who suffer from this discrimination. Better it is for Trump to appear as a powerful bully who cannot be restrained and like any other comic Super-Hero will in the end prevail and save the good people from humiliation and despair.

I think, given the silliness of this view the last thing Trump or his campaign managers would want is a civilized debate. I am sure he would be quite happy if the remaining two debates were postponed. Why don't the Democrats understand? I wish I could explain.

CAN IT BE EXPLAINED?
Maybe, but not by me

This morning very early I received a telephone call from my son. He is an adult disabled male with severe learning difficulties. As he grew up I was pretty certain that he would never be able to live independently. When my new house was being built it was designed to have a back entrance that would allow my son to come and go with some privacy and independence. Remarkably, he has never had to use that entrance as he, through his own very hard work, has managed to live independently.



LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

DICK POLMAN



THE ULTIMATE OCTOBER SURPRISE IS NOT A SURPRISE AT ALL

Karma (noun): The sum of a person's actions decide that person's fate...The intent and actions of an individual influence the future of that individual.

And so it has happened. Trump testing positive for the coronavirus – four weeks before the election, no less – certainly looks like the ultimate October surprise. But when we consider his long string of actions (or, more precisely, his lack of action), it doesn't seem surprising at all.

We are the sum of the choices we make. We are condemned to consequences. Or, as Clint Eastwood said in his film Unforgiven, "We all have it coming, kid."

Forgive me for sounding heartless about Trump's health, but by dint of his reckless behavior, he's long had it coming.

Earlier this week, at the debate he desecrated, Trump mocked Joe Biden's safety regimen.

"I don't wear masks like him. Every time you see him, he's got a mask. He could be speaking 200 feet away from (people), and he shows up with the biggest mask I've ever seen," Trump said.

Just a few weeks ago, Trump staged a maskless super-spreader rally in Pennsylvania, where all the saps joined in laughter as he mocked Biden again.

"Did you ever see a man that likes a mask as much as him? It gives him a feeling of security. If I was a psychiatrist, I'd say this guy has some big issues," Trump said.

And so on. No need here to recap the quack's shameless rhetorical record – about how the virus would disappear like a miracle, about how he's smarter than the scientists, yadda yadda – because the big question is: What happens next?

How will the markets react? If Trump is in quarantine for days or weeks, does that put the kibosh on the remaining debates (or move them to Zoom)? If he becomes symptomatic or worse – if he becomes too ill even to tweet – at what point would he be compelled to temporarily relinquish power, and who makes that call? The 25th Amendment allows Trump to cede control to Mike Pence (who just tested negative), but to reclaim his crown when he's deemed able, but who'd make that call?

Or perhaps we're getting too far ahead of ourselves. All we know right now is that an incumbent who's on the ballot four weeks hence – an obese 74-year-old in the highest risk category, with a history of mystery visits to Walter Reed – has been infected with a killer disease after sowing irresponsibility among his cultists and turning the White House into a Petri dish. In what remains of this unprecedented presidential, there's no other issue now. The blood of 208,000 dead Americans is on his hands – as well as his own.

"Out, damned spot! Out, I say!" cried Lady MacBeth. Oh well, too late.

Yes, I am offering thoughts and prayers for Trump's health. Nobody should have such a disease. But right now I'm more concerned about whether the COVID poster child's 90-minute spittle-yelling put Joe Biden in any danger.

The future of this benighted nation may hinge on that.

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SHUT UP AND DEBATE,
MR. PRESIDENT

President Trump was his own worst enemy at Tuesday night's big debate.

As we've said here a dozen times, he still hasn't learned when to shut up. He stepped on his own message dozens of times and interrupted Joe Biden so often and so quickly that Old Joe never had the chance to hang himself with his damning or garbled answers.

We didn't need to hear Trump tell us what he thinks about rebuilding the post-COVID-19 economy or what an idiot the mayor of Portland is.

We've seen and heard that noise a hundred times. Every day, it seems.

What the country needed to see more of, however, was Basement Joe Biden. He was the mystery candidate who needed to reveal himself and his ideas to us.

I wanted Biden to have plenty of time at the debate to show us just how out of it he is and how unprepared he is to be president.

I wanted the whole country to see him try to defend the New Green Deal and his \$4 trillion tax hike and tell us if he's in favor of packing the U.S. Supreme Court with more Democrats.

What I and the rest of the world got instead at the debate was an aggressive, ill-prepared and un-presidential president who forgot he was a contestant and thought he was the co-moderator.

It was so frustrating to see him cut in so often that at one point I was shouting at the TV, "Shut the hell up, Trump! Let Joe go off the rails!"

I'm sure I wasn't the only frustrated Republican screaming at their TV on Tuesday night.

If Trump really wants to spare the Free World the horrors of a President Biden, he'd better learn a few things before the next debate or town hall.

First off, he needs to concentrate on saying "we" more often than "I."

He also needs to learn how to listen to the moderator's question or Biden's answer, respond to it, and turn it back to his advantage.

The two idiots who helped Trump prepare for the debate — Chris Christy and Rudy Giuliani — obviously didn't stress that smart tactic.

Those two were terrible choices, by the way. Both are failed presidential candidates. Both are attack dogs, not debate coaches.

I talked to half a dozen conservatives on Wednesday and we all came up with better answers than Trump gave to the questions that Christy, Giuliani and Baron Trump knew the president would have to answer.

For example, when asked about reports he paid only \$750 in federal income tax in two recent years, Trump should have had this answer memorized:

"Yes, Chris. I paid \$750 for two years, but in previous years I paid tens of millions in income tax. I'm a businessman. And the reason I could pay only \$750 was I was able to take advantage of the tax laws that Joe Biden and Barack Obama put together a decade ago. But I didn't break the law. And by the way, 60 other huge companies used the same laws to pay no taxes, including Chevron and Amazon."

If Trump wanted to turn the tables and take a jab at Biden, he could have added, "Joe, I bet Hunter used those same laws to lower the taxes on that three and half million dollars he got from the mayor of Moscow."

Humor is a powerful weapon in debates, as my dad knew. Next time, the president also needs to lighten up and use the same sense of humor he displays at his rallies.

Most important, though, he has to learn to listen more and talk less. My mother taught me a long time ago to be a good listener and I put it to good use during my talk radio career.

For his next debate, maybe President Trump should have Tucker Carlson prepare him instead of Christy and Giuliani.

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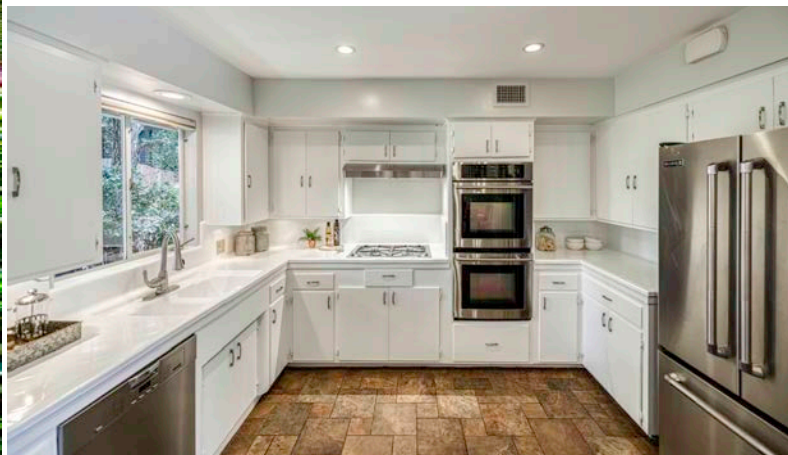
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