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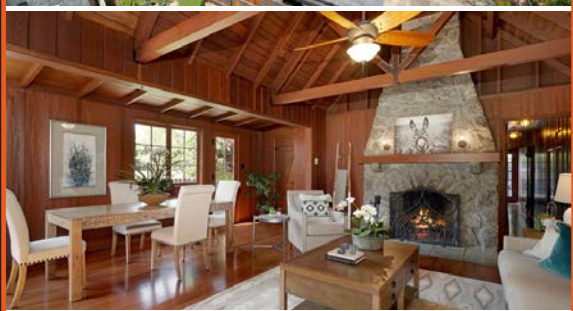
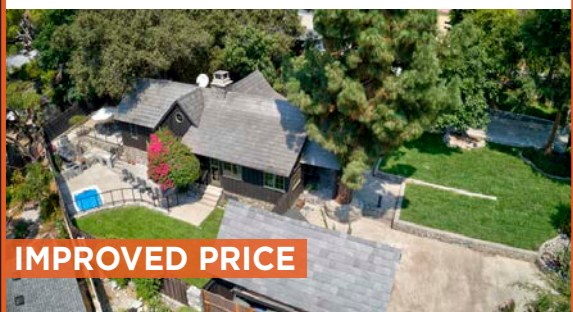
Sierra Madre Market Report August - October 2020

Single-Family Homes - Averages | August - October 2020

3 BEDROOMS	3 BATHROOMS	2,142 SQFT	\$1,234,000 SOLD PRICE	\$605 PER SQFT
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CONTINUING THE LEGACY....GEM PLUMBING

Sierra Madre is a town that cherishes traditions in every aspect of its existence. The town cherishes its citizens, past and present, its landmarks great and small, famous and infamous, and equally as important, its businesses, especially those who have served the community for decades with excellence and integrity.

GEM Plumbing is one such business. Originally established in the 1940's by Earl Moyer and purchased in 1956 by Hal Jordan who entered into a partnership with Gordon Caldwell in 1956, the business continues uninterrupted operations for more than 64 years. In 1995, after Hal's and Gordon's retirement, Gordon sold the business to its top two employees, Dave Pedroza and Marc Van Cleave. Both had been employees at GEM for more than a decade.

For the next 25 years, this dynamic duo continued in the tradition of the previous owners, not only providing customers with outstanding service, but also contributing to the community by volunteering and/or sponsoring numerous activities.



Above, Marc (top right) and Dave (bottom right) in 1995. Below, Marc (left) and Dave receiving recognition for their community service



Prior to COVID 19, if you attended the Huck Finn Fishing Derby or the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast or the Wistaria Festival, you would find Dave and Marc up very early, hard at work. Officers in the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, Marc is probably best known as the 'top chef' at the organization's annual pancake breakfast. Dave served as the advisor to the Kiwanis sponsored Arcadia High School Key Club and 'bartender' at the Boot Skootin' Dance that helps fund youth activities in Sierra Madre.

In 2018, GEM PLUMBING was awarded the Business of the Year Award by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. Now, after 33 years, Dave Pedroza will be retiring but the legacy will continue. Marc Van Cleave will take over as the company's RMO. However, "nothing will change, we will continue to provide the best possible service to our customers and community". His key personnel team includes several employees with decades of service at GEM.

Gem's motto, "We Can Do It All", is the perfect moniker for the company. They are experts at Heating and Air Conditioning and every aspect of plumbing including drain and sewer cleaning etc. During the city's water quality crisis, their vehicles could be seen just about everywhere. Currently the company has 15 employees, a fleet of 11 trucks.

And, based on the company's commitment to their hometown of Sierra Madre, you can look forward to continued outstanding professional service and support of the community at large.

S. Henderson/MVNews

PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO BE EASED

By Kevin McGuire

The City of Sierra Madre will benefit from relaxed parking requirements and regulations thanks to the efforts of the Planning Commission working with City Council to amend the current Municipal Code.

Resolution 20-13, which was amended by the Planning Commission on November 5, 2020, was pulled from the agenda on October 27, 2020 for discussion and revisions. The amendments include revised calculations of parking spaces, relief from required parking in connection with the reuse of existing structures and the elimination of the proposed in-lieu fee parking program. In addition, City Council wanted to ease parking requirements in Commercial Zones and help to new businesses wanting to relocate to Sierra Madre by reducing parking regulations, and reducing costs and bureaucracy.

The plan would require all new development and residential development provide sufficient off-street parking. It would also support General Plan policies including:

- Encouraging the enhancement of rear entrances to existing businesses.

- Requiring that new construction adjacent to a parking area be designed to have access from the parking area as well as the street.
- Identifying opportunities to improve pedestrian access from public parking areas to commercial uses, particularly the access from the parking lot on Mariposa Avenue to the commercial uses on the south side of Sierra Madre Boulevard.
- Improving directional signage and develop educational materials to encourage the use of available public parking.
- Encouraging office and technology uses without displacing retail.
- In order to increase daytime demand for City retail, providing incentives for the location or service retail, office and other commercial uses above and/or behind street-facing, ground-floor retail.

The City Council passed the parking resolution unanimously during another outdoor meeting on a brisk November 10th meeting under the stars. The agreement between the Planning Commission and City Council is a welcomed one after a few heated exchanges between the two assemblies surfaced on a few occasions in a tough 2020.

SIERRA MADRE MOVES FORWARD ON DOWNTOWN REDISTRICTING

By Kevin McGuire

The city has taken another step to moving forward with the redistricting of the Downtown area of Sierra Madre after passing a series of resolutions during a public hearing on Tuesday November 10.

The unanimous approval by City Council paves the way for proceedings to begin for the formation of a new Downtown Landscaping Lighting Maintenance District and the approval of the engineer's report for the new district.

A public hearing is set to be held on the matter on January 12, 2021 and an order of the initiation of assessment ballot proceedings will take place. Ballots will be mailed to property owners prior to the public hearing. Owners will have the chance to vote for or against the district at that time.

The City currently has four special assessment districts dedicated to fund the improvement of the Downtown area including lighting, landscaping and parking maintenance. Unfortunately, two of those set districts do not collect enough money to

handle needed repairs and are subsidized by expenditures from the General Fund. On the other hand, the other two districts collect more revenue and produced a surplus of \$697,282 in fiscal year 19/20.

So, it became the goal of City Council to balance the amount of revenue collected between these districts. Adding a new Landscaping Lighting Maintenance District will help pay for landscaping and lighting repairs to Downtown. If the new district is successful, the surplus will be used to discount assessment amounts for the first two years of the new levy. This will be set to ease the burden on business owners impacted by COVID-19.

The biggest benefit of the district for the city would be that they would no longer depend on dipping into the General Fund for repairs and maintenance. The saved funds are intended to be used for the revitalization project of the Downtown area.

Copies of the full report are made available at the City Hall public counter, the Public Library and on the city website at cityofsierramadre.com.

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(partial listing)

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY. JUST SAY THANKS!

SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS HONORS VETERANS WITH A WALK THROUGH HISTORY IN MEMORIAL PARK

On Veterans Day, the Kiwanis Club created a walking through historical tour of Sierra Madre Veterans in Memorial Park. The socially distanced exhibit allowed visitors to learn about the accomplishment of several local veterans, past and present, including WWI Veteran Ludovicus Van Iersel for whom the SM Post Office is named for; WWII Veteran Gordon Caldwell who was aboard the USS Saratoga that was torpedoed a few weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Sierra Madre Resident and USAF Gunner Ken Anhalt's exhibit told the story of his meeting a Tuskegee Airmen, whose pilots protected the Anhalt's plane during WWII. The story of Marine Esther Garcia, a Korean War Vet was also on display.

Visitors also were able to walk through the Veteran's Memorial at the park and one of the most touching moments was when a little girl spotted Korean War Veteran Joe Pergola, a Kiwanis Member and said, "Look Mommy, that's the man on the picture on the wall".

Below, two of Joann Harabedian's grandchildren pose for the camera. To see the entire exhibit, go to: www.sierramadrekiwanisclub.com.

Pictures are by Mary Lou Caldwell.



WHO IS A VETERAN?

Under federal law, a veteran is any person who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines a veteran as "a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable."

Number of Veterans from Sierra Madre, California that serve in the military during conflicts (excluding current conflicts)*

World War II	1939—1945	55 Sierra Madre Residents
Korean War	1950—1954	93 Sierra Madre Residents
Vietnam Era	1962—1973	243 Sierra Madre Residents
Gulf War Era	1991	93 Sierra Madre Residents

There are many other veterans who live in Sierra Madre today. As of the last count by ACS, there were **591** Veterans for the period 2014-2018 Sierra Madre.

AND VETERANS CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY EVEN AFTER THEY LEAVE MILITARY SERVICE, VOLUNTEERING IN OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

*In Sierra Madre and throughout the country, veterans are a major focus of the *American Community Survey* (ACS), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, publishes detailed estimates on the *veteran population* each year.

Unlike the Census—which is an exact count of people and households every ten years—ACS statistics are estimated based on a representative survey sample. ACS data typically only counts veterans no longer in active service—in other words, people who are currently civilians.



Ludovicus Maria Matheus Van Iersel

(19 October 1893 – 9 June 1987) was a Sergeant in United States Army, Company M, 9th Infantry, 2d Division during World War I. He earned the highest military decoration for valor in combat—the Medal of Honor—for having distinguished himself at Mouzon, France.

Born in Dussen the Netherlands, Van Iersel served on several merchant ships following the outbreak of the war. Van Iersel arrived in New Jersey in early 1917, enlisting in the army shortly afterwards. He learned English in his first few months of military service.

He became a naturalized American citizen in September 1919, six months after receiving the Medal of Honor, and changed his name to Louis Van Iersel. After acquiring citizenship he returned to his birth country and married with Hendrika de Ronde (1899–1979) in August 1920. They returned to the United States later that month and settled in California a year later. In 1946 he and his wife settled in Sierra Madre, California.^[1] During World War II, he joined the Marine Corps and served with the 3rd Marine Division in the Bougainville Campaign



VFW 3208 SUCCESSFULLY GETS SIERRA MADRE POST OFFICE RENAMED AFTER MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER LOUIS VAN IERSEL

The dedication took place earlier this month with Grandson John Van Iersel, pictured below 4th from right standing next to Congresswoman Judy Chu and other family members and VFW 3208 in attendance.

Mountain Views News Nov 19, 2016
Photo by Mary Lou Caldwell



Mural (left) by local artist Frank Bower for VFW 3208

SIERRA MADRE ROTARY CLUB ALSO CELEBRATES VETERAN'S DAY

Sierra Madre Rotary Club celebrated our nation's veterans at their meeting on November 10. In past years, the Rotary Club celebrated Veteran's Day with a breakfast for the veterans and program for the students at the Sierra Madre Middle School. The veterans were invited to share their story and history with the middle school students. This year the meeting was held in a virtual format with 100 people in attendance including students and staff from Sierra Madre Middle School.

Jimmy Weldon, a WWII Veteran, opened the meeting with a tear-rendering tribute to the American Flag, after which he led the group in the flag salute and in song with God Bless America. Rotary Club President-Elect, Marc Garlett, himself a veteran, gave the inspiration in which he spoke of honoring those veterans who sacrificed for the freedom of all Americans and reminded the meeting attendees to join together everyday of the year to honor all men and women of the armed forces and to never forget the injured veterans to whom we owe gratitude and protection.

Also speaking was Dave Loera, a Vietnam War veteran and past Post Commander of Sierra Madre VFW Post 3208. Citing Veteran's Day as a day of "major significance", Dave said that all veterans share common values, a special bond forged by common experiences and a deeper appreciation for the freedom they served to protect. Ken Wagoner, a WWII veteran also shared his military experience with the group.

Rotary encouraged all adults attending the virtual meeting to include their children. Jimmy Weldon spoke directly to the young people in attendance reminding them of how unique and important each of them are and encouraged them to "spend your time wisely, because you can't save it". Jimmy takes the importance of our nation's history to youth through the Center For Youth Patriotism (<http://centerforyouthpatriotism.com>).

The Sierra Madre Rotary Club invites the community to join their weekly virtual meetings. Watch for our advertisements each week announcing the topic and live-stream link, or contact President Karen Swisher at sierra.swish@gmail.com.

Weather Wise



6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Mon:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, all City Council, Commission and Board meetings with be conducted virtually until further notice. The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting.

Public comment may be made by e-mail to PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com 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
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Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

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CRIME PREVENTION TIP: THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

The Arcadia Police Department, along with surrounding agencies, have been experiencing an increase in the number of reported thefts of catalytic converters.

Catalytic converters are usually stolen because of the value of the metals inside of these emission control devices. Thieves often use a portable saw or angle grinder to cut the catalytic converter from the exhaust system, underneath vehicles, in just a matter of minutes. Once removed, the thieves recycle them at scrap yards getting the current value for the metals inside.

We would like to offer the following tips to help prevent the theft of your catalytic converter:

- If possible/available, park in a secured parking lot/garage
- Park in a well-lit and visible area
- Park near, or install surveillance cameras in the area where you park
- Set car alarms to more sensitive settings

There are a number of security devices for sale on the internet, as well as suggestions on how to secure your catalytic converter to your vehicle. Another suggestion is to engrave your license plate number or vehicle identification number (VIN) onto your catalytic converter for identification if it is stolen.

Most importantly, we ask our residents and community members to remain vigilant and observant. If you see something, or someone, you believe to be suspicious, report it to us immediately. Call our Dispatch Center at (626)574-5121, or 9-1-1 in emergencies.

Remember, if you see something, say something!

The Carmelite Sisters in Duarte have been serving the community through the Hayden Child Care Center since 1967. Countless children benefited from their tireless work. Due to the current pandemic, the Hayden Child Care Center has closed permanently. In recognition for the ongoing work of the Carmelite Sisters, the Duarte Kiwanis Club provided a donation and a certificate of appreciation to Sister Myriam and Sister M. Aloisious.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.

**MONROVIA NEWS BRIEFS****HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE TO REOPEN ON NOVEMBER 16**

Following the Bobcat Fire, both Canyon Park and the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve were closed due to safety concerns. While Canyon Park will be closed for some time, we are happy to report that Monrovia's 4.5 miles of trails in the Hillside Wilderness Preserve are now safe and accessible to the community. Beginning, Monday, November 16, the access points to the Preserve will be open to the public daily from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. To learn more, please call 626-256-8246.

RELOCATION OF THE MONROVIA STREET FAIR & MARKET - EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Over the last several weeks, staff has been working with the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board, Old Town business owners,

and the Street Fair Operator – Raw Inspiration, related to the possible relocation of the Monrovia Street Fair & Market to the 500 block on Myrtle Avenue. Currently, the Street Fair is staged in the 700 and 800 blocks of Myrtle Avenue from Olive Avenue to Chestnut Avenue.

This location has worked well; however, the proposed relocation to the north, could prove to be better for everyone. The City is currently closing Myrtle Avenue every Friday and Saturday nights for expanded outdoor dining.

By extending the closure to the south one block to host the Street Fair, creates a continuity between the two programs and may generate more foot traffic for all businesses in Old Town.

MOTAB reviewed the proposed relocation at its November 10 Board meeting, and approved the plan for a trial period through January 2021. At that time the Board will evaluate the move to determine how things are working for the community

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ALTADENA-SO. PASADENA-SAN MARINO**NASA Curiosity Takes Selfie with 'Mary Anning' on Mars**

The Mars rover has drilled three samples of rock in this clay-enriched region since arriving in July.

NASA's Curiosity Mars rover has a new selfie. This latest is from a location named "Mary Anning," after a 19th-century English paleontologist whose discovery of marine-reptile fossils were ignored for generations because of her gender and class. The rover has been at the site since this past July, taking and analyzing drill samples. Made up of 59 pictures stitched together by imaging specialists, the selfie was taken on Oct. 25, 2020 – the 2,922nd Martian day, or sol, of Curiosity's mission.

Scientists on the Curiosity team thought it fitting to name the sampling site after Anning because of the area's potential to reveal details about the ancient environment. Curiosity used the rock drill on the end of its robotic arm to take samples from three drill holes called "Mary Anning," "Mary Anning 3," and "Groken," this last one named after cliffs in Scotland's Shetland Islands. The robotic scientist has conducted a set of advanced experiments with those samples to extend the search for organic (or carbon-based) molecules in the ancient rocks.

Since touching down in Gale Crater in 2012, Curiosity has been ascending Mount Sharp to search

for conditions that might once have supported life. This past year, the rover has explored a region of Mount Sharp called Glen Torridon, which likely held lakes and streams billions of years ago. Scientists suspect this is why a high concentration of clay minerals and organic molecules was discovered there.

It will take months for the team to interpret the chemistry and minerals in the samples from the Mary Anning site. In the meantime, the scientists and engineers who have been commanding the rover from their homes as a safety precaution during the coronavirus pandemic have directed Curiosity to continue its climb of Mount Sharp. The rover's next target of exploration is a layer of sulfate-laden rock that lies higher up the mountain. The team hopes to reach it in early 2021.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a division of Caltech in Pasadena, California, leads the Curiosity mission. Curiosity took the selfie using a camera called the Mars Hand Lens Imager (MAHLI), located on the end of its robotic arm. (Videos explaining how Curiosity's selfies are taken can be found here.) MAHLI was built by Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego.

For more information about Curiosity, visit: mars.nasa.gov/msl.

Applications For Emergency Rental Assistance Program*For Qualifying Tenants Impacted By Covid-19*

The City of South Pasadena announced that application forms and program materials are available for a newly launched rental assistance program that will help provide relief to qualified tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will provide residents who have lost income due to COVID-19, and meet federal low-income requirements, with a one-time grant of \$1,000. The monthly assistance payments will be provided directly to property owners or landlords on behalf of qualifying residents and will be applicable to rent due during the eligible period from March 19, 2020, until the end of the Los Angeles County Health Officer's Safer at Home Order.

Application packets are available on the City's website: southpasadenaca.gov/ERAP.

Eligibility requirements are outlined in the application packet, along with answers to frequently asked questions. Applicants may pick-up application packets at the Senior Center (1102 Oxley St.) by appointment. Please call (626) 491-3869 during business hours or email ERAP@southpasadenaca.gov to schedule an appointment. Alternatively, application packets are available at the South Pasadena Police Department's front counter (1422 Mission St.) between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications will be accepted to Wednesday, December 9 only. Applications may be submitted via email (ERAP@southpasadenaca.gov) or in person by calling (626) 491-3869 and scheduling an appointment. To be considered for the grant, applicants must first submit the eligibility form included in the application packet before the application deadline. The City will review these forms to determine eligibility. A lottery drawing will be conducted shortly after the close of the application period to select 60 applications that will move on to the next phase. Eligible applicants will be required to submit documentation confirming income losses caused by job layoffs, furloughs or reduction in hours or pay during the COVID-19 pandemic period beginning March 19. All documentation, including rental lease agreements, will be subject to verification.

The City is partnering with the Housing Rights Center to assist with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The City Council approved use of federal Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding through the CARES Act for this program. Rental assistance payments will be made directly to landlords or property management companies on behalf of qualifying residents.

For more information, please visit: southpasadenaca.gov/ERAP Email: ERAP@southpasadenaca.gov or Call: (626) 491-3869.

**Rose Parade Replaced with New Year TV Special**

Reimagined celebration of the New Year to feature musical entertainment, celebrity guests, memorable past floats, marching band performances and more.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses is set to give those who usually expect a Rose Parade down Colorado Blvd. January 1, some partial good news, in that, they have announced a two-hour TV entertainment special New Year's morning - complete with floats, equestrians, marching bands and celebrity guests.

The TV special – "The Rose Parade's New Year Celebration" will air starting at 8 a.m. during the time traditionally set for live coverage of the parade.

"Each year, tens of millions across America and around the world invite us into their homes to celebrate the New Year, and this year will be no different," said David Eads, executive director and CEO of the Tournament of Roses. "We may not be able to make our typical 5.5-mile march, but we are hosting a spectacular celebration nonetheless."

The special will feature a reimagined New Year celebration, including live-to-tape musical and marching band performances, heartwarming segments related to the Rose Parade, celebrity guest appearances, special Rose Bowl Game football highlights, equestrians, spectacular floats from years past, a behind-the-scenes look into the making of a float and you will have a chance to be part of the show they said.

"The Rose Parade is a long-standing and central part of our New Year celebrations – not only here in Pasadena, but also around the world – and we are delighted that tradition will continue this year in a new, reimagined way," said Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek. "We are excited to see how it comes to life on TV this year."

The special will also showcase seniors in high school and colleges from bands across the country, who will come together for a special, virtual performance of "Everything's Coming up Roses" lead by a surprise conductor. "While we have invited all the bands who were scheduled to perform in this year's parade to instead join us for the 2022 Rose Parade, we realize that there are many seniors who will graduate before that. We didn't want them to miss out on this opportunity, so we're giving them their very own, unique performance spotlight," said president of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, Bob Miller.

For this special, the Tournament is partnering with Feeding America, the nation's largest organization dedicated to fighting domestic hunger through a nationwide network of food banks.

"Food banks are feeding an average of 60 percent more people due to the economic fallout of the pandemic," said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. "We are deeply grateful to the Tournament of Roses for helping to raise awareness and support for people facing hunger."

The special will air on ABC, Hallmark Channel, KTLA, NBC, RFD-TV and Univision at 8 a.m. January 1. For more information, visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Winter Recreation Classes Registration Now Open

The South Pasadena Recreation Division is proud to offer an assortment of online and in-person classes this winter. South Pasadena Community Services 2020-2021 Winter Recreation Guide is now available! This season will feature more than 100 classes in cooking, dance, music, sports, online enrichment and more. To view all of our current offerings please check out our updated guide! Online registration began, November 1st, with classes beginning in December. You can register by visiting our registration page here! For more information please visit: southpasadenaca.gov/recreation or call the Recreation Division at 626.403.7380.

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STATE ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY AS CASES SURGE

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 28 new deaths and 2,481 new cases of confirmed COVID-19. To date, Public Health has identified 332,865 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 7,246 deaths. There are 942 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19, up 15 percent from last week Friday (11/6), and 28% of these people are in the ICU.

Today the state issued a travel advisory in advance of the holiday season. As COVID-19 transmission is increasing in many states and countries, those arriving, or returning to California, from other states or countries should self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival. During this time, people should limit their interactions to their immediate household. This recommendation does not apply to individuals who cross state or country borders for essential travel. All Californians are encouraged to stay home or in their region and avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries.

As the holiday season approaches and COVID-19 spread is increasing, it is critically important that everyone follow the simple public health safety measures that provide protection from COVID-19 and minimizes spreading it to friends and family. There is a high level of risk associated with gatherings of any kind, especially when people are inside, not keeping physical distance of at least 6 feet and not wearing face coverings.

Residents that gather with up to two other households should do so only outdoors, wearing face coverings and keeping six feet of distance the entire time.

Because COVID-19 spreads from person to person through respiratory droplets, face coverings combined with other preventive measures, such as frequent handwashing and physical distancing, provides the best protection. If you are planning to get together with others, it is important that your plan follows the Public Health protocols on small private gatherings. It is critically important that residents not attend any private gatherings or leave their home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, have tested positive for COVID-19 or if they have been exposed or likely have been exposed to someone who is positive.

"Many residents are experiencing sadness and despair as they cope with losing a loved one who passed away from COVID-19. We wish you peace and comfort during this difficult time," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "The current surge in COVID-19 transmission in L.A. County is alarming. If we act now, we can prevent increasing rates of illness and death, stressing our health care system, and further stalling our recovery. If we agree that our collective priority is to reduce transmission of COVID-19 so we can move forward with recovery, then it is clear what needs to be done. We will need to modify holiday plans, change up our routines and take care of each other."

PASADENA SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS "MT. WILSON VS. THE BOBCAT"



David Cendejas, the superintendent at Mount Wilson Observatory, will share his first-hand Bobcat wildfire experiences Monday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. via Zoom. The event will be presented by the Pasadena Senior Center.

The Bobcat wildfire in the San Gabriel Mountains north of Pasadena was the second largest wildfire in the history of Los Angeles County. It began Sept. 6, 2020, and finally was 100 percent contained two months later after having burned 115,796 acres in and around the Angeles National Forest. Nearly 300 firefighters from multiple fire departments fought the massive wildfire valiantly and six were injured.

There was one particular historic jewel at the south end of the Bobcat area: Mount Wilson Observatory, which was in almost constant danger of being destroyed by the wildfire that often came within 500 feet.

Cendejas worked with firefighters who faced and then turned back the wildfire to save the beloved landmark. He also helped conceive the plan for restoring the observatory due to damage from smoke, ash and water. When it reopens, it once again will be available to professional astronomers and the public.

To register for this free Zoom event, visit www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Events, Clubs and Lectures, then Online Events or call 626-795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive an email link for accessing the Zoom event.

For the first half of the 20th century, Mount Wilson was the most famous observatory in the world, and the four largest telescopes in the world were there at the time. It was founded in 1904 by Pasadena resident George Ellery Hale, a pioneer in the field of astrophysics and a world-renowned solar astronomer who co-founded Caltech and helped create the plan for the Pasadena Civic Center from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium to the Pasadena Central Library.

For more information about online activities and other programs and services of the Pasadena Senior Center during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

The center, at 85 E. Holly St., is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization. Doors are open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for social services and other critical assistance to older adults in need. Masks are required inside the building, and social distancing is maintained.



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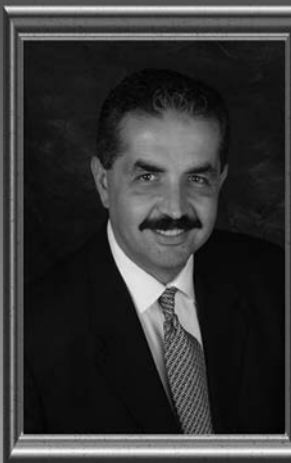
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE 11/13/2020

11/13/2020 3:30pm

STATS BY CITY	Population	Cases	Deaths
		(10/30/2020 stats in parenthesis)	
LOS ANGELES COUNTY*			
Total Cases	332,865		11/06/20 317656
Deaths	7,246		6,974
Pasadena	14,1371	3027 (2890)	(129)
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	101 (89)	2 (2)
City of Arcadia	57,754	641 (580)	42 (39)
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	116 (101)	4 (4)
City of Bradbury	1,069	21 (20)	0 (0)
City of Duarte	22,016	667 (620)	31 (31)
Uninc.- Duarte	4,428	185 (169)	4 (4)
City of Monrovia	38,800	928 (832)	42 (42)
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	91 (89)	0 (0)
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	99 (87)	4 (3)
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	341 (319)	26 (26)
Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	834 (796)	18 (18)

La County Testing as of 11/13/20: 3,319,276 (3,086,527)
Positivity Rate (No. of persons positive out of total persons tested) as 11/13/20: 9.2% **Nationally recommended Positivity Level:** 5%



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

U.S. HOME PRICE INSIGHTS FROM CORELOGIC

"Housing continues to be a bright spot during an otherwise challenging economic time for many U.S. households. Those in sectors that weathered the transition to remote work successfully are now able to take advantage of low mortgage rates to purchase a home for the first time or to trade-up to a larger home." -Frank Martell President and CEO of CoreLogic

Through September 2020 with Forecasts from October 2020 from CoreLogic Home Price Insights

The CoreLogic Home Price Insights report features an interactive view of our Home Price Index product with analysis through September 2020 with forecasts from October 2020 and September 2021.

September 2020 National Home Prices

Home prices nationwide, including distressed sales, increased year over year by 6.7% in September 2020 compared with September 2019 and increased month over month by 1.1% in September 2020 compared with August 2020 (revisions with public records data are standard, and to ensure accuracy, CoreLogic incorporates the newly released public data to provide updated results).

Forecast Prices Nationally

The CoreLogic HPI Forecast indicates that home prices will increase on a month-over-month basis by 0.2% from September 2020 to October 2020, and on a year-over-year basis by 0.2% from September 2020 to September 2021.

COVID-19 Impact on Home Prices

Home-purchase demand maintained pace in the late summer compared to previous years, as record-low mortgage rates continue to motivate prospective homebuyers, including first-time buyers and homeowners looking to trade-up or invest in a second home. However, according to the National Association of Realtors and U.S. Census Bureau, the national supply of homes for sale fell to the lowest recorded level in September at 40% of that seen in September 2008 and 75% of that seen in September 2000. This severe inventory shortage has intensified upward pressure on home price appreciation as consumers compete for the limited number of homes on the market.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT REGARDING MEASURE O, ELECTIONS

Dear PUSD Community,

According to early results of the election on November 3, Measure O has been approved by voters. This ensures that Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) students have increased access to technology, expanded STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) courses, and make vital improvements to school facilities. Election results will be certified in December.

This is great news for our students, families, faculty, and staff, and we thank the Pasadena community for their continued investment in our schools.

Pasadena Unified has demonstrated that our schools are a cornerstone of our community and that residents embrace our students and schools.

We are grateful to countless community supporters for their trust and belief in this great school district.

We also welcome newly-elected Board of Education members and thank outgoing members.

As our country processes the results of the national election, we encourage students to talk to teachers, counselors, and staff about any anxieties or concerns. The District is providing additional support to those who need it.

Sincerely,

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Over the past few years I have made it a point to let my readers/listeners know that I am in a constant search for the family owned restaurant. You may accurately say, it is the Holy Grail for this Restaurant Critic. It is the American dream for many and a business which has put many a child through diapers and college. It may stem out of some kind of shameless guilt which I carry. For I have written about the Big Chains almost exclusively these past few months, but I vowed that I would return to my true love, the Local Corner Restaurant. I think I found the Grail. Tap your heels together three times and just repeat the words, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home."



It has been there right in front of me the whole time! Bella Sera The pride of Monrovia has been on Myrtle for many years true under a few different owners, but they are the best at what they do. This reviewer usually plays by the rules but with Covid 19 and the elections I gave Chef Joe Borrelli a heads up that I was coming in. The setting at Bella Sera is as you would expect a restaurant like this; unpretentious and very welcoming.

There is a some street parking next to the theater and plenty of 4-hour free parking lots, what did I eat? Chef Joe did his home work, The Crab Cake Eggs Benedict from the Brunch menu were out of this world, the pizzas are great and as you know I love great French fries and they use the Kanabec potato, no frozen stuff here. I Sampled the Short Rib Ragu and again thumbs up. Really, nothing like a great meal. Next time Ill have the Cioppino, we ran out of napkins!!

Seating is limited to the back patio, but that's OK plenty of safe distancing and I believe a few seats on the sidewalk for you people watchers., Bella Sera a neighborhood restaurant that you wish was just down the street from you!!

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

MEET THE NIGHTSHADES



An understanding of Plant Families goes a long way to improving your ability to identify species.

The nightshade family is a group of diverse plants, many edible, some deadly. They are found world-wide and include plants with some of the most interesting history and lore of any plants on the globe. This botanical family includes foods, poisons, and ornamentals. Its members are steeped in history and tradition.



IDENTIFYING NIGHTSHADES

Flowers are what determines botanical families, so if you want to get to know this family, begin by studying the flowers and fruits. The flower has the pattern of five: five united sepals, five united petals, and five stamens. (Rarely, there are 3, 4, or 6 sepals.)

The best way to familiarize yourself with this family is to examine the leaves and flowers of any wild or cultivated nightshades that you encounter. After a bit of observation, this group will be easy to recognize. There are about 2300 species in the Nightshade Family. You all know Nightshades, and probably eat and use some of them all the time. The foods include tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, and eggplant. The poisons include tobacco, sacred datura, so-called deadly nightshade (or belladonna). There are also some popular ornamentals in this family, such as the petunias.

Perhaps one of the most widely-known nightshades is the famous mandrake (*Mandragora officinarum*), often found in literature and even movies of ancient Europe (such as "Excalibur"). Since mandrake root resembles a human being, it was widely believed to have supernatural powers. A piece of root was often worn as an amulet.

Belladonna (*Atropa belladonna*) is the original source for atropine, used for the dilation of pupils, though not without side effects.

Then there is the Jimsonweed (*Datura stramonium*), a corruption of the word Jamestown weed, the plant that was eaten by early settlers at the Jamestown Colony, thinking they had eaten an edible plant. They were out of their minds for a few days.

Closer to home is *Datura wrightii*, Sacred Datura, long used by some Native Americans in their special ceremonies. Though used traditionally for centuries, it can actually cause death by those who try to use it recreationally.

EDIBLE NIGHTSHADES

Many of our common foods are nightshades. Eggplants, tomatoes, tomatillos, bell peppers, all hot peppers (such as jalapenos, serranos, and habaneros) and all potatoes. These are some of our most important nutritional and culinary foods to which pages and pages are devoted in any seed catalog. The Nightshade family was beginning to look more and more important. Like the cultivated grasses that were the cornerstones of civilizations (corn, wheat, rice, barley, etc.), the edible nightshades have also been important, if not major, cultural foods. The Irish once subsisted on their potatoes, as did the highland Incas. A boiled or baked potato – with just a few spices – can still provide great sustenance to a hungry hobo. Hot and mild peppers are a sine qua non of Mexican and South American cookery. These peppers don't just add spice, but they're great sources of vitamin C and other nutrients. And just imagine Italian food before the introduction of the New World tomato!

TOBACCO

But not all members of the nightshade family are good to eat. Some members of this plant family can kill or intoxicate. All tobaccos, wild and cultivated, are nightshades.

When I've told my students that tobacco is a poisonous plant, they ask me "Then how can people smoke it?" The answer is twofold: 1) Smoking something is not the same as eating something. The fact that you are burning the substance does cause some changes. And also, 2) People DO die from smoking; it just takes a little longer when you smoke the tobacco.

Anytime you recognize a plant as belonging to the Nightshade family, you should definitely not eat it until you have positively identified that particular species as a known edible. The fact that many nightshades are toxic is why it took a long time for potatoes and tomatoes to be accepted as foods in both Europe and the new American colonies once they were introduced from Central and South America.

Nightshade plants occur all over the United States, in the wild and in gardens. It is a fascinating plant family to become acquainted with.

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Katnip News!



LOOKIN' FOR A GOOD MAN!

We had Tesla (and her twin sister) from a baby, but it took awhile before they found a home because they were shy. Eventually, a nice gentleman adopted them. Then, in 2020, the man passed away and the twins ended up at a local kill shelter, even though they should have been returned to us. They were understandably very confused and frightened. At last, they were released to us. Finally, they each went to foster homes (they were not bonded). Tesla relates well to men, probably because her original owner was a man. She loves to be petted by her foster dad, even though her foster mom lives there, too. She would do well as a single cat, no dogs, and a quiet home. Don't you just want to run your fingers through that fur!



See more pictures, video, adoption information and application on our website at the Adult Cats page, www.lifelineforpets.org.

Pet of the Week

Seven-year-old Iris was a little shy when she came to us, but this sweetie has made huge strides in coming out of her shell! In such a short time, she went from avoiding people to actively meowing at them to join her in the communal cat room and then trying to follow them out! She'll also approach our staff and volunteers and stick her nose up so they can scratch it. Iris would do best with a patient person who can give her time to get to know them and adjust to her new home, but she's already shown that she's an affectionate love bug in training.



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STUART TOLCHIN



TO ME IT FEELS LIKE 1961 NO IT'S NOT 1961, AND IT'S NOT LAST WEEK EITHER

Well, I know it's not 1961. I am writing this column at 5:00 a.m. on November 3, 2020. It's Election Day and I can't sleep anyway. Really I should wait until tomorrow and write an article about the election results assuming that we will know the results by tomorrow. Probably we won't know and if Trump is the winner or even in the lead I fear that I won't be able to pull myself together to write anything. Anyway, we just did that stupid clock change which I can never get used to and they make us do it every year. But it feels like we have no choice. It feels like we're being pushed around but there are some decisions we must make for ourselves and often it feels pretty risky. That's the scary part of freedom. What is important and what is not? How do we live our lives?

In all seriousness, right now everything feels pretty unsafe. I followed the rules and put on the mask. I said hello to this big tall, unmasked guy standing in front of a house. He acknowledged my hello and in a very soft civil measured tone said, "Would you take off your mask, it personally offends me to see such weakness." Okay, maybe he didn't say the weakness part but I knew he was implying it. I took a couple of steps towards him and made an impolite suggestion. He said something, like "Old man I didn't risk my life in Iraq to protect cowards like you. I don't know about the coward part but isn't it better to be an old man with long hair and a beard, (which is my silent protest against Covid restriction), than to be a short-haired clean shaven old guy unnecessarily risking his life trying to act tough and hide his own fear from himself?"

Somehow, this whole 2020 reminds me of 1961. I was 17, threatened by the draft which I was sure would lead to my premature death. The only way out was to go to College and why would I want to do that? College would require that I work fewer hours as a bus boy at Bob's Big Boy and earn less money. Also, the truth was that I wasn't a very happy bus boy so I went off to college. Before you knew it I became a lawyer and got old and became a grandpa. It all happened so fast.

Right before I started writing this article I picked up my old copy of Catcher in the Rye which I read in 1961 right when I was graduating High School. The book is sort of about how tough it is to be 17 and having to go out into the world and just being all confused and not knowing what to do and being kind of crazy. Well, that's exactly how I feel now—but I know now what I didn't know then. Life would go on. I would go to College and not have to be a bus boy anymore. (I was a Liquor Store Clerk throughout Law School) and I would grow up more or less, and deal with life and be pretty happy most of the time even though it wasn't very easy. I can do it again—Trump or no Trump. I'm ready to face life but I won't go outside without a mask.

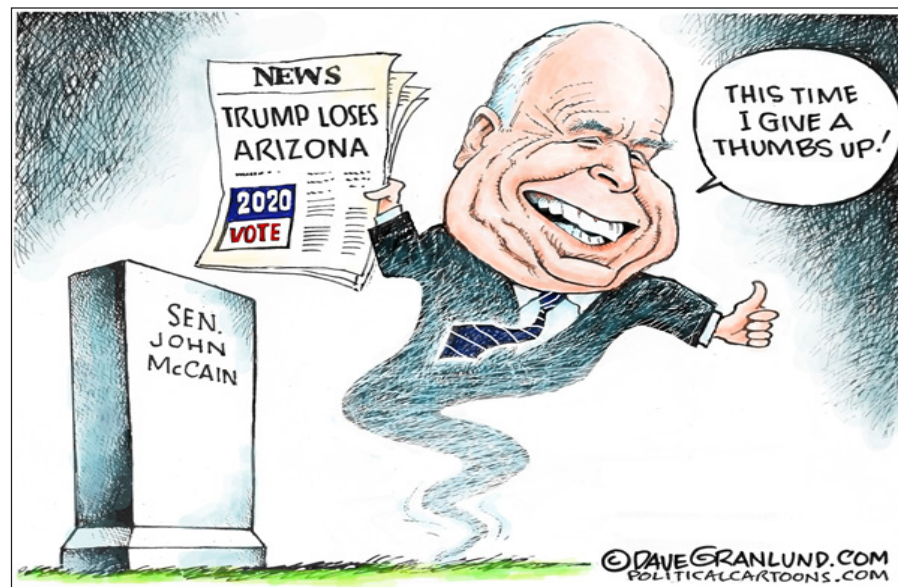
I am old enough to realize now that my life, and your life, and the ex-Marine's and even Trump voters' lives are precious gifts no matter what the time is or how old we are. If some Marine or some other rule maker tells you to do what is wrong just keep on walking. No matter how cowardly we feel, it is all of our continuing responsibility to do our own right thing. It's not just about masks. It is about preserving the great gift of having the freedom to choose.

Be brave!

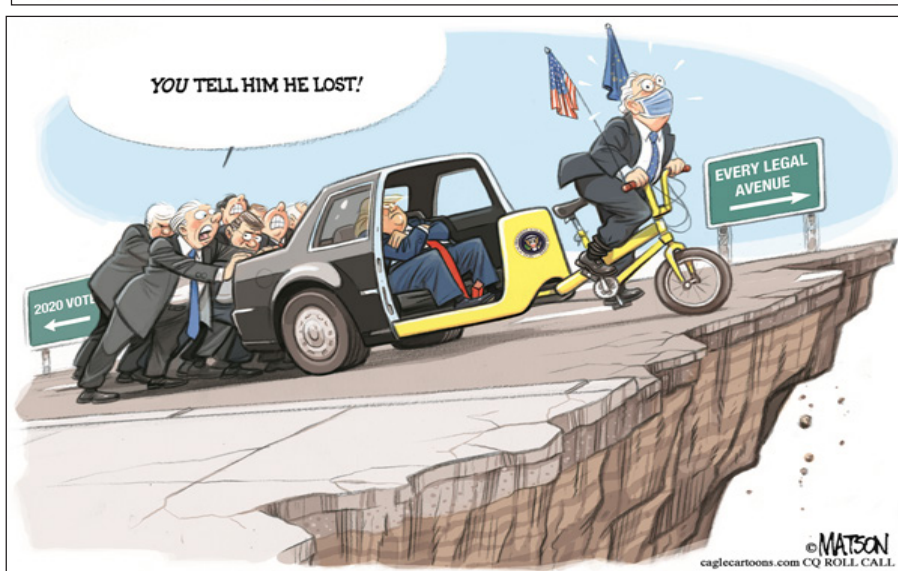


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LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DICK POLMAN



If anyone out there still thinks voting is a waste of time, I can quash that canard with two words: Vivek Murthy.

Rather than focusing on the demagogic loser's pathetic attempts to bandage his eggshell ego with bogus lawsuits, let's look on the bright side of life. Thanks to President-elect Joe Biden and the eleventh-hour wisdom of the voting majority, the pandemic will be fought not by incompetent quacks, but by seasoned public health professionals who actually know what they're doing — starting with Murthy, who will co-chair Biden's coronavirus task force.

The name may not ring a bell. In 2014, Murthy was nominated by President Obama for the post of U.S. Surgeon General, putting him in charge of the nation's 6,700 federal public health workers.

It was easy to see why Obama wanted him. Murthy, an Indian-American, was a Yale-trained internist at the top-notch Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and a Harvard Med School teacher. He was endorsed by (among others) the American Public Health Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and American Hospital Association. He'd co-founded a nonprofit group that had worked since 1995 to fight HIV/AIDS, and he launched a software technology company that aimed to improve the efficiency of clinical drug trials.

The only hitch: He had to be confirmed by a Republican-controlled Senate, which proceeded to block him. Care to guess why? Because the NRA didn't like him.

Murthy, in his stints as an ER doctor, had treated lots of gunshot victims, and believed that gun violence was a public health issue. (With 30,000 annual gun deaths and 80,000 annual gun woundings, I can't imagine where he got that idea.) Senate Republicans — fearful as always of the NRA, along with some red-state Senate Democrats — ganged up on Murthy and

SCIENCE TRIUMPHANT: THE RISE AND FALL AND RISE OF VIVEK MURTHY'S

put his nomination in limbo for nine months.

Long story short — I'll skip the parliamentary maneuvers — Murthy was finally confirmed during the lame-duck session after the 2014 midterms. While serving as Surgeon General, he fought the spread of Ebola and the Zika virus, among other public health challenges. He was safe in the job — until April 17, 2017.

That's when Trump fired him.

No reasons given, but we all know that his Obama taint was sufficient cause. So Murthy had to wander in the wilderness, so to speak, taking his expertise into exile. But this year, as soon as Americans started dying from COVID-19, he started to surface in public forums. Way back in March, when Trump was babbling that "we've done a great job" and that COVID "will go away," Murthy was a tad more realistic.

He told NPR, "This is an all-in moment for America and for the world. And every now and then, these moments come about in the world's history, where we have to come together to overcome a challenge that's bigger than any one of us can take on alone. And this is one of those moments. This is a serious pandemic."

Another long story short: Murthy joined the Biden campaign as an in-house medical advisor. Now he's back on top — propelled, at last check, by a record 76 million voters — and he'll be working with Biden task force member Rick Bright, a vaccine development expert who blew the whistle on Trump and got fired from his prominent federal job. He's back on top, too.

That's why we vote.

So put your hands together for science and competence. As Vivek Murthy said in August, "We have the talent, resources and technology. What we are missing is leadership."

Now we'll get it. Thanks, democracy.

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JOHN MICEK



It's been a very long and weird week since Joe Biden won Pennsylvania and its 20 Electoral College votes, making him the projected winner of the White House and the president-elect of the United States.

Since then, President Donald Trump's re-election campaign has filed a blizzard of lawsuits entirely devoid of evidence, including one seeking to block the certification of election results. Trump himself has unloaded a barrage of falsehoods and misinformation on his Twitter feed — none of which will be repeated here.

So it only makes sense that Trump is moving to his next line of defense, Republican-controlled state legislatures, including battleground Pennsylvania, where the Electoral College will meet in December to vote on a slate of electors.

Last Saturday, newly re-elected Pennsylvania state Sen. Mike Regan seemed to give the game away during a massive pro-Trump rally behind the Pennsylvania Capitol. There, the Republican told a largely maskless and very angry crowd that "I've been told, in no uncertain terms by the state party, by our leadership, that they are coordinating with the Trump campaign."

Regan continued, saying that "so far, Pennsylvania has done everything the Trump campaign has asked them to do. So we are working hard to make sure that this is fair and free. Look, no one wants a president that is disregarded by 50 percent of the population. It is so important that we have every legal vote counted."

Which is nonsense on its face. But it did not prevent the MAGA faithful from eating it up.

Pennsylvania House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff, a Republican as well, says that he has not spoken with Trump's re-election campaign. Still, House Republicans have asserted that they've been deluged with calls about alleged improprieties.

This is where I'll pause to note that, so far, no credible evidence of fraud has been found anywhere. Even Republican Sen. Pat Toomey, a frequent Trump loyalist, has said that Trump's assertions of "large-scale fraud and theft of the election are just not substantiated."

Meanwhile, as the investigative news site Spotlight PA reported last week,

REPUBLICANS IN PENNSYLVANIA FOLLOWING TRUMP OVER THE CLIFF

Pennsylvania Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman, a Republican, claimed during a Fox News interview that Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf's administration was trying to "tip the scales in favor of Joe Biden," even as he conceded that he doesn't "have any evidence of misdoing."

Corman had previously pushed back against a blockbuster story in The Atlantic in September, suggesting that GOP-controlled legislatures might install their own slate of electors, undoing the will of voters.

That's illegal under current state law. Though it's fair to note laws can be changed, whether the Legislature would try something that transparently brazen is another matter entirely. Wolf would almost certainly veto it in any event.

On Tuesday, House Speaker Bryan Cutler put veteran Republican state Rep. Seth Grove, in charge of a wide-ranging review of state election law. That action came as a cadre of House Republicans held a reality-begging press conference, where they called for a legislative-led audit of the election results to determine whether the election was "fairly and lawfully conducted."

Republicans in Pennsylvania's state Senate got in on the act on Wednesday, announcing that they, too, were launching their own review as a "way to restore trust in the vote," they said in a statement.

Wanda Murren, a spokeswoman for the Department of State, which oversees elections in Pennsylvania, told PennLive that the election was "free, fair and secure."

"Millions of Pennsylvanians followed the rules allowed by the [U.S. Supreme Court] and each voter, regardless of political party, must have their voice heard," Murren said. "Allegations of fraud and illegal activity have been repeatedly debunked and dismissed by the courts. Those attacks against the core values of Americans are intended to undermine our democracy, and we must reject them."

With his refusal to concede, and to allow Biden access to the resources he needs to pursue his transition, Trump is taking another sledgehammer to our Democratic norms. Pennsylvania Republicans, who so often wrap themselves in the cloak of the Constitution, are abetting that effort. And it's shameful.

The birthplace of American democracy deserves far, far better.

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PORTRAIT OF OUR NEIGHBORS by Stuart Tolchin
JONATHAN KELLEY

Jonathan Kelley is a neighbor I had only spoken with a few times and never at length. He is even older than I am, about 80 I think, and when he suggested that I try out this kick scooter that had changed his life I said okay. I almost fell and it scared both of us and my wife half to death.



Since that time I have hardly spoken to him at all perhaps out of mutual embarrassment but he did seem like an interesting guy to interview. We chatted a bit and set up an interview for last night. Before he got here I looked him up on the web and got the surprise of my life. You should look him up too. This old guy, who I thought was just another colorful Sierra Madre character with long white flowing hair, a beard and a kick scooter has quite an amazing background. Ready-- besides being a working actor with a younger actress wife, he is a writer, a musician, a linguist, tutor, culinary expert and among other things is a graduate of Phillips Exeter, Princeton University, and Harvard Medical School. He completed a full career as a board certified anesthesiologist and has actually written a book called Counting Backwards from 100 (get it --that's what anesthesiologists do!)

Becoming aware of his credentials I became hesitant. I didn't want to embarrass him by asking what it was like to be rich and privileged and accomplished. Instead I brought the electric piano that my granddaughter plays with and he played some rags and some boogie-woogie and it was great. I felt very privileged to have my own concert and relaxed. I asked him every question I could think of and he was very direct and open. His father was a busy urologist who really never spent much time with him and applied no parental pressure but Jonathan yearned for his father's always absent recognition. He spent lots of time with his mother who was artistic and had written a number of short stories. So he did what was expected for people of his class and went to Princeton and screwed around. He really wanted to be a musician but was deaf in one ear and doubted that he would ever be good enough to make it as a professional. After majoring in the study of Latin America at Princeton, he spent a year in Cali, Columbia, gaining a life changing and lasting appreciation of Hispanic culture.

Now more focused and mature, he returned to Boston to pursue a career echoing that of his physician father. He credits his father's indifference as instrumental in his eventual success. I suggested that there are many, many people who never received much recognition or notice from their father but who never were admitted to Harvard Medical School. He granted that it helped that he had a lot of options. His greatest satisfactions come from interactions with people of all types and classes. Once when riding his kick scooter along the path off the San Gabriel River he realized he was dehydrated and had brought along no water. (After all he's a doctor.) He really thought he was in trouble and finally stopped at a homeless camp along the river where he obtained needed water which may have saved his life. This incident had a great impact on him and he stays in touch with homeless people and feels "that we are all brothers from different mothers." He is a wonderful neighbor to know and reminds me that the Covid can be as helpful as an inattentive father. Without the Covid restrictions I would not have begun this series of articles about our neighbors.

Check out his website: jonathankelley.net.



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- ✓ Private gatherings cannot exceed more than 3 households.
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Well, most of us have anyway!

Late Fall Fun!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword with late fall fun.

1. big, orange _____ sit shrinking in fields
2. _____ are finishing chores around the house and yard
3. hours of _____ are even fewer
4. _____ have been raked
5. _____ are still gathering acorns
6. crowds cheer at _____ games
7. _____ are flying south
8. light jackets and _____ are being worn
9. the _____ is chillier
10. _____ are piled high in baskets

Last Days of Autumn!


What are Families Doing in the Late Fall to Get Ready for Winter?

1. raking leaves and clearing _____
2. taking down _____ and putting up storm windows
3. having the chimney cleaned and stacking _____
4. storing summer _____ and taking out hats, jackets, boots
5. picking and storing apples, _____, carrots, squash
6. canning _____ and fruits; making jellies and jams
7. finding the shovels and filling a pail with _____ for ice
8. rolling up _____ and turning off water pipes to outside
9. having the _____ checked and cleaned
10. cooking larger, hotter _____


Match each "harvest time" sentence to what it means:

1. Make hay while the sun shines.
2. The farmers had a bumper crop.
3. The harvest moon rose over the fields.

A. full moon nearest to first day of fall
 B. unusually large amount
 C. make the most of a chance



**SIERRA MADRE HONORS
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**



The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and The City of Sierra Madre will once again honor those who have worked tirelessly during the year to improve the quality of life in Sierra Madre.

2020 has been and continues to be a challenge because of COVID-19. However, true to the spirit of Sierra Madre, the city has continued to survive and those who helped make that possible deserve to be recognized.

The Awards Ceremony details will be announced at a later date. However, right we need your help in choosing this year's honorees. Please review the list of Awards and submit recommendations on who you believe we should honor.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

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