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PROPOSITION 19

Provides big changes to certain property tax rules

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- Proposition 19 builds off of Proposition 13, passed in 1978, which limits property taxes to 1% of a home's value, based on the year the house was purchased. Proposition 13 also restricts the amount that taxable value can go up every year to 2%, even if a home's market value increases much more.
- Currently, as soon as residents move to a new home after living in their old home for a long time, their property tax increases by a lot—this is the issue that Proposition 19 seeks to address.
- Proposition 19 allows homeowners who are 55 or older to transfer the taxable value of their old house to a new, more expensive home, thereby avoiding the big jump in property taxes they would otherwise face. This is designed to encourage seniors to enter the real estate market.
- Disabled homeowners and wildfire/disaster victims would receive the benefit as well. The rules under Proposition 19 extend to every county in the state, and homeowners could take advantage of the break as many as three times when they decide to move.
- Proposition 19 also changes tax reassessments on inherited properties. Currently, homes are not reassessed when transferred to heirs, so any property that is benefitting from the low tax rates created by Proposition 13 would continue to benefit if a parent passes the property to a child.
- However, Proposition 19 makes it no longer possible for inherited homes to maintain the same low property tax rate enjoyed prior to the inheritance, if the heir does not move into it as a primary residence. Children who inherit their parents' home, but only intend to keep it as a second home or rent it out, would see a big increase in property taxes under Proposition 19.

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SIERRA MADRE DOWNTOWN PROPERTY OWNERS APPROVE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHANGES



The city of Sierra Madre is recently offered owners who have property in one of the four assessment districts downtown the opportunity to lower their taxes by consolidation of the existing districts into the Downtown Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District. The formation required a Prop 218 vote of approval by owners within the districts to be impacted.

The new district will fund landscaping, lighting and parking maintenance and improvements through the four districts.

Votes had to be submitted by January 5, 2021. The final tally was confirmed at Tuesday's City Council meeting where the new assessment configuration and tax assessment was approved.

The final tally was as follows:

Total Assessment Ballots Distributed:	193
Total Ballots Received (Cast)	78
Assessment Ballots In Favor	40
Assessment Ballots Opposed	37

With the majority of affected property owners voting to approve the changes the property taxes will decrease as follows:

Current Taxes FY 20-21	\$300
New Taxes for FY 21-22	\$ 0
New Taxes for FY 22-23	\$100
New Taxes 23-24	\$200

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB OFFERS EDUCATIONAL AWARDS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is offering Educational Awards to high school seniors who plan to attend a college or trade school. Last year, the five awardees represented Alverno Heights Academy, Harvard Westlake School – River Park, and Pasadena High School. Since 1944 Civic Club has actively been serving and enriching the Sierra Madre community through volunteering and philanthropic projects. All funds raised are distributed annually to local community organizations and to the recipients of the Educational Awards.

To be eligible, candidates must either reside in Sierra Madre, or work in Sierra Madre, or attend school in Sierra Madre. Along with the completed form provided by Sierra Madre Civic Club, which includes questions about interests and a personal statement, candidates are to provide two letters of reference.

Applications are available at the Sierra Madre Library, www.sierramadrecivicclub.org, on Facebook at Sierra Madre Civic Club, from college counselors at local high schools, or at lefler.sharon@gmail.com. Completed application packets must be received no later than April 2, 2021.

Please encourage any eligible high school seniors to apply!

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY RE-OPENS OUTDOOR DINING WITH SAFETY MEASURES

Public Health has modified the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order to closely align with the sector re-openings permitted in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy most restrictive purple tier.

Outdoor dining at restaurants, wineries, and breweries may reopen with additional safety measures in place to mitigate the increased risk since customers are permitted to spend time unmasked at these businesses.

Indoor dining is not permitted.

All employees that can come in contact with customers must wear both a face covering and a face shield at all times. Persons from different households are not allowed to share a table. All establishments must post signage to this effect and verbally inform customers that everyone sharing a table must be from the same household. Tables must be positioned at least 8 feet apart and televisions or other screens must be turned off.

The Health Officer Order also removes operating hour restrictions for non-essential businesses.

In order to prevent another increase in cases that leads the County back to more restrictions, as sectors reopen, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health strongly encourages everyone to follow the infection control protocols: wear a face covering, maintain physical distance and avoid large gatherings and crowds.

In addition, if you are at high risk for serious complications from COVID-19, we strongly recommend you continue to stay home as much as possible.

Allowable starting on January 29, 2021:
Private gatherings Limited to 3 households & total of 15 persons; outdoors only

Family Entertainment Centers
Open for outdoor operations (50%)

Museums, zoos, aquariums
Open for outdoor operations

Cardrooms Outdoor operations at 50%

Miniature golf, go karts, batting cages
Outdoor operations at 50%

Outdoor recreational activity
Open

Hotels, Motels Tourism and individual travel allowed

Fitness facilities Open for outdoor operations

Personal care Open at 25% indoor capacity

Indoor mall, shopping center, lower-risk retail
Open at 25% indoor capacity; food courts and common areas closed

Businesses are required to implement the protocols prior to reopening to ensure they are in compliance with the Health Officer Order, and to avoid citations, fines, and possible closure.

Violations can be reported anonymously at 888-700-9995 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

To report violations online, visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.



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Blueberry Vanilla ☆ Blue Lady
Masala Chai ☆ Autumn Leaves
Black Currant ☆ English Breakfast
Hawaiian Orchid ☆ Hazelnut Vanilla Chai
Pumpkin Muffin ☆ Pear & Pomegranate
Victorian Rose ☆ Lavender Earl Grey

HERBAL TEA:
Signature House Blend: Hibiscus
Caribbean Sunset ☆ Rose Petals

GREEN TEA:
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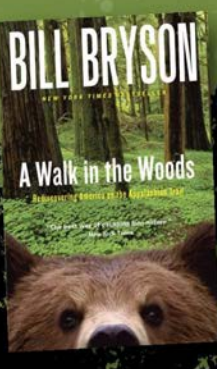
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ONE BOOK ONE CITY EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2021

Join Us for a Month of Socially-Distant
Events!

The Sierra Madre Public Library is honored to present this year's One Book One City line up, featuring *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. This community reading program invites everyone in Sierra Madre to read and discuss the same book during February 2021 and participate in exciting and socially distant programs and events. On Tuesday, February 2, join Dr. Bill White and Pete Siberell for a virtual presentation on the History of the Mount Wilson Trail Race, and enjoy a Facebook Live event on Saturday February 6 at 11:00 am to learn about the Mt. Wilson Trail Race. Other family events will include a community scavenger hunt with prizes, Storytime with Librarian Leila and much more. Bill Bryson introduces the reader to the history and ecology of the Appalachian Trail and to the myriad of interesting people and experiences he has during his personal journey along the trail. Entertaining and captivating, Bryson delivers the majesty of the mountains, forests and lakes with breathtaking imagery. *A Walk in the Woods* brings the splendor of the outdoors right to you and may just inspire you to begin your own journey. Check out your copy of *A Walk in the Woods* at the Library, and join us for a host of engaging socially distant programs related to this One Book One City selection and are free and fun for the whole family. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 for more information and to register for the virtual fun.

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TUESDAY, FEB 2ND AT 8:00AM

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DENISE VERRET**

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Los Angeles Zoo

As CEO and Zoo Director, Verret's inspired empathetic and transformative leadership style guides the senior management team in achieving the zoo's mission with clearly defined goals, strategies and methods for measuring success. Denise has been actively involved in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) for 17 years serving as an AZA accreditation inspector and a member of various committees. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE) Center. Her topics will be the redesign and redevelopment of the zoo's 133-acre campus, plus the impact of COVID and plans for reopening.

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

January 17 to January 23, 2021 During this period the
Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 317 calls
for service.

Possession
On 1-20-21 at 1:01AM, officers stopped a vehicle for a vehicle
code violation in the 300 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. Following
a field interview and consented vehicle search, the subjects were found to be in the possession
of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Both were cited. The vehicle was impounded.
Case to DA's office for filing

Warrant
A driver was arrested following a stop for a vehicle code violation, at Si-
erra Madre Bl. and Michillinda Ave. on 1-21-21 at 12:30AM. The driv-
er was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding ar-
rest warrant out of a neighboring city. The driver was taken to jail for booking.
Case to DA's office for filing

Vehicle Stolen
Officers responded to the 600 block of Michillinda Ave., for the report of a sto-
len vehicle. Sometime between 1-20-21 at 10:00PM and 1-21-21 at 7:00AM an
unknown person(s) took the vehicle from the victims garage without the own-
er's consent. Officers were able to track the vehicle and locate it in a neigh-
boring city. The owner was contacted and the vehicle was returned the same day.
Case to Detectives

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VIRTUAL WINE AND CUISINE
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Don't miss the Virtual Wine and Cuisine Tasting benefit on Friday, February 12, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The benefit will be hosted by Jeff Champion of Rae's Place Fine Wine Boutique. Rae's Place is owned and run by the Champion Family: Kate, Raegan (Rae) and Jeff. Jeff is native to the San Gabriel Valley. Kate is local, having grown up in Monrovia. Jeff is a certified wine expert who brings people together to appreciate the art and science of wine. Jeff has arranged a special appearance for you by Lisa and Michael from Sweetzer Cellars Wineries.

Inspired by a summer trip to France in 2008, Lisa and Michal began making wine in a second story apartment in West Hollywood. "We crushed in the carport, fermented in the dining room, and pressed in the kitchen. The bedroom, kept at 60 degrees, served as our cellar." Plan to attend the Library Virtual Wine Tasting to learn more about Lisa and Michael's journey in becoming highly successful California wine makers.

Whether you are thinking about romance, bromance or a virtual get-together with your best gal pals, this is for you!

Tickets are now on sale online at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. Registration is a 3-step process. The \$25 registration fee to Friends of Sierra Madre Library, plus price of wines and/or Appetizer Selections from local Sierra Madre restaurant. To be more specific, after you have paid the registration fee on the Friends of Sierra Madre Library, you will be directed to Rae's Place Fine Wine Boutique so you can purchase your wine. Once you purchase your wine, you will be provided recipes you can prepare at home that pair with the wines, or directed to a local Sierra Madre restaurant where you can pre-order appetizer selections that will pair with your wines. Your wine will be delivered to your home a day or two before the virtual wine tasting.

The proceeds of this event help support the Library's programs for children and adults throughout the year. For more information about the event or Friends of the Sierra Madre Library visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1437

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, VESTING THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT THE CITY CLERK IN THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, every general law city is required to have a city clerk, which may be an elective or appointive position; WHEREAS, at the March 10, 2020 regular City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution to place a measure on the ballot to convert the office of City Clerk to an appointive position; WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Sierra Madre voted in support of Measure AC to make the city clerk an appointive position;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2020, the Los Angeles County Registrar- Recorder/County Clerk certified the election results of November 3, 2020; WHEREAS, Government Code section 36510 states, "The city council may by ordinance vest in the city manager its authority to appoint such officers"; and WHEREAS, the City Council desires to vest in the City Manager the authority to appoint the City Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council finds that all of the preceding recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and adopted as findings and determinations by the City Council as if fully set forth herein.
SECTION 2. Delegation. The City Council hereby vests in the City Manager the authority to appoint the City Clerk pursuant to Government Code section 36510.
SECTION 3. Severability. If any sections of this Ordinance or any part hereof is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections be declared invalid.
SECTION 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and his/her certification, together with proof of the publication, to be entered in the book of Ordinances of the City Council.
SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its adoption pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, Council Member Edward Garcia, Council Member Kelly Kriebes,
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 1.10 (SIGNATURES) TO TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL REGARDING THE DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY AND THE USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURES

WHEREAS, in 1995, the California Legislature adopted Government Code section 16.5, authorizing cities to accept a "digital signature" instead of a manual signature; WHEREAS, in 1998, the California Secretary of State adopted California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 22000-22005 delineating strict verification standards that all digital signatures must satisfy;

WHEREAS, in 1999, the California Legislature the federal Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("UETA"), codified as Civil Code sections 1633.1-1633.17, granting electronic signatures the same legal effect as manual signatures; WHEREAS, the use of digital signatures has become increasingly prevalent given the limitations on public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the use of digital signatures reduces paper, time, and costs associated with transmitting, approving, and executing physical documents; WHEREAS, the City desires to use digital signatures pursuant to Government Code Section 16.5, California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 22000-22005, and Civil Code sections 1633.1-1633.17; and WHEREAS, the City desires to codify its existing practice of delegating signing authority under Government Code section 40602.

THEREFORE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The Recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
SECTION 2. Adoption. Chapter 1.10 (Signatures) is added to Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to read as follows.
Chapter 1.10 – SIGNATURES

1.10.010 – Signature Authority.

A. Pursuant to Government Code section 40602, the mayor will sign:
1. All warrants drawn on the city treasury;
2. All resolutions, ordinances, and any other document requiring the city seal;
3. All written contracts and conveyances made or entered into by the city.
B. The city council authorizes the city manager to sign any written contracts and conveyances approved by the city council on the city's behalf. The city manager may delegate in writing its authority to sign any written contract and conveyance to a city staff member.

1.10.020 – Digital signatures.

A. The use of a digital signature that complies with Government Code Section 16.5, California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 22000-22005, and Civil Code sections 1633.1-1633.17 will have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature using ink applied to paper. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of electronic signature as defined by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.
B. The city clerk will identify acceptable technologies and vendors to provide the means for employing digital signatures under this section, consistent with industry best practices, to ensure the security and integrity of the data and the signature. The city clerk will further identify the documents for which the city will accept digital signatures.
C. The city manager will determine in writing which employees will be issued a digital signature and such writing will be filed with the city clerk.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any part hereof or exhibit hereto is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof or exhibit thereto. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

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SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its adoption pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, Council Member Edward Garcia, Council Member Kelly Kriebes, and Council Member Robert Parkhurst
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"A feeling of progress is an exhilarating high. The actual length of the stride forward isn't the point. That it's forward at all – that's a gift wrapped in the shiny paper of HOPE!"

"The new dawn blooms as we free it for there is always light,
If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

Above are the last lines of Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman's, inaugural poem. I have been so taken with the vision this young girl proposed at the inauguration. I'm sure you have been, too.

The picture this week just shouts hope. My great-granddaughters, Addison Noel who is 2 and Charlotte Olivia who is 4 months old. They are smiling and sharing secrets. These girls will be brave enough to see a new dawn.



In my continuing search for HOPE, I came across an article written by journalist, Andrew Thomas, about "Random Acts of Flowers." As Mr. Thomas says, "In a hectic world, small acts of kindness can make a significant impact on people's lives." The subject of the article, Larsen Jay, suffered a really horrific accident when his ladder collapsed on him. (Sidebar: Stay off ladders, friends and neighbors unless you are really young or someone is holding it!) After spending three miserable, painful days in the ICU in a hospital in Tennessee, a bouquet of flowers appeared in his room. And they kept coming. "When I started to dive into that hole of despair, another round of bouquets that would come," Jay said. Being an active kinda guy, stuck in one room in the hospital was agony so he talked his nurses and whoever else was visiting him (this was 2007 when one could still visit people in the hospital) into wheeling him down the hall. The thing he noticed was how sterile and lifeless the rooms were, devoid of color and joy of any kind, unlike the "jungle of floral joy" that his room had become. "It looked different, it smelled different. It felt weird."

Returning to his room, he removed all the cards from his flowers and started loading as many as he could carry onto his wheelchair. He started by visiting the room next to his where the patient there was clearly exhausted and desperate. He gave her a large bouquet of flowers and her entire demeanor changed from desperation to smiles and tears of gratitude. Moving on, Jay found a man taking care of his wife who had fallen. Chatting with Jay, the man talked of how he had been a gardener all his life and described his favorite plants. Jay handed him one of the plants from his wheelchair and it was as if by giving this former gardener something to take care of while he took care of his wife, he had a garden again.

Thirteen surgeries and 3 months in a wheelchair gave Jay a lot of time to think about the moments he had spent with other patients in the hospital and he realized he wanted to do something to honor the fact that he had survived his life-threatening accident. It also was very clear to him that many of the patients he had met had no one to support them.

So! He began writing down ideas and came up with Random Acts of Flowers. He and his wife officially founded the organization in 2008, a year to the date of his accident. Random Acts of Flowers would become Jay's calling and focus in life. In July, 2011, a nurse asked him to deliver flowers to one of her patients who had been in the hospital for two weeks and wasn't expected to last another week. Knocking on the door and telling this woman he had a delivery for her just wasn't something she could believe. She insisted he had the wrong room. Nope, he insisted, these roses were for her. Handing her the flowers, she grabbed his arm and, overwhelmed with joy told him he was the first man who had ever given her flowers in her life. She lived.

Experiences such as this persuaded Jay and his wife to leave their business and run Random Acts of Flowers on a full-time basis. "The giving of flowers is one of the most universal gestures that cuts across all races, religions, income levels, disabilities – you name it, it doesn't matter," Jay said.

Asked to deliver the most fragrant flowers he could find to a resident of a senior care facility, he found that the person was blind but as soon as he walked into her room, she sat up in her chair and exclaimed, "Those are Stargazer lilies!" She had been a gardener and knew immediately what they were by their fragrance.

Random Acts of Flowers not only brings smiles, but studies have shown that flowers have a positive medical effect on physical and mental health. They can reduce anxiety, lower blood pressure and improve one's outlook tremendously. I, personally, love flowers and plants and have them all over my house.

The pandemic has not been helpful to Random Acts of Flowers and they shut down in early March of 2020, leaving their almost 1,500 monthly customers without a way to deliver flowers to patients in hospitals. But the company has resumed operations! Deliveries are being done in a way that is safe and doesn't expose anyone to the threat of COVID-19. "Our mission is really to bring HOPE and encouragement to people in healthcare facilities. A lot of the people we serve are isolated even more so now."

I'm not sure if Random Acts of Flowers is operating anywhere currently, but for 12 years they brought HOPE and a little brightness to the lives of people who needed exactly that.

"Where flowers bloom, so does HOPE!" Lady Bird Johnson

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
"Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"
Is available there, as is
"A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter."
Easter is on its way and "The Crown"
My story about what happened to that crown of thorns
Is now a real book! Also available on Amazon.com



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Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Mon:	Sunny	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
Tues:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
Wed:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	50s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, all City Council, Commission and Board meetings will be conducted virtually until further notice. The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may be made by e-mail to PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com by 6:00PM. on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record.

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

To participate in public comment, please call:
Phone Number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 626-232-0232
Password: 232242

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and broadcasted on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



This week at the
Sierra Madre
Public Library

February 1-6

Monday

Storytime to Go—View online; kits available outside the Library after 9:00am

Story Adventure at Memorial Park—A new story will be available all week!

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena Celebrates Black History Month

Pasadena is celebrating Black History Month by recognizing the achievements and contributions of Black Americans and their central role in our nation's history with virtual programs, events, and activities for all ages. Pasadena Public Library; the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department; and the Pasadena Black History Committee are offering a month-long series of programs in February. Library programming is sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department and Pasadena Black History Committee are holding events in lieu of Pasadena's 39th Annual Black History Month Parade and Festival.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Black History Month Reading Challenge

Pasadena Public Library highlights Black history and Black creators this month with a special Black History Month challenge. This just-for-fun, month-long reading challenge starts Feb. 1. Participate by logging your reading, posting reviews, and attending some of our virtual programs! Sign up now.

- Community Activity - Support Black Owned Businesses | Monday, Feb. 1-28 • Throughout Pasadena

Everyone is encouraged to support local Black-owned businesses. View a list of businesses.

- Family Activity - African and African American Tales with Storyteller Michael D. McCarty | Thursday, Feb. 11, 4 p.m. • Zoom

Storyteller Michael D. McCarty entertains and educates with tales from Africa and of African Americans that depict the challenges and triumphs of Black people throughout history. Perfect for families! Sign up now.

- Pasadena People, Places and Events Shaped by African Americans | Monday, Feb. 15-Friday, Feb. 19

Take a virtual tour with local community members as they provide information on landmarks, educational institutions, sports, business and other areas impacted by Black Pasadenans. Visit: cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec for more information and to sign up.

- Music Activity - Jungle Drum Circle with Chazz Ross | Monday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. • Zoom

Celebrate Black History Month with Chazz Ross's Jungle Drum-Circle performance. Enjoy an amazing percussion show with African Djembe drums and learn about their history. Drawing on 40 years of experience in African music and dance, Chazz delivers an exciting performance for all ages. Sign up now.

- Music Activity - Celebrity DJ Dance Party | Saturday, Feb. 27, 5-10 p.m. • Facebook & Instagram

Playing sounds from the 1960s through the 2000s virtually. Livestream available on Facebook and Instagram. Visit: cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec for more information and to sign up.

For a full list of events or more information visit: pasadenapubliclibrary.net.



North Lake Safety Enhancement Plan

City of Pasadena officials are asking the public to review and submit comments, by Sunday, for the first preliminary concept designs for a safety enhancement corridor along North Lake Avenue from Mountain Street to Maple Street.

According to city staff, the project aims to improve pedestrian and traffic safety along the 0.6 mile-long corridor that links downtown and the Gold Line Lake Station with the neighborhoods north of the freeway and Altadena. The project includes continental high-visibility crosswalks, accessible bi-directional curb ramps, buss stop improvements, widen raised landscape median, narrow travel lanes, enhanced pedestrian and street lighting. The project proposes new traffic signals at Lake and Boylston St. It also proposes improvements that include

a new left-turn signal on N. Lake Ave. at Villa Street and widening curb extensions near Lake Ave. and Orange Grove as well as clear walk zones at driveway.

A concept design with cost estimation will be developed with feasible improvements supported by the community, they said. Community outreach is expected through May with a second virtual concept workshop in March and a third concept workshop in April. The cost estimation is expected the end of May with the project completed in June.

Staff said North Lake Avenue is defined as a principal arterial in the City's General Plan. It consists of two travel lanes in each direction, with a two-way left-turn lane or a raised median in the middle. The roadway is heavily used by pedestrians and vehicles. It carries an average weekday daily

vehicle volume of around 36,800. A few intersections along the corridor are among those with the highest crash frequencies in the City of Pasadena.

The project is part of the General Plans' Mobility Element to provide a safe and efficient flow of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles.

For more information, comment and a virtual tour visit: cityofpasadena.net/transportation.

State Bill Aims to Help Deprived Business

Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced AB 349 Friday which requires that half of one percent of SB 1 dollars be used to conduct outreach efforts to small business and disadvantaged business enterprises. The bill aims to bolster efforts to include minority owned and women owned business in a post COVID-19 economic recovery to meet contract procurement goals established by the California Department of Transportation.

"This bill is about ensuring equity and a just COVID-19 recovery," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "We know communities of color continue to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 with higher rates of unemployment, reduced access to healthcare, and ultimately higher death rates. This bill will bring economic opportunities to these communities who are also hit hardest by taxes on gas and transportation."

According to Holden, as of October 2018, the California Department of Transportation had a goal of awarding 17.6 percent of contract dollars to disadvantaged business enterprises. In 2018, only 12.1 percent went to disadvantaged business enterprises. AB 349 will provide the department the resources necessary to meet their goal.

A disadvantaged business enterprise is a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged including people that identify as Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian Pacific Islander, Native Americans, or women.

"Equitable distribution of public contracts to help businesses that have been historically marginalized has always been the goal, but now, it is more important than ever to make it a reality," said Holden.

City Appoints New Fire Chief

Pasadena city officials announced Monday the appointment of Sacramento Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief Chad Augustin as the new fire chief of Pasadena Fire Department, effective Feb. 22. As fire chief, he will oversee 190 full-time employees and an annual department budget of \$55.5 million they said.

According to a press statement Augustin began his career with SFD as a firefighter paramedic and has risen through the ranks over the last 20 years, serving in a wide range of areas, including training, fire prevention, administration, human resources, professional standards, operations and emergency medical services. He comes to Pasadena with a diverse background in hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, large-scale emergency/disaster incident management, and developing short- and long-range plans.

As deputy fire chief for SFD, Augustin is responsible for the department's Fire Operations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Divisions, overseeing the daily operations of 24 fire stations with an annual budget responsibility of \$100 million. During his tenure with SFD, he has provided leadership in support of high-quality EMS care and transportation, streamlined the emergency response model for ambulance dispatch, and managed cost recovery efforts and billing improvements. In February 2020, Augustin was selected for the highly competitive Fire Service Executive Development Institute, a program developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, to provide new and aspiring chiefs with the tools they need to have successful and productive tenures.

"I am so pleased to have Chief Augustin joining Pasadena



as our next fire chief. He has impressive qualifications and well-rounded experience working at a busy urban fire department as well as demonstrated involvement in his community," said City Manager Steve Mermell. "The chief's passion for the fire service is infectious, and he has a reputation as being a leader others want to follow. His desire to foster innovation, collaborate with school districts and state and local agencies, and mentor the next generation of fire service leaders will benefit the Pasadena community and fire department employees."

During the recruitment process, Pasadena residents were invited to share feedback regarding qualifications and characteristics most important in a new fire chief. Of the 40 applications received, the search firm identified 11 applicants as most qualified based on the established criteria. These applicants then participated in initial screening interviews, and the city manager and the consultant narrowed the field down to the top four applicants. These four finalists were interviewed in mid-December by a professional panel of fire chiefs, Pasadena Fire Department employees, the assistant city managers, and city manager.

City Returns to Purple Tier

On Monday, the governor lifted California's Regional Stay Home Order allowing Pasadena to return to the state's tiered system for reopening —specifically, Pasadena is back to Purple Tier 1.

According to Pasadena health officer, Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, businesses and other organizations must again follow Purple Tier 1 restrictions and guidelines. While the most restrictive tier, the return to the status quo includes the following:

Restaurants may open for takeout, delivery, and outdoor dining services

Wineries may only operate outdoors

Bars and breweries must remain closed

Retail may operate at 25 percent capacity

Hair salons may operate indoors with modifications

Nail salons may operate indoors with modifications

Personal care services may operate indoors with modifications

Museums and galleries may open for outdoor operations only

Places of worship may only conduct in-person services outdoors

Movie theatres may only operate outdoors

Hotels may operate with modifications

Fitness facilities may operate outdoors only

Cardrooms may operate outdoors only

Non-essential offices may open for remote work only

Professional sports may resume with no live audiences

"We're all glad to see case rates and hospitalizations are on the decline. But, even though the state has lifted the regional stay-at-home order, we cannot afford to let our guard down. We must all continue following safety precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. These include wearing a mask whenever we leave home, avoiding crowds, keeping at least 6 feet away from people we don't live with, and washing our hands often," Goh said.

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Recently we had an alert citizen receive two different suspicious correspondences, which fortunately they realized were scams, and didn't respond to them. These correspondences came about a week apart from two financial institutions outside of the United States. Both scams referred to money that was left behind by a relative who had passed away and their investments were never claimed. Both required action by the recipient to include providing personal identifying information. Fortunately, the recipient felt this was suspicious and did not provide any information.

These types of scams, and other similar ones, have been going on for years. If you receive something like this, we encourage you to do some research and vet out the information before acting on it. Don't provide any personal identifying information unless you are sure the request for it is legitimate.

There are often some obvious clues in these scams. Things such as slight misspelling of names, names not recognized by the recipient, and the standard rule of "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

We continue to encourage our community to stay vigilant, be observant and if you see something or someone suspicious, report it immediately.

For the period of Sunday, January 17th, through Saturday, January 23rd, the Police Department responded to 1,227 calls for service, of which 67 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 17:

- At 2:52 a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of South Golden West Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim discovered an unidentified suspect had entered his unlocked 2009 GMC truck and fled with his wallet and driver's license. The officer was unable to locate any surveillance cameras that may have captured the incident.
- At 6:18 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a battery that had just occurred at CVS Pharmacy, located at 1401 South Baldwin Avenue. The victim, a store employee, said the suspect spit on him when her debit card was declined. The suspect then threw a glass bowl at the victim before leaving in a black Hyundai sedan. The suspect is described as a Hispanic female, approximately 30-years-old, 5'1" to 5'2" tall, with short hair and colorful tattoos on her arms and legs. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.

Monday, January 18:

- At 7:23 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. A loss prevention employee witnessed three suspects steal five designer handbags and flee to their black foreign-manufactured sedan. All three suspects are described as a black males, between the ages of 16 and 22-years-old, about 5'10", between 150 and 160 pounds, and were seen wearing a camouflage hooded sweatshirt, a blue Dodgers hooded sweatshirt, and a black hooded sweatshirt. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 7:55 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of an incident of fraud. The victims contacted the suspect's supposed rug cleaning company to have their rugs cleaned. The suspect picked up the rugs at the victims' home and issued them a handwritten receipt. When the victims inquired as to when their rugs would be ready, the suspect denied having the rugs and demanded payment. The suspect is described as a Middle Eastern man, approximately 20 to 25-years-old, and around 6' tall. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, January 19:

- At 5:50 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a possible fraud investigation involving an Arcadian resident. The victim stated he purchased a puppy off the website www.recyler.com. During the transaction, the victim was contacted by the suspect/seller and instructed to pay addition fees well above the agreed upon amount. The victim paid the additional fees, but the dog was ultimately never delivered. The victim then realized the transaction was a scam. The sus-

pect used the name of "Mark Roland". The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, January 20:

- At 8:14 a.m., an officer responded to an AT&T Cell Site, located at 20 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a grand theft report. The employee discovered a large amount of copper wire had been stolen from the location sometime between November and January 20th. There are no investigative leads as of the date of this report.
- At 11:27 a.m., an officer responded to 7-Eleven, located at 200 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed the suspect became agitated when the store clerk refused to give him matches. As the suspect left the store, he punched a glass window, causing it to shatter. The suspect, a 41-year-old local transient, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 1:51 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a package theft that occurred in the 00 block of West Camino Real Avenue. Surveillance footage revealed a Hispanic female stole the victim's package from her porch at approximately 1:30 p.m. on January 20th. The suspect is described as 5'5" tall, approximately 200 pounds, and was seen wearing mask and a black shirt and pants. She fled in an older model minivan. The suspect has not yet been identified as of the date of this report.

Thursday, January 21:

- At 12:53 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Falling Leaf Road regarding a theft from vehicle report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and fled with the registration and the victim's insurance card. The incident was not captured by *surveillance cameras*.
- At 6:08 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a suspect in custody for theft. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect stole luggage and various other items. The 50-year-old female from Alhambra was cited and released in the field.

Friday, January 22:

- At 2:36 a.m., an officer responded to Hall of Fame, located at 319 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding an attempted commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect used a pry tool to enter the business but failed and fled empty-handed. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 1:56 p.m., an officer responded to Magnolia, located at 124 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a burglary investigation. The victim discovered her company van, which was parked at the location, had been broken into and ransacked. The victim then also noticed someone had damaged the lock to the business in an attempt to enter. The total loss is unknown at this time.

DUARTE BUSINESSES AWARDED GRANT FUNDING

This month, the City of Duarte and Los Angeles County Development Authority (LAC-DA) distributed the last of \$88,325 in small business grants (SBG) to nine Duarte businesses providing a range of services from restaurants, repair shops, fitness to personal grooming/beauty.

"As soon as the pandemic struck, it was clear just how vital Duarte businesses are to our community's culture and vitality," stated Council Member Toney Lewis of Duarte's District 7, an early proponent of the program. "When I first learned about this small business program, I wanted to make sure as many local business owners knew about it as possible. I thank them, their teams and our partners in LA County for working together to make this program a success."

Following the approval of Coronavirus Aid, Response and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds last summer, the City and LACDA launched the Duarte Small Business Grant Program. Duarte's SBG program was designed to support local businesses, and in particular, those facing declining revenue from closures and limited operations while still providing jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals. In order to qualify, these nine businesses meet required criteria, including at least two years of operation, having active business licenses in Duarte, being free of unresolved code violations and more. Their grants can be used for employee payroll, continuing operations, outstanding expenses and taking on adaptive practices to remain open.

"The economic impact has been incredibly difficult for Duarte's small business community," Craig Hensley, community development director at the City, commented. "This funding will help ensure that businesses stay open, keep employees on payroll and provide services the community wants and needs."

If you're the owner of a Duarte business, resources are available. The County of Los Angeles is providing support to small businesses, micro entrepreneurs and nonprofits through the LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund. In addition to grants, small businesses can also apply for flexible loans and technical assistance, including one-on-one business coaching, loan application assistance and support with navigating health and safety requirements.

Most recently, the County announced the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program, an affordable and flexible business loan initiative designed to help stabilize businesses in our region. Loans range from \$50,000 to \$3 million and can be used for working capital, equipment purchases, inventory or refinancing existing loans at higher interest rates. The application period opens on LACDA's website on Thursday, January 28, and will remain open indefinitely. In order to apply, eligible businesses are required to attend the "Applying for An Affordable & Flexible LACDA Loan" webinar and complete a one-on-one counseling session.

Be sure to check the Duarte Business Support webpage in our COVID-19 portal for ongoing and updated solutions.



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South Pas Library Announces SPSHS E-books Partnership



In this mobile age, technology has become increasingly valuable in supporting new generations of lifelong learners and readers. Now, South Pasadena Public Library and South Pasadena High School have partnered to increase access to more e-books and e-audiobooks for students. This unique collaboration strives to promote literacy and digital learning by combining the school's and the public library's digital reading resources in one app. As a result, students can learn anytime, anywhere because of the convenience, ease of reading on-the-go, and the inherent popularity of technology.

The school-library partnership provides safe access to thousands of age-appropriate titles for students' use inside the classroom, at home and anywhere 24/7. Through Sora, the new student reading app for South Pasadena High School, students can now borrow the school's collection of classroom and pleasure reading, and also access South Pasadena Public Library's juvenile and young adult digital collection by following the instructions in the Library's tutorial video. In addition, Sora supports teachers by offering education-specific tools like achievements, exportable notes, and reading

progress resources that encourage individualized learning.

The Sora app was named one of TIME's Best Inventions 2019 and is available for South Pasadena High School students to download through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, and on Chromebooks that support the Google Play Store. It is also available for use in web browsers at <https://soraapp.com> on any computer.

Although the South Pasadena High School students may access the school's and the public library's e-book and e-audiobook collections through Sora, the entire South Pasadena community can also borrow and read South Pasadena Public Library's complete e-book and e-audiobook collection with a valid library card through the award-winning Libby app. The library's tailored collection offers e-books and e-audiobooks, including bestsellers and new releases. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject ranging from mystery, romance, children's, business and more. Libby can be used on any major device or computer, including Apple (R), Android, Chromebook™ and Kindle(R) (US only).

NEW SOUTH PASADENA LIBRARY NO-CONTACT TAKEOUT HOURS

The South Pasadena Public Library began offering Library Takeout. Back in June, a no-contact materials check-out and pick-up service. In the six months since, there have been more than 75,000 checkouts to appreciative customers. New library hours have gone into effect.

Monday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Library is committed to supporting learning, entertainment, and creativity through its materials and programs. The alarmingly high rates of community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County make it necessary for the Library to adjust Library Takeout hours to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission among staff. This adjustment will ensure that staff are able to maintain the physical

South Pasadena Public Meeting to be Virtual

The City of South Pasadena has transitioned to virtual Council and Commission meetings in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

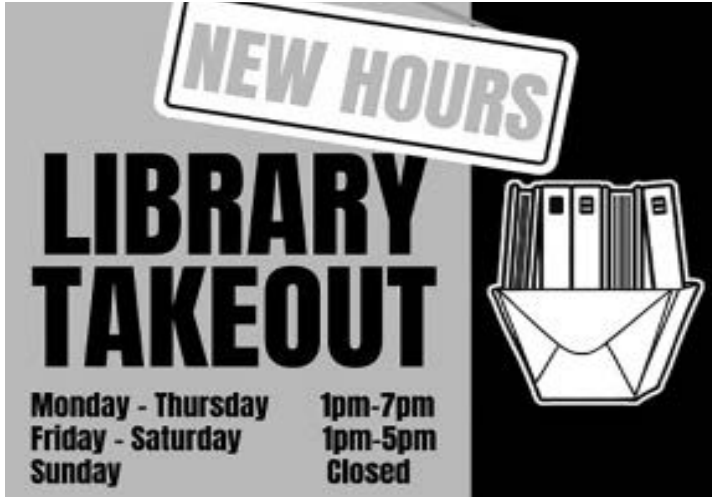
Agendas and reports for these meetings will be posted to the Commission's webpage, in addition to a link to the live webstream prior to the beginning of the meeting. All meetings will continue to be broadcast live on Spectrum/TWC Channel 19 and AT&T Channel 99 for cable customers who reside in the City.

City Council Meeting 2/3/21 at 7:30 p.m.
Design Review Board 2/4/21 at 6:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation 2/8/21 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Safety Commission 2/8/21 at 8:30 a.m.
Senior Commission 2/10/21 at 8:30 a.m.
Library Board of Trustees 2/11/21 at 7:00 p.m.
Mobility & Transportation Infrastructure Commission 2/16/21 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission 2/9/21 at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting 2/17/21 at 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Heritage Commission 2/18/21 at 6:30 p.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Commission 2/23/21 at 7:00 p.m.
Finance Commission 2/25/21 at 6:30 p.m.

The virtual meetings will adhere to the updated Brown Act provisions for public meetings set forth by the legislature in response to the COVID-19 crisis. During these meetings, the Commissioners and City staff will participate remotely. City facilities will not be open to the public in order to stop the spread of the virus.

Public Comments are accepted via email. Information on how to submit a public comment is detailed on each Commission page.

Public Comments for the meeting must be received 24 hours prior to the meeting. Comments will be distributed to the City Council/Commission for consideration and will be posted on the City's website for public review at: southpasadenaca.gov.



distancing required by County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health protocols when they are pulling and processing hundreds of items for our borrowers every morning. (For more information about COVID-19, infection rates, how to protect yourself, testing, and vaccines, visit the County's Department of Public Health website.)

Library Takeout allows customers to request materials by placing holds in the Library Catalog, by completing an online form for our Materials Matchmaker recommendation service, or by calling the Reference Desk at 626-403-7350 during Library Takeout hours. Requested materials are checked-out to the borrower and made available for no-contact pick-up at the Library's main entrance at 1100 Oxley Street.

For detailed information about the Library Takeout visit: southpasadenaca.gov.

Members of Congress Urge Biden to Reverse Public Charge Rule

Members of Congress, led by Rep. Judy Chu, sent a letter Monday to President-Elect Biden urging him to issue an Executive Order directing federal agencies to rescind the public charge rule within his first few days in office. The rule promulgated by President Trump penalizes immigrant communities who legally access non-cash benefits such as Medicaid, housing assistance, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which has led to immigrants avoiding doctors' visits and experiencing worse health outcomes right as America struggles with an historic pandemic.

"Even before it was finalized, the public charge rule had already inspired fear in immigrant communities. In fact, the text of the proposed regulation released by DHS bluntly stated that this policy change could result in 'worse outcomes, including increased prevalence of obesity and malnutrition, especially for pregnant or breastfeeding women, infants, or children, and reduced prescription adherence,' 'increased rates of poverty and housing instability,' and 'increased use of emergency rooms and emergent care as a method of primary health care due to delayed treatment.' Over 250,000 public comments were sent to DHS on the proposed rule, the vast majority opposing implementation," wrote the Members.

"Since its announcement, the rule has caused individuals to disenroll from public benefits for fear of jeopardizing their immigration status and put children and families at greater risk for poor health outcomes and living in poverty," continued the Members in the letter. "Now more than ever before, it is vital that we ensure that individuals feel safe getting tested, seeking treatment, and getting vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19. In addition, people of color have



higher rates of COVID-19 infection and deaths. Additionally, the pandemic has shown us that immigrants play a vital role as frontline workers as healthcare workers, food suppliers and care providers. The public charge rule acts as a wealth test even though we know our economy cannot thrive without immigrants. We must work to rebuild their trust in the federal government so that everyone can receive the vaccine, testing, and treatment, and our communities can recover quickly."

The letter is signed by Reps. Judy Chu, Gwen Moore, Adriano Espaillat, Danny K. Davis, Albio Sires, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Tony Cárdenas, James P. McGovern, Nydia M. Velázquez, Ed Case, Rosa L. DeLauro, Alan Lowenthal, Jerry McNerney, Grace F. Napolitano, Joaquin Castro, Yvette D. Clarke, Jimmy Gomez, Betty McCollum, Val B. Demings, Carolyn B. Maloney, Chellie Pingree, Peter Welch, Mark Takano, Barbara Lee, Nanette Diaz Barragan, Mark Pocan, Earl Blumenauer, Ro Khanna, David Trone, Pramila Jayapal, Adam Smith, Paul D. Tonko, Scott Peters, Bennie G. Thompson, Jan Schakowsky, Linda T. Sánchez, Alcee L. Hastings, Sean Casten, Frank Pallone, Jr., Anna G. Eshoo, Jahana Hayes, Ted W. Lieu, Seth Moulton, Ilhan Omar, Norma J. Torres, Jamie Raskin, Mike Thompson, Derek Kilmer, Pete Aguilar, Jason Crow, David E. Price, Mark DeSaulniers, Raul M. Grijalva, Debbie Dingell, Jerrold Nadler, and Zoe Lofgren.

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN'S STATEMENT ON EVICTION MORATORIUM

Sacramento, CA – Today, the California State Legislature passed legislation, SB 91, to extend the moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 financial hardship, from January 31, 2021, to June 30, 2021. Assemblymember Chris Holden released the following statement:

“The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the crises California already faced, especially housing. Too many folks are just hanging by a thread, praying to make rent and avoid eviction. Too many small, mom-and-pop landlords who rely on tenants for income have been stretched thin trying to do the right thing. It is our responsibility to prevent tens of thousands of catastrophic life change events for these families.

SB 91 will provide the necessary relief to avoid the “eviction cliff” that would have happened on February 1. This is an important and critical big step forward, and that is why I supported the legislation today. I’ll continue to work with my colleagues, advocates, and community members in my district to close loopholes that put renters in insurmountable rental debt, improve solutions that solve our housing crises, and provide support to families struggling in this pandemic.

This isn’t a perfect bill, but it provides critical protections and cash payments that will keep thousands of families afloat as we craft the policies and protections needed to get California through this crisis.”

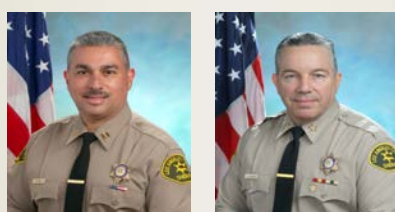
SB 91 extends the eviction moratorium provisions established by last year’s AB 3088. Tenants who pay 25 percent of monthly rent, either in a lump sum or monthly, qualify for this moratorium.

It also administers the State Rental Assistance Program, funded by the federal COVID-19 stimulus package. Renters with qualifying income can have 80% of their rent or utility debt covered. The funds are paid directly to the landlord, providing immediate relief for those struggling to pay the mortgage and protect their tenant’s homes. Landlords must agree to forgive the remaining 20 percent and not pursue evictions or go after remaining debt. Up to 25% of funds can also be paid directly to tenant if their landlord is not participating in the program.

For transparency, the bill requires the department to submit to Joint Legislative Budget Committee on a monthly basis for the duration of the program, a report that provides programmatic performance metrics for funds administered. It also includes intent language that the state closely monitor the usage of funding to ensure that the program is stabilizing households and preventing evictions.



Join Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Temple Station Captain Mark Reyes along with the unincorporated areas of Monrovia/Arcadia/Duarte Community to discuss public safety.



We hope you will join us!

Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 2-4 pm

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com



First of all, let’s agree to disagree: Valentine’s Day should be a full week long. A single day is not long enough to fully express one’s love. What do you say about having an evening at home with a bottle of bubbly and a candlelight table for dinner? You may wonder why



a critic would dare such treason. In all truth, it’s an impossible night for restaurants, so let’s find three bottles in price ranges you can live with. In the \$10 price range, Ruffino Prosecco has been produced from grapes grown in the hilly area of Valdobbiadene, which is the most historically active region for the production of prosecco. Bright straw yellow with fine bubbles, the bouquet is fragrant and intensely fruity, with clean notes of apples, pears and citrus. I found it crisp, clean, and yet delicate - a perfect wine for the budget-minded lovebird. From the \$20 range, let’s go back to Paso Robles for the San Simeon Petite Sirah. I enjoyed this well-bodied wine with a pre-Valentines dinner of lobster thermidor. This wine is not for the “beginner” (nor is cooking lobster thermidor), and brings strong notes of fruit when opened with a well-rewarded and long finish. My \$30-range selection is the Domaine Carneros. My opinion is that this estate-bottled wine gets as close to a “real” French champagne as any California sparkler on your supermarket shelves. This cuvee is 51% chardonnay and 49% pinot noir, with an alcohol content of a modest 12.1%. I got a perfect “pop” upon opening the bottle, which I poured into a lightly chilled flute and watched the bubbles rush to the top. The flavor was a little toasty in the beginning with a clean, long finish. You have my permission to drop a strawberry in your glass for this special occasion.

Honorable Mention:
Segura Viudas Brut (\$10)
Stella Rosa \$9
Domaine Chandon (\$16, my dad’s all time favorite)
Joined my podcast revolution yet?

LA COUNTY COVID-19 COMMUNITY CASES/DEATHS JANUARY 29, 2021 vs January 22, 2021

LOS ANGELES COUNTY*
Total Cases **01/29/2021**
1,091,712
Deaths **15,897**

STATS BY CITY	Population (01/29/2021 stats in parenthesis)	Cases	Deaths
Pasadena	14,1371	9944 (9559)	237 (203)
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	175.... (173)	6 (6)
City of Arcadia	57,754	2330 (2211)	88 (78)
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	531 (506)	13 (10)
City of Bradbury	1,069	33 (32)	0 (0)
Uninc. Bradbury	1,048	48 -	19 -
City of Duarte	22,016	2064 (1954)	60 (57)
City of Monrovia	38,800	2795 (2675)	53 (76)
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	328 (309)	1 1)
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	405 (386)	8 (8)
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	1161 (1104)	35 35)
Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	2863 (2733)	48 (45)

La County Testing as of 01/29/2021: 5,444,082 (5,301316)

TESTING:

Positivity Rate (No. of persons positive out of total persons tested) as 01/29/2021: 19% (18.6%) Nationally recommended Positivity Level: 5%

VACCINE UPDATE:

As of this week, 662,963 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered within Los Angeles County. Of this amount, 544,049 are first doses and 118,914 are second doses. The week of January 18, the County received 168,575 doses, which is about 25,000 fewer doses than the previous week. And for this week, the County only received about 137,000 doses. Each week, there is an allocation from the federal government to the State that determines the number of vaccines allocated to L.A. County.

Every resident is guaranteed a second dose. And most individuals will be able to receive their second dose at the same site where they received their first dose. Many individuals vaccinated at a County site received the date and location of their second dose appointment on their vaccination card, which will be 21 days after their first dose if they received a Pfizer vaccine, and 28 days after their first dose if they received a Moderna vaccine. All that residents will need to do is confirm the time that works for them via a registration link that is emailed to them. For individuals who were vaccinated at the dozens of other sites across the county, including pharmacies, health centers, and city clinics, please contact the provider or site where you were vaccinated to receive information confirming your second dose appointment.

When new appointments become available, residents with internet access and a computer are urged to use **VaccinateLACounty.com** to sign up. For those without access to a computer or the internet, or with disabilities, a call center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. to help schedule appointments at 833-540-0473.

Know the Facts



Vaccinate ALL 58
Together we can end the pandemic.

Californians have made extraordinary sacrifices to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Help is on the way as the state begins its rollout of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Now the work begins to Vaccinate All 58. Together, we can end the pandemic – in all of California’s 58 counties.

COVID-19 Vaccine is Here

- ▶ COVID-19 vaccine for California is here — it is safe and effective.
- ▶ California is receiving shipments of COVID-19 vaccines produced by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. Health care workers and residents in long-term care will be the first to be vaccinated.
- ▶ California is working closely with community partners and stakeholders to help guide the planning process and ensure the vaccine is distributed and administered equitably.
- ▶ California is committed to a fair and equitable allocation and distribution process. No one should bypass the established vaccine allocation and distribution process.
- ▶ Individuals with the highest risk of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19 will receive vaccines first. Later in 2021, most Californians will have an opportunity to get vaccinated.
- ▶ Vaccines are available at no cost.

COVID-19 Vaccine is Safe and Effective

- ▶ California has its own Scientific Safety Review Workgroup comprised of immunization, public health, academic and other experts who are vetting vaccine safety.
- ▶ The Scientific Safety Review Workgroup has confirmed that the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have met high standards for safety and efficacy.
- ▶ The Moderna vaccine is approved for those 18 years and older, consists of two doses given 28 days apart, and is 94 percent effective against COVID-19.
- ▶ Sometimes vaccination can cause a sore arm, aches, fatigue or fever for a few days after getting the vaccine, but these are not harmful.
- ▶ Vaccinated individuals should keep wearing masks, washing hands and watching their distance until the vaccine has been widely distributed.

About The Vaccines

- ▶ The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is approved for those 16 years and older, consists of two doses given 21 days apart, and is 95 percent effective against COVID-19.

Remember, your actions continue to save lives. Wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and when it’s your turn, get vaccinated.

For the latest facts, please visit covid19.ca.gov/vaccines.



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Jones, Colin Kirk, Anja Krause, Warren Kwok,
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Levine, Sienna Liston, Jasmine Liu, Georgia Long-
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Nicholas Rogers, Nolan Romero, Emily Schwartz,
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Yocum-Surfas, Charlize Zambrano, Isaac Zhang

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Kendra Buchok, Faye Cardella, Joe Cooper, Vic-
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PUSD recently reviewed some of the challenges that students and families have faced during the first semester of the school year. Because of these challenges, the School Board has approved a unique Grades Incentive Program for PUSD's secondary students during the spring semester.

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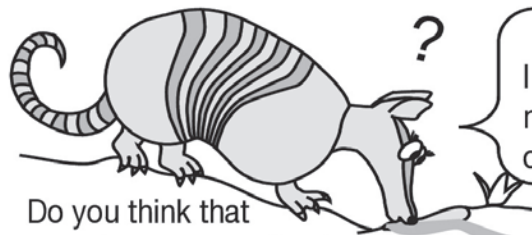
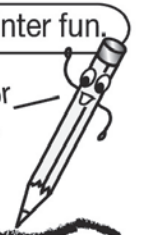


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...sun so we can keep having winter fun.



Kids: color
stuff in!



Do you think that
a groundhog can predict the
weather? On February 2, some people
will get up very early to watch the
groundhog come out of its home. They
will stand around the groundhog's hole
in the ground and study the sky. As soon
as they see the groundhog poke out of its
hole they will snap pictures. Who do you
think will see the funnier sight...the people
or the groundhog?

**Read the clues to fill in
the crossword puzzle:**

1. a long winter's nap
2. a warm-blooded creature
3. another name for the groundhog
4. curls into this to sleep
5. something people believe in or think
will happen without facts or proof
6. the groundhog's _____ pumps
more slowly when it hibernates
7. the groundhog is part of this family
8. young are born in this month
9. males are about two feet long and weigh about
twelve pounds; females are _____
10. to tell about an event before it happens

Are you awake, Mr. Groundhog?
I don't mean to hound you, but
maybe you can predict the winner
of the Super Bowl, too? Hello!

Time to Rhyme!

**Find and circle the ten words
that rhyme with "ground."**

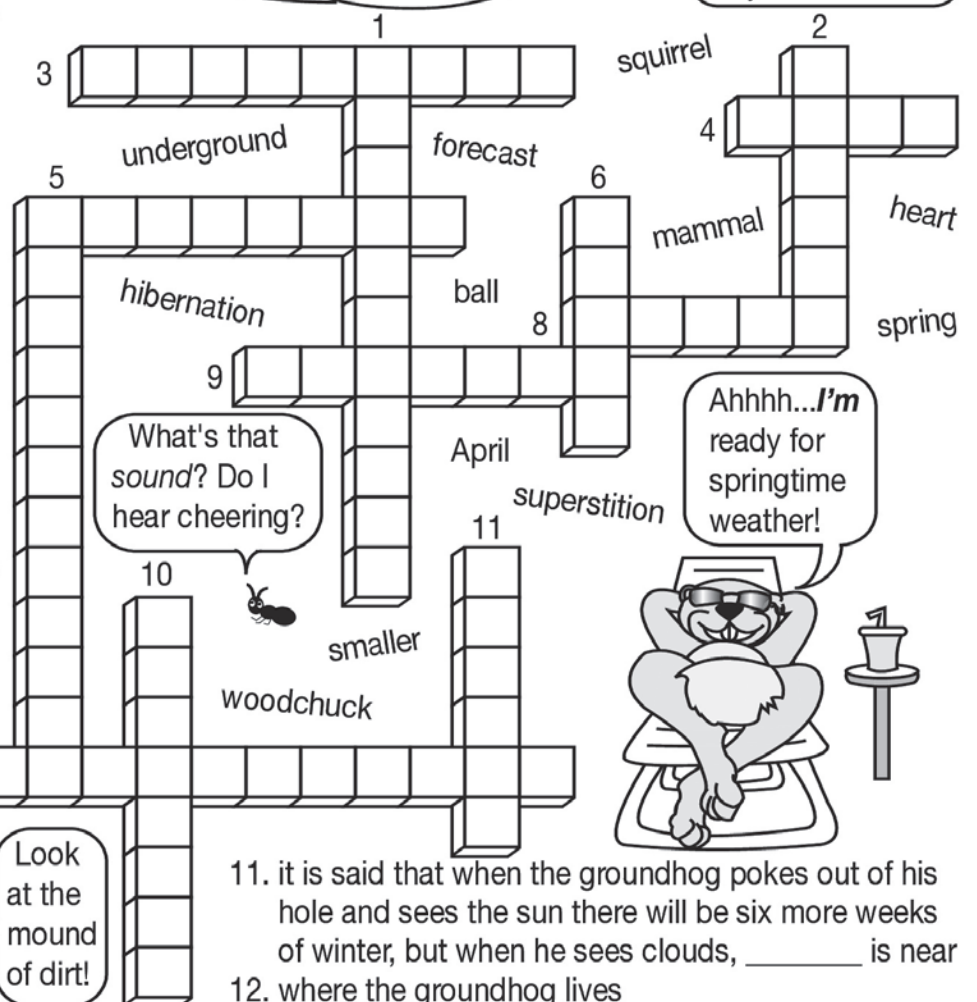
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frowned
wound
pound
crowned
groaned
hound
crouch
sound
browned
found
crowd
pounce
round

Our whole
family doesn't
weigh a **pound**!



Groundhog Weather Forecaster?

Hey, let me shine!



What's that
sound? Do I
hear cheering?

Ahhhh...I'm
ready for
springtime
weather!

Look
at the
mound
of dirt!

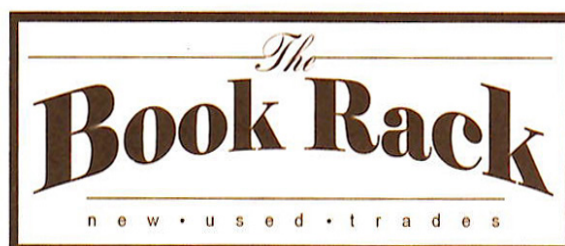
11. it is said that when the groundhog pokes out of his
hole and sees the sun there will be six more weeks
of winter, but when he sees clouds, _____ is near
12. where the groundhog lives



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HOW TO CHOOSE A MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

Dear Savvy Senior:
I am interested in getting my mom, who lives alone, a medical alert system with a wearable pendant button that will let her call for help if she falls or has a medical emergency. What can you tell me to help me choose one? Too Many Choices

Dear Too Many:
A good medical alert system is an effective and affordable tool that can help keep your mom safe and living in her own home longer. But with all the different products and features available today, choosing one can be challenging. Here are some tips that can help.

Three Key Questions
Medical alert systems, which have been around since the 1980s, provide a wearable help button – usually in the form of a neck pendant or wristband – that would put your mom in touch with a dispatcher who could summon emergency help or contact a friend or family member as needed.

To help you narrow down your options and choose a system that best fits your mom's needs, here are three key questions you'll need to ask, along with some top-rated companies that offer these products.

1. Does your mom want a home-based or mobile system?
Medical alert systems were originally designed to work inside the home with a landline telephone, which is still an option. But since fewer and fewer households have landlines these days, most companies today also offer home-based systems that work over a cellular network. With these systems, pressing the wearable help button allows you to speak to a dispatcher through a base unit located in your home.

In addition, many companies offer mobile medical alert options, too. You can use these systems at home, but they'll also allow you to call for help while you're out and about.

Mobile alerts operate over cellular networks and incorporate GPS technology. They allow you to talk and listen to the operator directly through the pendant button, and because of the GPS, your location would be known in order for help to be sent.

If your mom doesn't leave the house very often, she may not need a mobile system, but if she is still active, she may want added protection outside the home.

2. Should her system be monitored or not?
The best medical alert systems are monitored, meaning that the help button connects you with a trained operator at a 24/7 dispatching center.

But you also have the option to choose a system that isn't monitored. With these, when you press the help button, the device automatically dials a friend or family member on your programmed emergency call list.

These products can often be set up to call multiple people and to contact emergency services if you don't get an answer from someone on your list.

3. Should you add a fall-detection feature?
Most medical alert companies today now offer the option of an automatic fall detection pendant for an additional fee of \$10 to \$15 per month. These pendants sense falls when they occur and automatically contact the dispatch center, just as they would if you had pressed the call button.

But be aware that this technology isn't full proof. In some cases, this feature may register something as a fall that isn't. The alarm might go off if you drop it or momentarily lose your balance but don't actually land on the ground.

- Top Rated Systems
Here are four top companies, rated by Consumer Reports, that offer home and mobile monitored medical alert systems:
- Bay Alarm Medical: Fees range between \$20 and \$40 per month; BayAlarmMedical.com; 877-522-9633.
 - GreatCall's Lively Mobile Plus: The device costs \$50 plus a \$25 to \$40 monthly service fee; GreatCall.com; 800-650-5921.
 - MobileHelp: Monthly fees run \$20 to \$45; MobileHelp.com; 800-809-9664.
 - Phillips Lifeline: \$30 to \$50/month, plus a onetime device/activation fee of \$50 to \$100; Lifeline.Phillips.com; 855-681-5351.

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



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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

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 relaxa-tion. 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 sup-plies 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 Orna-ments. 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 per-son. For messages that may trickle in otherwise, please note our team is remotely checking voicemail daily at the Community Services Department, (626) 355-5278 x702.

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN
The City of Sierra Madre is following these procedures to provide current communication in light of COVID-19 and keep the Senior Community and families informed of essential information and resources. City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and practicing social distancing in the community, please note that voice messages, emails, and social media responses are being addressed in the most efficient and timely manner.

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Community Services Department will continue email communication with Senior residents and aging community members.
If you know of family members or neighbors who may benefit from accessing information electronically, and to receive the department's Seniors Newsletter via email but may not otherwise have been included on an email group list, please send your request with email address to the following team members: Lawren Heinz lhein@cityofsierramadre.com and Clarissa Lowe Clowe@cityofsierramadre.com.
City Social Media will continue via Facebook as well as Instagram, and information sharing will include updates as details becomes available.

Mater Dolorosa - Sierra Madre Meal Pick-Up Program provides seal-packaged frozen meals, 5-per person every Thursday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Hart Park House Senior Center 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Donations are accepted. Call (626) 355-5278; x702 or 704. **YWCA Intervale Meal Program** - Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020

YWCA has transitioned their distribution of take home meals at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House Senior Center to a home-delivery meal program. Participants previously reserved for meal pick-up as of Wednesday, 3/25/20 were informed that they would begin to have their meals delivered to their homes, beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2020 until further notice.

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



MOVING TO A NEW STATE? REMEMBER TO REVIEW YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Although you likely won't need to have an entirely new estate plan prepared for you, upon relocating to another state, you should definitely have your existing plan reviewed by an estate planning lawyer who is familiar with your new home state's laws. Each state has its own laws governing estate planning, and those laws can differ significantly from one location to another.

Given this, you'll want to make sure your planning documents all comply with the new state's laws, and the terms of those documents still work as intended. Here, we'll discuss how differing state laws can affect common planning documents and the steps you might want to take to ensure your documents are properly updated.

Last Will and Testament

The good news is, states will generally accept a will that was executed properly under another state's laws. However, there could be differences in the new state's laws that make certain provisions in your will invalid. Here are a few of the things you should pay the most attention to in your will when moving:

Your executor: Consider whether or not the executor or administrator you've chosen will be able to serve in that role in your new location. Every state will allow an out-of-state executor to serve, but some states have special requirements that those executors must meet, such as requiring them to post a bond before serving. Other states require non-resident executors to appoint an agent who lives within the state to accept legal documents on behalf of the estate.

Marital property: If you are married, give special consideration to how your new state treats marital property. While a common-law state might treat the property you own in your name alone as yours, community-property states treat all of your property as owned jointly with your spouse. If your new state treats marital property differently, you might need to draft a new will to ensure your wishes are honored.

Interested witnesses: Another important role under your will to consider when moving to a new state is an interested witness. An interested witness is someone who was a witness to your will who also receives a gift from your will. Some states allow interested witnesses to receive the gift, while other states do not allow such gifts. And still other states allow such gifts provided the witness is a family member.

Revocable Living Trust

A valid revocable living trust from one state should continue to be valid in your new state. However, you need to make certain that you transfer any new assets or property you acquire, such as your new home, to your trust, so that those assets can avoid the need to go through probate before being distributed to your heirs upon your death.

Power of Attorney

A valid power of attorney document, such as a durable power of attorney, medical power of attorney, or financial power of attorney, created in one state is likely to be valid in your new state. However, in some cases, banks, financial institutions, and healthcare facilities in your new state may not accept a power of attorney document if it's unfamiliar to them. Also, simply as a practical matter, it may be a good idea to have your power of attorney agent live in the same state you do, so keep that in mind as well.

Beneficiary Designations

If you have accounts with beneficiary designations, such as 401(k)s, life insurance policies, and payable-on-death bank accounts, these should be valid no matter which state you live in. That said, you should still review these documents when you move to ensure that your address and other personal information is updated.

Keep Your Plan Current

As with other major life events, such as births, deaths, marriage and divorce, moving to a new state is the ideal time to have your plan reviewed by a professional.

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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.



OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
OH THE DAZE OF MY LIFE!

When I was young, my mother was quite a fan of a soap opera called "The Days of Our Lives." I remember the title but I never would watch something like that. However, my mother enjoyed it and so what's there to complain about.

As I was thinking of it, I felt that I should remember the days of my life. But, instead of "days," I need to put in the word "daze," which more clearly represents my life.

At times, I wish I was 16 again because I was the smartest person in the world. I knew everything; all you had to do was just ask me. Of course, back then, nobody asked me anything.

When I got older, I realized that there were a lot of things I did not know. Like one of the FBI directors said, "I don't know what I don't know." I relate to that statement. How my life would change if I knew what I didn't know?

Looking back, I must confess that my life has been primarily in a daze. At the time, I did not realize it. It wasn't until recently that I realized how much of my life was in a daze.

As a veteran husband, I've come to know how much of a daze I have been living in. It does not bother me what I don't know. It has never been an issue with me as far as I can remember. Then, of course, my memory is in a daze.

It occurred to me this past week. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked me a question when I came in the door from a day at the office.

"Have you seen how much my pineapple tree has grown?" I did not know where to start with this one. I just muttered something like, "that's really amazing, isn't it."

When I said that, she stared at me with one of "her stares." I'm quite familiar with that stare, and so I knew I was in trouble, but I did not know the trouble I was in or why. I just flashed a smile in her direction and tried to walk past her, but nothing of the sort happened that way.

"You didn't know," she said with both hands on her hips, "that I planted a pineapple tree in our front yard. Did you?" Well, she got me there. I could not tell a pineapple tree from a tomato plant when it comes right down to it. That's how much of a daze I am in.

With that information, she took me outside to where the pineapple tree was and showed it to me.

"See," she said, pointing at the pineapple tree, "there is the pineapple tree." Now my daze is getting cloudier.

I need to understand what to do when my wife catches me in such a dazed position. How in the world do I get out of such a predicament?

"That's a pineapple tree," I said with as much glee in my voice as possible. "That is an amazing tree. You've done a great job with that tree. You must be thrilled."

I stopped to catch my breath because I didn't know where to go from there. I had no idea what I was saying and no idea if she understood what I was saying. I paused and glanced in her direction and got my answer.

She said, "That is my favorite plant that I've ever planted. It looks so wonderful. I can't wait to see it grow even bigger." With that, she smiled one of those smiles that told me I was out of trouble, at least for this moment. We then walked back into the house, and both of us were happy but for different reasons.

I'm not sure how long she had that pineapple tree planted in our front yard, and I was afraid to ask because it may have been weeks or months. I wasn't going to spoil a moment by expressing the level of my dazement. Later on, as I was drinking coffee in my chair, I got to thinking about something very serious. What other areas of my life are a daze?

I could ask my wife, but then I would learn more about my daze then I needed to know at the time. One daze at a time is enough for me to handle. I'm really not ready to find out how much I don't know at this point in my life. It may be too overwhelming.

Or, I could start paying attention to my life each day. That is a challenging task, but maybe it is something I need to do. Every day I should ask my question, "What don't I know today?"

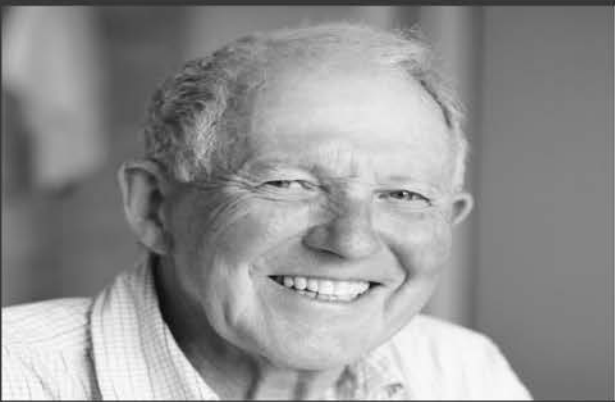
Maybe I shouldn't do it every day; maybe I should do it once a week. Or thinking more along that line, maybe I should do it once a month.

If I could learn once a month what I don't know, I think my life would increase in a positive direction.

In my Bible reading for the evening, I read what David said, "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am" (Psalm 39:4).

If I know myself from God's perspective, that will be one step in receiving from God what he wants me to have.




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45 CASES OF DISTEMPER IN WILDLIFE WERE REPORTED

LA County Veterinary Public Health (VPH) would like to make you aware of a distemper outbreak in wildlife in Los Angeles County. There have been 45 cases of sick or dead wildlife reported in the areas of Foothill communities (including Duarte, Pasadena, La Canada-Flintridge, La Crescenta), Baldwin Hills, San Fernando Valley and the far west valley.

Please see the webpage detailing this outbreak here. <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/distemperwildlife2020.htm>

- 3 raccoons and 1 fox were confirmed by necropsy to have distemper.
- Suspect cases included 27 raccoons, 2 foxes, 1 coyote, and 1 skunk with symptoms including discharge from the eyes and nose, disorientation, tremors and seizures.
- 5 raccoons and 3 foxes were tested for rabies and were negative.

Distemper is a virus that causes disease in dogs and certain wildlife such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes. Distemper does not affect humans or cats. This disease can be spread between infected wildlife and dogs through airborne transmission and contact with shared surfaces (e.g. waterbowls). Common clinical signs of distemper in dogs include: fever, discharge from the eyes or nose, coughing, lethargy, disorientation, tremors and seizures. Currently there is no treatment for distemper, so preventing the disease in dogs is crucial.

Los Angeles County veterinarians and pet owners are advised to:

- Vaccinate dogs and puppies for distemper. Puppies should receive a series of 3 or more distemper vaccines between the ages of 2 and 4 months. The vaccine should be boosted a year later, then every three years for life.
- Protect puppies. Keep puppies at home and away from unfamiliar dogs until they have completed the vaccination series.
- Use caution when socializing dogs or in areas where dogs congregate such dog parks, doggy day care and boarding facilities.
- Keep dogs away from wildlife.
- Keep pet food and water indoors, away from wildlife. Pet food and water left outdoors attracts wildlife which can spread distemper to dogs.
- Report all cases of distemper in LA County to Veterinary Public Health using this reporting form.



To stay up to date on emerging animal health issues, veterinary professionals are encouraged to join the Animal Health Alert Network (AHAN) to receive updates and alerts via email. To subscribe to the AHAN complete the online form here or fill out the form by hand and email it to vet@ph.lacounty.gov.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



A FEELING OF CALM DESCENDED UPON US

[Nyerges is an educator and author of nearly two dozen books, including “Extreme Simplicity,” “How to Survive Anywhere,” and others. Information on his classes and books is available at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

Over 20 years ago, when I was living in Highland Park, my wife and I wanted to get another dog as a companion for the one dog we already had. We were away from home a lot, and we felt that our one dog would not feel lonely and would feel content with another dog. We went to a lot of dog rescue places, and were starting to feel that we simply would not find the right dog. Finally, one night, we decided to accept a dog which seemed to have been abused, and which needed a good home. The dog's name was Mona. Mona was a bit older than we were looking for, but she seemed very appreciative towards us as we were taking her to her new home.

We did our best to help Mona fit in, but she really was what you might call a “problem dog.” Initially, we attributed it to the fact that she had been abused when younger, in various ways. I recall the first bath I gave Mona, which actually seemed like the first bath she ever received. She didn't ever like being in a bath, and I always had to struggle to keep her in the tub.

Very soon, Mona became very protective of us, and would wildly bark anytime anyone approached our front gate. She would throw herself against the gate with such great intensity that her mouth would be bleeding and people never got close to the gate. Neighbors spoke about our “killer dog.”

We quickly saw that Mona might not work out, and tried to find another home for her. Various people came and sat with Mona, trying to see if it was a good fit. But she always maintained a low unfriendly growl, and no one could grow close to her, and we never found her another home.

She got along well enough with our other dog, but I always felt very alert whenever I walked her, keeping on a harness and using two leashes so she didn't get away and wreak havoc on the neighborhood. Once, a dog not on a leash approached her, despite my trying to scare the stray away. Mona went right for the neck of the little dog, and was only able to tear the little dog's flexible skin before I could pull Mona away. I was horrified.

I continued to walk Mona and try various ways to “civilize” her. But while walking her, she would often snap back at me and bite me. I was bit four times, mostly superficial cuts that ripped my pants or shirt. I learned to be more careful when I walked her, because I realized her own neck skin had been cut at one time, and it probably hurt her every time I walked her with a neck collar.

During the time we had Mona, I lost a full-time job and by this time, we actually had three dogs, which means, three dogs to feed. It now became even harder to come up with the money to buy all the dog food, and I found sources of low-cost and even free pet food in the community. I knew that whatever happened, I would not take Mona to the pound, which almost certainly meant sure death.

Mona was always a challenge, and I always had to check my fences for weak spots because I always feared that if she got out and killed a neighbor's dog, or attacked a person, the financial aspect alone would be devastating. Fortunately, nothing bad like that ever happened. Still, I was never at ease, never calm, never letting down my guard as long as we had Mona. We got so used to living in subdued stress and fear that we felt it was “normal.”

Eventually, Mona was displaying some obvious signs of pain and distress. I took her to our veterinarian. The vet told me that Mona had a certain infection, and that he could operate and fix the condition. Mona would cost me another \$1000, but I said OK. He called me later to let me know that Mona died on the table, before the operation could begin. Obviously, I was sad. I went to pick up Mona's body and I buried her under a fruit tree near where her doghouse had been. My wife and I went to bed and slept well.

The next morning, we stood in our front yard looking out into the neighborhood. There was no Mona. We expressed our sadness for her loss and for the hard life that she'd had. We also noted that suddenly, inexplicably, a deep transformation of the atmosphere had taken place. We noted a feeling of calm, and peace, and that we were not experiencing inner anxiety at whatever might happen next if Mona got out. It was an odd mixture of sadness for that being we took in, and simultaneously calmness, freedom, peace. We stood there for perhaps 30 minutes, basking in the mixed atmosphere of both sadness, and calm joy. A feeling of calm descended upon us.

I have not had that particular unique feeling for a very long time.

The memories of Mona flooded back to me at noon, Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

Katnip News!



SIMPLY SIMON

Let's take another look at this amazing boy, age about 2. Yes, Simon is certainly a handsome guy! He probably knows it, because he likes to be king of the house and show the other kitties he's boss! His

size helps with this, because he's a big boy. Yet, he is great with people when he gets to know them and likes to sit near them. He's cuddly when he wants to be, and is easily held. His fosterers say that when Simon gets to know you he will sit on your lap and be petted—it may take some time, but he will. He has no objections to going into a carrier. Simon is playful, and likes the cloth birds, but he's just as happy if you drop something small, like a walnut, and will happily chase it around until it gets lost! Simon is very healthy and has shiny, sleek fur, like a mini-panther. Simon has more pictures on our website's More Cats page. To apply, see our Adoption Procedures page at www.lifelineforpets.org.



Pet of the Week

At thirteen years old, Tyga is a senior dog, but he's as cute as any puppy! Tyga is house-trained, and good with people and kids. He's calm, enjoys affection, likes playing with a ball, and walks well on a leash. He knows his “sit” command on cue, and even though they say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, Tyga knows that snacks are a great motivator for him. Sure, puppies are cute, but this happy guy has an inner puppy he can't wait to show you!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. 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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STUART TOLCHIN



BUBBLES VERSUS SILOS SEGREGATION IN AMERICA

As befit the times this column is more angry than usual. During my life, whatever other problems existed, I have never questioned the fact that one of the great strengths of these United States is our diversity of racial and ethnic populations. Contrary to almost anywhere else in the world the United States has significant percentages of people whose ancestry and traditions have entered our seeming great "melting pot" creating what most of us believe to be the greatest nation in the world. Some were brought to America against their will and for them the melting pot has never completely melted. Not only African Americans, but also most of us inhabit mainly discrete homogenous transparent protective bubbles. Some are more comfortable than others.

Within these bubbles we associate with people much like ourselves. This is most visibly obvious in racial terms. The existence of neighborhoods segregated by race is rarely talked about but it is an incontrovertible truth throughout the United States. Unless things change, and change fast, I believe potential troubles lie ahead for all of us who are still around. I am not forgetting about climate change.

Most of us don't think much about residential segregated housing policies; nevertheless I assert that it is the segregated pattern of American residential housing that has prevented upward mobility for people of color in the United States. If inequality of opportunity is not achieved divisive instability will remain. The demonstrable effects of the Pandemic illustrate that people of color in America are still generally the "have nots". Very frequently they are crammed together in low income neighborhoods, forced to live where there continue to be bad schools, no good jobs, poor health care and resultant physical stress and danger. They have been deprived them of their "natural rights, of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" which require an equality of opportunity. Prior to the Pandemic a wakeup call for many Americans came from the Black Lives Matter movement. Even here in isolated Sierra Madre Canyon there are many sympathetic displays. Nevertheless, something more than displays are required.

Of course, currently, in our particular safe White protective bubble we may feel safe and in which, at least until recently, many still did feel the need to lock their doors. Sadly our security and safety comes at a price. Our transparent bubble has become a silo isolating us from the problems of other less protected places. I realize now our happy isolation allows almost no experience of the problems of other neighborhood bubbles particularly the different type of bubbles which contain people of races other than our own. After all we have our own problems wondering what restaurants will accommodate outdoor dining.

Many of us have become inured to the consequences inherent to the existence of racial residential discrimination. Regrettably, I assure you that in very diverse Los Angeles County our little paradise community could not have been maintained without very conscious racial discrimination in the availability of financing for housing. Neither Sierra Madre nor the entire United States have ever been a true melting pot. It is more obvious here but discrimination requiring the location of minorities, African Americans and Hispanics, away from the majority White neighborhoods has been our everlasting heritage with predictable results. Owning a home in this era of rising home prices has allowed the accumulation of great equity with no effort by the home owner. In time, this equity accumulation will eventually be available to children and grandchildren to help with their education or to start a business. The children of non-homeowners will not receive these benefits and upward mobility will be out the window.

If we want to save the nation we must accept the fact that so much of our divisive instability is the continuing result off racial inequality. Discrimination in housing must be removed if Americans want a more stable future. Please stand up for justice.

TOM PURCELL



RESISTING GIRL SCOUT COOKIES' TEMPTATIONS HARDER THAN EVER

The country is divided, in massive debt, and our future isn't looking so good – but thankfully, I have more immediate worries to consume my energies.

Girl Scout cookies are back.

I'm on a diet, you see – the same diet I'm on every year at this time as I struggle to lose the weight I put on during the holiday season.

This year offers a far greater weight-loss challenge, however, because most of 2020 offered millions of us the perfect conditions to pack on the pounds.

They don't call it "COVID-19" for nothing.

And just as I was looking forward to a shortage of Girl Scout cookie stands, which usually set up shop at every single store I normally go to, I just learned that Girl Scout cookies are now easier to purchase than ever before.

Newsweek reports that the Girls Scouts are partnering with Grubhub to make online ordering and home delivery of cookies as fast and easy as downing an entire sleeve of Shortbread/Trefoils dipped in ice-cold milk.

To be sure, the Girl Scouts' "virtual cookie booth" is going to make NOT buying Girl Scout cookies harder than ever before.

That doesn't bode well for me.

In pre-coronavirus years, as I struggled to maintain my diet, I tried to avoid any store where a Girl Scout cookie stand was active (and succeeded every once in a while).

If Girl Scouts knocked on my door, I'd attempt to hide in the basement or lock myself in the garage.

During one close call – I was out for a walk when I saw a couple of Girl Scouts heading down the street in my direction – I dove into a snow drift behind my neighbor's forsythia shrubs. Thank God, they never saw me.

I face a huge challenge at this time every year, you see.

If not ever-vigilant, I've been known to eat Thin Mints as though they were Tic Tacs.

I've gobbled down Peanut Butter Patties the way grizzlies gorge on wild salmon.

I once ordered so many Do-si-dos/Peanut Butter Sandwiches that the Girl Scout bakery had to call me to tell me they Don't-si-don't have any more!

But this year I'm grateful for this difficult challenge.

From Feb. 1 until Girl Scout cookie sales end on March 1, my energies will be consumed with trying NOT to buy and eat the daggone things.

For a little while, I'll stop worrying about the vitriol in our public discourse and the ever-hardening group-think forming on way too many sides of the political spectrum.

I'll momentarily quit fretting about the lack of curiosity among too many at our major media outlets about holding every politician and government representative accountable.

I'll even try to stop wondering where the COVID-19 vaccine is that hopefully will keep my 80-something parents safe until this pandemic finally passes.

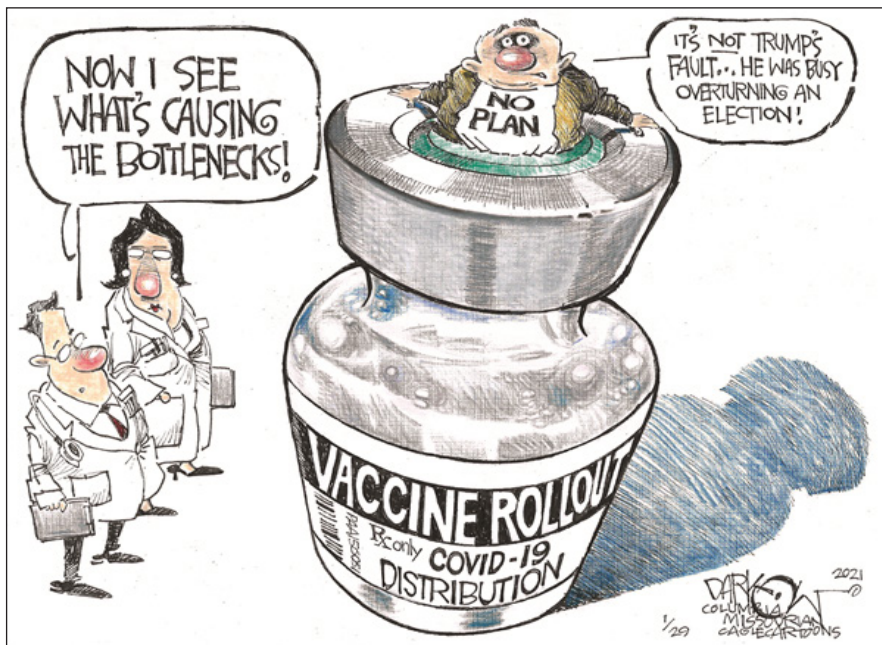
And so it is that I'm actually looking forward to my annual Girl Scout cookie challenge this year to take my mind off my many woes.

Though I expect to do better than I did four years ago.

In 2017, one Girl Scout made the national news for selling 100,000 boxes of cookies.

I was her only customer!

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood," a humorous memoir available at amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

JOE GUZZARDI



PUT PETE ROSE IN HALL OF FAME NOW!

For the first time since 1960, no new player will be added to Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame. Based on the voting, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, players associated with performance enhancing drugs, are stuck in place, and have diminishing chances of ever gaining admission.

But the Baseball Writers Association of America should reconsider another notorious player: Pete Rose.

The debate about whether Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame has been going on since Major League Baseball banned him from the game for life in 1989. Two years later, the Hall of Fame passed a new rule that no player on the MLB lifetime ineligible list could appear on a ballot. The rule was specifically written to punish Rose.

The problem that many fans have is the sanctimony with which the two organizations treat Rose, yet willfully dismiss much more egregious cheating charges against PED cheats and an entire MLB team – the 2017 World Series champion Houston Astros.

Rose admitted that he wagered on baseball, including the team that he managed, the Cincinnati Reds. When the ban was handed down, Rose accepted his fate. But Rose has petitioned for re-instatement several times, including his most recent effort after information became public that electronic sign stealing helped the Astros win the World Series three years ago.

Rose's lawyer argues that baseball is hypocritical to have what amounts to two sets of rules regarding cheating – one cast iron regulation that applies exclusively to Rose while looking the other way at the Astros, and according to indisputable evidence, PED abusers like Clemens, Bonds, Mark McGuire, Sammy Sosa, and Manny Ramirez, who are or have been on HOF ballots.

I'm not a lawyer, but I can read and understand English. Under the Federal Anabolic Steroid Control Acts of 1990, the possession, distribution or use of steroids without a valid medical prescription is a federal offense punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

Although unindicted, players suspended for using banned drugs appear to have committed federal felonies. By comparison, in Ohio where Rose placed most of his bets, off track gambling is most frequently classified as a misdemeanor. Again, I'm not a lawyer, but that's how I interpret the Ohio statutes.

What the Rose case boils down to is that MLB and the HOF are willing to give the Astros and PED criminals a pass, but not one of baseball's all-time greats. Then-Astros manager AJ Hinch received a one-year suspension, and he's back piloting the Detroit Tigers. The Boston Red Sox rehired Alex Cora, then-Astros coach and identified by insiders as the mastermind of the Astros' cheating scandal. Manfred didn't strip the Astros of their World Series title. The National League's 2011 Most Valuable Player, the Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun, admitted that he used PEDs, but he still has his award. In 2015, the Miami Marlins Dee-Strange Gordon, a PED user, won the NL batting title; he's still in the record books.

In November 2018, Manfred added another farcical layer to the Rose affair when MLB announced that MGM Resorts had been officially designated as its "official gaming partner." Said Manfred: "There's been a huge change in public opinion on sports gambling." Manfred approves of the Washington Nationals permitting a Bet-MGM sportsbook at Nationals Park this season, but his "huge" tent, isn't big enough to include Rose.

Meanwhile Rose, approaching 80, remains on the outside looking in. In addition to his 4,256 hits record, Rose is the only player in MLB history to play more than 500 games at five different positions. Among Rose also played in a record 3,562 games, and between 1965 and 1985 he was named to the NL All-Star team 17 times.

Rose reasonably asks that his name be placed on the writers' annual ballot or the Veterans Committee, which will convene again during winter 2023. If writers reject him, Rose said that he can live with that outcome.

MLB and the HOF are petty and vindictive. Giving Rose a shot at what he deserves would give the two spiteful and bitter institutions a chance to demonstrate dignity and forgiveness.

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

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Sale No. 20-10-93**

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On 02/24/2021 at 11:00AM, Lender's Foreclosure Service as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 01/29/2019 as instrument number 20190085505 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Paul Woloski, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, cashier's check, drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust.

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 631 E. Orange Grove Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,680,981.00 (Estimated).

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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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File No. 2021005532

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RITMO Y SABOR 6626 HAYVENHURST AVE APT 317, VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESUS CERVANTES 6626 HAYVENHURST AVE APT 317, VAN

NUYS, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JESUS CERVANTES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/08/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020166106

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A 1 GLASS UNIT 2820 BUTLER AVE, LYNWOOD, CA. 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ 2820 BUTLER AVE, LYNWOOD, CA. 90262. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2020. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020135036

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ATS CONSULTING 130 W BONITA AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. ATS ON-TRACK 130 W BONITA AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ACOUSTIC STRATEGIES, INC. 130 W BONITA AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: ACOUSTIC STRATEGIES, INC., LINDA SAURENMANN, TREASURER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-223185

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 101 ROOTER, 2234 HARWOOD ST UNIT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCO CHAVOLLA, 2234 HARWOOD ST UNIT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCO CHAVOLLA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-223762

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 605 SMOG CENTER, 12670 RAMONA BLVD UNIT C, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABDALLAH ABDUL KAREEM ABABNEH, 3826 MAXSON RD C., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ABDALLAH ABDUL KAREEM ABABNEH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/20. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-223707

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 605 #2 SMOG CENTER, 10506 WHITTIER BLVD B. WHITTIER, CA 90606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABDALLAH ABDUL KAREEM ABABNEH, 3826 MAXSON ROAD UNIT C., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ABDALLAH ABDUL KAREEM ABABNEH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/11/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-006784

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CULTURA ANGELINA, 718 WILLIAMSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BANDA LAS ANGELINAS, 718 WILLIAMSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: LISSET NAVARETTE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/11/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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File No. 2020-223707

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ISS SERVICES, 245 N. AVENUE 49, LOS ANGELES, CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JULIO I. CHOTO, 245 N. AVENUE 49, LOS ANGELES, CA 90042. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JULIO I. CHOTO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-006616

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LB PARTY RENTALS, 1700 N MCDIVITT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS ALBERTO BECERRA CHAVARIN, 1700 N MCDIVITT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS ALBERTO BECERRA CHAVARIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01-11-2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-223711

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LILCAMELCRUSH, 1509 BELLEVUE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90026. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADRIAN RAYO, 1509 BELLEVUE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90026. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADRIAN

RAYO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-223133

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PETALS N SUCH, 2234 HARWOOD ST UNIT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELBA GARDON, 2234 HARWOOD ST UNIT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELBA GARDON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-226434

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROSE TOWING SERVICE, 7509 S WESTERN, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. MAILING ADDRESS: 2037 W. 77TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROSALIND LORRAINE OWENS, 2037 W. 77TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROSALIND LORRAINE OWENS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/29/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2020-223871

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EKX 445 DUDMAN, 10506 WHITTIER BLVD B. WHITTIER, CA 90606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABDALLAH ABDUL KAREEM ABABNEH, 3826 MAXSON ROAD UNIT C., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ABDALLAH ABDUL KAREEM ABABNEH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2020. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/20. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CULTURA ANGELINA,



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