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-Katie & Jan



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For those of you who haven't had a chance to make an investment in our future, won't you please consider making a gift today? Under the CARES Act, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020.

And taxpayers age 70 1/2 or older can make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA – up to \$100,000 – directly to an eligible charity. (Of course, please check with your tax advisor to determine your own tax situation.)

Please consider including Sierra Madre Playhouse as a part of your 2020 year-end giving.

From all of us at Sierra Madre Playhouse -
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ROTARIAN FRANK HALL PASSES

Sierra Madre lost another of its' treasures this week when Frank Hall, 84 passed away after a long illness. Frank who is best known among his friends for his 'wonderful smile' and infectious laugh' was a compassionate man and a generous fundraiser and volunteer. In addition to being Sierra Madre Rotary Club, Rotarian of the Year, he was a Trustee of the Sierra Madre Library, and he also served on the Board of Mater Dolorosa.



Born in Bakersfield, California, he graduated from the University of Southern California and ran a major insurance brokerage company. He was the founder of Frank R. Hall and Associates, consultants in Philanthropic Support for Non-Profit Organizations. He also taught at UC Irvine. He literally raised millions of dollars for hospitals and non profits all over the country.

Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia, his son John Hall (Annabell), and daughter Julie Whitmer (Scott), and grandson Drew Whitmer. He was preceded in death by daughter Janine Hall.

In lieu of flowers we'd like to suggest donations to one of the following organizations that my father loved and supported....

- City of Hope, Duarte, California
- Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, California
- Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

A Memorial Service will be announced in the future.

REMEMBRANCE JEFF MCGUIRE



Jeffery Allen McGuire was born in Sierra Madre on April 17, 1959. He was 61 years old when he lost his battle against the covid 19 virus.

Jeff liked being his own boss, finding the trucking business much to his liking. He was an extremely caring person, giving much time and effort to causes he felt needed his help. He loved hiking, being a regular on Mt. Wilson Trail. Jeff cherished and coddled his dogs, taking them everywhere with him including First Water. Jeff found out he had a super ability to run long distances by accident one day when he decided to see how far he could run up the MW trail. He ended up having to carry his exhausted dog Penny, (65lbs) miles back home, and suffering from bloody worn-out paws. Jeff entered Sierra Madre's famous Mt. Wilson Trail Race several times, finishing high in the upper class standings.

Jeff's mom, Jackie Bryson Zapp McGuire passed away in 2015 and he is survived only by his lifelong partner, Rosalva, his older brother's family Michael and Christin Zapp, Tyler and Tia. Also of great importance to Jeff is his adopted niece, Mykenzi.

Anyone who would like to send their condolences/ donations can do so at Sierra Madre Community Foundation Fletcher Fund, PO Box 716 SM Ca. 91025 (This fund maintains our local hiking trails).



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Tips to ensure your tree is properly collected:

- Remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel.
- Place holiday trees next to your regular trash containers.
- Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half.
- Trees with flocking or fire retardants ARE acceptable.
- If you miss the date for recycling, please cut up your tree and place it in your yard waste container(s).

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

I think I may very well have written 2020 for the last time. I shall not miss this year at all. You probably won't either. I don't need to enumerate what was wrong with this last year, we're all way too familiar with that so I'll kick off 2021 with a few positive thoughts and a great recipe.

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity in the finest sense of the word." Goran Persson

"Your success and happiness lie in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." Helen Keller

And a little word from The Word can't hurt either:

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice! Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. ...And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." Philippians 4:4-8

Speaking of things that are excellent and worthy of praise, if you didn't read that great story on the front page of last week's Mountain Views News by Craig Haikola, "The Angels of Life," you need to go back and read it. More positive thoughts. Also, the "Portrait of our Neighbors" by Stuart Tolchin featuring our editor, Susan Henderson, was wonderful. I like Stuart Tolchin's articles and this one is superb.

Many people like to start their New Year's with black-eyed peas, a Southern tradition for good luck and prosperity. In years past, my family liked to kick off the New Year with Split Pea Soup. Easy to make, do it ahead of time, and if you've planned ahead, you can make enough to keep hungry folks happy all day long, provided you can have anybody over to eat. You can double and triple this recipe with great success, if your pot is big enough. It also freezes well.

Anything that might bring us good luck is a good idea. So is this soup.

Split Pea Soup

1 package split peas (these are found in the market aisle where rice, noodles, beans, etc. are located)

4 ham hocks (usually packaged 2 to a package in the meat section) or a ham shank, or the ham bone left over from Christmas.

3 medium-size onions - actually there's no such thing as too much onion!

6-7 good size carrots (or a package of baby carrots)

1 good size bunch of celery

Salt, Pepper

Split pea soup is an opportunity to creatively express yourself. There are few rules, just a few suggestions:

Get out your really large pot and put the ham hocks or the ham bone in the bottom. Throw the peas on top of that, followed by the onions, carrots and celery which you've washed and cut into big chunks. Cover all this with water, or a combination of water and chicken broth. Say about 8-12 cups of water. Season with salt and pepper and whatever else you like. If you're partial to thyme, put some in there. Or Mrs. Dash.

Cover your pot and put in the oven at about 300 degrees. Leave it in there for about four to six hours, or till the peas have become very tender. Take it out and let the mixture cool to where you can handle it without burning yourself. Remove the ham hocks or ham bone and set them (it) aside.

Assemble your blender and blend your lukewarm soup/veggie mixture into a smooth puree. Put this into a large container with a cover, like your crock pot. When all your soup is pureed, remove whatever meat is on your ham hocks or ham bone, tossing out all fat and other non-meaty parts and put the meat back into your soup. Refrigerate. Let it sit for a day or so to develop flavor, reheat it and stand back so the hungry relatives don't run over you as they rush to grab a bowl of the best split pea soup anywhere. You could make some cornbread or corn muffins to go with your soup and everyone who has some will love you forever, getting your New Year off to a great start! Notice all my positive thinking here.

The picture is the 2019 Kersting Court snowman. As of today there isn't one but this guy is so snowpersonable he deserves to make another appearance.

Happy New Year, dear Walking Sierra Madre friends. Here's hoping the schools open again some time soon; and that we can go to the movies safely again; and eat out; and hug people. There's the one I want the most, to hug people again. Raise of glass of relatively decent champagne to 2021! It will be a wonderful, joyful year.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

Christmas is just a few days past and my book:

"Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"

Would be a really nice gift for anyone you've suddenly remembered.

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"Star of Wonder" a delightful Christmas Kindle story is there, too.

If you'd like a little preview, take a look at: <https://youtu.be/Ka1KYrOnRd0>

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

December 13, to December 26, 2020 During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 503 calls for service.



Thefts from vehicles

Sometime between 11-25-20 at 10:00AM and 12-4-20

at 8:00AM, unknown person(s) cut away the catalytic converter from her vehicle as it was parked in the 100 block of Santa Anita Court. Case to Detectives

On 12-17-20 at 9:25AM, officers were flagged down by a motorist in the 700 block W. Grandview Ave. The victim advised that his ladder was taken from the back of his pickup truck that was parked in front of a residence.

A report of stolen property was filed by a driver that returned to her vehicle parked to the rear of businesses at 12:30PM, in the 300 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. that it had been ransacked and several personal items had been stolen. Case to Detectives

A resident reported on 12-22-20 at 8:45AM that unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle window parked in the 200 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd., entered and removed the victim's property. No suspect or vehicle was seen. Case to Detectives

Theft from a business

On 12-19-20 at 1:00PM a report was filed of the theft of several donation boxes from the Women's Club in the 500 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Case to Detectives

Hit and Run

Officers responded at 3:00PM to a hit and run involving an unoccupied parked vehicle in the 00 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The suspect's vehicle left the location in an unknown direction of travel. Area checked for cameras, witness, or signs of evidence and met with negative results.

Vehicle Tampering

Victim reported that in the 00 block of Esperanza Ave. sometime from 12-21-20 to 12-22-20 at 5:30PM, unknown suspect(s) smashed front right passenger window and ransacked the inside of the vehicle. No property taken.

Non-Injury Traffic Collision Officers responded to a non-injury traffic collision that occurred on 12-23-20 at 4:54PM at the intersection of Baldwin Ave and Esperanza Ave.

Residential Break-in Officers responded to a residential burglary in progress in the 400 block of Fairview Terrace on 12-23-20 at 7:06PM. Officers arrived but did not locate any suspects on the premises or in the area. A shattered sliding door was discovered on the west side of the property that was used to make entry into the house. The suspect(s) fled the scene in an unknown direction. Case to Detectives

Trespassing On 12-24-20 at 9:51PM, in the area of the 700 block of Baldwin Court, officers on patrol observed a vehicle trespassing on a private road. Following an interview of the occupants of the vehicle, a 20 year old male was cited for being in possession of alcohol. Case to DA's office

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Tues	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	60s	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 by 6:00PM. on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record.

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

To participate in public comment, please call:
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The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and broadcasted on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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

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

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

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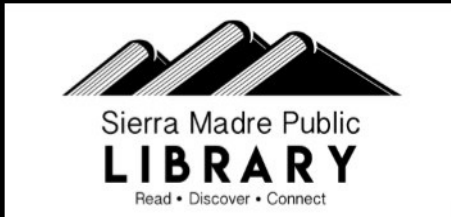


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The Library Is Sus—Online at 3:00pm; call the Library to register

Tuesday

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

Snackchat: 4th & 5th Grades—Online at 4:00pm; pickup a snack pack at the Library before the meeting

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Applications Now Being Accepted for Council Seat

City officials announced last week that the City Council is now accepting applications from qualified, registered voters, residing in City Council District 5 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of now Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo.

According to the official notice, the term of service for the appointment to the District 5 seat is from the date of appointment to December 12, 2022. In addition to a completed application, applicants must circulate a nomination petition and gather a minimum of 25 qualified signatures from registered voters living in and registered in District 5. Nomination petitions and application materials are available in the City Clerk's Office, and will be issued subject to confirmation of eligibility. Applicants must handdeliver all completed materials no later than 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14 to the Office of the City Clerk. No postmarks, email submissions, or faxes will be accepted. There is a \$25.00 filing fee due at the time applications and nomination petitions are filed.

To be considered for the position, those applicants invited to participate must also attend a special meeting of the City Council in February 2021 for the purposes of a public interview by the full City Council. The date and time of the meeting has yet to be determined and further information will be provided after all applications are received.

City of Pasadena Office of the City Clerk is located 100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S228. Appointments are required to obtain materials. Due to COVID-19, all individuals coming to City Hall must wear facial coverings and observe social distancing.

For more info call (626) 744-4124 or email: mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net.

Dream Catcher Story Winners

The Pasadena public library announced the winners of the Dream Catcher Story Contest. Writers were challenged to tell us a story in 300 words or less that is inspired by dreams or capturing dreams. Organizers of the event gave a special thanks to judges: Natassia Mendez, Jesse Roth, Nick Smith, and Jasmine Sov. And the winners are ...

Category 1: Grades 3-5
1st place: "Catching Dreams to be the Dream" by Madeleine Cham, Age 11, Grade 5
2nd place: "Dreams" by Penelope Vuong, Age 11, Grade 5
3rd place: "What Happens In The Night" by Zoe Beheshti, Age 9, Grade 3

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1st place: "The Day and Night" by Hera Hovsepian, Age 13, Grade 8
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3rd place: "As You Sleep I Feast!" by April M. Gonzalez, Age 12, Grade 7

All the winning stories can be found on their Teens Blog: pasadena-library.net/teens.



New Year's Starts with Tournament of Roses Two-hour Special

Without the annual Rose Parade going down Colorado Boulevard on a perfect sunny Friday, the nation instead woke up to the TV entertainment special "The Rose Parade's New Year Celebration presented by Honda."

The celebration, featured musical and marching band performances, heartwarming segments related to the Rose Parade, celebrity guest appearances, special Rose Bowl Game football highlights, equestrians, spectacular floats from years past, a behind-the-scenes look into the making of a float and New Year's messages, including from long time Tournament volunteer Michael Calderon Jr and his father, Calderon Jr. is known to many locally as "Mr. Pasadena." The segment was about both his father Michael Calderon and himself.

"I was incredibly humbled, my father who has been part of the tournament for over 36 years and I have been there 25 years myself..." Calderon said Friday to this newspaper about the special. "This [being a part of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses]



Pictured top The PCC Tournament of Roses Herald Trumpets, bottom Michael Calderon and Calderon Jr.

was an opportunity for me to spend time in my adulthood with my father. Some follow their father's footsteps; I was always trying to blaze my own trail. Yet the tournament was so appealing to me. To be part of this international organization that puts on this worldwide event, what an opportunity."

During the two-hour Special several past Grand Marshals made an appearance, including Gary Sinise who opened the show, Emeril Lagasse talked about cocktails on New Year's Day.

Kermit the Frog was a highlight of the special as he conducted seniors in high school and colleges from bands across the country in a performance of "Everything's Coming up Roses."

The special featured nine segments spotlighting award-winning float participants and sponsors, their Rose Parade legacy and their commitment to the community. Some have been Rose Parade mainstays for decades, while others are just getting started on the annual procession down Colorado Boulevard.

Many of the segments featured

long time parade participants and their efforts to help during the Covid-19 pandemic, including providing food to communities and supplies to frontline workers.

For more information about "The Rose Parade's New Year Celebration presented by Honda," visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Pasadena Library, JPL Special Event

The NASA Mars 2020 Mission and the Search for Extraterrestrial Life

Mars 2020, scheduled to land on February 18, is the first planetary mission since Viking with an explicit objective to seek signs of life. Unlike Viking, which was concerned with seeking evidence of living or recently dead organisms, Mars 2020 will explore rocks deposited more than three billion years ago when Mars was broadly habitable and the earliest records of life on Earth were forming.

The Perseverance rover will collect about 30 core samples of rock and soil, seal them in titanium tubes, and cache them on the surface for return to Earth-based laboratories by future missions currently under study in cooperation between NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA).

This concept, called Mars Sample Return, would be one of, if not the most, ambitious and potentially consequential scientific endeavors in human history.

The program will be presented by Ken Williford, deputy project scientist for the NASA Mars 2020 Mission and director of the JPL Astrobiogeochemistry (abc) Laboratory, which has focused on developing analytical techniques to search for signs of life and environment in some of the oldest rocks on Earth. In the abcLab at JPL, Williford studies the biogeochemistry of ancient Earth rocks in part to understand how we can apply similar techniques to the search for evidence of life on other planets - in rocks returned to Earth from the surface of Mars, for example. Questions and answers will follow. For more information and to Sign up visit: cityofpasadena.net/library.

South Pasadena Resident Named to LA County Redistricting Commission

After a lengthy selection process, the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) announced Tuesday that they have finalized the names of the 14 Commissioners, including Priya Sridharan of South Pasadena, who will be responsible for adjusting the district boundaries for electing the Board of Supervisors, based on the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau data.



Sridharan

According to the the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk they received 741 applications by September 8 and narrowed the applicants to a pool of the 60 most qualified names. The Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller conducted a random drawing at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on November 24, selecting one Commissioner from each of the five existing Supervisorial Districts and three Commissioners randomly drawn from the remaining 55 applicants.

The eight randomly selected Commissioners met between December 14 and December 28, to select the final six Commissioners from the remaining 52 qualified applicants. The Commissioners reflect the County's diversity:

- Eight Democrats, two Republicans, and four who are either No Party Preference or affiliated with other political parties
- Six females and 8 males
- Age ranges between 31 and 73
- Six Latino/Latina, three Asian, three White, and two Black representatives
- Geographic representation

The CRC is unlike past practices when the Board of Supervisors appointed an advisory Boundary Redistricting Committee to study proposed changes to the boundaries and could make revisions before adopting the final

redistricted boundaries.

The CRC is independent of the Board of Supervisors as a result of the California Legislature Senate Bill 958, which passed in 2016. The CRC's redistricting efforts follow the Federal Decennial Census and must be completed by December 15, 2021. This redistricting can shape a community's ability to elect the representative of their choice and to:

- Re-balance district populations so they are reasonably equal in population
- Meet the constitutional principal of "one person, one vote"
- Ensure districts are geographically contiguous, taking into account topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and community of interest of the Supervisorial Districts

During this next year, the CRC will be conducting a series of public hearings and meetings to solicit community input regarding future Supervisorial district boundaries.

The assigned CRC staff are Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., of KH Consulting Group in Los Angeles, and Independent Legal Counsel, Holly O. Whatley, Esq. of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC, in Pasadena.

For more information visit bos.lacounty.gov.

Transit Safety Event with Metro

Metro Community Education invites families to a virtual Transit Safety Program workshop, January 12 featuring how to ride the bus and train safely during the pandemic. Participate in a 45-minute chat featuring the new train system map with designated letters for the train lines, Discover Metro

procedures for keeping your trip virus-free, and explore destinations you can reach via the L (Gold) Line. Also, enjoy a Safetyville videoclip for the entire family. Questions and answers will follow. The program will run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Zoom.

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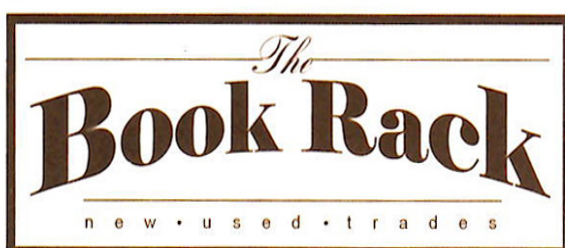
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I'm crazy for crossword puzzles as you can see!

Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

Pots and Pans

1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids
4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below - keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a _____
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

How We Cook It

1. cook in oven using dry heat
2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
6. heat using water in the form of wisps of _____
7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven
9. turn something into liquid over heat
10. cook in a pan with a little bit of oil or butter

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PRESIDENTIAL PUPS
A Few of America's 'First' Best Friends

Having a canine in the 'first' family is by no means a new concept. Indeed, there've been numerous 'first' best friends, dating back to when our original commander-in-chief, George Washington was in office. What has changed over time, however, is the kind of canine you might find lying beside the president's easy chair.

This week, I thought it might be fun to share my preposterous (hopefully humorous) perspective on a few of the dogs that have had the privilege of pet-hood at the White House. Hear me out with an open mind... it's my personal twist and it's just for kicks.

I'll start at the very beginning with none other than George Washington himself. Did you know his best friends were hound dogs? I was thrilled to hear this, as I am a huge hound fan! Those were the days when the president lived in a mansion in New York, and later, in Philadelphia.

Apparently presidents had lots of pups back in those days. Would you believe, our fabulous founding father, George Washington had seven dogs? That's right. He had three American staghounds and four coonhounds. And in case the sight and sound of a coonhound isn't funny enough, the names Washington gave those 4 wiggle-wagglers make them even funnier. Ole Georgie must have had a sense of humor. He named them, "Drunkard", "Taster", "Tipler" and "Tipsy". Hm, wonder what could have inspired all that?

What a raucous it must have been, those long-eared sloppy-lipped hounds crooning away with drawn-out bays echoing through the huge hallways of the first mansion as Mr. President tried to draft an important speech. And how do you think they behaved when the servants delivered gourmet meals on silver platters, to Martha's immaculate dining room?

And imagine how horrible it must have been for the housekeeping staff to have to chase those 'first' four-leggers through that massive mansion with rags in hand, wiping away slobber each time they shook their heads, leaving their soggy signatures sprawled across the walls and adding special features to priceless original oil paintings. I know from personal experience, that stuff sticks like glue if you don't catch it while it's wet!

I have to laugh when I imagine that scene. Like bulls in a china shop, those precarious pups romping rambunctiously through grouchy groups of snooty guests who'd come for cocktails at the mansion. Look, I know my imagination has run wild with me. What really happened and what may have happened, had I been the 'first handler' for those hilarious hounds are, no doubt, two starkly different stories. I'm sure those pups never even stepped foot inside! But still, it's fun to fantasize.

Then there was president John Adams with his two best buds, "Jun" and "Satan". Wow, now that's some name for a dog...Satan! Poor thing never stood a chance with a label like that. I'm sure it must have been inspired by the dog's shiny black coat, or at least I hope so. Probably proved pretty effective for Whitehouse security.

Decades later, in 1861, Abraham Lincoln came to the Whitehouse along with his four-legged friend, "Fido". I wonder if that was already a popular dog name back then. Could be Abe set the trend. Maybe he's responsible for making "Fido" a generic tag for countless pups to come. Regardless, I think it's kind of cute...that there ever was a 'first dog' named "Fido".

Considering the bad rap assigned to a particular breed in recent decades, you'll understand why I feel the urge to hug our dear past-president, Theodore Roosevelt for his choice of four-legged friend. He decided on a beautiful American bulldog terrier. Of course, back then they still called them by their proper name. That was before hideous humans did the terrible things that gave the breed a morose moniker. Good for you, Teddy! I wish more presidents (or just plain people, for that matter) understood the dog within rather than judging them for human-instilled behaviors. After-all, it's not the dogs' fault. Indeed, the blame goes to the 'PIT'iful people who trained and forced them to fight. Too bad people are so hard to train!

During our nation's early formative years, dogs were, in reality, more like 'functional components' of the first family as they were in most families. They were given specific jobs and each was, presumably, expected to perform that job or risk being booted out. There were lots of jobs for dogs back in the day. Hunting & retrieving, protecting livestock, securing the property and chasing away unwanted critters, to name just a few.

But the Whitehouse was eventually graced with the presence of some precious pampered pets that got to live there just for that sole purpose - to be pampered. My favorite early example is that of Lyndon B. Johnson. Did you know he had what they then called a "mutt" named "Yuki"? That's right, Johnson was apparently one of the 'first' trend-setters for what we now call shelter-pet adoption! Who knew? Kudos to you, President Johnson.

As I pondered the long list of presidential pups I came across while perusing numerous websites in preparation for this article, I found it interesting that most of America's 'first friends' have been spaniels. There must be something about the breed's personality that makes it the preferred presidential pup. Perhaps spaniels are regal enough to impress, yet humble enough not to steal the show. I mean, you know how leaders despise being out-shined or undermined...even by a canine.

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Pet of the Week

Don't let Bolt's name fool you - he's actually quite mellow! Although his name sounds like someone who loves fast-paced lifestyle, Bolt is actually more of a chill guy. This six-year-old dog likes taking his time to get to know new people and environments, but once he does, he's very friendly and relaxed. Bolt can't wait to bolt right into your heart!



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. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for the following week. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

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IS SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME TAXABLE?

Dear Savvy Senior:

I understand that a portion of my Social Security benefits may be taxable when I retire. Can you tell me how to calculate this? Ready to Retire

Dear Ready:

Whether or not you'll be required to pay federal income tax on your Social Security benefits will depend on your income and filing status. About 35 percent of Social Security recipients have total incomes high enough to trigger federal income tax on their benefits.

To figure out if your benefits will be taxable, you'll need to add up all of your "provisional income," which includes wages, taxable and non-taxable interest, dividends, pensions and taxable retirement-plan distributions, self-employment, and other taxable income, plus half your annual Social Security benefits, minus certain deductions used in figuring your adjusted gross income.

How to Calculate

To help you with the calculations, get a copy of IRS Publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," which provides detailed instructions and worksheets. You can download it at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf) or call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

After you do the calculations, the IRS says that if you're single and your total income from all of the listed sources is:

Less than \$25,000, your Social Security will not be subject to federal income tax.
Between \$25,000 and \$34,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed at your regular income-tax rate.
More than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you're married and filing jointly and the total from all sources is:

Less than \$32,000, your Social Security won't be taxed.
Between \$32,000 and \$44,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed.
More than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you're married and file a separate return, you probably will pay taxes on your benefits.

To limit potential taxes on your benefits, you'll need to be cautious when taking distributions from retirement accounts or other sources. In addition to triggering ordinary income tax, a distribution that significantly raises your gross income can bump the proportion of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes.

How to File

If you find that part of your Social Security benefits will be taxable, you'll need to file using Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR. You also need to know that if you do owe taxes, you'll need to make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS, or you can choose to have it automatically withheld from your benefits.

To have it withheld, you'll need to complete IRS Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request ([IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf)), and file it with your local Social Security office. You can choose to have 7 percent, 10 percent, 12 percent or 22 percent of your total benefit payment withheld. If you subsequently decide you don't want the taxes withheld, you can file another W-4V to stop the withholding.

If you have additional questions on taxable Social Security benefits call the IRS help line at 800-829-1040.

State Taxation

In addition to the federal government, 13 states – Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia – tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, check with your state tax agency for details. For links to state tax agencies see [TaxAdmin.org/state-tax-agencies](https://www.taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies).

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

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



FORMER ZAPPOS CEO TONY HSIEH DIES WITHOUT A WILL

On November 27th, nine days after being pulled unconscious from a house fire in a beachfront home in New London, Connecticut, Tony Hsieh, the former CEO of the online shoe retailer Zappos, died due to complications of smoke inhalation.

Hsieh, who was single and had no children, was just 46. Although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, law enforcement ruled his death accidental.

At the time of his death, Hsieh was worth an estimated \$840 million, but in spite of his immense wealth, it seems he did not have a will. While it's not uncommon for the rich and famous to die without a will, and many iconic figures—Prince, Aretha Franklin, and most recently, Chadwick Boseman—also died without creating this basic planning document, Hsieh's case is particularly puzzling given his altruistic nature.

Hsieh was renowned for his kindness, generosity, and always putting others first, yet by dying without a will, he left his loved ones a colossal mess to clean up. Indeed, it will likely take his family many months just to account for all of his assets, and it's likely they will overlook—and may even never find—some of those assets.

From there, Hsieh's estate will have to go through the court process of probate, which could last years and rack up hefty lawyer fees. And after all of his debts are settled and creditors paid, Hsieh's family will face an enormous federal tax bill that could run into the hundreds of millions.

By all accounts, Hsieh's death at such a young age is horribly tragic. But it's equally tragic for such a brilliant and compassionate individual to have wasted the opportunity to do real good with the assets he created rather than needlessly put his loved ones through such an ordeal.

Although it may seem harsh to lay such a judgment on Hsieh, who was reportedly suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues in the last year of his life, we do so from a place of true compassion. Indeed, we cover this case and others like it in hopes that it will inspire you to remember that death comes for us all, often when we're least expecting it. And without any planning in place, you are forcing your loved ones to endure a costly legal process and the unnecessary loss of wealth and assets you worked so hard to build.

While the loss to Hsieh's family, and the charitable causes he would have likely supported, will be immense, his family can afford to pay the lawyers, the court costs, and the taxes. Though you likely have a much smaller estate than Tony Hsieh, the actual cost of loss to your family, if you don't plan, could be much higher on a relative basis.

But here's the good news: All of this suffering can be easily avoided with planning. And you don't have to be a multi-millionaire to create a plan that's guaranteed to protect and provide for your loved ones no matter what happens to you.

If you haven't done your planning yet, do it now. Make this year the year. I mean it. Stop just talking about it. Stop putting it off. Start doing it. Begin 2021 with an incredible gift of love to those who love you, and lasting peace of mind for yourself. Make that a part of your legacy in the new year.

MARC

Dedicated to empowering your family, building your wealth and defining your legacy,

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



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... January Birthdays*



Gerald Day, Mary Tassop, Judy Webb-Martin, John Johnson, Mary Bickel, Marlene Enmark, Shirley Wolf, Ross Kellock, Ruth Wolter, Sue Watanabe, Sandy Thistlewaite, Bobbi Rahmadian, Fran Syverson, Shirley Wolff, Judy Zaretska and Becky Evans.* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

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

HAWAIIAN AND POLYNESIAN DANCE CLASS Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Class will also meet in the Covered Pavilion in Memorial Park in front of the Senior Center. Join the class with instructor Barbara as she leads you through the art of Hula. Please call 264-8923 with any questions. Classes will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. ALL participants must be wearing masks for the duration of the class. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and needed equipment or supplies for each class. Please call the Community Services Department at 355-5278 with any questions or concerns.

OCTOBER CRAFT

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

IDEAS

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

City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and interfacing less with the community, please note that voice messages, emails, and social media responses are being addressed in the most efficient and timely manner. If at any time additional information is needed, please contact City Hall Administrative Services at (626) 355-7135, Monday-Thursday from 7:30a – 5:30p, as they are taking messages and e-mailing the appropriate person. For messages that may trickle in otherwise, please note our team is remotely checking voicemail daily at the Community Services Department, (626) 355-5278 x702.

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The City of Sierra Madre is following these procedures to provide current communication in light of COVID-19 and keep the Senior Community and families informed of essential information and resources. City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and practicing social distancing in the community, please note that voice messages, emails, and social media responses are being addressed in the most efficient and timely manner. If at any moment additional information is needed, please contact City Hall Administrative Services at (626) 355-7135, Monday-Thursday from 7:30a – 5:30p, as they are taking messages and e-mailing the appropriate person. For messages that may trickle in otherwise, please note our team is remotely checking voicemail daily at the Community Services Department, (626) 355-5278 x702.

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

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

RED ISN'T ALWAYS THE RED I SEE



It is not that I am colorblind; I just am color indifferent. Red and blue and yellow are all the same to me.

This, on many occasions, has challenged the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, who is very meticulous when it comes to describing anything or anyone.

In remodeling my office at the parsonage my wife asked, "What color would you like the walls to be painted?" That sounds like a good question to ask but it's not any question to ask if you know me.

"I don't care about the color. Whatever you think is best is okay with me." Thinking I had solved the problem, I felt at ease, but her response caused me to realize the problem had not been solved.

"It's your office," she said, "what color would you like the walls to be painted?" With that, she looked at me with a very gregarious smile, which is infectious to me.

Knowing that she wouldn't stop until she got an answer from me I said, "Paint the walls purple." As far as I was concerned, it didn't matter what color the walls were. I wasn't going to be studying the walls when I was in my study.

Looking at me for a moment, she finally said, "Okay, I'll paint it white." I'm beginning to learn how to solve problems in our house.

Color doesn't mean very much to me. When I get dressed Sunday morning, my wife is very concerned that my tie matches my suit, and my suit matches my shoes as far as the color aspect is concerned.

To me, the only thing that counts is, does it fit?

It finally came down on me the other day. We were doing our final shopping for Christmas, and I still had a couple of gifts to purchase, and she had a shopping cart full of gifts to buy.

We were just about done when I remembered a present I wanted to get, and I had completely forgotten about it. So I asked my wife, who was the chauffeur at the time, if she could stop at a store so that I could go in and get my final Christmas gift. I was almost exhausted, but this was the end.

She parked in the parking lot, and as I got out, I said, "I won't be long."

I did not pay attention to the parking lot as I left the car and went into the store. I have no reason to check it out and evaluate every vehicle on that parking lot. The only thing on my mind was to go in, purchase by gift, get out, back into the car and go home.

I do know the car my wife has is red. That's about as far as I can go with that. So, when I left the shopping store, I was looking for a red car.

It seemed like an effortless thing to do, but as I looked up and down the parking lot, there must've been thousands of red cars. Not quite, but it seemed that way. From my perspective, they all looked alike. I could not remember what kind of car my wife had, only that it was red. The fact that I remembered it was red was something.

I went to the first red car, there was nobody there and the doors were locked, so I went to several others. I could not find the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I was almost tempted to phone in a missing person's alert; perhaps the police could find her better than me.

I did have my cell phone with me, and I thought about calling her to find out where she was. But if I did, I would have to live with that for the rest of my life. You know how that goes!

I decided to continue my search, and I looked at one red car after another and could not find her anywhere. Perhaps I took too long shopping, and she got tired of waiting and went home.

I'm thinking of putting a little white flag on the top of her car's antenna so that I could at least find her that way. But I had to find her first.

Then I heard a horn blow, and I looked down the row, and there was a hand out the window waving at me. So, there she was in plain view.

I was a little exasperated when I got to the car, but then it got a little worse. She was playing a joke on me. As soon as I walked into the store, she moved her car. There was no possibility of me finding it under those circumstances.

When I got to the car, she was laughing hysterically, and between laughs, she said, "I gotcha."

I had to admit that she did get me this time. Even if I could've remembered what kind of car it was, it was not where I had expected it to be. I don't think I will ever live this one down.

As we were driving home, she was sitting on the driver side smiling while I was sitting on the passenger side thinking. A verse of Scripture came to my mind. "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them" (Proverbs 20:12).

What I have learned in my lifetime is that hearing and seeing are crucial elements in every relationship.

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HEADLINES FROM 2020 A YEAR OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES!

SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT WINS COVETED 2020 PRESIDENT'S AWARD



The Sierra Rose Float Association has done it again! The all volunteer group won the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade's prestigious President's Award for "The most outstanding use and presentation of flowers". This is the 14th win for SMREA out of the last 14 entries into the internationally known parade. There are Some statistics: 12,000 roses, 1,700 irises, 1,200 orchids, gobs of barley, sesame seed and other seeds. The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Building quality floats for Sierra Madre since 1917

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY



On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, an special meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council took place to address the issue of declaring a local state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 Virus. At the recommendation of staff, the council unanimously voted to declare such an emergency. A summary of the action is listed below: (From staff report)

On March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ordered:

SUMMARY OF THE COUNTY ORDER: (From Staff Report)

During a State of Emergency, California law empowers the County of Los Angeles Health Officer (Health Officer) to take measures necessary to protect the public from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the County of Los Angeles. In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Interim Guidance for Large Events and Mass Gatherings (March 15, 2020); the California Department of Public Health's Mass Gathering Guidance (March 11, 2020); and Governor Newsom's Guidance Regarding Bars and Restaurants (March 15, 2020), the Health Officer is ordering significant protective measures to stem or slow the spread of COVID-19 within the greater Los Angeles community. Because of the rapid spread of COVID-19 and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, this Order prohibits all indoor public and private gatherings

and all outdoor public and private events within a confined space, where at least 50 people are expected to be in attendance at the same time. This Order applies within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, beginning March 16, 2020 and continues through March 31, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below.

For all gatherings that are not prohibited, the Health Officer orders the event and gathering holders and venues to implement the following infection control precautions: (1) enforce social distancing within the confined space by requiring attendees to be separated by six (6) feet; (2) provide access to hand washing facilities with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol; (3) post a sign in a conspicuous place at the public entry to the venue instructing members of the public to not attend if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough; and (4) adhere to communicable disease control recommendations provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Further, this Health Officer Order, requires all permanent food facilities to limit their services to only preparing and offering food to customers via delivery service, via pick up for take-out dining only, or via drive thru. This Order immediately requires closing the following types of businesses:

- (1) Bars and Nightclubs that do not serve food.
- (2) Gyms and Fitness Centers.
- (3) Movie Theaters, Live Performance Theaters, Bowling Alleys, and Arcades

The County Health Officer will continue to monitor COVID-19 disease spread, State and CDC recommendations, and the impact of the required measures, and as needed, may revisit, extend, expand, or otherwise modify this Order to protect the public's health. (cont. page 3)

BRENT BARTLETT NAMED SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF



RODRICK ARMALIN APPOINTED SIERRA MADRE'S POLICE CHIEF

Henry Amos promoted to Captain



SMPD Chief Rodrick Armalin

Engeland stated "we are very excited for Chief Armalin to join our team. He brings incredible experience to the City, is community focused, and is committed to developing the members of the Police Department."

Armalin's most current position with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was as Unit Commander of the College Bureau where he managed 176 personnel who provided all law enforcement services to nine community colleges that make up the largest community college district in the nation. After serving in the United States Air Force, Armalin joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and graduated top of his police academy class, receiving the Department's prestigious Honor Recruit Award.

From a small town in Louisiana, and primarily reared in Los Angeles, when asked why he chose law enforcement as a career, he shared his experiences as an impressionable young man and his admiration for the police officers in his LA neighborhood.

He is an advocate of 'open dialogue and is looking forward to serving the residents of Sierra Madre. Chief Armalin said, "I am extremely excited about working with the men and women of Sierra Madre Police Department, and eagerly anticipating meeting and becoming a member of this wonderful community!"

Armalin is filling the position left vacant by Interim Police Chief Jim Hunt, who has been in place since April 2019.

In addition to the appointment of Police Chief, the City has also promoted Sergeant Henry Amos to the rank of Police Captain. Amos' career with the agency began as a Reserve Officer. In 2002 he was hired as a full-time police officer and promoted to Sergeant in 2017. Since Amos joined Sierra Madre Police Department he has worked as a Field Training Officer, Police Detective, and Acting Lieutenant. Captain Amos' promotion is immediate. City Manager Engeland said "Captain Amos has done exceptional work for the City and Sierra Madre Police Department and his promotion is well-earned."

Captain Amos said "I accept my new position with great pride and dedication to the residents and businesses of Sierra Madre. I look forward to working with Chief Armalin in further developing the department and working closely with the community."

Both Armalin and Amos are making history as the first African Americans to hold their respective positions in Sierra Madre.

CITY COUNCIL REPEALS DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

MVNews, February 1, 2020

City Council repealed an ordinance, Tuesday, which imposed a moratorium on the issuance of new water service connections in the City, initially put in place for the purpose of conserving water for home use, sanitation and for fighting fires.

Due to a water shortage emergency and lack of sufficient rainfall, Ordinance 1356U (pursuant to Water Code 351 and 352) was set to remain in place until water supplies had been replenished or augmented. The rainy season of 2012-13 only produced 5.9 inches of rain. The average rainfall over a 50-year period was over 23 inches.

When the ordinance was enacted in 2014 and the moratorium was enforced, the East Raymond Basin, was Sierra Madre's only source of water. Since then, a water exchange agreement has been established between the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) and the Metropolitan Water District (MET). In this pact, MET delivers up to 2,500 acre/feet of ground water to Sierra Madre annually. In addition, the City will share a well, as needed, with the City of Arcadia as part of the agreement with SGVMWD to begin in 2022. The well produces approximately 1,300 acre/feet ground water per year. "The City currently has reliable, perpetual access to about 150% of the annual, anticipated, incurred need," stated City Manager, Gabriel Engeland. As part of the agreement with the City of Arcadia, water will be "wheeled" from the main basin that is owned by the city of Sierra Madre.

The moratorium placed restrictions on new zoning-related issues for homeowners such as adding meters, extensions to homes requiring new running water, and other potable water services.

A water shortage emergency was declared by City Council in July 2014, when water levels dropped from 1,764 acre/feet to 940 acre/feet annually. Sierra Madre has been creatively exploring alternative, permanent options for water sources since these levels sunk dangerously low. The current annual consumption of water by Sierra Madre is 2,300 acre/feet. These current agreements do not diminish the need for common sense water conservation efforts.

City Council voted unanimously to repeal Ordinance 1356U in its entirety.

Kevin McGuire/MVNews

"SIERRA MADRE THRIVES" OFFERS LIFELINE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

MVNews April 4, 2020

Beginning April 1, "Quarantine Canteen" rotates local restaurants offering weekly drive-thru dinners to anyone in need; volunteers offer to run errands for home-bound neighbors

SIERRA MADRE, Calif. – March 31, 2020 – In an effort to help neighbors in need during the coronavirus crisis, a group of passionate citizens in this small foothills community have created "Sierra Madre Thrives," a grass-roots initiative designed to offer assistance, support, and weekly dinners for local residents during the coronavirus pandemic.

The initiative was spearheaded by Mike Comer, CEO of Sierra Madre-based health care company Wound Care Advantage, who reached out to local businesses and friends to help. The response was fast and immediate. To date, dozens of businesses and volunteers are lending a hand to help Sierra Madre residents through this difficult time. Sierra Madre Thrives is collaborating with several local restaurants donating food and time to help provide free dinners every Wednesday throughout the crisis for any community member in need.

"We're doing everything we can to get things ramped up quickly because our community needs help NOW, especially our senior citizens," said Comer. "Our goal is to bring everyone together in a positive way during a very difficult time, and to find new ways to support each other. We're open to suggestions!"

The weekly dinner service, dubbed "Quarantine Canteen," will offer free or discounted boxed meals every week via drive-thru, beginning this Wednesday, April 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Poppy Cake Baking Company, 328 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. On April 8, the Quarantine Canteen will move up the street to The Only Place in Town restaurant. Additional participants will be published on the group's website.



Sierra Madre residents are encouraged to visit the website to learn more, make donations to help cover costs, reserve a weekly meal, and find out about local business specials. For more information, or to reserve a meal, visit www.siermadrethrive.com

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE!



In early 2020, I had the good fortune to stop by and have lunch with two of my favorite Sierra Madreans, Former Mayor George Maurer who turned 98 in October, and former Citizen of the Year Bud Switzer, at the retirement facility they were living in. Between the two of them they were a plethora of history, and some downright gossip, about Sierra Madre and talking to them was always a wonderful experience. None of us knew that in just a few short months everything we knew would change. When I ran across this picture, I thought about what a precious commodity we all have in our memories. So, as editor of this publication, I am dedicating this section to the Memories of 2020, mostly great, but some difficult, in hopes that we will all look forward to whatever the future holds with the wonderful memories of the past.

Speaking of last year, I reviewed my annual New Year Editorial and found this:

"This year [2020] represents an editorial milestone for me, for if I make it to Volume 14 No. 52, I will surpass the number of years my good friend Jan Reed published a weekly paper in Sierra Madre. Although Jan is no longer with us, before she left, she encouraged me to reach for that milestone and more. I appreciated her encouragement then, and it really keeps me going now!"

I am happy to say that I have reached and surpassed that milestone as this edition marks the 15th year of the publication of this paper. Thanks to Jan, and all of you for your continued support and encouragement.

And last, but certainly not least, my daughter Patricia Carpenter shared something that I think is perfect as we enter 2021:

THE GIFT OF 2020

The end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 are a most opportune time for this reminder. This is the year of Our Lord... Tomorrow is not promised. Every breath, every opening of the eyes after closing, every awakening after lying to rest, every challenge and every victory are all gifts from above. So, whatever your memory of the two thousandth and twentieth year of Our Lord, remember to acknowledge Him and thank Him for the blessing of life enough for One More Day!"

Happy New Year!
Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor

SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TURNS 20!

MVNews, February, 2020

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation recently celebrated 20 years of serving the local community with a Whiskey & Wine tasting event at the historic Mia Italia residence. The event's proceeds will be reinvested into the community via grants for local activities, events and pro-grams.



More than 150 residents and supporters attended the Feb. 22 event. Apply for a grant at sierramadrefoundation.org.
Community Foundation board members celebrate at conclusion of Whiskey & Wine event: L to R—Tom Hoffman, Ed Garcia, Sue Spears, Heather Young, Jeff Dapper, Sharon Pevsner, Frank Moore, Laura Palmer, Allison Evans, Greg Harman, Carol Canterbury
Photo Courtesy SMCF

MADRE LIBRARY CELEBRATES LOCAL HEROES



The theme for the 2020 Sierra Madre Public Library bookmark contest could not have been more appropriately selected: Sierra Madre Heroes. What better time than 2020 to highlight the heroes among us. Entries were thoughtful, topical, and beautifully drawn... and showed how heroes come in many shapes and sizes.

The winners were selected by age groups by our sponsors: The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, the Mountain Views News, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, Sierra Madre Firefighters Association, and the Sierra Madre Woman's Club... and here are the winners!

Grades K-1, Ellen Thomas – 1st place and Zina Chou – 2nd Place; Grade 2, Autumn Noh – 1st Place and Sage Alva – 2nd Place; Grade 3, Anne Garrett – 1st Place and Arcadia Shula – 2nd Place; Grade 4-5, Emma Noel Abajian – 1st Place and Juliet Kirages – 2nd Place; Grade 6, Kaiya Masuda – 1st Place and Amy Hu – 2nd Place; Grade 7-8, Chloe Tubbs – 1st Place and Peyton Thomas – 2nd Place.

In addition to winning in their grade, four of these fabulous winning entries (depicted in the photo) have been selected by the Mayor, City Manager, Friends of the Library President and Library Trustee Chair to be printed. Those winners are Emma Noel Abajian, Ellen Thomas, Anne Garrett, and Chloe Tubbs. Bookmarks will be printed and available soon with your checked out materials and don't forget to stop by the Library this month to view the bookmarks outside of the Library. Congratulations to all of the inspiring artists.

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, Text (626) 662-1254, www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library

SIERRA MADRE CELEBRATED EVERY- THING SAFELY!



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 22, 2020

2020 WISTARIA FESTIVAL

Canceled due to COVID-19

9 am—5pm
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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTED INTO UNIFIED RESPONSE IN THE VERDUGO FIRE SYSTEM



MVNews, July 2020

On July 1, 2020 the City of Sierra Madre Fire Department was accepted as a participating member for Unified Response in the Verdugo Fire system. The Verdugo Fire system is comprised of 13 fire departments that operate under a single automatic aid agreement. When an emergency call is received at the Verdugo dispatch center, the closest available fire apparatus responds to the incident, regardless of jurisdiction.

"Congratulations to Interim Chief Bartlett and the entire Sierra Madre Fire Department for this historic achievement!" said Mayor John Capoccia. "I'm very proud of their hard work and dedication to prove to the members of the Verdugo agency that we were up to the task. Sierra Madre residents should also be very proud and secure knowing that we've achieved this long-time goal."

Sierra Madre has been a member of the Verdugo system since 1999, but has not been included in automatic aid and unified response due to its status as a volunteer agency. The Sierra Madre City Council established a goal in 2017 to transition from a volunteer fire department to a career department in order to be accepted into unified response.

"Sierra Madre is safer, as are Sierra Madre's neighbors, due to our acceptance into borderless response," said City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "I would like to thank our Interim Fire Chief Brent Bartlett, and the men and women of the Sierra Madre Fire Department, as well as our past Chief Kurt Norwood and Chief Steve Heydorff. Without their commitment and hard work, we would not have achieved the City Council's goal of being accepted into automatic aid with our peer agencies."

Retired Fire Chief Heydorff offered his sincerest congratulations to City Manager, Gabe Engeland, the Fire Department and especially, to the residents of Sierra Madre. Said retired Fire Chief Stephen Heydorff, "inclusion into Unified Response has been a goal of the Fire Department since Sierra Madre joined the Verdugo Dispatch System in 1999. Every decision made on the direction of the Department was made to complete that goal. Thank you, to all of the past and present members for their hard work, personal sacrifices and hours of training."

The Sierra Madre Fire Department has a proud and storied history extending back to 1921, and the infamous "Sierra Madre Bakery Fire". After the fire, Sierra Madre residents saw the need for a local department and the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department was established. The Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department was the last volunteer department in operation in Los Angeles County when the transition to a career department was completed.

"I am so proud of our Fire Department, and so grateful for all the support we have received. The inclusion in to Unified Response with in the Verdugo System is going to greatly enhance the level of service afforded to our community. The members of your Sierra Madre Fire Department vow to continuously provide quality service through the utmost professionalism," said Interim Chief Bartlett

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 Rigio 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.



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Sierra Madre Thrives....and supports others during Pandemic



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STUART TOLCHIN IN THE SHADOWS

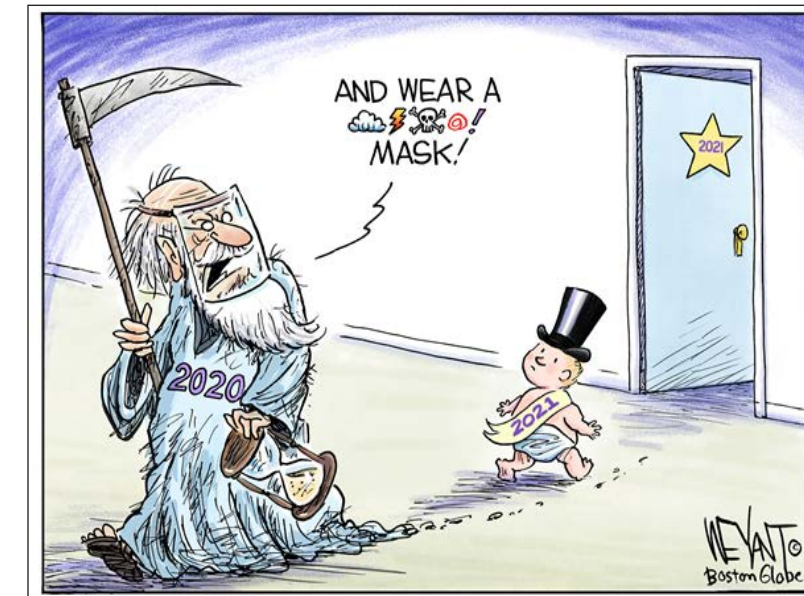
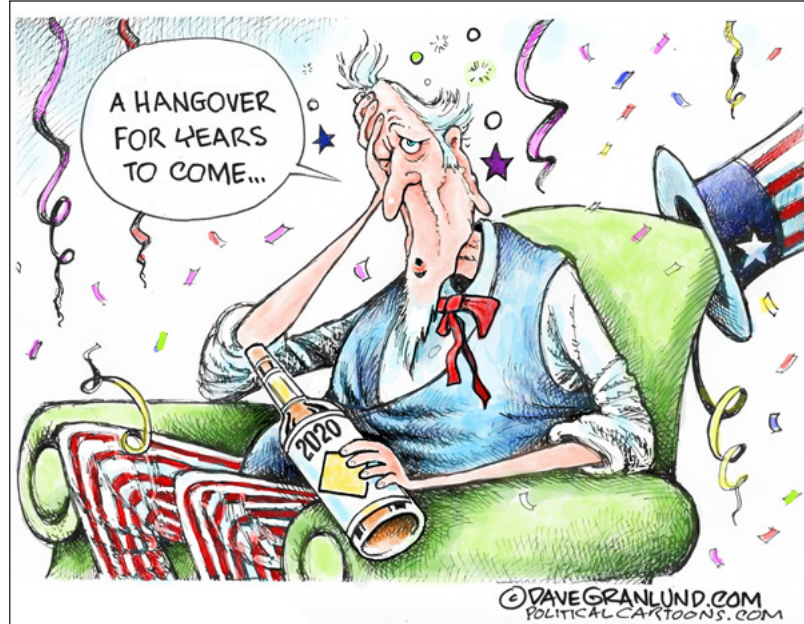


The circumstances behind the picture were that a neighbor had driven up to deliver Christmas presents to my wife and me. The neighbor is an artist, a partly indigenous person from the coast of Brazil who had made a noble and quite successful attempt to live out her dreams. It is my wish that my granddaughter be able to do the same. This information is part of the background which is exactly where I am in the picture, reflected in the shadows along with my wife. The center of attention is the tiny person in the middle of the picture already coping creatively with her life by drawing on the driveway. In fifteen years she will notice that the neighbor is masked and perhaps will have heard of the Covid virus that mandated staying in place restrictions. She may notice that we are all outside of the house and perhaps will understand that because of the restrictions no non-family member was allowed in the house. Looking closely she will see Santa Claus reindeer ears on the car and note that wire female representation in the upper right hand corner of the picture is adorned with a Santa Claus hat and gloves and a poster thanking emergency care workers for their assistance and bravery. Perhaps the blue rubber gloves will be a reminder to her, as they are to me now, that it is now best to be careful about touching any possibly contaminated surfaces.

I want her to see, that despite the extremely difficult circumstances we all managed to get on with our lives. She was the center of all attention as we watched her creatively adapt to her new existence. Similarly, our neighbor, the artist drawing on the driveway, has used her creativity to sustain, explore, and expand her own life. I want my granddaughter to know that it is this creativity in adapting to changing circumstances has played a big part in the evolution of our species survival. No matter what the world is like in 15 or in 50 years she will have the capacity to creatively adapt, enjoy, and live out her life. As she ages I hope she will keep in mind that part of the great joys of living and ageing is being around to enjoy the incredible miracle of life. In the picture, that is exactly what the grandparents in the shadow are privileged to observe.



A note to you my imaginary reader. Prior to writing this article I presented the enclosed picture to close friends who have responded by saying "Don't you know how to take a picture? What are those shadows doing in the picture? Why is that weird lady so close to the baby? The baby sure is getting big. What are you doing having her play in the driveway?". So, if you don't find the picture interesting I will be disappointed but will perfectly understand. This article and all artistic attempts are an interaction between the artist(?) and the viewer and I have done my best to do my part.



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

JOE GUZZARDI A ROSE BOWL MEMORY



As a kid growing up in post-World War II Los Angeles, the Rose Bowl was the year's single most anticipated event.

In sports, the Dodgers were still in Brooklyn, the Lakers in Minneapolis, and the Rams had only recently relocated from Cleveland. The thought that professional ice hockey might one day be played in sunny Southern California was too preposterous to take seriously. In some circles, the Academy Awards were Los Angeles' annual highlight. Kids would have to be dragged kicking and screaming to Oscar winning films like "From Here to Eternity," or "Around the World in 80 Days."

When my parents announced on Christmas Day that one of my gifts was tickets to attend the January 1st 1955 Rose Bowl game with my dad, my excitement couldn't be contained. That year, the Rose Bowl matchup pitted the Number 1 ranked Ohio State Buckeyes against the #17 University of Southern California Trojans. While few gave the Trojans a chance, bowl games were always the perfect setting for major college upsets.

Fans of the then-Pac 8 eagerly anticipated watching the Big-10 conference representatives, considered more powerful than their West Coast rivals. The undefeated 8-0 Buckeyes, led by Hall of Fame coach Woody Hayes and Heisman Trophy winning running back Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy, faced the 6-3 Trojans who finished a dismal sixth in the Pac-8. Under the Rose Bowl era's early rules, Pac-8 winner UCLA couldn't represent the conference in back-to-back years.

Ask anyone who's lived in Los Angeles to predict January 1 weather, and their replies will be the same. No matter how foul the weather is on the days leading up to the Rose Bowl or how awful during the following days, by kickoff, skies will be sunny, and the temperature warm.

But for the first time in more than three decades, January 1, 1955 was not only rainy, but a torrent. No sooner had my father's eyes opened on Rose Bowl morning than, as sheets of rain fell outside, he tried to beg off. Dad pleaded with Mom to intercede on his behalf. No dice, Mom said, the Rose Bowl is

your son's Christmas present, and he's looked forward to the game for a week.

Off to Pasadena my father and I set, he somber and me excited. With 90,000 fans sitting shoulder-to-shoulder, umbrellas were useless. The temperature was no day at the beach, either, hovering in the mid-50s. As rain dripped down our cheeks, we sat through the entire lopsided game that from the beginning Ohio State dominated, 20-7.

Here's how the Cleveland Plain Dealer described the game:

"Through mud, slime, murk and driving rain, Ohio State's dauntless Buckeyes today reached the all-time zenith of the University's football history. Ploughing through muck in the fog and semi-darkness, the Buckeyes vanquished Southern California, 20 to 7, in the worst weather conditions of Rose Bowl history."

As bad as the day had been for my father, it was about to worsen. Finally drying off post-game in the family Ford, dad turned the ignition key and we heard the awful grinding sound that dead batteries emit. Driving from our house to Pasadena with his headlights on, dad forgot to turn them off once we parked. Realizing that we would be stranded for at least a couple of hours, my father let out a string of profanities that turned the parking lot blue.

Stadium security summoned AAA, and eventually, redemption in tow truck form worked its way through the tens of thousands of vehicles trying to exit. Our long drive home was in stony silence. Years passed before my family could laugh about Rose Bowl 1955.

I left Los Angeles long ago, and on return visits I saw Rose Bowl games under Chamber of Commerce skies. But nothing will ever replace in my memory that rain-drenched January 1st.

As I look back on New Year's Day more than 65 years ago, I realize that I've developed a deeper affection for my loving father who resisted going to the rain soaked-Rose Bowl, but in the end, took me anyway.

As he did in 1955, and continued to do until the day he died, dad always kept the promises he made to me.

—Joe Guzzardi is a Society for American Baseball Research and Internet Baseball Writers Association member. Contact him at guzzjoe@yahoo.com.

DICK POLMAN



A YOUNG, HEALTHY REPUBLICAN SPOKE AT A MASKLESS RALLY. NOW HE'S DEAD

Nobody deserves to die in a pandemic. But even now – after so much suffering, with so much more to come – millions of Americans still don't seem to understand that brainless stupidity can put them six feet under.

Case in point: Earlier this month in Louisiana, House Republican candidate Luke Letlow won his runoff race after parroting Trumpian ignorance about COVID-19 and mimicking his hero by staging a series of maskless rallies.

Less than two weeks ago, Letlow announced that he had COVID-19.

By Wednesday morning, Letlow was unable to provide further updates, because he's dead. At age 41.

Letlow leaves a wife and two small children. I don't mean to speak ill of the dead. I'll simply point out that one's odds of contracting and dying from COVID-19 are heightened if one dwells in a MAGA bubble and throws prudent caution to the winds.

Letlow's big message – which clicked with Louisiana voters, naturally – was that Donald Trump showed "tremendous leadership and a remarkable ability to get things done," and that thanks to Trump, "America is defeating COVID-19." As recently as Nov. 19, after staging multiple maskless meet-and-greets, he warned about the economic damage of lockdowns and said, "We have to learn how to live in a COVID world."

The chairman of the Louisiana Republican party had this reaction to Letlow's death: "The world was his oyster. We're all in disbelief."

Believe it, buddy. The COVID world is no oyster if you treat masks as a threat to freedom.

Naturally, the freedom lovers still refuse to believe. Social media today is infested with deniers who insist that because Letlow was only 41, surely he must've died for a different reason – or because he had underlying health problems. But nope, his hospital doctor said he was healthy as a horse before he was stricken, and that all the factors were "COVID-related."

Bottom line: A young politician in the prime of health has left his wife a widow, and his children fatherless, after setting a bad example for the citizens he aspired to serve. COVID feasts on blithe stupidity. Letlow's media feeds featured numerous photos of him greeting the common folk, sans mask. How many people did he potentially infect and put at dire risk? We'll never know their names.

Joe Biden – the president whom Letlow would've staunchly opposed in 2021, had he lived to take his House seat – offered this self-evident observation Tuesday, during his remarks about how Trump has predictably screwed up vaccine distribution:

"Wearing a mask is not a political statement. It is a patriotic duty. COVID is a killer in red states as well as blue states, so I would encourage you all to wear a mask...I'm asking you to make these sacrifices (for) your lives and your livelihood and your kids and your families."

Letlow didn't do that. After 330,000 deaths, how many more cautionary tales do people need to hear?

Dick Polman, a veteran national political columnist based in Philadelphia and a Writer in Residence at the University of Pennsylvania, writes at DickPolman.net. Email him at dickpolman7@gmail.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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WEAR A MASK!

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
 Subject: Public Hearing Notice:
 218 Process Forming Downtown Landscaping
 and Lighting Maintenance District

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Proposed Downtown Landscaping and Lighting
 Maintenance District Boundaries, City of Sierra Madre,
 County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution confirming the ballot results to determine whether a majority protest exists in the proceedings to form the Downtown Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District ("District"); and adoption of a resolution confirming the ballot results and providing that no majority protest exists in the proceedings to form the Downtown Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District.

On November 10, 2020 the City Council adopted Resolution 20-70 initiating proceedings and Resolution 20-71 declaring its intention to form the District, approving the Engineer's Report and setting the time and date of the public hearing for the formation of the District. On November 24th, assessment ballots were mailed to the property owners within the proposed District's boundary, to vote for or against the formation of the District.

Assessment ballots may be returned by mail in the self-addressed return envelope, which is included with the assessment ballot. Ballots returned by mail must be received by the City Clerk on or before 5:30 pm on January 12, 2021.

You may also deliver your assessment ballot to the City Clerk at the following address:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
 232 WEST SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD
 SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024

After 5:30 pm on January 12, 2021, and at any time prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing, you may deliver your assessment to the City Clerk at the location of the Public Hearing given in the Notice of Public Hearing and Assessment Ballot Procedure.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, January 12, 2021 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.) or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Meeting may also be accessed on Local Government Access Channel or online. All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PLACE OF HEARING

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City Council meeting will be conducted virtually.

- This meeting will also be recorded for broadcast.
- Watch the meeting live on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum), on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, or on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre>
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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO
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PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
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Well, we've made it to another Birthday! Since 2006, I have been publishing a weekly newspaper in the San Gabriel Valley specifically covering the cities of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Pasadena, and also South Pasadena, Altadena and San Marino. It was August 4, 2007 however, when the first edition of the Mountain Views Observer (now know as the Mountain Views News) was published! My how time flies! That is a total of 698 CONSECUTIVE weeks; approximately 12,564 pages; more than 7 million print readership! Our website traffic exceeded 4 million page reads in 2019 alone! I am pretty proud of what we have accomplished over the last 14 years, despite huge economic challenges, such as the 40% tariff on newsprint that comes from China and has adversely impacted print media in the United States or California's AB5 which is another threat to newspapers statewide, we survived.

And then.....2020 and COVID-19 happened! To date, we are still alive and moving forward. We are proceeding cautiously and are committed to continue providing you with accurate information about our community.

In March, when we reached out to you for help we expected that by May at the very least the Emergency would be over. We could not have imagined in our wildest dreams that in August the crisis would still be with us. As indicated in the beginning, the Mountain Views News has survived primarily on the paper's ability to publish legal notices and the support of our advertisers many of whom are also impacted by the COVID19 virus. However, that has all changed. We were informed mid-March that the County of Los Angeles closed all public access to buildings that process legal notices. Such action, while absolutely necessary means that the income generated from the publication of the Fictitious Business Notices came to an abrupt halt and that has not changed. Without the ability to publish those legal notices, continued publication of the Mountain Views News remains in jeopardy.

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

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

Below are 4 ways that you can help sustain your local paper. All support is greatly appreciated.

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



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#2 **DONATE BY CHECK:** If you would rather make a donation directly to the paper, you can send a check. Make it payable to the Mountain Views News and mail to: Mountain Views News 80 W Sierra Madre Blvd. #327 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

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Susan Henderson, Owner/Publisher/Editor

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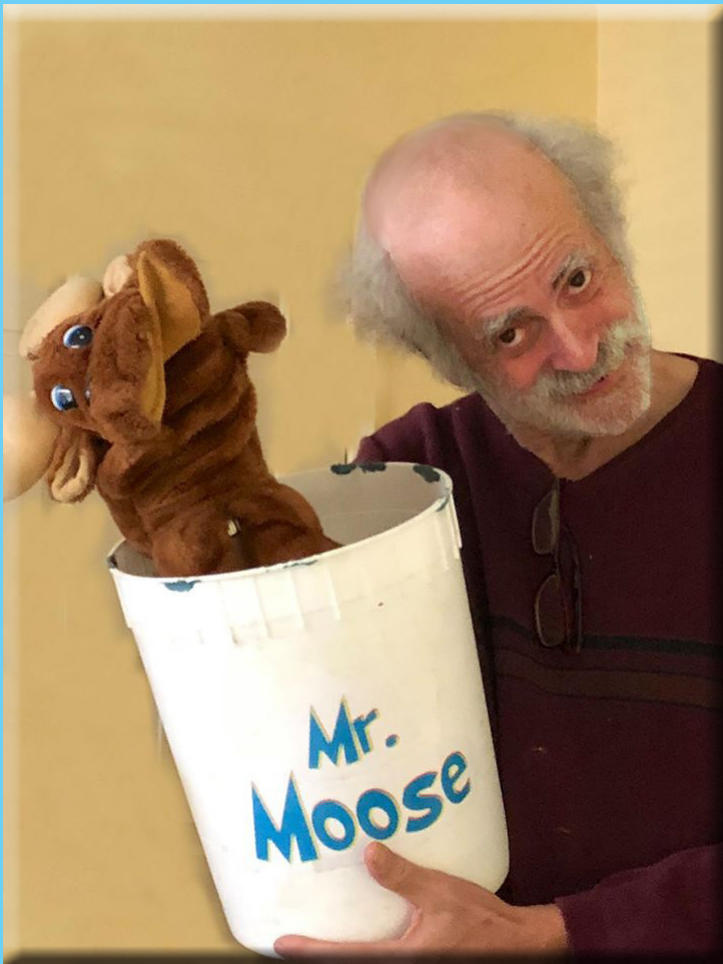
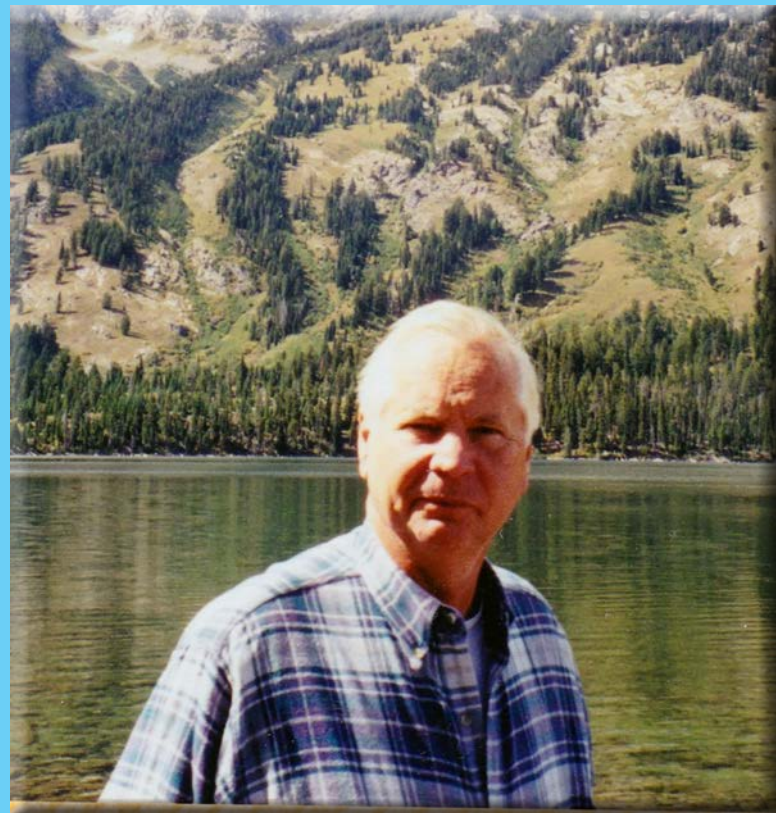
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RT ROGERS BREWING CO	38E Montecito Ave #1 Sierra Madre 91024	626-921-0308	Brewery
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MARYS MARKET & CANYON CAFÉ	561 Woodland Dr Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-4534	Cafe
ATTITUDE	90 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3929	Clothing
THE SIERRA MADRE HELPING HANDS		626-348-4940	Charitable Services
SIERRA MADRE THRIVES	info@sierramadrethrives.com		Charitable Services
BEANTOWN COFFEE HOUSE & BAKERY	45 N Baldwin Ave ,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-1596	Coffee Shop TEMP Closed
JPG COFFEE	142 W Sierra Madre Bl ,Sierra Madre 91024	626-352-3881	Coffee Shop
STARBUCKS	1 Kersting Court Sierra Madre 91024	626-355 8222	Coffee Shop
SYNDICATE COFFEE	18 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 90124	626-351-0051	Coffee Shop
FOOTHILL TEK	34 N. Bladwin Ave. Sierra Madre, CA 91024	626-355-5152	Computer Services
FOOTHILL COMPUTER SERVICES	PO BOX 515 Sierra Madre 91025	626-355-8315	Computer Services
PAPER HEART CONCIERGE SERVICES	414 Auburn Ave, Sierra Madre 91024	626 348-4940	Concierge
SIERRA MADRE DANCE CENTER (Miss Amie)	154 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-381-9003	Dance Lessons (Children)
WOODHILL DESIGN	38 E Montecito Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-423-2639	Design Services
CRYSTAL CLEANERS	53 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-8111	Dry Cleaning
DOG WASH AMERICA	187 W Sierra MadreBl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-0701	Dog Washing
LEONORA MOSS	9 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-1180	Florist
SAVOR THE FLAVOR	11 Kersting Court Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-1236	Gourmet Gifts
FAULKNER DESIGN	403 E Jackson St Pasadena 91104	626-644-7780	Graphic Design/Web Design
TAYLORS OL' FASHION MARKET	14 E Sierra Madre Bl ,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-8267	Grocery Store
SIERRA HEALTH & FITNESS	20 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-1236	Gym
ARNOLDS FRONTIER HARDWARE	297W Sierra Madre Bl ,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3365	Hardware Store
FOOTHILL HOMECARE PARTNERS INC	78 W Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-2006	Home Health Care Services
MOTHER MOO CREAMERY	17 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-9650	Ice Creamery
BROWNS CLASSIC INTERIORS	64 W Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-2712	Interior Design/Decorating
E WALDO WARD & SON	273 E Highland Ave ,Sierra Madre,91024	626-355-1218	Jams/Jellies/Preserves
SO CAL KENPO KARATE	47 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-545-5554	Karate Studio
DOCUMEDIA MAIL BOX & POSTAL	80 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-6675	Mailing and Business Services
ROCKIN ROLLERS	38 E Montecito Ave #10 Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-0101	Music and Beauty Services
ARIA NAILS SPA	38 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-0781	Nail Salon
TROPICAL NAIL SPA	56 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-5878	Nail Salon
MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS	80 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-2737	Newspaper
LUMMEN OPTOMETRIC	14 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-921-0199	Optometrist
THE SHABBY DOG	31 E Montecito Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-5452	Pet Grooming/Boarding
BEST BUY DRUGS	29 N Baldwin ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3456	Pharmacy
ANDY BENCOSME ,CENTURY 21 VILLAGE REALTY	38 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-1451	Real Estate
CAROL CANTERBURY - BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	115 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre,91024	626=355-1600	Real Estate
JUDY WEBB MARTIN - WEBB-MARTIN GROUP	30 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-688-2273	Real Estate
LUTHER TSINOGLOU - DEASEY PENNER PODLEY	30 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-695-8650	Real Estate
TACOS ENSENADA	345 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-351-1176	Restaurant (Mexican)}
YUI	24 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-325-3840	Restaurant (Sushi)
CASA DEL REY MEXICAN RESTAURANT	31-N Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-6060	Restaurant (Mexican)
CORFU	48 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-5993	Restaurant (Mediterranean)
FOUR SEASONS TEA ROOM	75 N Baldwin Ave ,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-0045	Restaurant
LEMON ZEST	74 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-921-0202	Restaurant
MADRE VILLAGE PIZZRIA	41 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-8817	Restaurant
MONSIEUR CREPE	54 W Sierra MadreBl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-1508	Restaurant
NANO CAFÉ	322 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3334	Restaurant
ONLY PLACE IN TOWN	110 W Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3502	Restauramt
SIERRA FUSION	120 W Sierra Madre Bl,Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3030	Restaurant
LUCKY BALDWINS PUB	21 Kersting Court Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-1140	Restaurant/Pub
SUBWAY	148 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-1800	Sandwich Shop
CAPELLI COURT SALON	26 N Baldwin Ave ,Sierra Madre 91024	626-836-1244	Salon
LITTLE MOUNTAIN SALON	43 E Montecito Ave, Sierra Madre 91024	626-353-8095	Salon
RUIZ SHOE REPAIR	53 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-8111	Shoe Repair
CLEANSE SKIN ENERGY	20 W Montecito Ave,Sierra Madre 91024	310-730-8892	Skin Care
SKIN CARE & BODY WORK DAY SPA	49 S Baldwin Ave Ste C Sierra Madre 91024	626-233-0700	Skin Care
BUTERFLY EFFECT DAY SPA	370 W Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-5507	Spa
LUCKY CLOVER SPA	31 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-6000	Spa
MAESTRO CUSTOM TAILOR	81 W Sierra Madre Bl Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-3545	Tailor
CATHERINE ADDE (TRAVEL STORE)	140 S Lake Ave Pasadena 91101	626-639-2614	Travel Consultant
PROTRAVEL INTERNATIONAL	55 W Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre #108	626-796-4448	Travel Consultant
DANNY OSTI TREE SERVICE	109 S Lima , Sierra Madre 91024	626-355-7087	Tree Service

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