

# HAPPY Thanksgiving

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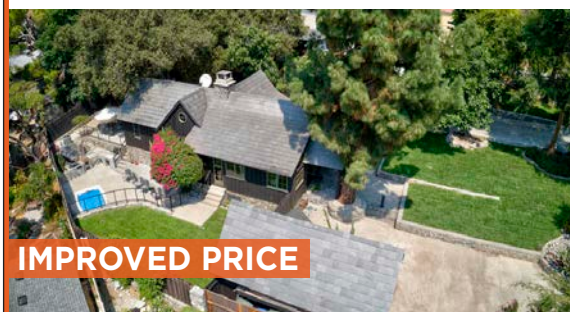
### Sierra Madre Market Report August - October 2020

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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Condominium Homes - Averages | August - October 2020

3 BEDROOMS	3 BATHROOMS	1,449 SQFT	\$698,000 SOLD PRICE	\$492 PER SQFT
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## NEW SIERRA MADRE COVID 19 CASES ON THE RISE

Since the first cases were announced in January, the city of Sierra Madre had managed to have a relatively slow rate of identified cases for months. Initially, the majority of the cases centered around the city's largest senior care facility and its staff, and slowly cases among the general population appeared slowly. That however, has since changed. In the past week, the number of newly identified cases increased to 14, a significant increase given that from July through October, the increase in cases was on average 3 per week.

Fortunately, the death rate for Sierra Madre has remained steady. There were 3 deaths early on and

As the county and state impose new regulations residents are encouraged to follow the guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing. Even a small town like Sierra Madre can fall to the grips of COVID 19.

## Researchers said to have studied Sierra Madre For COVID 19 Solutions

In a recent article in the Pasadena Star News, Sierra Madre was mentioned as part of a study by UCLA that found its way into the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. According to the article, the study was conducted in an effort to find "other creative ways to sustain the economy". The researchers ran sophisticated computer simulations using data based on tiny Sierra Madre, population 10,793, a suburb of Pasadena just 13 miles from downtown Los Angeles. They assumed that people engaged in group activities such as going to work and to the local grocery store.

Then they divided residents into discrete groups to limit the number of people interacting. That division can be done with time: One group could only go to the grocery store in the morning, for example, while the other group could only go in the afternoon. That division can also be done with space: One group could shop at the grocery store's temporary outdoor setup in the parking lot, while the other shops inside the grocery store as usual.

Attempts to find out more about the study were not available at press time. While it is not unusual for participants in such studies to remain anonymous, the fact that there is only one grocery store in town, Taylor's Meats and the only time anyone can remember Taylor's using the parking lot was for anything other than its annual Bar B Que, one would have to conclude that the 'research' was 100% computer simulated.

S. Henderson/MVNews

More about COVID 19 on page 7

## FORMER MAYOR JOHN HARABEDIAN WINS FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AWARD

On Sunday, November 15th, Sierra Madre's own John Harabedian along with Democratic leader Melissa Taylor were awarded the LA County Democratic Committee Award for grassroots activist for their valiant fight for Democratic principles in the 41st Assembly District. Due to the pandemic, the event was held virtually.



John, who will be leaving the Sierra Madre City Council at the end of his term on December 8th, recently lost his bid to replace LA County Supervisor Katherine Barger. He served as Sierra Madre's Mayor and completed two terms on the City Council.

## CITY PREPARES FOR HOLIDAYS IN THE NEW REALITY



The Sierra Madre Chamber takes the lead in making certain that holiday decorations are up and with the help of volunteers Michelle Keith, Allison Evans Fluckey, Michelle Woodward, Lisa Riggio Carlson, and members of the Sierra Madre Middle School's Builders (Service) club did all the work! The group stopped working and social distancing for a brief moment to snap this picture of their finished product.

The Tree and Menorrah are up. The Creche has also been set up in the town square. Everything looks pretty normal except that the actual tree lighting won't be a ceremony this year and Santa won't be holding anyone on his lap in Kersting Court.

Instead of the snow and festivities that normally take place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving the attention this holiday season will be on helping our local businesses survive.

On Saturday, November 28, 2020, while you stroll through downtown Sierra Madre to take pictures of the holiday decorations, remember to support our local businesses. There are plenty of places to shop for unique gifts and more than a dozen places to eat.

Take a stroll through town and stop and shop to keep our local businesses going.

By the way, if you're out on next Saturday, you may just see Santa here and there!

### 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 now 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

Sierra Madre Citizen of the Year for residents who have benefited the city during 2020 as a volunteer.

Sierra Madre Business of the Year for an outstanding business existing in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years that has been an active supporter of the community.

The George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

The Wistaria Award recognizing a City/Community Partnership that assists with providing community wide programs and services

The Public Safety Award for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre.

The Community Youth Service Award presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply email to [smadrec@gmail.com](mailto:smadrec@gmail.com) or [HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com).

You can also mail your nominations to:

Honors Dinner Nomination  
c/o Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
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## A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

### HOMELESSNESS IN SIERRA MADRE

First of all, I want to wish each of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Despite all of the challenges we are currently facing, we yet have much to be grateful for.

Secondly, several residents have been inquiring how the Sierra Madre Police Department has and will handle persons with housing challenges in the city. The problems of the greater society don't skip over our town, but we have the ability to deal with those challenges

when they arise.

Currently Sierra Madre does not have a large homeless population. However, there are 2 to 3 individuals who pop in and out of the city from time to time. Fortunately, I have had a great deal of experience in working with homeless persons and encampments over my career.

In Sierra Madre, we occasionally have consensual contact with these homeless persons and during those contacts we offer services and try our best to have them accept those services. Unfortunately many homeless persons do not accept that help.

We are members of the San Gabriel Valley police Homeless Services Team (HOST). HOST is a grant funded homeless services team that works with service providers such as the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. When possible, we reach out to Host in an effort to provide services to help these citizens in need.

To date, these individuals have not posed a threat to residents but we understand concerns expressed. Since no crimes have been committed, there is no basis to make any arrest. We can, and do, however, as mentioned above, do our best to direct them to resources to help them improve the quality of their life.

Rodrick Armalin, Chief SMPD

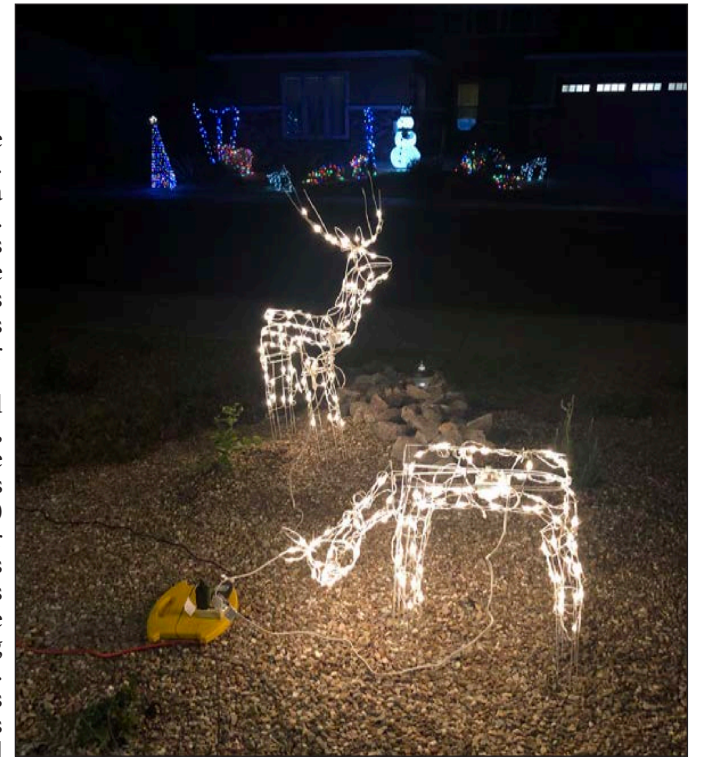


## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Christmas is probably not gonna be possible this year."

That's a quote from CNN "State of the Union" host Jake Tapper. Tapper suggested during a Sunday interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci that "Christmas is probably not gonna be possible this year" as medical experts warn of COVID-19 spikes caused by widespread indoor holiday gatherings. Oh yes it is, Jake! It's all around us already! The world is ready, once again, to celebrate the birth of Jesus just like it's been doing for the last 2,000 years. Every store you enter is stuffed with Christmas decorations. Poinsettias are already abounding. The Hallmark channel is showing Christmas love stories 24/7. Christmas shirts and sweaters are everywhere, the Christmas catalogs are arriving in a flood of good cheer and useless stuff and folks are putting up their Christmas trees and outdoor lights earlier than ever before. The custom has been to wait till after Thanksgiving to start putting Christmas up but this year, it's happening now!



To quote Jerry Herman's song, "We Need a Little Christmas" from his 1966 musical, "Mame,"

"We need a little Christmas, right this very minute,  
Candles in the window, carols at the spinet,  
Yes, we need a little Christmas, right this very minute,  
Hasn't snowed a single flurry, but Santa dear we're in a hurry.  
For we've grown a little leaner, grown a little colder,  
Grown a little sadder, grown a little older,  
And we need a little angel, sitting on our shoulder,  
For we need a little music, need a little laughter,  
Need a little singing, ringing through the rafters,  
And we need a little happy ever after,  
We need a little Christmas now!"

Christmas has always been possible, probable and an absolute certainty. The world has faced difficult conditions before, but somehow, some way, we come through them and find something to celebrate.

I am reminded of the famous Christmas Truce of World War 1. This totally unofficial truce was a series of widespread ceasefires along the Western Front around Christmas, 1914.

"The truce occurred only five months into the war. Hostilities had lulled as leadership on both sides reconsidered their strategies following the stalemate of the Race to the Sea and the indecisive result of the First Battle of Ypres. In the week leading up to December 25th, French, German, and British soldiers crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into no man's land on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. There were joint burial ceremonies and prisoner swaps, while several meetings ended in carol-singing. Men played games of football with one another, creating one of the most memorable images of the truce. Hostilities continued in some sectors, while in others the sides settled on little more than arrangements to recover bodies." (Wikipedia)

And then there's this report by Christopher Klein for "History," another totally impossible, improbable Christmas story:

"Charles Brewer never expected to be spending Christmas Eve nearly knee-deep in the mud of northern France. Stationed on the front lines, the 19-year-old British lieutenant with the Bedfordshire Regiment of the 2nd Battalion shivered in a trench with his fellow soldiers. After Great Britain entered World War I in August 1914, many of them had expected that they would make quick work of the enemy and be home in time for Christmas. Nearly five months and one million lives later, however, the Great War had bogged down in intractable trench warfare with no end in sight.

Although disappointed to be far from home on Christmas Eve, Brewer took solace in the fact that the perpetual rain, which made moving through the trenches as much of a slog as the war itself, had finally abated on the moonlit night. All was jarringly quiet on the Western Front when a British sentry suddenly spied a glistening light on the German parapet, less than 100 yards away. Warned that it might be a trap, Brewer slowly raised his head over the soaked sandbags protecting his position and through the maze of barbed wire saw a sparkling Christmas tree. As the lieutenant gazed down the line of the German trenches, a whole string of small conifers glimmered like beads on a necklace.

Brewer then noticed the rising of a faint sound that he had never before heard on the battlefield—a Christmas carol. The German words to "Stille Nacht" were not familiar, but the tune—"Silent Night"—certainly was. When the German soldiers finished singing, their foes broke out in cheers. Used to returning fire, the British now replied in song with the English version of the carol."

Christmas is coming, friends and neighbors, no matter what is happening in our world. The Babe in the Manger will not be denied. War, pestilence, plague will not stop Christmas. We may not be having big parties with dozens of people, but small groups of family will gather together to celebrate. Christmas trees will be up, lights will be shining, and there will be joy and peace on earth, goodwill to men. Longfellow said it best:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

My lighted reindeer will be going out in my front yard this week. Go ahead...put yours out, too!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

Due to popular demand, "The Crown" which was available as a Kindle story is now also available as an actual book! Yes, it's Easter-centered, but my hope is that folks will want to pass it along to others. Take a look! Here's the link: <https://amzn.to/3kggVeX>

"Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope" and

"A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter" are there, too.

Both of these books are stuffed with hope and a whole bunch of good recipes.



## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

November 8 to November 14, 2020 During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 222 calls for service.

### Public Intoxication

On 11-8-20 at 12:25PM, officers responded to a call at Sierra Madre Bl. and Mountain Trail Ave. regarding a possible intoxicated female. Following an interview with the

female, officers determined she was intoxicated and transported her to a local hospital for medical evaluation. The female was cited and released to hospital staff.

### Minor traffic collision

On 11-9-20 at 4:15PM a minor traffic collision was reported at Sierra Madre Bl. and Sunnyside Ave. Officers responding reported there were no injuries. One driver was cited and arrested for driving without a license. Case to DA's office

### Possible Hit and Run

Officers responded on 11-12-20 at 5:22PM to the 400 block of Sturtevant Dr. for the report of a disturbance possibly related to an alleged hit and run accident. A driver reported that a vehicle struck her, then left the scene. Case to Detectives

### Residential Burglary

On 11-13-20 at 3:18PM, officers responded to a residential burglary in the 400 block of N. Sunnyside Ave. Sometime between 11-11-20 at 9:00PM and 11-13-20 at 3:30PM, unknown suspect(s) gained access to the home by forcing a rear door open and ransacking a bedroom. Several personal items were taken. Case to Detectives

### Vandalism

In the 500 block of W. Highland, between 11-13-20 at 7:45 and 11-14-20 at 7:30AM, an unknown suspect(s) window smashed the right rear window of the victim's vehicle. No property was missing.

**PLEASE  
STAY SAFE!  
STAY COOL!  
WEAR A MASK!**

## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

### 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND POTENTIAL SITES

The City of Sierra Madre Planning & Community Preservation Department will be hosting a Community Workshop regarding the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update to be conducted online via Zoom.

Community members are invited to participate and learn more about the Housing Element Update, including Sierra Madre's existing and projected housing needs, identification of sites for new housing, and potential housing strategies. There will be opportunities to ask questions, share ideas, and provide input on **Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 at 6:00 pm.**

This community workshop will be held online as the City balances the health risks associated with COVID-19 during the current State of Emergency and in the interest of public health and safety.

If you like to RSVP for the workshop, or if have any questions concerning the workshop, or wish to submit comments, please visit [www.cityofsierramadre.com/HousingElement](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/HousingElement) for more information. You may also contact Clare Lin, Associate Planner at (626) 355 - 7138.



## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	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 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](mailto:PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com) by 6:00PM. on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record.

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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

## SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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November 23—28

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#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

**Grab & Go Activity Kit**—Available outside the Library after 10:00am

#### Thursday

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#### Friday

No Library Service for Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Saturday

No Library Service for Thanksgiving Holiday

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Sierra Madre Woman's Club



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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Pasadena Safeguards to Curb Rise in COVID-19

Because of the dramatically increasing numbers of local COVID-19 infections, the city of Pasadena is reminding the community about existing health orders in place to protect ourselves and others around us from infection. To further mitigate the spread of the virus, the city is instituting new pandemic safeguards and restrictions.

Reminders regarding some of the rules already in place include:

- Retail store occupancy may not exceed 25% of maximum capacity (as defined by the Fire Code). This capacity limit was previously established by the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy for local health jurisdictions in counties in Purple Tier 1.

- Limitations on gatherings are still in place: people are permitted to gather with no more than 2 other households, for 2 hours or less, with all attendees wearing face coverings and maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet or more between households.
- Sports competitions, such as softball and soccer games, are still not permitted.

- Non-essential offices must remain closed for in-person operations and only conduct work remotely, as previously established by the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

The new restrictions are as follows:

- Personal care services that require either the customer or the staff to remove their face covering, such as facials and shaves, are not permitted. All public health protocols must continue to be followed for other personal care services, including a requirement for services to be offered by appointment only, and as many services as possible provided outdoors.
- Personal care services are now limited to 25% maximum capacity (as defined by the Fire Code).

- Gatherings must meet the limitations stated above (outdoor, 2 hours or less, with face coverings worn and physical distancing between households) and may not exceed a total of 15 people from 3 or fewer households.
- Restaurants, breweries and bars must cease service in their on-site, outdoor dining areas as of 10 p.m. and close their on-site dining areas thereafter until 5 a.m.

An updated Health Officer Order will be issued to reflect the above new restrictions.

"We are seeing some of the highest daily case numbers since the beginning of the pandemic. Immediate action by each of us will help slow the spread of the virus, as we were able to do before," said Pasadena Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh. "Even in the face of pandemic fatigue, we can protect each other from COVID-19 infection, prevent additional illness and death, and help keep our healthcare delivery system from becoming overwhelmed. I'm asking our community to stay home if you can, wear a mask whenever you leave home, avoid mixing with people you don't live with, practice physical distancing and wash hands frequently. Rethink your travel plans and cancel out of state or out of country travel."

For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).



## City Looks to Start Lower Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration

The Pasadena City Council is set Monday to approve a \$484,998 contract with G Team Landscape Construction, Inc. that would move forward Project Plans and Specifications for the Lower Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration, including the removal of non-native trees and plants and dead trees.

According to city staff, The scope of work for the Lower Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration contract consists of the following:

- Removal of non-native trees/plants and dead trees;
- Manual removal of herbaceous non-native plants (weeds);
- Importation and placement of numerous natural boulders/rocks to create natural barriers for habitat protection and to provide habitat values for wildlife;
- Placement of coarse woody debris (i.e., prepared logs and branches from removed trees) to provide natural seating, natural barriers along trails, and assemblages within the planting areas to provide beneficial wildlife cover;
- De-compaction of soils (especially staging areas associated with the Bridge Rehabilitation project) to prepare for native plant establishment;
- Installation of environmentally suitable erosion control measures (as needed);
- Installation of a new irrigation system to assist in the

establishment of new native trees and plants;

- Installation of native planting materials including southern California black walnut trees, coast live oak trees, western sycamore trees, and approximately 2,000 understory shrubs and herbaceous plants;

- Installation of natural mulch around the newly planted areas;
- 90-day post-installation maintenance period for the irrigation system and planting materials; and
- One-year contractor guarantee on newly planted sycamore trees.

According to the city staff report, "the Lower Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration project was created and funded as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) utilizing Los Angeles County Proposition A grant funds and residential impact fees. The project's intention is to restore the native plant communities and associated wildlife habitat in the Arroyo Seco from the vicinity surrounding John K. Van de Kamp Bridge extending north to the Pasadena Casting Pond (all within Lower Arroyo Park), making up a total project area of less than five acres."

City staff said they reached out to the Arroyo Seco Foundation, West Pasadena Neighborhood Association, La Casita Foundation, Pasadena Casting Club and Pasadena Heritage Foundation.

"I strongly support the Arroyo Seco Foundation's... Habitat Restoration Program with its plan to remove the Canary Island Pine trees and Australian Eucalyptus trees from its nature Preserve," said Keiko Takimoto Miller on behalf of the Arroyo Seco Foundation. "I do so to preserve not only the said area as

a critical source of our livelihood, but also the fundamental element of integrity of the Arroyo Seco Foundation that operates in synchronicity with the law of nature, the source of science and wisdom."

The city council meets Monday virtually at 2 p.m. For more information and how to watch the meeting, visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).

## Grant to be used for Bicyclist Safety Program

The city of Pasadena's efforts to enhance safety for bicyclists citywide just got a financial boost with a \$150,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to the city's Department of Transportation for its pedestrian and bicycle safety program. Officials said it would be used for the funding for a year-long bicyclist safety outreach program aimed at reducing severe injuries and fatalities to pedestrians and bicyclists resulting from crashes. Specifically, this program will provide safety equipment and education materials to bicyclists and upgrade the city's traffic camera database to capture and collect pedestrian and bicycle counts for more effective interpretation.

Collision data collected in Pasadena for 2010 through 2019 showed that although the number of collisions involving bicyclists make up approximately 5 percent of collisions citywide, bicyclists account for 15 percent of all severe injuries and fatalities resulting from traffic collisions. Combined with pedestrian collisions, 40 percent of all severe injuries and fatalities resulting from collisions in Pasadena during this ten-year period happen to pedestrians and bicyclists while only being involved in 9% of all collisions.

Education and outreach efforts funded by the OTS grant will promote safe behaviors by motorists and bicyclists, including avoiding distractions and highlighting awareness and visibility of other road users. Bicyclist safety equipment such as bike lights, helmets, and safety pamphlets will be distributed to cyclists in commercial areas and schools, with a focus on students new to cycling or Pasadena around local colleges and K-12 schools. This outreach component will occur once in-person activities are considered safe.

The traffic database upgrade allows the city to better understand pedestrian and bicyclist travel patterns and in turn better optimize the transportation network. Current traffic cameras in Pasadena are only able to capture motor vehicle data.

For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).

## Senior Center Set to Deliver more Than 250 Free Thanksgiving Meals



Staff and volunteers from the Pasadena Senior Center will deliver more than 250 free, traditional Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings to people 65 and older on a first-requested, first-served basis.

The meals will be delivered Wednesday, Nov. 25, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Recipients are encouraged to refrigerate the meals when they are delivered and reheat them on Thanksgiving Day. Reheating instructions will be included. The center's own Chef Gabby will prepare roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing and seasonal vegetables. Cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie will round out the meals.

Recipients do not have to be members of the Pasadena Senior Center, and there is no income criteria. There is a limit of two meals per household. To request a meal, visit [www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Thanksgiving Dinner Delivered to Your Home or call (626) 795-4331.

The meals will be funded by a special \$5,000 gift from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous to the public.

"For most families, multigenerational gatherings," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center. "The COVID-19 pandemic has changed that tradition for the time being, so older adults who already are experiencing isolation fatigue will have the added emotional burden of missing their families on this time-

honored day. We want to help ease that loneliness and make Thanksgiving as special as possible."

In addition to providing meals, Pasadena Senior Center staff and volunteers will call 2,000 older adults in the Pasadena area to wish them a happy Thanksgiving and assess their well-being.

A special Thanksgiving Day event from 1 to 2 p.m. via Zoom will encourage people of all ages who will be isolated that day to enjoy a drop-in social, visit with each other, share what they are cooking and/or eating, how they are getting into the spirit of Thanksgiving under the circumstances and what they are grateful for during these trying times. Visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Social Hour to register. Everyone who registers will receive a link via email to participate.

"We have been bringing people together for large gatherings on Thanksgiving and other holidays at the Pasadena Senior Center for 24 years," Gibbs added. "During this pandemic, everyone is having to adapt to isolation at home. I am pleased and grateful that we have been able to come up with alternatives this year."

Plans are in the works for a very special, virtual Christmas event on Dec. 25, which will be announced.

For more information about online activities and other programs and services of the Pasadena Senior Center during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) or call 626-795-4331.

## South Pasadena Senior Center Holiday Drive-By

On December 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the South Pasadena Senior Center is hosting a Holiday Treat Drive-By where seniors over the age of 55 can receive a treat bag for the holiday season.

Advanced reservations are required and can be made by calling the Senior Center at 626-403-7360. Pick-up time

slots will be assigned. Deadline to sign up is Monday, December 14th.

Treat bags are sponsored by the Senior Citizen Foundation of South Pasadena who is committed to making a difference and supporting the Senior Center.

For more information visit: [southpasadenaca.gov](http://southpasadenaca.gov).

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## COMMUNITY: ARCADIA PD AND CALIFORNIA OTS REMINDS YOU TO SLOW DOWN! NEW ANTI-SPEEDING CAMPAIGN

*The Arcadia Police Department is joining the California Office of Traffic Safety as it launches a new "Anti-Speeding Campaign." "This campaign is geared to encourage drivers to slow down. The holiday season is here, and we are all in a rush. In the words of the OTS, "Slow the Fast Down!"*

Elk Grove, Calif. – The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is launching a new education campaign encouraging drivers to drive at a safe, legal speed.

Starting today through Nov. 29, the "Slow the Fast Down" campaign will feature a series of safety messages on digital platforms, including social media, streaming and gaming services, and outdoor billboards. In addition, video public service announcements will run on broadcast and social media, as well as audio versions on radio.

The OTS hopes to raise awareness about the dangers of speeding, which has been a top traffic safety issue throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's clear that there have been immediate changes in driver behavior with more drivers speeding, some at excessive and extremely dangerous speeds," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "This trend is alarming. We should be focused on protecting lives and the simple action of following speed limits helps keep ourselves and others safe."

Between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 of this year, California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers issued 4,851 citations for speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour, a 93% increase when compared to the same period last year.

In federal fiscal year 2017-18, speed was a factor in approximately 31% of all fatal and injury crashes in California.

According to a 2020 survey conducted by the OTS and California State University, Fresno, nearly half of respondents believed it is acceptable to speed as long as it is not more than 10 miles per hour, but 78% believed it to be unacceptable to drive 20 miles per hour or more over the speed limit.

"Speeding is a choice," Director Rooney said. "We hope to shift social norms for speeding and encourage people to slow down on the road."

To learn more about the campaign and ways to stay safe on the go, visit [gosafelyca.org](https://gosafelyca.org).



The OTS administers traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and injuries on California roads. The OTS is a department under the California State Transportation Agency.

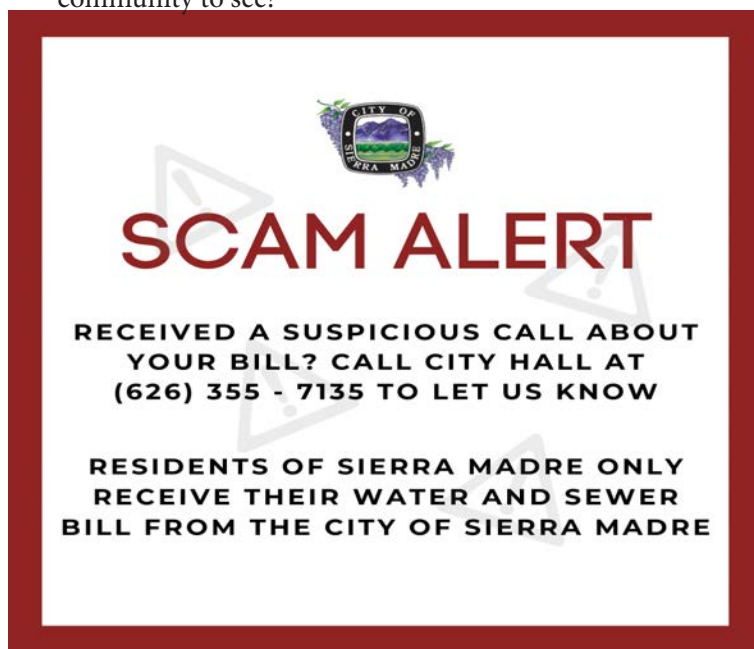
# ARCADIA/MONROVIA-DUARTE



We are now accepting applications for the 2020 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. What better way to celebrate the spirit of the holidays then by decorating your home!

- Contest registration will close on Monday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Judging will take place on December 10 - 13
- Addresses of all entered homes will be included on the Holiday Home Decorating Contest Map
- Awards will be given out to the following categories:
  - Best Still Display
  - Best Outdoor Display
  - Most Effective Use of Lighting
  - Best Neighborhood Effort
  - Santa's Workshop Award
  - Holiday Spirit Award
  - Judges Award
  - Children's Choice Award

Come join in on the fun by decorating your home for the community to see!



## Giving to Fellow Duarte Families and Youth this Holiday Season

The Duarte community continues a treasured tradition this year: the Duarte Holiday of Promise Project, which gifts toys and goods to hundreds of Duarte families and youth.

Duarte Parks and Recreation AmeriCorps VIP Fellows and the Public Safety Department are partnering with the Neighborhood Watch, the Duarte Community Services Council, the Duarte Emblem Club, and the Duarte Elks Club to ensure a joyous 2020 holiday season during this challenging year.

"Children need joy more than ever this holiday season," said Duarte AmeriCorps Lead Daisy Perez. "With the abrupt changes children have had to endure this past year, we are proud to be able to give them a sense of normalcy and cheer through the Duarte Holiday of Promise Project."

The Project is accepting new toys, new clothes, personal items, electronics, dry goods, canned and boxed food, beverages, dry ingredients, desserts/sweets, baby formula, and diapers. If you're planning to donate toys, ensure that:

All toy donations are new and store packaged, but not gift-wrapped

Toys do not contain small parts that could present a choking hazard to small children

Donated toys enrich Duarte youth's development

If you're interested in donating to the Duarte Holiday of Promise Project, you can drop off your gifts at the Duarte Public Safety Office (1042 Huntington Drive) until Saturday, December 5 by 4:00 p.m.

Another option is to donate during one of the scheduled drive-thru drop-off events from 2-4 p.m. at the Duarte Civic Center (1600 Huntington Drive) on any of the following dates:

Thursday, December 3  
Wednesday, December 9  
Wednesday, December 16

You may also make donations in other ways, such as by writing a check, made payable to "Duarte Community SC," or donating gift cards and other similar items.

All donations will be delivered to and distributed by the Duarte Community Services Council.

"The toy drive brings joy to me every year. The Lord has blessed me with the ability to give," said Duarte Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Olivia Brys. "No child should be without a toy on Christmas."

For more information about the Duarte Holiday of Promise Project, please contact Daisy Perez at (626) 357-7931, ext. 206 or Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316.



# ALTADENA-SO. PASADENA-SAN MARINO

## San Marino Fire Helps Toys for Tots Program

This holiday season, the San Marino Fire Department is proud to support the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Now through Friday, December 11, the San Marino Fire Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys and books for children ages 0-12 years. Last year, the Los Angeles County North-Pasadena Toys for Tots Program distributed 125,204 toys to 60,000 children.

To ensure the safety of residents and personnel, and to minimize potential health risks, a Toys for Tots collection box will be located outside the Fire Station lobby entrance Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Friday, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Residents wishing to make a monetary donation, or select a toy to donate from the Toys for Tots virtual toy box, may do so online at [los-angeles-ca.toysfortots.org](https://los-angeles-ca.toysfortots.org) or contact the Los Angeles County North – Pasadena campaign directly at [Pasadena.ca@toysfortots.org](mailto:Pasadena.ca@toysfortots.org) or by phone at (626) 398-0295.

COVID-19 has affected many families this year and has drastically changed the way many families are celebrating the upcoming holidays. Thank you for your generosity and help to

deliver a little holiday cheer this season.

Toys for Tots, a 70-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to less fortunate children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by Marines and volunteers offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime. We believe it is such experiences that help disadvantaged children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community. For more information, visit: [toysfortots.org](https://toysfortots.org).

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

## Apply for Young Legislators Program by December 15

State Assemblymember Chris Holden announced Tuesday the availability of applications for the 2021 Young Legislators Program. Now in its sixth year, the Young Legislators Program offers high school seniors in the 41st Assembly District a front row seat to the public policy and political arena.

"I'm excited to launch the sixth annual Young Legislators Program for the 41st Assembly District," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "While we are meeting virtually this year, I have no doubt this program will again have a lasting impact on the students."

During the four month program, students will meet virtually once a month to become better advocates on issues they care about, gain valuable leadership skills, and learn about the legislative process.

"I loved learning about the role and importance of both local government and

agencies that work to serve their communities," said Bess Brandow who participated in the 2019 Young Legislators Program.

"The entire program was phenomenal! It strengthened my passion for politics and has made me become more engaged to further follow what I believe in," said Osvaldo Valdiviezo who participated in the 2018 Young Legislators Program. "Also the friendships and memories I made are something I treasure and am grateful for."

The 2021 Young Legislators Program is open to high school seniors living in the 41st Assembly District. Applicants must commit to four monthly, two-hour Saturday meetings starting in February 2021 and submit applications by December 15, 2020. Program details and application are available online at <https://a41.asmdc.org/young-legislators-program-2021>.

## County to Provide Critical Funding for Hope Center

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger Tuesday to provide critical funding for the Pasadena Hope Center, a new permanent supportive housing project that will be developed by The Salvation Army in Pasadena.

The Pasadena Hope Center will feature a modern, four-story building that will provide 65 studio apartments for highly vulnerable single adults who are experiencing homelessness. The first floor will provide space for supportive services on-site, including The Salvation Army's Pasadena social services offices, which serves low-income individuals and families with a large client choice food pantry and supportive service referrals. The Fifth Supervisorial District is allocating \$378,000 in Homeless Services Center (HSC) funds to this much-needed effort.

"We know that housing alone does not solve the complex issue of homelessness," Barger said. "It is essential to include robust supportive programs on-site, such as mental health services and employment support, to provide highly acute individuals with the tools needed to retain their housing long-term."

In the 2020 Homeless Count, there were a total of 527 people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena, a significant decline from the peak count in 2011 which identified 1,216 individuals. This 50 percent reduction in the population of people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena follows a system-wide implementation of Housing First best practices and a strong focus on targeted strategies to increase the availability of permanent housing according to Barger.

## South Pas Library Hosts Blood Drive On Nov. 23

The Library is pleased to partner once again with the Red Cross to facilitate the donation of much needed blood products. We have collected 243 pints of blood during the pandemic, benefitting 972 patients. Sign up today to donate during our blood drive that will take place in the Library Community Room (1115 El Centro Street) on Monday, November 23 by visiting: [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and searching for SOPASLIB.



Appointments are available between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Red Cross is encouraging young donors by offering those between the ages of 16 and 24 a \$10 gift card to selected restaurants.

## New Season of NASA's 'On a Mission' Podcast Focuses on Planet Earth

Get ready to take an audio journey to an exotic planet: Earth. You may think you know all about our planet, but you're in for some surprises as season three of NASA's "On a Mission" podcast shares insights from researchers who explore the highest heights and the deepest depths, weaving together a saga of the strange yet familiar place we call home.

Hosted by Leslie Mullen of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the 10 episodes take us from deep space, where Earth looks like a pale blue dot, to below our home planet's surface. The audio journeys

show not just how the planet's volcanoes, earthquakes, oceans, rivers, atmosphere, and climate work, but how they are all interconnected.

"It's a perfect year to look at Earth," Mullen said, noting the pandemic, raging wildfires, and record-setting storms. "The different systems on Earth are tied together in an intricate pattern. What happens when you pull on one thread – how does it affect something else?"

You can find "On a Mission" at NASA or Soundcloud. And don't miss the first two award-winning seasons, which focus on the Mars InSight mission and asteroids.

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# AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

## TRANSMISSION SURGES AT DANGEROUS PACE, L.A. COUNTY SEES HIGHEST NUMBER OF NEW COVID-19 CASES AS HOSPITALIZATIONS CLIMB

The County is experiencing a dangerous acceleration of cases that is increasing at a higher rate than the July surge. From June 20 through July 3, the 7-day average increase in new cases was 47%. From October 28 through November 10, the 7-day average increase in new cases is surging at 68%.

There are 1,238 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 28% of these people are in the ICU. The daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 has increased nearly every day since November 2 when daily hospitalizations were 777. To date, Public Health identified 353,232 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and it is certain that many more have been infected; we have experienced a total of 7,363 deaths.

COVID-19 affects different systems in the body and can cause health effects that linger for months. COVID-19 often causes a pneumonia that can be serious. The type of pneumonia associated with COVID-19 can cause long-standing damage to the tiny air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs. The resulting scar tissue can lead to long-term breathing problems.

Heart conditions are also associated with COVID-19, and include inflammation and damage to the heart muscle itself. Imaging tests taken months after recovery from COVID-19 patients have shown lasting damage to the heart muscle, even in people who experienced only mild COVID-19 symptoms. This may increase the risk of heart failure or other heart complications in the future.

"We send our deepest condolences to the many people across our County grieving a family member or friend who has passed away due to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Right now, the kindest thing we can do for our family, friends and neighbors is to protect each other from potentially becoming infected with COVID-19. As cases are surging and hospitalizations are increasing, we need to stay home as much as possible, protect those who are elderly or have underlying health conditions, and stop gathering with people not in our households."

Celebrating the holidays will be very different this year. The safest way is to celebrate only with members of your household, meaning those with whom you currently live with, and to connect virtually with other friends and family who live outside of your household. Other safe options include decorating your home and enjoying a drive around neighborhoods seeing other decorations. Public Health also recommends to shop early for groceries and other needed items to avoid crowds or have groceries delivered to you.

Exercise is important for both physical and mental health, and exercising outdoors is a great option. We encourage you to take advantage of our wonderful trails and beaches. If you are walking or jogging in an area with other people around, please wear a face covering and practice distancing of at least 6 feet.

It is crucial businesses understand, implement and follow all safety protocols closely and ensure adherence with all Health Officer Order directives including operating hours, occupancy, masking, infection control and distancing requirements, ensuring there are no crowded spaces or places, report outbreaks of three or more cases, and allow employees to work from home as much as possible.

Employees are reminded if you need to go onsite to work, wear a face covering, practice distancing and follow all other infection control requirements. If you have concerns about your workplace following safety protocols that keep you and customers safe, you can anonymously call the customer call center at (888) 700-9995, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Of the 29 new deaths reported today, 12 people that passed away were over the age of 80 years old, eight people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, and seven people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64 years old. Eighteen people who died had underlying health conditions including eight people over the age of 80 years old, five people between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, and five people between the ages of 50 and 64 years old. Two deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach.

Ninety-three percent of the people who died from COVID-19 had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 6,947 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health); 52% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 23% among White residents, 14% among Asian residents, 9% among African American/Black residents, less than 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races. Upon further investigation, 135 cases and one death reported earlier were not L.A. County residents.

Testing results are available for nearly 3,473,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive.

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

## FORMER PASADENA POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO FIREARMS CHARGES

A former police officer with both the Pasadena and Torrance Police Departments has been charged with being an unlicensed firearms dealer who sold dozens of guns, as well as certifying he was the actual purchaser of a handgun, when, in fact, he was buying the gun for another person, the Justice Department announced Tuesday.

According to the Department of Justice, Lindley Alan Hupp, 32, of Long Beach, was named in a two-count information filed Friday in United States District Court. In conjunction with the charging document, federal prosecutors also filed a plea agreement in which Hupp agreed to plead guilty to the two felony offenses – engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license, and making a false statement in a federal firearm licensee's records during purchase of a firearm.

According to the court documents, Hupp sold at least 48 firearms during an eight and a half year period while employed by the Torrance Police. Hupp sold another two guns in 2011 while serving as an auxiliary police officer with the Pasadena Police Department.

"In violation of federal law, Hupp sold firearms without a federal firearms license," Hupp admitted in his plea agreement. "Hupp made a business of dealing firearms, in part, by abusing exemptions made available to him under California law as a sworn peace officer. Of the forty-eight (48) firearms defendant sold while employed at the TPD, thirty-six (36) firearms were 'off roster' firearms; that is, firearms that Hupp's non-law enforcement customers could not have purchased directly from a licensed firearms dealer."

Hupp admitted making a material false statement on a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives recertification form (Form 4473) when he purchased a Glock 9mm handgun in November 2015. After offering to sell two Glockes for sale on an online marketplace, Hupp purchased one Glock handgun from a Brea firearms dealer. When Hupp went to pick up the gun after the 10-day waiting period, he signed a Form 4473 in which he falsely certified he was "the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm" knowing that he was the "straw buyer" of the firearm on behalf of another individual who purchased the handgun from Hupp a few days later.

Hupp will make his initial appearance in United States District Court on December 3.

This matter was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the FBI.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE 11/20/2020

11/20/2020 3:30pm

LOS ANGELES COUNTY*	11/20/20	11/13/20
Total Cases	357,451	332,865

Deaths	7,396	7,246
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STATS BY CITY	Population	Cases	Deaths
	(11/13/2020 stats in parenthesis)		

Pasadena	14,1371	3255	(3027)	131	(129)
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	104	(101)	2	(2)

City of Arcadia	57,754	676	(641)	44	(42)
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	132	(116)	4	(4)

City of Bradbury	1,069	21	(21)	0	(0)
City of Duarte	22,016	722	(667)	32	(31)
Uninc.- Duarte	4,428	196	(185)	4	(4)

City of Monrovia	38,800	986	(928)	42	(42)
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	91	(91)	0	(0)

City of Sierra Madre	10,989	113	(99)	4	(4)
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City of So.Pasadena	26,053	367	(341)	26	(26)
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Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	895	(834)	19	(18)
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La County Testing as of 11/20/20: 3,473,290 (3,319,276)  
Positivity Rate (No. of persons positive out of total persons tested) as 11/20/20: 9.5% Nationally recommended Positivity Level: 5%



## CALIFORNIA'S LIMITED STAY AT HOME ORDER

- All non-essential activities stop from 10PM-5AM
- Applies to all counties in purple tier
- Effective 11/21/2020 - 12/21/2020
- Activities from 10pm-5AM are often non-essential or gatherings that spread COVID-19.
- Reducing movement & mixing of households protects essential workers and dramatically slows spread, hospitalizations, and deaths.

[covid19.ca.gov](http://covid19.ca.gov)

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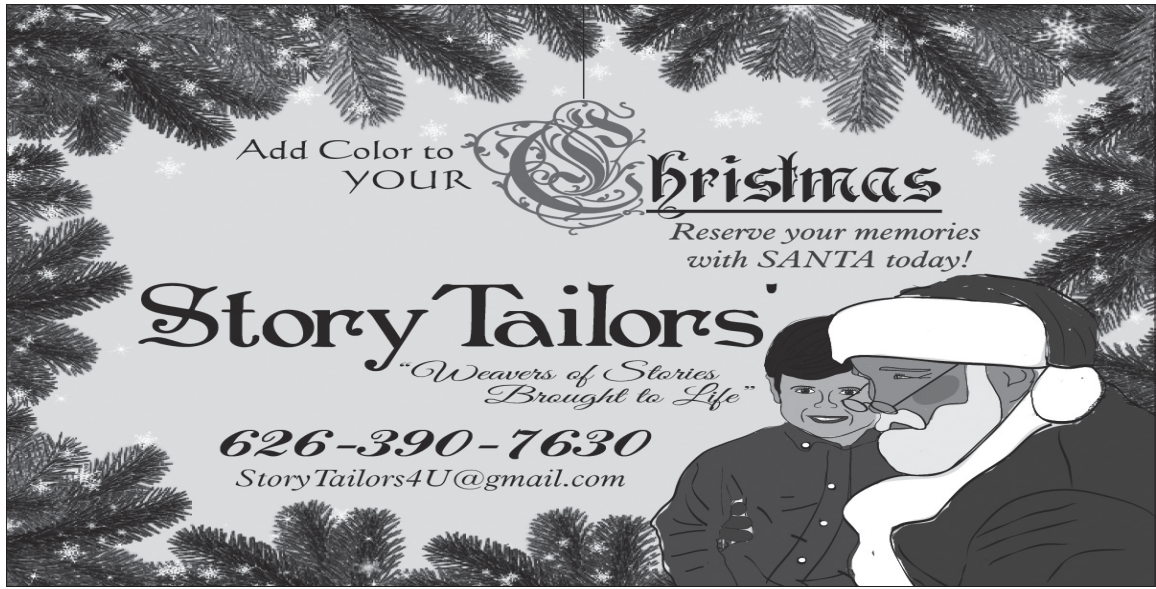
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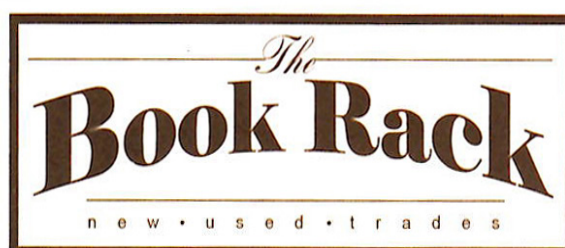
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## PUSD SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Message from Superintendent Brian McDonald

Dear PUSD Community,

*In light of the Governor's announcement of actions to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, I'd like to provide you with an update about the way that PUSD is responding. I would also like to inform you of the progress we have been making to welcome students to our campus once public health authorities deem it safe to begin in-person instruction.*

*We have traveled a long road together since the pandemic began, and the PUSD team is as determined as ever to protect the safety of our students, employees, and community while delivering a quality education for our students.*

### COVID-19 Surge

*In response to the surge of COVID-19 cases, yesterday Governor Gavin Newsom announced immediate actions to slow the spread of the virus. The "emergency brake" actions take effect on Tuesday, November 17.*

*As you know, Los Angeles County has been in the state's Tier 1 or purple tier, the most restrictive of the reopening risk tiers for several months.*

*In light of stricter measures and after consulting with the Pasadena Public Health Department, we have taken the following steps:*

- Programs scheduled to begin this week are suspended until further notice.
- o Special Education services for small groups of students scheduled to begin Tuesday, November 17, are suspended until further notice. This affects 26 families.
- o Athletic conditioning, which was scheduled to begin Monday at high schools, is suspended until further notice.
- Consistent with state guidance about existing programs, LEARNs and the Blair International Academy, which have been operating for several weeks, will remain open since students and staff are now used to the safety protocols. Pasadena Public Health visited Blair last week to review safety protocols and approved our implementation.

### Return to School Dates

*Due to the current COVID-19 surge and actions taken by the Governor to mitigate the spread of the virus, we will need to remain flexible about our target date of mid-January to begin the gradual return of students to campuses. The return date depends on the status of COVID-19 rates in Los Angeles County by mid-December.*

### Return to School Survey - Deadline extended to December 6, 2020

*We are continuing to plan for the possible reopening of schools when public health conditions allow. We want to reassure you that we will not be reopening until health conditions are deemed safe by the Pasadena Public Health Department.*

*In order to plan for staffing and supplies once public health authorities allow us to return to in-person instruction, we ask that all current families complete the Return to School survey by December 6. Although your answers are binding for the remainder of the 2020-2021 year, please keep in mind that we will be as responsive as possible to our families while maintaining the continuity of learning. We may on a case-by-case basis consider a student's desire to shift from in-person to remote learning.*

*We need your information because we have to commit to the assignment of staff members to each site so that your child/children get the support they will need. To get a glimpse of what the school day will be like for students, please watch this video.*

*We encourage you to complete your survey answers before December 6. We will continue to reach out to you. If we don't get a response, we will have to assume that your child/children will remain in distance learning for the remainder of the year.*

### Plans for the Return to School

*Regardless of the return date, our preparations for return to school continue. We are working to ensure that once public health authorities deem it safe to return to in-person instruction, PUSD will be ready to welcome students.*

*Agreement with United Teachers of Pasadena I am pleased to inform you that after careful deliberation, we have reached an agreement with United Teachers of Pasadena (UTP) for the return to schools when public health authorities deem it safe to begin in-person instruction. The agreement reflects our mutual commitment to provide a quality educational experience while maintaining the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agreement sets a new path forward for us to work together in the new year, and I appreciate the time and efforts of UTP members, the Board of Education, and the negotiating teams in moving our district forward. See the agreement*

*A Gradual, Staggered Return Students will return to campus in gradual, staggered groups, beginning with TK-2nd grade, followed in the next several weeks by Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. It's likely that high school students would return a month after TK-2.*

*Simultaneous Learning PUSD will use a simultaneous learning model when students return to campus. Because the number of students on campus at any one time is limited, students will be grouped according to their stated preference in the Return to School Survey. For information about the simultaneous learning model that will be used when students return to campus, watch our video or see our fact sheet and frequently asked questions.*

*How Students Will Be Grouped Students will be grouped into cohorts of X, Y, Z to allow for physical distancing.*

- X = students on campus for live, in-person instruction Tuesdays - Fridays.
- Y = cohort created if the number of students who request in-person exceeds the number of students permitted on campus. In this case, Cohorts X and Y will rotate between in-person and remote learning.
- Z = students remain online for live, synchronous instruction Tuesdays - Fridays.

*Understanding that there will be more movement of students in middle and high schools, grades 6-12 will be structured to limit the mixing of student cohorts to the extent practicable.*

*Schedules The weekly schedule will remain the same as distance learning this fall, with Mondays in asynchronous learning and Tuesdays-Fridays in synchronous instruction. Start and dismissal times remain the same.*

*Please continue to check our website at [www.pusd.us/covid19](http://www.pusd.us/covid19) for updates. Stay healthy and safe!*

Sincerely,  
Brian McDonald, Ed.D. Superintendent

**TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills**  
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## DILLS WINE PICKS FOR YOUR TURKEY

Thanksgiving is upon us and it is my sworn duty to come up with a handful of wines that will go with a traditional oven baked turkey /smoked turkey, even the duck substitution will go well with my list. First, sorry in advance for all my chardonnay loving readers (see blow for my apology) A high-acid, low-tannin Pinot, with bright cherry and cranberry flavors over rich spices, can do right by almost all the exuberant side dishes any turkey might require. San Simeon makes a marvelous Pinot Noir under \$20 it is a winner.

My second choice, though, isn't a surprise, at least if you love bubbles like I do. Two California Sparklers that I enjoy, Domaine Carneros Brut (\$30) from the house of Taittinger, I have said that this wine from California comes as close to a 'real' champagne that I've had, I picked up a bottle recently at Pavilions and it will also go great with Prime Rib. Newsweek Magazine selected the Roederer Estate their value for the new millennium and I agree, when I am shopping for that \$20 wine it is my go to choice.

How about a Rose, my friend Jason Valenzuela, wine steward par excellence recommends the AIX is hails from the south of France/Provence. Last but not least do consider a Cabernet, a favorite side kick of Prime Rib for years, our own Maddalena



has an outstanding one and the price of \$15 is perfect for the holidays, who does Prime Rib on Thanksgiving? I must admit the Dills household has been doing it for years.

My Chardonnay apology, all that sauce, butter, gravy will absolutely kill any hope of your favorite buttery Oaky Chardonnay, though I defend your right to drink what you like to drink at any holiday party! San Simeon Pinot Noir Maddalena Cabernet Domaine Carneros Brut AIX Rose Roederer Estate All available at your local Vons Join me every Sunday Morning on Go Country 105 FM at 8 AM

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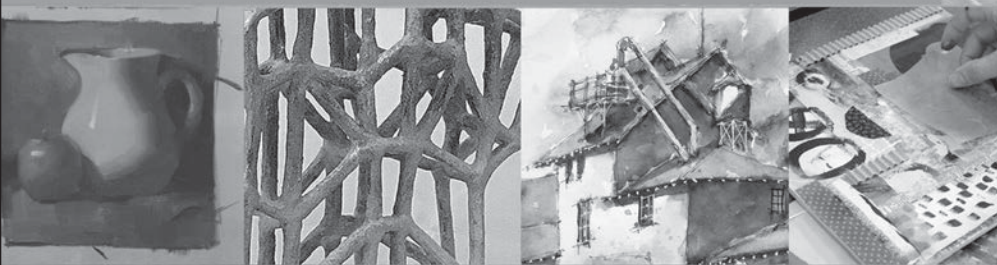
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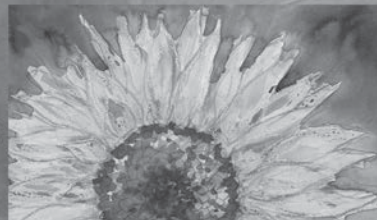
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It's Roots, and other Commentary

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Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday of the year. Even moreso than Christmas. It is our uniquely American holiday where the family gathers, where we remember our roots, we share a meal, and we hopefully “give thanks.”

But today, we hardly know what “giving thanks” even means, and so the act of giving thanks is lost on most of us. Newscasters talk about “turkey day,” as if all there was to the day was eating turkey. Interestingly, most folks would not know whether or not they were eating turkey, or eating crow, and most of the time we’re doing the latter, figuratively speaking. Then, when we have barely taken the time to consider the notion of “giving thanks,” we get up early on the following “black Friday” to rush around with the mobs “looking for a good deal” to help us celebrate the consumer-driven commercial craze into which we’ve morphed “Christmas.” Perhaps the many restrictions and even fears of the Pandemic will allow us to give pause and consider the real meaning of this special day.

Let’s take a moment to look at the roots of Thanksgiving.

In the history of the emerging United States, we tell ourselves that our first historic Thanksgiving Day was in October of 1621. After a successful harvest that year at the Plymouth colony, there was about a week or so of celebrations. The local Indians and the colonists joined together, with the Indians generally showing the colonists how to hunt for the meal which consisted of fowl, deer, duck, goose, and fish. Corn bread, wild greens, plums, leeks, and many other vegetables (wild and domestic) were shared in this celebration. Interestingly, there is no recorded evidence that wild turkey or wild cranberries were part of the menu. And we tell and re-tell this particular American story as if it is all about food!

In fact, some (but not all) historians question whether or not there were any religious overtones at all on this “first Thanksgiving,” citing such evidence as the archery and firearms games, and the running and jumping competitions, which they say would never be done at religious ceremonies by the Puritans. The “competition” was more likely the men on each side doing their shows of bravado with weapons and physical feats before sitting down to eat.

What then is it, if anything, that sets the American (and the Canadian) Thanksgiving celebration apart from any of the other myriad of Harvest Festivals?

Not widely known is that this “first thanksgiving” feast had mostly political overtones, which seem to have largely backfired. Tisquantum (“Squanto”) was the interpreter for Massasoit, who was the political-military leader of the local Wampanoag tribe. Massasoit was worried that his weakened tribe would be taken-advantage of by the stronger Narragansett, because his own group had been so reduced from disease. Massasoit would permit the European newcomers to stay as long as they liked, as long as they aligned with Massasoit against the Narragansett. (Read all about it in your history books). Tisquantum spoke English because he’d been to England and back, and had his own plan to re-establish his home-town village near what became the Plimouth colony.

Though Tisquantum successfully helped Massasoit broker a pact with the newcomers from across the ocean, Tisquantum died about a year later. The truce that Massasoit hoped to cement lasted perhaps another 50 years until the the flood of Europeans flowing into Massachusetts and all of what was to become the eastern United States was too great to stop.

Despite the varied history of this day, Americans have chosen to see this as day set aside so that we do not lose sight of our spiritual blessings. We should not confuse “giving thanks” with “eating a lot of really good food.” “Giving Thanks” is an enlightened attitude which accompanies specific actions. Perhaps sharing our bounty with the needy would be a better Thanksgiving activity, especially this year with so much hunger and need that has become the byproduct of government efforts to fight the Pandemic. More to the point, perhaps we should use Thanksgiving to give thanks where it is due -- to the indigenous peoples who have become the “forgotten minorities.” Rather than “eat a lot,” perhaps we could send blankets, food, or money to any of the American Indian families or nations who today live in Third World conditions.

But we really should not forget our national roots. Don’t just give lip-service thanks to the Native Americans whose land was taken. Rather, find those organizations that are actually providing real assistance to Native Americans in poverty, such as many of those living in the third world conditions so prevalent on today’s reservations.

Of course, we all know friends, family members, and even strangers in our midst who have great need. This Thanksgiving, give thanks for your plenty by sharing with those in your midst who have so little.

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Like everything else in 2020, for most people this Thanksgiving will look quite different than traditional ones. There will likely be fewer folks around the dinner table. Friends may be connecting on FaceTime. Grandma might be joining by Zoom, sadly without her famous applesauce sweet potatoes.



Although there might be fewer human visitors, one thing that’s certain is that more than 600,000 American homes have newly adopted dogs and cats to be thankful for, with an additional 60,000 or so pets currently grateful to be spending the holiday in foster homes, according to PetPoint’s 24Pet ShelterWatch report.

Thanksgiving is often one of the busiest evenings for emergency vet clinics, so it’s an important time to be extra careful with our animal friends. (Especially this year, when many animal hospitals are operating under COVID restrictions.) That way the holiday can be happy and healthy for everyone, and maybe your veterinarian can have the night off too.



Best Friends Animal Society hopes to help make this a happy, healthy holiday for all family members by offering a few special precautions to protect our pets:

Those soulful eyes may tempt pet owners to give in to their begging critters but sharing the fabulous feast can lead to trouble for pets.

Too much rich, fatty food, or simply new, unfamiliar foods can upset a pet’s stomach--and even cause pancreatitis, which can be life-threatening--so owners should go easy on the tidbits. Poultry or ham bones can break up or splinter in a pet’s stomach and be deadly, so dogs and cats should never be allowed to gnaw on them, and bones should go outside to the trash immediately.

Other food-flavored items like plastic wrap, string, mesh or the pop-up timer can smell tempting to curious pets but can injure their stomachs if stolen and ingested.

Chocolate, especially that used for baking, is toxic for dogs, so it should be kept out of reach. Other common food items that can be poisonous to dogs include onions, raisins and grapes, so avoid sharing these. It’s a good idea to review these rules with any guests as well, since well-meaning holiday visitors might not know the potential harm caused by slipping treats to the pets under the table.

If pet owners want to make the holiday special for their four-footed family members, they should plan ahead and have safe, delicious dog and cat treats on hand, like canned pet food or a tasty pet treats or fun toy.

There are also many great recipes online for homemade dog and cat treats that are fun to make and extra special for our pets.

A final note to consider is that many common decorative plants and flowers can be toxic for curious cats and dogs, so before buying plants or creating the centerpiece, it’s wise to check to ensure that you’re not using anything that could poison your pets. According to the AVMA, some plant hazards include amaryllis, baby’s breath, sweet William, some ferns, hydrangeas and others.

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Katnip News!



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Pet of the Week

Three-year-old Churro loves people as much as people love churros! This handsome dog isn’t a huge fan of cats or other dogs, so he would prefer to be the only pet in the home, but has so much love to give to humans and will make a great only child. While some dogs like treats more than anything, Churro wants back scratches and cuddles, so if you’re ready for some snuggle time, Churro can fill that role. He’s also very playful and loves to run, so if you’re looking to mix in some running time with your new best friend, he can do that too! Churro checks all the boxes, all he needs is you!



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.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule a virtual adoption appointment at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following week.

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## HOW TO CLAIM SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Dear Savvy Senior:

With my local Social Security offices being closed due to COVID-19, what is the best way to apply for my Social Security retirement benefits? Approaching 62



Dear Approaching,

Because of the pandemic, all Social Security field offices across the country have been closed since March, so you can't just walk-in, talk to a counselor and apply for benefits in person right now. But there are other ways to claim your benefits that are much easier and quicker. Here's what you should know.

How to Apply?

The easiest and most convenient way to apply for your Social Security benefits during the pandemic is to do it yourself online at SocialSecurity.gov. It usually takes around 15 minutes to complete the application, as long as you've gathered all of the required information and documentation (more on that at the bottom of the column). You can also save your application as you go, so you can take a break at any time.

If your situation is complicated or you're uncomfortable using the Internet to apply, you can have a Social Security employee assist with the process via telephone. To make an appointment call 800-772-1213. (If you're hearing impaired, you can call 800-325-0778.) The phones are monitored Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. At the time of your appointment, the representative will call you.

If you start to complete the online application form but find that it's too confusing or complicated, call the agency and set up a phone appointment.

Once you have submitted your application, a representative may contact you with updates or questions about your application. You can also check the status of your application by signing in to your "my Social Security" account at SSA.gov/myaccount.

When to Apply?

You should file one or two months before you want benefits to begin, but if you're the worrying type, you can do it up to three or four months before. It takes a little time to process the paperwork, so by putting in your application a few months early, you can fix any problems that come up without it interfering with your starting date.

It's also worth noting that if you start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits before age 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

But if you decide to delay your retirement benefits, you'll need to sign up just for Medicare at age 65, which you can also do at SocialSecurity.gov or over the phone at 800-772-1213.

Need Information

In order to apply for Social Security benefits online or over the phone, you'll need to be able to document some information about your identity and work history. So before applying, have the following information handy:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your birth certificate (original or certified).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status if you were not born in the United States.
- A copy of your U.S. military service papers if you had military service before 1968.
- A copy of your W-2 forms and/or self-employment tax return for last year.
- Your bank information (including your account number and the bank routing number) where you want your benefits direct deposited to.

For a complete checklist of what you'll need to complete your application, see SSA.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf.

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



### GETTING DIVORCED? DON'T OVERLOOK THESE 4 UPDATES TO YOUR ESTATE PLAN—PART 2

Last week in part one [https://www.calilaw.com/getting-divorced-dont-overlook-these-4-updates-to-your-estate-plan-part-1/], we discussed the first two changes you should make to your plan if you're getting divorced: updating your beneficiary designations and power of attorney documents. Here in part two, we'll cover the final updates to consider.

3. Create a new will

Creating a new will is not something that can wait until after your divorce. In fact, you should create a new will as soon as you decide to get divorced, since once divorce papers are filed, you may not be able to change your will. And because most married couples name each other as their executor and the beneficiary of their estate, it's important to name a new person to fill these roles as well.

When creating a new will, rethink how you want your assets divided upon your death. This most likely means naming new beneficiaries for any assets that you'd previously left to your future ex and his or her family. Keep in mind that California has community-property laws that entitle your surviving spouse to a certain percentage of the marital estate upon your death, no matter what your will dictates. So if you die before the divorce is final, you probably won't be able to entirely disinherit your surviving spouse through the new will.

Yet, it's almost certain you wouldn't want him or her to get everything. With this in mind, you should create your new will as soon as possible once divorce is inevitable to ensure the proper individuals inherit the remaining percentage of your estate should you pass away while your divorce is still ongoing.

4. Amend your existing trust or create a new one

If you have a revocable living trust, you'll want to review and update it, too. In addition to re-considering what assets your soon-to-be ex spouse should receive through the trust, you'll probably want to replace him or her as successor trustee, if they are so designated.

And if you don't have a trust in place, you should seriously consider creating one, especially if you have minor children. Trusts provide a wide range of powers and benefits unavailable through a will, and they're particularly well-suited for blended families. Given the possibility that both you and your spouse will eventually get remarried—and perhaps have more children—trusts are an invaluable way to protect and manage the assets you want your children to inherit.

By using a trust, for example, should you die or become incapacitated while your kids are minors, you can name someone of your choosing to serve as successor trustee to manage their money until they reach adulthood, making it impossible for your ex to meddle with their inheritance.

Beyond this key benefit, trusts afford you several other levels of enhanced protection and control not possible with a will. For this reason, you should at least discuss creating a trust with an experienced lawyer before ruling out the option entirely.

Post-divorce planning

During the divorce process, your primary estate planning goal is limiting your soon-to-be ex's control over your life and assets should you die or become incapacitated before divorce is final. In light of this, the individuals to whom you grant power of attorney, name as trustee, designate to receive your 401k, or add to your plan in any other way while the divorce is ongoing are of ten just temporary.

Once your divorce is final and your marital property has been divided up, you should revisit all of your planning documents and update them based on your new asset profile and living situation. From there, your plan should continuously evolve as your life changes, especially following major life events, such as getting remarried, having additional children, and when close family members pass away.

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MARC

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...November Birthdays\*



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### 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

### BEING NICE DOES HAVE ITS REWARDS

It was one of those weeks. It seems that every week of mine is "one of those weeks." Just

when I think everything was looking fine, I discovered I was looking in the wrong direction. I should know better than thinking. Several problems developed with my vehicle, and I had to take it to the garage. Fortunately, when I took it in, it wasn't as serious as I thought it would be. Of course, I was happy about that, and as I drove my vehicle home, I sang one of my happy songs.

The next day, the vehicle had the issue again. I guess he heard me sing that happy song and was going to try to prove me wrong. I should've worn a mask while singing so he wouldn't understand what I was singing. When am I going to learn?

Oh well, it's one of those weeks.

I took the vehicle back to the garage, and they solved the problem very quickly, which made me happy. Remembering the last time I brought the vehicle home, I did not sing my happy song, at least out loud.

When everything goes wrong, it is tough to be nice. Having a nice attitude takes a lot of work, and I must say it is beyond my pay grade.

It's not that I don't try to be nice, because I do. I guess one person's nice is another person's naughty. Why is it naughty seems much better than nice?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always reminds me when I'm going somewhere, "You better be nice today!"

I remembered years ago, I asked her to define for me what nice really means. I won't do that again because she told me her view of being nice. I suppose I should have taken notes, but I didn't.

After everything that went wrong this week, I was very much tempted just to give up. I'm not sure what I would give up, but I was tempted to go in that direction.

Then things changed.

First off, I got a check from my publisher, which I was not expecting. As I drove to the bank to deposit the check, I kept from singing my happy song just in case my vehicle was listening. But I was happy.

When I got back from the bank, my wife saw that I was smiling and asked what I was happy about. So, being the "nice" person that I am, I told her. And she was happy for me.

It was just the beginning of the "nice" attitude in my week.

My wife was away for lunch the other day, and so I had to get my lunch. I stopped at Wendy's and

got my lunch, and I have one of those coupons for a free Frosty. I used my coupon, and when I picked up my food, there were two Frostys.

"Excuse me," I said to the waiter, "I only ordered one frosty, but you gave me two."

The person at the window looked at me, smiled, and said, "I just wanted to do something nice for you. Go ahead, keep it." I smiled back at him and thanked him.

When you get something free, and you're not expecting it, it really is nice.

Driving home, I was thinking to myself, "How can my week get any better?"

It started out bad, but was beginning to change course.

As I was thinking about how nice the week was going, I decided to celebrate it by getting an Apple Fritter. What better way to celebrate a nice week? After all, an Apple Fritter eaten without my wife's knowledge is a pretty nice deal.

Driving over to where I get my Apple Fritters, I had a thought in my mind. What if I could get a discount on my Apple Fritter?

The gray cells upstairs started bouncing around, and I came up with a plan.

I went in, got my Apple Fritter, and took it to the cashier. When I got there, I looked at the cashier and said, "If I mention how nice you look today, could you give me a discount on my Apple Fritter?"

For all practical purposes, I never expected a discount. I just thought I would make the cashier feel a little happy with a customer like me.

I could see quite a bit of strain in the lady at the cash register, and I'm sure she's had one of those days like I have every once in a while.

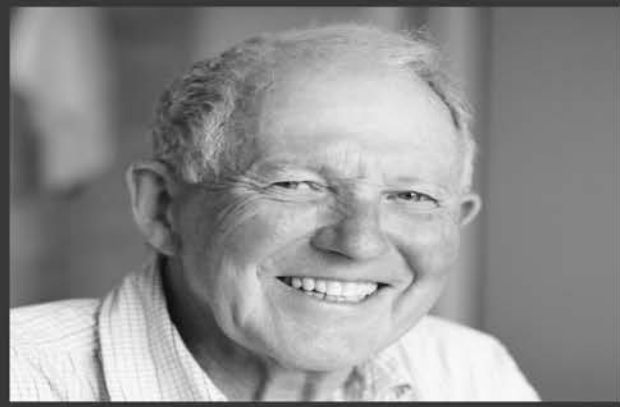
She looked at me, smiled (probably the first time that day), and said, "That's the nicest thing anybody has said to me all day. Sure I can give you a discount. In fact, this Apple Fritter is on the house. Go ahead and take it." Then she smiled as I walked out the door.

Driving home, I thought about it and that being nice sometimes has nice results. Nothing could be nicer for me than a free Apple Fritter.

I thought about the words of Jesus, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

After this little incident, I will take more time practicing to be nice to the people I meet each day.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472.



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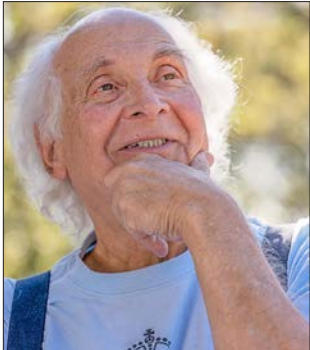
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STUART TOLCHIN



I want to be a better person  
HOW DO YOU DO IT?

At the end of the U.S. Masters Golf Tournament this giant seemingly emotionless guy, Dustin Johnson, broke down in tears as he explained how hard he had worked to get better. Immediately I thought of the Jack Nicholson line in As Good As It Gets, “You make me want to be a better person.” Exactly, that’s what I want—to be a better person! Great, but what does that mean? Better at what—richer, handsomer, younger, more energetic? Kinder, more powerful, more caring, a better writer, a better parent, a better driver? Maybe, sort of, but that’s not really what I’m feeling. That’s the real problem I think. I need some CLARITY about what

it is I am wanting. Perhaps a vision of where I want to go or at least some idea of how to get there even if I don’t know where it is that I want to go.

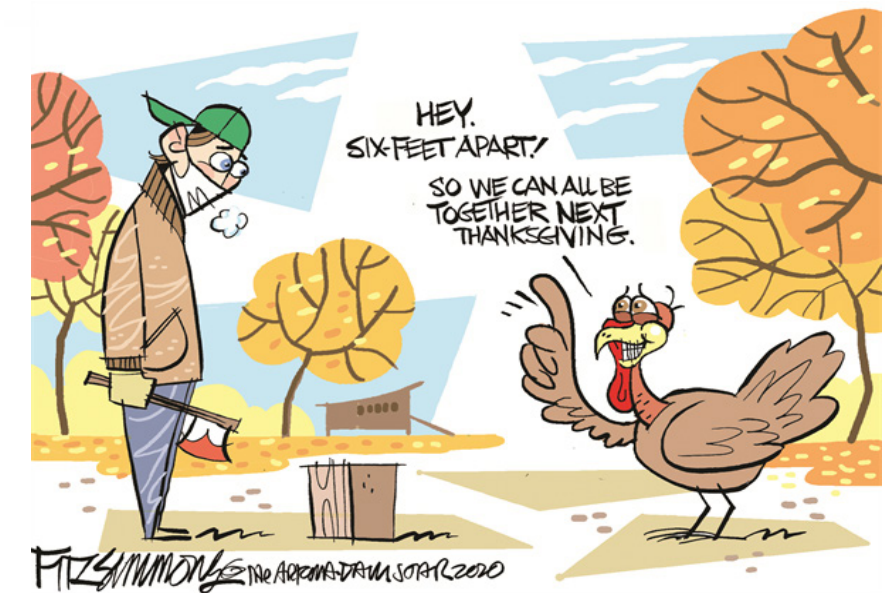
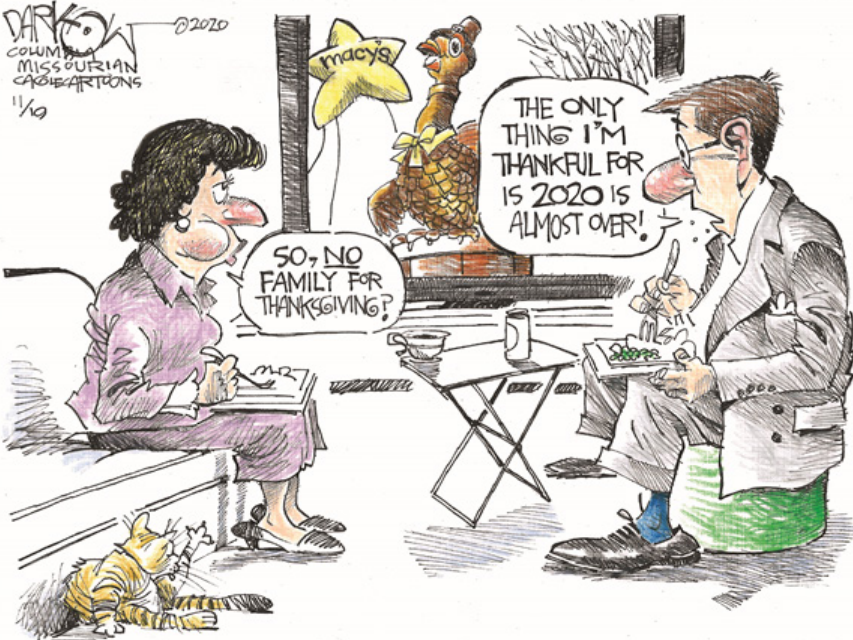
As I think about it, being a better person does not necessarily involve going anywhere, or even achieving anything. It’s not a competition, not about winning or losing. I believe it involves a constant recognition of the gift of life and how as a single person one fits into the great mosaic of existence. We have an ever present responsibility to ourselves to live our life as if it means something. To recognize that our life is something we care about and this caring extends to everyone around us. Let’s look at the major questions of today—to wear a mask or not to wear a mask. To shelter in place or travel about and not restrict one’s life unnecessarily. Is worrying about one’s own survival, or the survival one’s family, or the future of the next generations, or the future of the planet enough or too much? All of these questions co-exist at the same moment.

Kipling’s poem “If” seems applicable.

“If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you  
But make allowance for their doubting too”

Kipling’s reputation has changed with the social and political climate of age. After all, he is the author of The White Man’s Burden, but the advice contained in “If” seems relevant. To be our best selves we must keep an open mind, trust ourselves and still realize we might well be mistaken but at every moment do the best we can. If the whole world is going crazy we must Hold On and maintain our responsibility to our own vision which might change from moment to moment. How does this thinking apply today? First do not despair. Keep your faculties together. Exercise the self-restraint necessary to keep from blaming those around you and realize that getting on each other’s nerves is pretty inevitable but everything may feel very different tomorrow. Note the positive things such as saving money because we aren’t allowing ourselves to go out and spend unnecessarily. Value your home (I do not mean its present market sales price) and your ability to stay in touch by cell phone and text and face time. Take a little time to evaluate the person you are and realize the many things you have done for others and the many things others have done for you.

It is important to realize that you do not constantly need to be entertained or kept busy. Notice that you are completely capable of being satisfied just by spending time with yourself. If it feels right take a little time to actually compose letters to others and even to yourself and to perhaps future grandchildren explaining what it is like living through these times. Finally, note when you are able to laugh. It’s not so easy but this is the remedy that has made it possible for many persecuted and oppressed people to survive for thousands of years. Right now it seems that almost all of us are in that same category. Please take care!



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DICK POLMAN



HOW DOES EMILY MURPHY  
SLEEP AT NIGHT?

More than two weeks since being named President-elect, Joe Biden is anxious to plan as best he can to save the lives of as many Americans as possible. Yet, oh so predictably, we still have a Trump apparatchik gumming up the works.

How does Emily Murphy sleep at night, knowing that every day she refuses to launch the presidential transition with a stroke of the pen, she makes it more difficult for the incoming Biden team to fully weaponize its war against the worst pandemic in

102 years?

Murphy heads the General Services Administration, and it’s her job to sign off on what Biden needs -namely, \$6.3 million in public and private money that’s earmarked for the transition team, federal office space and equipment, and, most importantly, access to the insiders who are handling threats to the American people at home (the pandemic) and abroad.

But alas, as CNN reports: “Murphy is struggling with the weight of the presidential election being dropped on her shoulders, feeling like she’s been put in a no-win situation, according to people who have spoken to her recently.”

Where’s my violin?

The only reason she’s “struggling” with a “no-win situation” is because she’s terrified of ticking off the authoritarian toddler who gave her the job. The toddler doesn’t care whether Biden gets up to speed on the pandemic, or whether more Americans die needlessly. He’s too busy sucking on his Twitter binky, thumbing inanities about how he “WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!”

Murphy has gotten the message, and that clearly trumps her duty to follow the law. That’s how things work in a cult.

According to the federal statutes, it’s the GSA administrator’s job to ascertain “the apparent successful candidates for the office of President and Vice President.” That ascertainment is a slam dunk.

Biden is on track to win 306 electoral votes, with no evidence whatsoever that his win will be reversed. His combined winning margin in the pivotal Rustbelt states (Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania) is now three times larger than Trump’s winning margin in those states, and Biden’s 51 percent share of the popular vote is bigger than 9 of the last 15 winners, including JFK’s in 1960 and Ronald Reagan’s in 1980.

But because Murphy remains fixated on her bat-crazy boss’ bat signal, she’s clearly deaf to what sane Americans are saying. Walter Shaub, ex-director of the federal Office of Government Ethics, writes: “Expertise will carry the Biden-Harris transition team for a while, but there are limits to what can be done (on the pandemic) without then government’s cooperation if Murphy remains obstinate.” And four ex-leaders of Homeland Security – two Republicans, two Democrats – are pleading with Murphy to act in the national interest: “At this period of heightened risk for our nation, we do not have a single day to spare to begin the transition.”

The business community is weighing in as well. Tom Donahue, longtime Republican insider and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has issued a statement: “President-elect Biden and the team around him have a wealth of executive branch experience that should allow them to hit the ground running...(F)or the sake of Americans’ safety and well-being, (Trump’s regime) should not delay the transition a moment longer.”

And the National Association of Manufacturers, citing the public health crisis and the need to ensure the efficient distribution of vaccines, released this statement yesterday: “It is highly appropriate that the Trump administration allow key individuals from the Biden team to access critical government personnel and information now...We call on the administrator of the General Services Administration to sign the letter of ascertainment immediately so that this consistent process in American democracy can begin and the exchange of critical information can commence.”

How tragic it is – how predictable – that the narcissistic loser of this election is holding American lives hostage, and that a key flunky in a key post continues to abet him. In 2017, when Murphy testified at her confirmation hearing, she said her sole goal was to make government “more efficient, effective, and responsive to the American people...I am not here to garner headlines or make a name for myself.”

Too late. But if she wants to salvage her name at this late hour, she’ll shred the MAGA armband and be truly responsive to the American people. Because in this election, the people have spoken.

TOM PURCELL



COVID-19 OBSCURES HOW  
GREAT 2020 REALLY WAS

As challenging a year as 2020 has been, we still should be thankful that it has been the best year in human history to be alive.

Consider: In 1920, according to the book “Enlightenment Now,” the average person spent 11.5 hours each week doing laundry. By 2014, he or she was completing laundry chores in less than an hour and a half.

Or, in my case, five minutes – which is how long it takes me to drop off my laundry at the laundry-cleaning shop.

Right now, humans are living longer, more productive lives than ever before in human history.

“For 99.9% of our species’ existence, a newborn baby could expect to live, on average, to about the age of 30,” reports Tom Chivers for BuzzFeed. “According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, that age dropped even lower in classical times, to perhaps 28 for ancient Greece and Rome. And as late as the start of the 20th century, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), it was still just 31.”

But today, says Chivers, the global average life expectancy is 71.5 years, according to a study in The Lancet.

And life expectancy will keep increasing.

According to the World Future Society, we are in the early phases of a superlongevity revolution. Thanks to advances in nanotechnology and cell and gene manipulation, scientists may eventually learn how to keep humans alive for 120 to 500 years.

I hope I don’t live that long, though. I have zero desire to participate in one more presidential election, let alone several dozen.

COVID-19 has disrupted global markets, but the fact is that free markets and capitalism have been leading millions of people out of poverty – and will continue to do so as the world eventually returns to normal.

As poverty decreases, the global population enjoys a continually improving quality of life.

In 2017, Bill Gates reported global improvement across several indicators: Childhood deaths fell from 12 million in 1990 to 5 million in 2017. More than 90 percent of children were attending primary school. The proportion of people living in extreme poverty declined from one-third in 1990 to one-tenth.

Today, the average American family is living better than the world’s wealthiest lived just 100 years ago.

Cafe Hayek says the lifestyle of today’s typical middle-class American is better than billionaire John D. Rockefeller’s was 100 years ago.

As rich as Rockefeller was, he didn’t have air conditioning; sophisticated medicine; safe, fast travel; limitless dining and entertainment options; and many other wonderful things that we have.

Of course, Rockefeller didn’t have social media or talking heads on 24/7 cable news, so his lifestyle was not without its benefits!

This year has been no picnic. Many people are without work and are suffering terribly as they face an uncertain future.

Despite 2020’s setbacks, however, now is still the best time in history to be alive. We have our problems, to be sure, and have plenty of work ahead of us.

Then again, technological innovation is in the process of unleashing marvels – and, hopefully, much-needed economic growth – that will benefit us all.

This Thanksgiving, in addition to toasting the good health of my family and friends, I’ll toast the many blessings and opportunities that abound, but are harder to see during this most peculiar year.



## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE

No. 2020-187940  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FIND YOUR DIAMONDS, 15665 HAWTHORNE BLVD UNIT E, LAWNDALE, CA 90260. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AJE SOLUTIONS LLC, 15665 HAWTHORNE BLVD UNIT E, LAWNDALE, CA 90260. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: YARELI JULIETTE FUENTES SALAZAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/16/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PATTYCAKES, PATTS WAGON, 19124 CROSSDALE AVE, CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PATRICIA LYNN MURRAY, 19124 CROSSDALE AVE, CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PATRICIA LYNN MURRAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SOWER SHOE REPAIR, 2801 SOUTH VERMONT AVE STE 5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007-7102. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR R GARCIA, 1645 SOUTH HOBART BLVD 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006-5264; ERLIN N FIGUEROA DE GARCIA, 1645 SOUTH HOBART BLVD 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006-5264. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: VICTOR R GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/16/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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No. 2020-187001  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: V D CANO TRUCKING, 425 W 109<sup>TH</sup> PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR DANIEL CANO, 425 W 109<sup>TH</sup> PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VICTOR DANIEL CANO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRIDA'S SALON, 5520 SANTA MONICA BLVD STE 113, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABDALA TRIGUEROS, 5520 SANTA MONICA BLVD STE 113, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ABDALA TRIGUEROS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/10/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ED Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020182348  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LAMISS, 7131 FARRALLONE AVE #35, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303; LAMISS PAPER, 7131 FARRALLONE AVE #35, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAHSA MONSEFY, 7131 FARRALLONE AVE #35, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAHSA MONSEFY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/06/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2018. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020128741  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIERRA PLACE, 142 E SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDEN SLEGH, 142 E SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024; TERRY L. SLEGH, 142 E SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: EDEN SLEGH, HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/25/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/2005. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mtn Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020156124  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KING OF THE CLEAN, 12800 OXNARD ST APT C, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91066. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTIN MONTIEL MENDOZA, 12800 OXNARD ST APT C, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91066. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTIN MONTIEL MENDOZA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/06/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mtn Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020161900  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ESSENTIAL MAID SERVICES, 12800 OXNARD ST APT C, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91066. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANDRA A DIAZ, 12800 OXNARD ST APT C, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91066. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANDRA A DIAZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/13/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ED Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020180980  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DACHOWORLD 8100 FOOTHILL BLVD SPC 77, SUNLAND, CA 91060. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARK R WHITLING, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/05/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ED Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020169012  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 131F HONOLULU, 1317 N. STANLEY BLVD, #112, BURBANK, CA 91504. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) G AND G STUDIOS, 1317 N. SAN FERNANDO BLVD, #112, BURBANK, CA 91504. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: G AND G STUDIOS, YANIV FITUCI, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/22/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020176898  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRESH & FLOW BARBER SHOP, 7826 FOOTHILL BLVD, SUNLAND, CA 91060. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE MARIO CAMBAR, 10500 SHERMAN GROVE AVE APT 312, SUNLAND, CA 91040. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE MARIO CAMBAR, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/30/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER CREATIVE, 14801 OXNARD ST UNIT #2, VAN NUYS, CA 91411. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FINAL FORM, INC., 14801 OXNARD ST UNIT #2, VAN NUYS, CA 91411. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: FINAL FORM INC., YANIV FITUCI, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/19/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE

No. 2020-182003  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: O.S. MINI MARKET, 2624 E ANAHEIM ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAIFELDIN SIEDAHMED, 2624 E ANAHEIM ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SAIFELDIN SIEDAHMED. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/06/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE

No. 2020-165282  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROAD TO HEALTH ACUPUNCTURE, 8727 LA TIERRA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. MAILING ADDRESS: 1463 ORANGE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) K&L WELLNESS INC., 1463 ORANGE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: WOON JOON KIM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/19/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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No. 2020-183062  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WEST LA AUTO PAINT & SUPPLIES, 5159 S WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CLAUDIA BEATRIZ RODRIGUEZ SIBRIAN, 5159 S WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: CLAUDIA BEATRIZ RODRIGUEZ SIBRIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/09/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE

No. 2020-181609  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AZ LOCKSMITH AND KEY SOLUTIONS, 821 NORTH EUCALYPTUS AVENUE APT.12, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) IFEANYI GODWIN WILLIAMS, 821 NORTH EUCALYPTUS AVENUE APT.12, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: IFEANYI GODWIN WILLIAMS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/05/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE

No. 2020-175721  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHULAS FRUIT CAFE, 2242 E CESAR CHAVEZ AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL JUAREZ AVILA, 2242 E CESAR CHAVEZ, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIEL JUAREZ AVILA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: K&N KITCHEN CABINETS, 10363 LANARK STREET, SUN VALLEY, CA 91352. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIRNA S CASTILLO, 7733 VINELAND AVE SUN VALLEY, CA 91352. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIRNA S CASTILLO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020171292  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EDL, 1302 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD, BURBANK, CA 91504; EDL, 1349 CLEVELAND RD, GLENDALE, CA 91202. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUSINE ABASYAN, 1349 CLEVELAND RD, GLENDALE, CA 91202. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUSINE ABASYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/26/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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No. 2020170294  
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No. 2020163616  
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## FILE NO. 2020163134

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) CENTRO MEDICO PARAMOUNT LATINO, INC. 8534 ROSECRANS AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CENTRO MEDICO PANORAMA LATINO, 8534 ROSECRANS AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/07/2015 in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015307311. The business was conducted by: CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/15/2020. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: CENTRO MEDICO PANORAMA LATINO, ALVARO ROSA, PRESIDENT.  
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No. 2020132357  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GATENVIA CARGO EXPRESS, 1819 W 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SUITE 2008, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROGELIO ZARAT HERNANDEZ, 1819 W 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SUITE 2008, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROGELIO ZARAT HERNANDEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JONATHAN EDWARD LEE aka JONATHAN E. LEE aka JONATHAN LEE Case No. 20STPB09562

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JONATHAN EDWARD LEE aka JONATHAN E. LEE aka JONATHAN LEE  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nathan E. Lee in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nathan E. Lee be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 16, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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No. 2020148193  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXPRESS FORKLIFT, 2547 GASPARR AVE, COMMERCE, CA. 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS A. VARGAS BERUMEN, 2547 GASPARR AVE, COMMERCE, CA. 90040. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS A. VARGAS BERUMEN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2005. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: ES Mountain Views News  
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## All Things

By Jeff Brown

The presidential election 4 years ago was a Facebook free-for-all, a veritable festival of manipulation and disinformation with no fact checking and no guardrails. Not only critics but the social media companies themselves said “never again.” You can argue whether this time Facebook and its peers did enough to combat disinformation. But they did do a lot. And yet days after the election, with 64% of Republicans still convinced, with no evidence, that the election results can’t be trusted, why don’t things feel any better? I would posit that’s because social media was never the essence of the problem. Demagogues and conspiracy mongers are always proficient in the cutting edge media of their time-broadsheets, radio, television, and now Facebook. What they do is amplify social breakdown, using any means at hand. People turn to lies when they feel dislocated, isolated, and mistrustful, and those who seek power by corroding faith in institutions play on that, whatever the medium. What keeps democracy going are the norms created by shared facts. There where people who wished that we could restore these norms by fixing social media. We found that’s not enough. But I remain optimistic. Reporting on business news over the years, I gained some familiarity with the stock market. Markets develop bubbles in which irrational ideas take hold. These can last much longer than you’d expect; as one adage in finance has it. “The market can stay irrational longer than you can stay solvent.” In the selection cycle, we’ve seen a bubble in destructive ideas. Who would have believed that the currency of QAnon would rise as high as it has? Invariably, though, bubbles do burst-often at the point at which things seem to reach a new plateau of insanity. I have a surprising amount of hope that we are at that kind of stage now, with a bubble in destructive ideas, cynically circulated, bursting-and that we have stayed solvent enough that we have the social capital to rebuild.

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## PORTRAIT OF OUR NEIGHBORS

by Stuart Tolchin

### BRI KRANTZ-SCHAFER

Please look at the accompanying picture. This is Bri Krantz-Schaffer and her two children, 7 year old Lumen and 14 month old Zeo. Aren't they all beautiful, aren't they all typical; or as I learned, is there really not such a thing? First you might notice that the children's names are a little unexpected. After all I am 53 years older than Bri and, for me at least, it was a lot like talking to someone from another planet and hoping the other person doesn't notice.

First the names. Why Zeo? Bri nonchalantly explained that Zeo was the name of one of her favorite galaxies and that Lumen is a perfect name because it belongs to no one else. I asked how the father of the children felt about the names and she explained that the two separate fathers were not involved in the naming. At the time of both of the children's birth she was unmarried and certainly in the case of Lumen, the idea of marriage to her father “presented itself as a terrible idea as the relationship was not intended for cohabiting.” By the way she and her present husband are still great friends with Lumen's father and had them over for dinner yesterday. I asked about Bri's parents reaction to the first pregnancy when she was eighteen and she explained that “if my parents had any input I wasn't interested.” In fact she later confided that her parents' divorce in her teenage years had perhaps an influence in her becoming pregnant. She granted me a “perhaps” but I believe she had discussed that possibility with her therapist. I want to emphasize that Bri is always sweet, sincere, and smiling but happens to be quite comfortable in saying what she thinks and expecting the conversation to end there.

Her mother is part Black, part Mexican, and part Native American. Certainly not the typical grandmother in our secret hideaway in the hills. Bri is used to being somewhat of an outsider but has not allowed that feeling to stop her from being an organizer and a leader. I commented that since her arrival about a year ago, there seem to be children running around freely in the canyon in a kind of unsupervised way. She explained to me that she has created a group text with other mothers in the canyon such that all the moms are kept informed as to the whereabouts of their children. Right on sister! Trying to gain a little more understanding of Bri I asked about her high school experience and she said it was your typical Art High School where many kids were transsexual, tattooed, pierced—you know the usual stuff. She had shaved her head at fifteen and had tattoos at 13. I mentioned that I found it difficult to accept that a kid within our canyon had decided to change his/her gender at the age of two and that the mother had facilitated the change. Bri asked simply why I thought that any individual should accept the gender they had been assigned at birth? I'm still thinking about that one.

At this point I began to wonder about my lack of acceptance of changing attitudes. I wondered if Bri's husband had similar to my mind offbeat attitudes. She described him as a person nine years her senior who supports the family and gets home at 4:30 and cooks all the dinners. Not surprisingly she described her husband as “everything wonderful like someone conjured up in a spell.” Nevertheless, she was very clear that “she calls all the shots” and her last surprise was describing how much she has enjoyed the restrictions imposed by the virus as it has given her more time to work with her kids and observe them playing with other children. It's also nice that her husband has a secure well-paying job as the head-psychologist at a not distant High School. Everything about Bri and her husband is surprising to me. They are cordial, easily approachable, and live within a belief system quite contrary to my own. I have a lot to learn; perhaps their therapists can help me.

No that's not fair. The world and its attitude has changed and sometimes it's very hard to understand. Do you now 71,000,000 people voted for Donald Trump? I just hope the world keeps changing.



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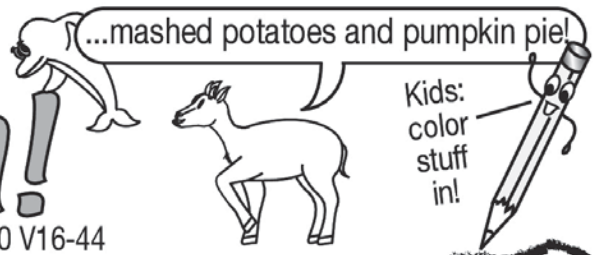
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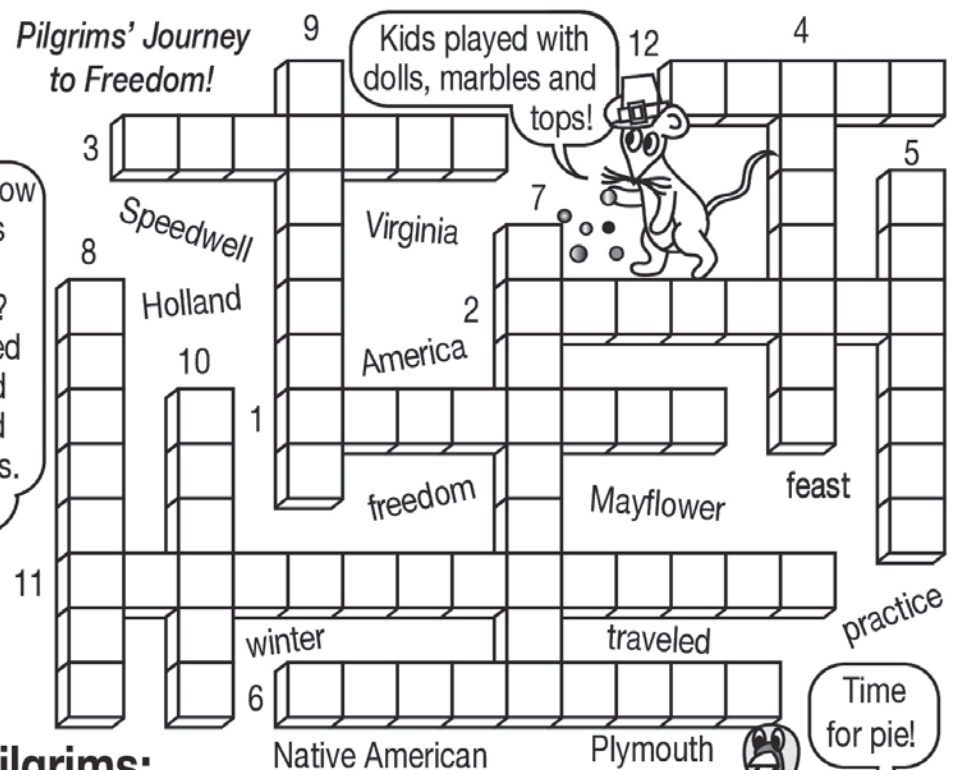
It's Thanksgiving! What do **you** know about the people we call the Pilgrims – who we think about on this day? The Pilgrims left England in search of a place where they could worship God in their own way. They went to Holland where they found more religious freedom, but life was hard there. Also, they didn't like seeing their children begin to take on Dutch customs, language and ways of life. They decided to travel to the “new” land called America, where they could get a completely fresh start.

The Pilgrims had enough people to fill two ships. One ship was called Speedwell, the other Mayflower. The Speedwell was found to be leaky and unsafe, so it was left behind for repairs. One hundred and two people crowded onto the larger Mayflower to set sail.

After a rough voyage, the Pilgrims spotted land and went ashore at Cape Cod to explore, do laundry and exercise. They lived on the ship until December 11, 1620, when they pulled into a cove and (it is said) stepped out onto Plymouth Rock. They settled near that cove, building a common house to share. Through the harsh winter many fell sick and died. By spring only 53 people were still alive to start the new colony!

When spring arrived a Native American named Samoset walked into the Pilgrim's colony and welcomed them. By the next fall, the 53 Pilgrims celebrated the harvest with 90 Native Americans, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. They feasted for three days on fish, waterfowl, wild turkey and deer. This “First Thanksgiving” is what we think about as we celebrate our Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Did you know that Pilgrims wore bright, solid colors? Kids studied at home and worked hard doing chores.



### The Pilgrims:

1. were people who \_\_\_\_\_ to find a safe place to live.
2. wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ their religion freely.
3. left England to go to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. were not happy there and decided to sail to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. hoped to find \_\_\_\_\_ in America.
6. started out with two ships, the Speedwell and the \_\_\_\_.
7. found the \_\_\_\_\_ leaky and left it behind in England.
8. headed for \_\_\_\_\_, but ended up near Cape Cod.
9. started a colony near \_\_\_\_\_ Rock.
10. lost many people during the first harsh \_\_\_\_\_.
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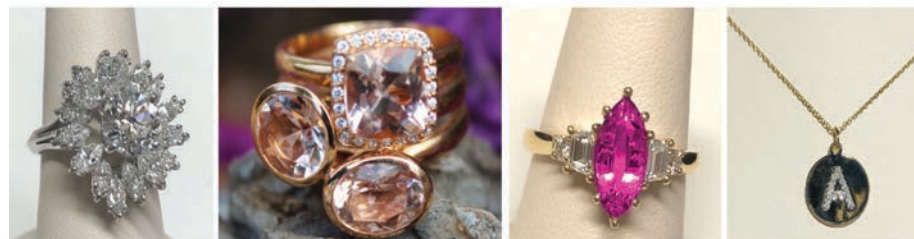
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