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HERE'S SOME GOOD INFO FOR THE END OF THE YEAR OF 2020

SIERRA MADRE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

Single Family Homes	2019	2020
Total # Sold:	90	111
Average Sold Price:	\$1,077,815	\$1,166,319
Average Sq. Ft.	1,888	2,027
Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$603	\$624

Condo/ Townhomes	2019	2020
Total # Sold:	21	16
Average Sold Price:	\$691,444	\$730,275
Average Sq. Ft.	1,458	1,538
Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$485	\$481

• The biggest acceleration in BOTH pricing and units was in the **November-December** time frame.

• In units, sales almost doubled..... In 2020, **25 homes were sold vs 14** for the same time period in 2019.

• During those 2 months, the average price per square foot went from **\$563 in 2019 to \$640 in 2020.**

• Average price of a home in Sierra Madre went from **\$930,000 to \$1,176,000. Sales price was up 26%!!!**

• This indicates that the market is HOT and sellers are **maximizing on their investments.**

This year end trend seems to be continuing, please reach out to any one of us to talk about your home.



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MAN WITH VIOLENT CRIMINAL PAST IN SIERRA MADRE CHARGED WITH SHOOTING CHP OFFICER *Sierra Madre Police Arrested Suspect 3 weeks earlier*

Marvin Chang 32, of Monterey Park was arrested last Friday in Tulare County for allegedly shooting a California Highway Patrol Officer. The officer survived the shooting in which Chang was also wounded and survived. Chang is currently being held on a \$4.5 million dollar bail.

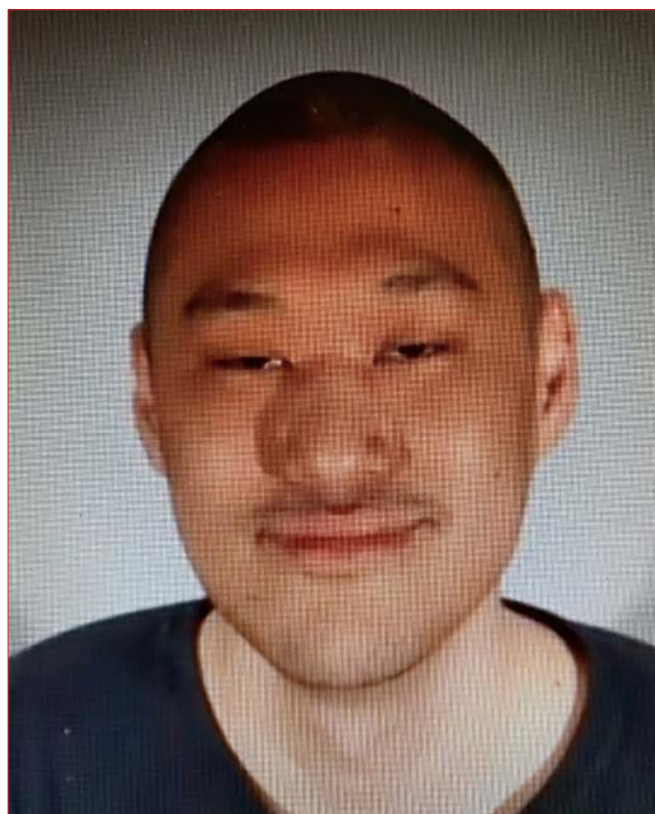
In 2007, Chang, then 18 years of age, was arrested and convicted for the brutal stabbing of an unsuspecting youth in Memorial Park in Sierra Madre. The victim according to testimony at trial, had been lured to the park by local teens and was attacked by outside gang members who came to town for the specific purpose of attacking a specific group of Sierra Madre youth who were involved in a drug dispute. The victim was not a part of the group involved in the disagreement, he was simply at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Chang was one of three 'gang' members who came to town and attacked the young Sierra Madre resident. At Chang's trial covered by this writer, *'Pasadena Police Department Detective William Brougham was brought back to the witness stand to give the court an update on the injuries of the victim. According to Brougham, the victim has sustained "permanent brain damage that causes him to pass out and faint." In addition, said the detective, "the victim's left eye had nerve damage and had to be closed." The teen had multiple stab wounds in his head, back, chest and shoulder.(Mt. Wilson Observer - February 16, 2007)*

Chang was convicted and sentenced to 7 years in prison.

Approximately 3 weeks ago, Sierra Madre Police responding to a trespassing call near the Stonegate development, found Chang in a locked, gated area. He was arrested without incident because in addition to trespassing, the SMPD found him with a loaded firearm, a box of ammunition, a dagger, a collapsible baton and drugs. he was transported to the Pasadena City Jail and the case was turned over to the District Attorney's office. The charges by SMPD included: Being an ex-felon 1. In possession of a gun; 2. In possession of controlled substance; 3. Carrying a concealed dirk or dagger; and 4. being in possession of possess leaded canes or batons.

Chang was released from custody in Pasadena on \$35,000 bail.



It is unclear why Chang, a violent ex-felon with prior gang affiliations was released with such low bail. The DA's office had not responded to inquiries regarding this case at press time. After posting bail, Chang was a free man who went on to allegedly participate in a firefight that ended with the shooting of a California Highway Patrol Officer. The officer had been on the job less than a month.

The Tulare County District Attorney's office has charged Chang with a total of 18 charges, all of which have additional enhancements and special allegations due to Chang's prior criminal history.

S. Henderson/MVNews

SIERRA MADRE APPROVES TRANSFER AND SALE OF WATER TO DISTRICT *Transaction Will Benefit Future Sierra Madre Water Treatment Projects*

By Kevin McGuire

City Council approved a resolution to pave the way for the transfer and sale of water from Sierra Madre's Cyclic water reserves stored in the main San Gabriel basin to the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (District).

Resolution 21-10 passed unanimously during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 22 allowing for the transfer of 2,970.74 acre-feet for the sale price of \$2,376,592.

The District is currently unable to meet its groundwater replenishment requirements set by the State Water Project, which is an obligation of 14,500 acre-feet to the Main San Gabriel Basin Water Master, or a 10% allocation. The percentages vary due to the amounts of precipitation received in the mountain areas. The sale and transfer of this water will help the District fulfill its obligation.

Both the District and Sierra Madre benefit from this transfer and sale. The District would be able to sell water on the open market for approximately \$650-800 per acre-foot and tack on an additional \$200 per acre-foot to deliver purchased water. This would allow the District to save between \$150,000 and 740,000. Sierra Madre could apply its profit of \$2,376,592 toward future water treatment projects and water infrastructure deficiencies, according to a presentation given by Jose Reynoso, Director of Utility Services and Director Miles Prince of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Back in 2007, City Council approved the purchase of 4,000 acre-feet of water from the District for \$100 per acre-foot. The 2,970.74 acre-feet of water is what remains in that reserve. Sierra Madre will have the option of purchasing water back from the District for \$200 per acre-foot, when it becomes available.

RE: COVID 19 VACCINES

Los Angeles County has added additional groups eligible for vaccines. The county began vaccinating people age 65 and older a month ago after they complete dvaccinations for healthcare workers.

Additional information on Page 8.

THE CARDBOARD PROBLEM: PANDEMIC CAUSES INCREASE IN RECYCLABLE WASTE EXPENSE

There have been many non-medically related side effects from the COVID-19 crisis that have caused great concern. The most problematic of course has been the impact on in-school learning along with the quarantine of outdoor activities and closure of businesses. As we struggle to cope with these problems, yet another one has come to light. Namely, what to do with all the cardboard shipping materials that are the result of online shopping?

Yes, too much trash is a real thing. The majority of households today are receiving boxes almost daily with food, supplies and other items that they would ordinarily purchase in person. Now, orders are made online and goods are delivered primarily in cardboard boxes and therein lies the problem.

Cardboard is recyclable and for most residents, the discarded boxes can fit into their blue recycle trash bins and often causes overages (the lid won't shut). Therefore, because of the Pandemic, Athens Services, which handles Sierra Madre and most of the surrounding cities, waived the additional charge for single family homes in 2020. Ed Chen, Director of Governmental Affairs for the company says that practice will only continue for single family homes in 2021. Also, to further help residents, Athens has placed a large container in Sierra Vista Park for recyclables and encourages residents to use it.

However, for apartment owners and commercial businesses the excess cardboard poses another, more costly problem. Like single family homes, in 2020, all overage fees were waived. As of January 1, 2021, Athens has returned to their previous billing practice of charging for bins that are 'overflowing'.

"Athens has done our best to absorb the costs of overflow bins the last several years, but we can no longer absorb those costs with disposal costs rising, state laws to comply with, and safety protocol that we must adhere to. Our main goal remains to be right-sizing and providing the proper level of service to meet our customers' waste and recycling needs, and eliminate unsightly overflowing dumpster bins, which causes a safety hazard for our frontline employees, in our effort to continue preserving community cleanliness," says Chen.

Businesses and apartment owners are struggling with the increased expense without relief. The increases are occurring through no fault of their own. As evidenced by a video sent to the Mountain Views News earlier in the month, unauthorized people are dumping boxes and trash into commercial dumpsters causing the overflow. Last year, in an effort to deter the practice, Athens installed cameras that captured the 'dumpers' in action. It is a criminal offense to discard materials into dumpsters without permission. And yet, the practice continues, dumpsters are overflowing and businesses are charged extra.

Apartment owners have a different problem. Tenants are properly disposing of their delivery materials legally in the container provided, but the overflow is then charged to the building owner. As indicated in Chen's statement earlier, attempts are made to 'right size' the container size to avoid additional charges, however that too is an increased expense.

Some have suggested that the overage charges are nothing more than a price increase, something that is not allowed under the current contract between Athens and the City of Sierra Madre.

Chen insists that there is no attempt to implement a price increase or circumvent the existing contract.

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CONGRATULATIONS



The Sierra Madre Police Department is excited to announce a monumental achievement for our organization.

For the first time in the history of the Sierra Madre Police Department, some of our members were selected to be part of the Foothill Special Enforcement Team. This is an outstanding accomplishment. The positions vary from Tactical Dispatcher to Crisis Negotiator. Both are crucial and challenging positions that deal with some of the most severe situations.

Join us in congratulating, Dispatcher Lilliana Cortez (pictured), Dispatcher Annie Ainsworth and Corporal Lilian Shaw in being the first from SMPD to be part of such an honorable team. We are confident that through our team members hard work and dedication this opportunity will lead to a lifetime partnership.

In addition we have two team members in training for the position of Special Weapons Team Operator. We look forward to them successfully completing training and joining the team. We are grateful to FSET for the opportunity.

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NATASHA OVIEDO, B.S. UCLA

Natasha is the 2020 Sierra Madre Rotary Club's sponsored Global Grant Scholarship recipient. She is studying Conflict Transformation at Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She will speak on the progress of her studies, the culture of Northern Ireland, and her plans for the future.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd 8am

Join us for our weekly meeting, meet Natasha, discover the many global outreach programs of Rotary, and learn how you can make a difference as a Rotarian.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.34 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Ordinance 1440, amending Chapter 17.34 (Affordable Housing), Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The amendment to the City's affordable housing ordinance is to conform to recent changes to State Density Bonus Law.

In October 2020, the Governor approved Assembly Bill No. 2345 ("AB 2345"), which revises the Density Bonus Law to increase the maximum density bonus, lower the thresholds to qualify for incentives and concessions, reduce the parking standards, provide new definitions, and impose new reporting requirements. AB 2345 took effect on January 1, 2021.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (Hearing begins at 4:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, this meeting will take place at the City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Bandshell located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. As part of the COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City recommends that all attendees bring their own chair. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3 PM on the day of the meeting.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The adoption of this amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Chapter 17.34, as authorized and required by state law, have no potential for resulting in physical changes to the environment because they consist of changes in the standards governing issuance of permits for density bonus projects and do not directly or indirectly approve any applications for particular projects. Any particular proposed project will be required to undergo the City's entitlement process and appropriate review under CEQA.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

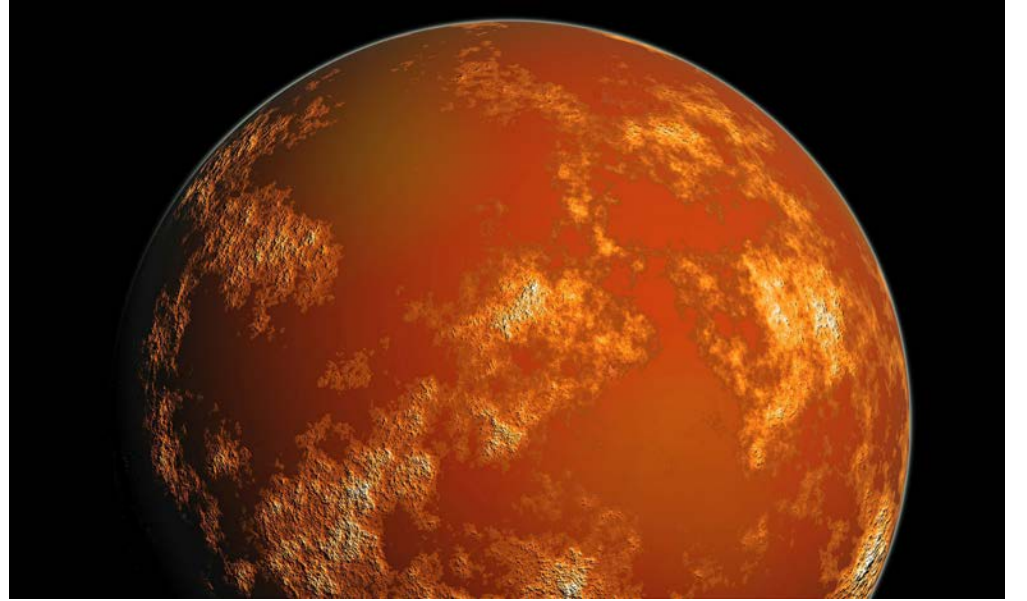
WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Perseverance is stubbornness with a purpose." Josh Shipp

"If you have infinite patience and perseverance, success is bound to come. No mistake in that." Swami Vivekananda

"Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did." Newt Gingrich



The Perseverance rover landed on Mars on February 18th, just a few days ago. Manufactured by our friends at JPL and launched from Cape Canaveral on July 30th, 2020, Percy, as it is fondly referred to, is looking for past Martian environments capable of supporting life, seeking out possible microbial life, collecting rock and soil samples and testing oxygen production from the Martian atmosphere to prepare for future manned missions. Just a little aside: Our youngest daughter, Crissy, was born on July 30th, 1969 – just a few days after Neil Armstrong set the first ever foot on the moon making his famous pronouncement: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

You may already know this, but just in case you didn't, the name "Perseverance" was selected by Associate Administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Thomas Zurbuchen, following a nationwide K-12 student "name the rover" contest that attracted more than 28,000 proposals. This is the best part...a seventh grader, Alexander Mather, from Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, VA, submitted the winning entry. Here's part of what Matthew wrote:

"Curiosity. Insight. Spirit. Opportunity. If you think about it, all these names of past Mars rovers are qualities we possess as humans. We are always curious, and seek opportunity. We have the spirit and insight to explore the Moon, Mars, and beyond. But if rovers are to be the qualities of us as a race, we missed the most important thing. Perseverance. We as humans evolved as creatures who could learn to adapt to any situation, no matter how harsh. We are a species of explorers, and we will meet many setbacks on the way to Mars. However, we can persevere. We, not as a nation but as humans, will not give up. The human race will always persevere into the future." Alexander Mather has to be one extremely bright 13 or 14 year old!

Going to Mars has been a favorite topic of the film industry and, thanks to Wikipedia, I was able to see that there have been about 50 or more movies about going to Mars, being on Mars and various personages that could be encountered on Mars such as: The Wizard of Mars, Santa Claus Conquers the Martians, Princess of Mars, Mars Needs Moms, Robinson Crusoe on Mars, Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars and so many more. We probably haven't seen most (or any) of these, but I have to admit that I'm a big fan of "Flash Gordon," which features Topol, who later starred as Tevya in Fiddler on the Roof, Max von Sydow as Ming the Merciless, Timothy Dalton as Prince somebody or other and later was briefly James Bond and it was produced by Dino De Laurentiis. Not what you'd call great art, but it's a lot of fun to see.

While we're on the subject of perseverance, The Alamo defense is certainly a study in exactly that. Today in History tells us that...

"On February 24, 1836, in San Antonio, Texas, Colonel William Travis issues a call for help on behalf of the Texan troops defending the Alamo, an old Spanish mission and fortress under siege by the Mexican army.

Though Santa Ana's 5,000 troops heavily outnumbered the several hundred Texans, Travis and his men determined not to give up. On February 24, they answered Santa Ana's call for surrender with a bold shot from the Alamo's cannon. Furious, the Mexican general ordered his forces to launch a siege. Travis immediately recognized his disadvantage and sent out several messages via couriers asking for reinforcements. Addressing one of the pleas to "The People of Texas and All Americans in the World," Travis signed off with the now-famous phrase "Victory or Death."

Only 32 men from the nearby town of Gonzales responded to Travis' call for help, and beginning at 5:30 a.m. on March 6, Mexican forces stormed the Alamo through a gap in the fort's outer wall, killing Travis, Bowie, Davy Crockett and 190 of their men. Despite the loss of the fort, the Texan troops managed to inflict huge losses on their enemy, killing at least 600 of Santa Ana's men." That's perseverance! "Dare mighty things!" President Theodore Roosevelt... A JPL mantra. It was somewhere on Perseverance. Do you know where? It's pretty cool! And just one more thought for you for this week:

I wish for you...

Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, gentle hugs when your world seems dark, friendships to brighten your being, beauty for your eyes to see, confidence for when you doubt, faith so that you can believe, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, love to complete your life and perseverance to keep on keeping on. Hope this week brings you joy and laughter. Stay safe my friends!

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: REGULATIONS REQUIRING RETROFIT OF UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Ordinance No 1439, repealing in its entirety Chapter 15.44 (Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Buildings), and adding Chapter 15.44 (Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Unreinforced Masonry Buildings and Risk Reduction Schedule), Title 15 (Building and Construction) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The City desires as its goal the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry buildings to the standards recommended by the California State Seismic Commission, without loss of degradation of qualified historic buildings and without detracting from the historic characteristics of the city. The ordinance establishes a compliance timeline and requirements for retrofit, demolition, penalties, and appeal procedures.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (Hearing begins at 4:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed regulations are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, ... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The proposed regulation is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Chapter 15.44, as authorized and required by state law, have no potential for resulting in physical changes to the environment because they consist of changes in the standards governing the seismic retrofit of buildings identified as posing a potential hazard and do not directly or indirectly approve any applications for particular projects. Any particular proposed project will be required to undergo the City's entitlement process and appropriate review under CEQA.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at 626-355-7138.



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

February 14 to February 20, 2021
During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 242 calls for service.

Hit and Run

On 2-15-21 at 12:20PM, an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of N. Her-mosa Ave. for the report of an apparent hit and run collision. The resident stated that sometime 9:00AM and 12:20PM an unknown person struck their vehicle causing damage to the left rear portion of the vehicle. Pending further investigation

Arrest

A subject was stopped for a bicycle equipment violation in the 300 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. on 2-20-21 at 2:11AM. A records check of the subject revealed that he had an outstanding arrest warrant and was in possession of drug paraphernalia and a credit card that did not belong to him. The subject was taken to the Pasadena Jail for booking. Case to DA's office



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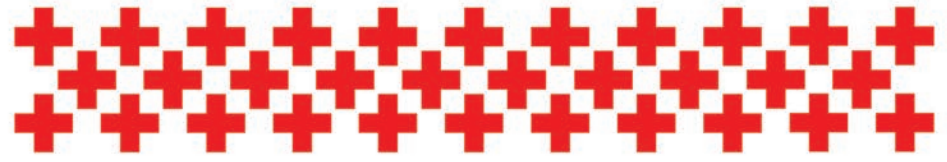
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Blood Drive Episcopal Church-The Ascension

Location: Parish Hall
25 E Laurel Ave
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12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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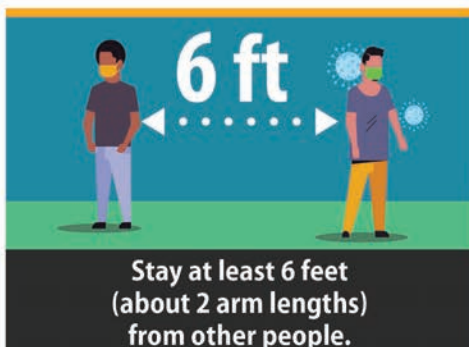
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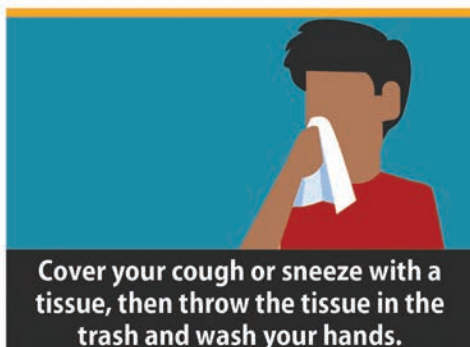
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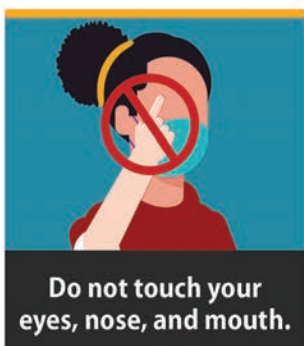
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and water for at least 20 seconds.



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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

KERSTING COURT REMODEL PROJECT

February 2021 through April 2021

Project partially funded by grant funds from
Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office

Sidewalk around the project will be closed. Please
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alternate routes

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SEGMENT 1A

February 2021 through the end of May 2021

PROJECT AREA
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CONSTRUCTION HOURS
Weekdays 7AM to 5PM, excluding holidays
Construction outside of normal hours will be dependent on City
requirements or may be scheduled to minimize disruption to City residents.

ADVISORY

- The presence and movement of laborers, construction equipment and heavy machinery.
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QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS February 23, 2021 4:00 pm

Be sure to tune in to the City Council meeting on 2/23/2021! Instructions on how to make public comment or watch the Zoom meeting are below.

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00PM 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 queue until the Mayor opens up the topic for public comment.

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

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News From Your Community For Your Community

City Class Action Lawsuit Dismissed

Pasadena city officials announced the dismissal of a class action lawsuit that challenged the annual transfer from the power fund to the City's General Fund. A Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge granted Pasadena's motion Wednesday to have the case dismissed.

According to Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian, if the city were unsuccessful in the lawsuit, it faced the loss of approximately \$18 million annually in General Fund monies. The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund, and provides a number of essential services to Pasadena residents and businesses.

The lawsuit was originally filed in 2017, alleging the use of electric rates to fund the transfer to the General Fund violates the California Constitution. Pasadena voters had established and confirmed Charter provisions allowing the General Fund transfer a total of seven times, dating back to 1934.

In March 2020, the city was unsuccessful in obtaining a dismissal of the lawsuit, where the City had argued that Pasadena voters had approved the Charter-authorized transfer a total of seven times. As such, in July 2020, the City Council placed the Charter provisions for the transfer on the ballot for the eighth time. In November 2020, almost 84 percent of Pasadena voters resoundingly approved Measure P, confirming that voters clearly approve of having a portion of their electric rates fund the \$18 million annual transfer to the General Fund.

With Pasadena voter approval of Measure P, and a January 29 published (precedential) appellate decision approving of Sacramento's utility fund transfer, Pasadena sought reconsideration in its case. The court's decision yesterday reverses its March 2020 decision against Pasadena. Rather, the court decision yesterday recognizes that Measure P and the court decision on Sacramento's transfer both require "new and different orders granting [Pasadena's] motion for summary judgment."

"I am pleased that justice prevailed. The transfer continues to be approved by Pasadena residents, and for good reason," Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo said. "Pasadena has proven that our residents have confidence in receiving high quality essential services, and that residents want to ensure that our General Fund and tax dollars are protected from class action lawsuits."

City Begins Installing Suicide Mitigation Mock-up Panels

Pasadena city workers along with Custom Design Iron Works, Inc started installing several full-scale suicide mitigation mock-ups Monday along the Colorado Street Bridge.

According to city staff the panels, at two separate locations along the Colorado Street Bridge, will provide different vantage points for visualization from both on and off the bridge. The Barrier Mock-up Installation includes:

- Three design options chosen for mock up fabrication, displaying two types of mesh patterns.
- Option A- Curved lamp post treatments at alcoves with straight stainless steel mesh for length of bridge
- Option B- Curved lamp post treatments at alcoves with curved stainless steel mesh for length of bridge
- Option C- Straight pickets at



alcoves and length of bridge

- Install a total of five (5) full size temporary mock up panels at two locations on the bridge that are independently supported on top of the bridge balustrade
- Adjust existing bridge light poles to accommodate panels
- Weave existing temporary fence with mock up installation to maintain continuous vertical barrier
- Mock up displayed for two to three weeks for public viewing and survey
- Once community viewing period has passed, uninstall mock up panels and return

bridge to existing conditions

During public meetings the community consensus was also to keep all alcoves open.

Construction is set to be completed next week. Cost for the installation of temporary mock up panels is just over \$160,000.

During installation, traffic control measures will be implemented to ensure safe vehicular travel and the sidewalks along both the north and south side of the bridge will be closed to pedestrian access during installations they said.

AbilityFirst Completes Merger With FVO Solutions



AbilityFirst (formerly known as the Crippled Children's Society) completed its merger with FVO Solutions, Inc. (formerly known as Foothill Vocational Opportunities). The two longstanding leading nonprofit organizations will operate under the widely-recognized AbilityFirst, with 95 years of experience and more than 50 years in Pasadena,

"After thoughtful discussion and due diligence, we celebrate a major milestone having merged with FVO Solutions," said AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi. "There is an incredible opportunity to expand each of our exceptional services while ensuring that people with disabilities and their families have a wider access to a variety of programs that can help to transform their lives."

By joining forces, AbilityFirst and FVO Solutions deliver critical and transformational support services to an expanded population of more than 2,000 people with developmentally disabilities and their families in the greater Los Angeles community during a time when the unemployment rate is at a historic high as a result of the global pandemic. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly 80% of individuals with developmental disabilities are unemployed, adding to the growing number of unemployed people in Los Angeles.

"Through our enhanced programs we offer people with developmental disabilities employment preparation, training, and experience needed to lead full productive

lives as active members of our community," said Gangemi.

The AbilityFirst and FVO Solutions merger provides innovative, person-centered employment opportunities for more individuals with developmental disabilities living in Los Angeles. AbilityFirst will expand its newest programs: ExploreAbility, DiscoverAbility and PossAbility. Now, with FVO Solutions under AbilityFirst, the organization provides its participants with wider access to FVO Solutions' enterprising manufacturing program, which has been renamed to AbilityFirst Manufacturing Program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for many companies and nonprofits, the merger of AbilityFirst and FVO Solutions allows the two organizations to consolidate operations, maximize operational efficiency by reducing duplicate expenses, and increase service to its participants by expanding programs.

Together, AbilityFirst and FVO Solutions are better positioned to advocate for people with developmental disabilities in the greater Los Angeles community and support efforts toward diversity, equity and inclusion.

The combined organization is led by AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi, and remains headquartered on Green Street in Pasadena. AbilityFirst looks beyond disabilities, focuses on capabilities and expands possibilities. To learn more about AbilityFirst, visit abilityfirst.org.

Application Deadline for CPOC is March 15

Pasadena city officials announced they are accepting applications for the initial nominations for appointment to the commission, with appointments to occur in the coming weeks. The application for those interested in serving as a commission member is available online at: cityofpasadena.net.

In October 2020, the City Council established a Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) by ordinance. The purpose of the commission is to enhance, develop, and strengthen community-police relations, and review and make recommendations regarding the ongoing operations of the Pasadena Police Department to the chief of police, city manager, and/or City Council.

The CPOC will be composed of 11 members, with each City Council member nominating one (for a total of eight), and three members nominated from community-based organizations. No later than 90 days after appointment to the commission, commissioners must participate in a ride-along with the Pasadena Police Department, and receive 30 hours of training in relevant subject matter areas. Further information about the qualifications and duties of commissioners can be found in the Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 2.60.

In the near future, the City Council will consider, and adopt by resolution, a policy for appointment of members to the CPOC. Those who are interested in serving are encouraged to apply by 5 p.m. on March 15, 2021, to be part of the pool of applicants to be considered for the initial appointments to the 11 available vacant positions.

For questions, additional information, or to be sent an application by mail, please contact the mayor's office at (626) 744-4333.

The Rialto Revealed: A Landmark Restoration

The South Pasadena Public Library is set to host an illustrated virtual talk on the exterior renovation of the Rialto Theatre, featuring founder of the Friends of the Rialto, Escott O. Norton. Norton, a lifelong preservationist, was an advisor to the restoration work carried out by theater owner the Shomof Group and will share his vast knowledge of the theater's history along with stories and photos from the effort to restore it to its former glory. The Rialto Revealed will be presented on the Crowdcast platform at: crowdcast.io/e/rialto. The event, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. is free and open to the public, but an internet connected device is required.

Constructed in 1925, the Rialto Theatre is an iconic landmark in South Pasadena and one of the few remaining single-screen theaters in Southern California that reflect the majesty of the golden age of cinema. The Rialto has not been an active theater since 2007, and was purchased by the Shomof Group in 2014. The Shomof Group is known for projects in downtown Los Angeles completed under the City's Adaptive Reuse Ordinance, which encourages the conversion of older, economically distressed, or historically significant buildings to residential or retail uses.

Escott O. Norton grew



up surrounded by theater and architecture. His mom founded the OXY Summer Drama Festival, and his father designed and built all of Norton's childhood homes. Continuing the family tradition, Norton is now the 4th generation in a family of quality home developers. His consultation company, EON Design, specializes in historic buildings, with a primary focus on historic theaters. Escott founded Friends of the Rialto 35 years ago to advocate for the preservation and reactivation of his favorite theater. He was also the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Historic Theatre Foundation, a nationally renowned non-profit that has landmarked and protected dozens of historic theaters across Los Angeles County.

For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov/library.

City of Pasadena Public Health Department Update

Pasadena Public Health Department and Huntington Hospital are planning a series of community-located clinics in the coming weeks and months to serve older adults with less healthcare access. Even with limited quantities of vaccine allocated by the state to Pasadena, the City's priority is to ensure that all eligible residents and workers in the hardest hit communities have easy and equitable access to vaccines.

Over the past month, 71 percent of Pasadena residents age 65 and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 mortality is highest among seniors. Over 84 percent of COVID-19 fatalities in Pasadena have been in people over age 65. Vaccinating this group remains a high priority. Pasadena residents 65 and older who need access to COVID-19 vaccine can submit an inquiry form online, or contact the Citizen Service Center for more information at (626) 744-7311, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Currently, only healthcare workers, residents and staff at long-term care facilities, emergency workers and first responders, and Pasadena residents who are age 65 or older

are eligible to be vaccinated. Over 30,000 Pasadena residents have received at least one dose, which is one in four residents 16 and older. As of February 23, over 44,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Pasadenans. There continues to be a scarcity of vaccine supply and variability in the amount of vaccine received from week to week, without information on future allocations from week to week. To date, Pasadena Public Health Department has been able to order 39,820 doses of vaccine.

Pasadena Public Health Director and Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh said "In the coming months, everyone who wants a vaccine will have access to a vaccine—it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when. Partners like Pasadena City College and Huntington Hospital have been instrumental in working with us to expand vaccine access for the community, and we look forward to expanding these partnerships in the upcoming weeks and months."

The next sectors eligible for vaccine are education and childcare center workers, and food and agricultural workers.

For more information on vaccine availability at local pharmacies, visit: cityofpasadena.net.

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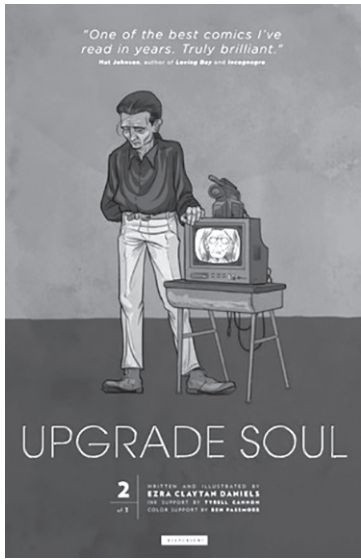
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South Pasadena Library New Comic Book Club for Adults

The South Pasadena Public Library is happy to announce a new comic book discussion club for adult readers. The Comic Book Club will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. The first meeting of the Comic Book Club is on April 1st at 7 p.m. On this day, the Comic Book Club will meet virtually on Zoom to discuss Upgrade Soul by Ezra Clayton Daniels. Upgrade Soul is the story of an elderly couple forced into a psychological battle after undergoing an experimental genetic procedure. Registration is required. Visit the Library's website to register.

Upgrade Soul is currently available on ComicsPlus. ComicsPlus provides access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga with no wait lists or limits. Read directly on your favorite web browser,



or download the app on the App Store or Google Play. A South Pasadena Public Library card number and PIN are required to access ComicsPlus. A tutorial on how to use ComicsPlus is available on the Library's YouTube page.

Spring Series Kicks Off with Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto

Today at 4pm
Mendelssohn Octet
Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto
David Lockington, Music Director & Host
Chee-Yun, violin
Hsin-I Huang, Piano
Musicians from the Pasadena Symphony

Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto kicks off the spring season of Pasadena Presents on Saturday with acclaimed violinist Chee-Yun, hailed by the New York Times as "a talented instrumentalist, with the kind of high-gloss tone that pulls sensuously at the listener's ear."

Watch for free at: pasadenasympphony-pops.org. or YouTube.

Concert will be available to stream to the public for 48 hours through March 1. Or become a Pasadena Presents member for unlimited on-demand access and to enjoy all five spring concerts

Free 2020 Tax Preparation Assistance for Older Adults

Adults 50 and older can get help preparing their 2020 federal and state income tax forms from TaxAide, an AARP program.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the service will be offered online instead of at the center.

Anyone who wants assistance from this no-contact program will need the following:

- An email address
- A computer with a camera and microphone, or a family member who can help with this
- The ability to email scanned or photographed copies of tax documents.

Next, they should call (626) 639-8760 and leave a voicemail with their name, area code and phone number. A trained, IRS-certified TaxAide representative will return the call in three to five business days and set a date for an online appointment.

The service will continue until April 15 as long as appointments are available. Appointments must be made at least two weeks in advance.

If coronavirus levels improve significantly, TaxAide hopes to offer no-contact service at the Pasadena Senior Center where older adults could bring their tax documents to be scanned and a counselor would prepare the returns and review them by phone.

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

Masters Series Making Connections: the Intersection of Cultures, Art and Design

The spring term of The Masters Series, which embraces lifelong learning and is presented by the Pasadena Senior Center, will be virtual via Zoom for people 50 and older Tuesdays, March 16 to April 27, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Membership at the center and Pasadena residency are not required.

The series will be led by Eleanor Schrader, professor emeritus of art and art history at Santa Monica College and a worldwide lecturer on architecture, interiors and decorative arts. She did graduate work in fine and decorative arts at Sotheby's Institute in London and New York and served as a design review commissioner for the City of Beverly Hills. She co-authored the book "Master Architects of Southern California, 1920-1940: Wallace Neff."

The schedule is as follows:

- March 16: Symbolism and Meaning in Prehistoric and Ancient Art
- March 23: Early Writing Forms, Iconography in Early Religious and Medieval Art
- March 30: Gothic Through Rococo Design and the Incorporation of Asian and Islamic Art in Western Design
- April 6: French Realism, the Industrial Revolution and the Response of the Arts and Crafts Movement
- April 13: Victorian Art and Art Nouveau
- April 20: Late 19th and Early 20th Century Poster Art and Graphic Design and the Rise of Propaganda Art
- April 27: 20th Century Design from Bauhaus Through the Art Deco and Midcentury Eras

The cost for the seven-week term is only \$90 for members of the center and \$105 for nonmembers.

To register, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Masters Series Lifelong Learning or call 626-795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive an email link to access each event.

For more information about online activities and other programs and services of the Pasadena Senior Center, visit the website or call 626-795-4331.

The center, at 85 E. Holly St., is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has been serving older adults for more than 60 years. During the pandemic, doors are open from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. for social services and other critical services for older adults in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

South Pasadena looking for New City Manager

The City of South Pasadena is seeking a City Manager with exceptional interpersonal, leadership, communication, and negotiation skills. The incoming City Manager will be a seasoned individual and forward-thinking visionary who will continue to move the City in a positive direction by providing clear direction to staff, engaging and building relationships with the business community, and being responsive to community concerns. A candidate who possesses appreciation for and understanding of diversity within a city organization and community will be valued.

A service-minded individual who listens and is approachable, accessible, and open to suggestions is highly desirable. The City Manager should be a skilled public speaker, a good communicator capable of exercising discretion, confidentiality, and tact when dealing with sensitive matters or communicating with internal and external stakeholders.

The desired candidate has a strong finance background as well as experience with

economic development. The City will benefit from a City Manager who understands and values the needs of the organization as well as the community and is willing to make a long-term commitment to South Pasadena.

The incoming City Manager will be expected to take an active interest in the community and maintain effective working relationships with City staff, regional partners and outside organizations, and the general public.

The Council is seeking a candidate who will communicate directly and openly and be transparent, consistent, and equitable in their dealings with all elected officials.

The selected individual will show strength of character and unquestioned integrity, as well as the ability to work with the Council toward consensus on difficult or complex issues. The ideal candidate will possess a combination of strong political leadership qualities and strong managerial experience. As a leader, the selected candidate will create an environment where employees feel empowered to excel. Candidates should possess excellent management skills and be able to delegate effectively while holding staff accountable.

Any combination of education, training, and experience that could likely provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be qualifying. The typical candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in public administration or a related field from an accredited college or university along with extensively responsible administrative experience in the planning, coordination, and financing of varied municipal activities; a Master's degree is desirable.

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A select group of candidates will be asked to provide references once it is anticipated that they may be recommended as finalists. References will be contacted only following candidate approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Gary Phillips at: (916) 784-9080

Another Day's Begun: Exploring Our Town

A celebration of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play and Howard Sherman's new book

Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman announces the live streaming of Another Day's Begun: Exploring Our Town on PlayhouseLive, March 11 at 6:30 p.m., presented by Pasadena Playhouse and Vroman's Bookstore. Another Day's Begun: Exploring Our Town will be available on demand beginning March 12.

This special event celebrates Our Town, the quintessential American play, with performances from previous cast members and a conversation with Jane Kaczmarek, who played the Stage Manager in the 2017 Pasadena Playhouse/Deaf West production, and author Howard Sherman, author of the new book Another Day's Begun: Thornton Wilder's Our Town in the 21st Century.

Kaczmarek and Sherman guide us through the enduring legacy of Thornton Wilder's masterpiece with excerpts from Our Town performed by Kaczmarek herself, Youssef Kerkour, Keith Randolph Smith and Alexandria Wailes.

The evening is also a virtual celebration of Sherman's new book, which explores thirteen key productions of Our Town, including the landmark 2017 production by Pasadena Playhouse and Deaf West Productions. Another Day's Begun: Thornton Wilder's Our Town in the 21st Century is now available in stores (Methuen Drama, \$26.95).

A work of startling originality when it debuted in 1938, Thornton Wilder's Our Town evolved to be seen by some as a vintage slice of early 20th Century Americana, rather than being fully appreciated for its complex and eternal themes and its deceptively simple form. Another Day's Begun: Thornton Wilder's Our Town in the 21st Century shines a light on the play's continued impact in the 21st century and makes a case for the healing powers of Wilder's text to a world confronting multiple crises.

Through extensive interviews with more than 100 artists about their own experience of the play

and its impact on them professionally and personally – and including background on the play's early years and its pervasiveness in American culture – Another Day's Begun shows why this particular work remains so important, essential, and beloved.

80 years after it was written, more than 110 years after its actions take place, Our Town continues to assert itself as an essential play about how we must embrace and appreciate the value of life itself. Another Day's Begun explains how this American classic has the power to inspire, heal and endure in the modern day, onstage and beyond.

Another Day's Begun: Exploring Our Town will be available to view for free on PlayhouseLive March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Once you create your free account at: playhouselive.org, Another Day's Begun: Exploring Our Town can be watched on any of the PlayhouseLive apps including Apple OS, Android OS, Roku, FireTV and more. Closed captioning is available and ASL will be provided by Elizabeth Greene. Spanish captioning will be available for on-demand viewing subsequent to the live event.

Other PlayhouseLive programming highlights include:

Poet, performance artist and professor Javon Johnson in Still., a timely one-man performance about the complexities of the Black experience, commissioned by Pasadena Playhouse and kept online by popular demand. Still. can be rented for \$19.99.

In the second episode of Intermission with Hashtag Booked, hosts LaNisa Frederick and Danielle Pinnock take an intermission with Jeff Perry ("Scandal") to talk about his distinguished career in front of the camera and his roots in the theatre. Jeff will recount the beginnings of Steppenwolf Theatre Company and share some insider stories about his time with Laurie Metcalf, John Malkovich, and more. Intermission with Hashtag booked is available for free to the public.

Additional information about PlayhouseLive and its programming, including new announcements and pricing specials, are available at: playhouselive.org.

Tournament Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

Now through March 1.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2021 grant program. The grants support new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults, and seniors. Since its inception in 1983, the Foundation has invested more than \$3 million into the community by supporting 200+ Pasadena-area organizations. The grant awards in 2020 exceeded \$140,000, which funded 16 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley.

The 2021 grant cycle will be structured as follows – Tier 1: a one-year grant for \$35,000, Tier 2: a one-year grant for \$15,000 and Tier 3: several one-year grants for up to \$10,000. The Foundation will also require applicants to include information on how their program will be delivered, despite the continued challenges of the pandemic.

Eligible applicants are organizations with 501(c)(3) status, as of the 2021 submission deadline, that serve one or more of the following communities: Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South

Pasadena, and Temple City. As in previous years, grants will be given in the categories of Performing and Visual Arts, Sports and Recreation, and Education Programs (Early Childhood, Middle and High School), Literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

To apply and for additional details on the 2021 grant cycle, eligible organizations should visit the Tournament of Roses Foundation page: tournamentofroses.com/foundation/.

New and returning applicants will utilize a new application system for the 2021 grant cycle. The application system instructions and Foundation Grant guidelines can be found on the foundation website. The website will direct users to a welcome page with instructions on how to begin the application process.

Applications will be accepted through March 1 at 5:00PM. The Foundation's Board of Directors will make the final grant selections at its annual spring meeting, and applicants will be notified of their funding status via email in April 2021.

Applicants can contact the Foundation directly at foundation@tournamentofroses.org for further questions.



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SUPERVISOR BARGER RESTORES FUNDING TO PARKS AND RECREATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY —Through a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger that aims to invest services and programs in Los Angeles County communities, the Board of Supervisors approved the budget restoration of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

“After a year of decreased social and physical activity for families across Los Angeles County, our renewed focus on programs, staff, and services at local parks and nature centers provides an opportunity to rejuvenate our residents,” Supervisor Barger said. “Parks programs are a fundamental part of wellness for our neighborhoods and provide opportunities to play, grow, and create lasting memories.”

The cost of restoring recreation programming is \$2,120,000 in fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$8,586,000 of ongoing cost. The motion, coauthored by Chair Hilda L. Solis, approved funding for hiring, training, and staffing hours previously cut back because of the pandemic, which will enable the department to provide safe opportunities and places for youth to play, including sports clinics and access to nature and open space.

Additionally, the motion allows the department to restore aquatics programming, including swimming lessons, recreational swim, pool access, lakes, and therapy and wellness. The cost of restoring swimming days at Santa Fe Dam and Castaic Lake Recreation Area is \$243,000 in fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$580,000 in ongoing costs. The budget will resume community pool operations in Arcadia, Granada Hills, Altadena, Littlerock, Quartz Hill, and Castaic.

“The pandemic has proven that parks are an important place for our vulnerable residents to seek refuge, rest, and recreation,” Barger said. “In many of our neediest areas, Parks and Recreation is the sole provider of affordable and accessible youth recreation and after school programs.”

The motion enables the Parks Department, CEO, and other partner departments to identify and allocate funding for the Parks After Dark program, which is particularly important given the increase in crime and mental health stresses presented over the last year. This program was hosted at 33 parks before the pandemic and cost \$6,832,000.

Low income families and communities are most impacted by the pandemic and are also those who most benefit from the Department of Parks and Recreation’s services and activities. Restoring recreation programs addresses the devastating impact of COVID-19 and provides much-needed healing and community connection. Physical and mental health benefits through social connection provide a lifeline to youth who need support.

Because of the public health crisis, Parks and Recreation was required to cut eight percent of its costs last fiscal year, which was a \$12.9 million reduction in Net County Cost funding, plus an extra \$9.9 million because of revenue shortfalls. This led to a massive cut in staff, as the department significantly reduced its recurrent and temporary staff by 857 employees, recreation services staff were cut by 43 percent, lake lifeguards were reduced by nine positions, and pool lifeguard positions were completely eliminated.

“Restoring the Department of Parks and Recreation’s budget also allows hundreds of hard-working, passionate staff to return to work,” Barger said

ARCADIA AUTHOR C.V. DREESMAN PENS THIRD NOVEL

By Joan Schmidt

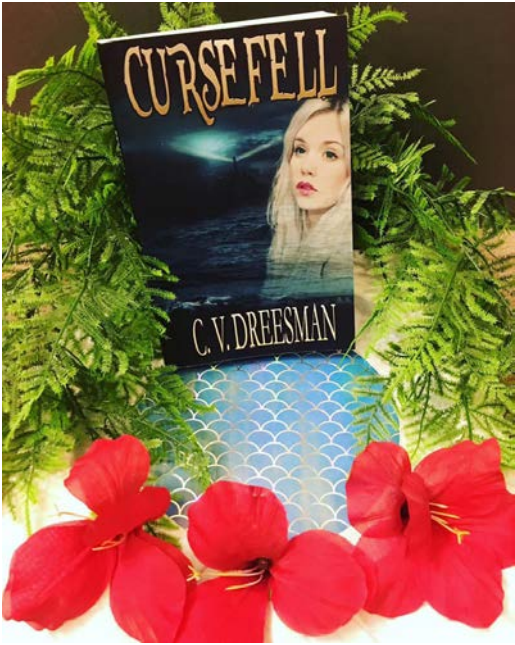
Author C.V. Dreesman grew up in Arcadia and always loved writing. Early works included “Bridget”, “A Re-Cycling of Faith” and “Pantheoness”. After graduation from UC Davis, (English major), Chris has worked as a Private Investigator, Front Office Manager for the Sacramento Rivercats, and Crew Member at Helitac Air Carriers; yet never leaving his main passion-writing.

The Slave Within was his first fantasy novel. Crone has long been a slave, long desiring freedom. The whispered words of a dream lead Chrome and his companions to act, and they become pawns in an ancient game of power.

The Marksman, (“The Tear of Ahl Saga”, Book 1,) is his second work, available on Kindle. Crone, the main character escapes a life of slavery, is then hunted from his slave masters and thrown into a world of intrigue and treachery. The Marksman has received many good reviews: “Many twists and turns in this plot, interesting, vivid characters that interacted well... I knew this was a winner.”

His third book, Cursewell is Book 1 in the “Venom Horne Series.” This Young Adult Fantasy is considered “One of the most original unique stories I’ve ever read” by bestselling author Katie Jennings. A year after following her mother to the isolated town of Stonecrest, teen-aged Thera is still too shattered to completely let go of her grief of loss. She didn’t think her life could uncoil much further when during a boating accident; she is attacked by a monstrous sea creature that shouldn’t exist. Thera must search for answers not knowing she carries a secret curse. An exciting read!

To find out more about this great writer, visit C.V. Dreesman on Facebook. The Marksmith and Cursefell reviews are on Amazon; Kindle editions available.



Know the Facts

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 committed to a fair and equitable allocation and distribution process. No one should bypass the established vaccine allocation and distribution process.

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

- ▶ California is working closely with community partners and stakeholders to help guide the planning process and ensure the vaccine is distributed and administered equitably.
- ▶ 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 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.

- ▶ The Scientific Safety Review Workgroup has confirmed that the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have met high standards for safety and efficacy.
- ▶ 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.

LA COUNTY COVID-19 COMMUNITY CASES/DEATHS EOM FEBRUARY 2021 vs January 2021

LOS ANGELES COUNTY*	02/26/2021	01/29/2021
Total Cases	1,189,232	1,091,712
Deaths	21,241	15,897

STATS BY CITY

	Population	Cases	Deaths
	(01/29/2021 stats in parenthesis)		
Pasadena	14,1371	10,834 (9559)	312 (203)
Uninc- East Pasadena	6,403	200... (173)	7 (6)
City of Arcadia	57,754	2567 (2211)	112 (78)
Uninc. - Arcadia	7,981	592 (506)	14 (10)
City of Bradbury	1,069	34 (32)	0 (0)
City of Duarte	22,016	2222 (1954)	82 (57)
City of Monrovia	38,800	3066 (2675)	68 (76)
Uninc - Monrovia	3,881	357 (309)	1 (1)
City of Sierra Madre	10,989	446 (386)	13 (8)
City of So.Pasadena	26,053	1261 (1104)	39 (35)
Uninc.- Altadena	43,260	3132 (2733)	59 (45)

La County Testing as of 02/26/2021: 5,799,466 (5,301,316)

La County Vaccines as of 02/26/2021: 1st Doses: 1,958,547 2nd Doses 600,497

Next week on Monday, March 1, three additional sectors become eligible to receive vaccinations: education and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, and emergency services and law enforcement workers. The County expects to receive 269,000 doses to be distributed next week, of these, 103,000 will be provided for first doses. Those who fall under the newly eligible sectors will be able to get vaccinated at many sites across the County. Workers will be required to show proof of their identity with a photo ID and proof that they reside or work in L.A. County. Partnerships have been established to facilitate the vaccination process throughout the County.

The FDA has recommended Emergency Use Authorization for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This vaccine requires a single dose. Johnson & Johnson vaccine trial data indicate that the vaccine is very effective in preventing moderate to severe COVID-19 disease and 100% effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths. With the potential influx of supply, this vaccine could greatly accelerate progress in our vaccination efforts.

L.A. County is working to ensure that eligible residents and workers in the hardest hit communities have increased access to vaccines. For information about vaccine appointments in L.A. County and when your turn is coming up, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com

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(StatePoint) The past year has demonstrated the importance of digital learning. And thanks to a variety of tools and resources that helped make remote instruction a little less stressful on everyone, teachers, students and parents quickly adapted to the changes brought on by the pandemic.

Music

Music has been a particularly difficult subject to provide instruction for at a distance. However, educational foundations have risen to the occasion by creating a trove of resources to aid learning. For example, the Save the Music Foundation provides free activities for families, tools for educators to create their own online tutorials and more.

Mathematics

Remote learning has only added new challenges to an already difficult subject. The good news is that online tools are helping fill the gaps created by the new normal. Check out the Casio Cares education site, which is chock full of free math resources for students, parents and educators. Tools include emulator calculator software, curriculum support materials, live webinars and remotely-delivered teacher training. Plus, Casio's free all-in-one web-based mathematics software, ClassPad.net, which is geared for K-12 and beyond, delivers an accessible, interactive and personalized approach to mathematics. Its functions include graphing, geometry, calculation, statistics and more.

In addition to online activities and video tutorials, Casio also offers a weekly educational webinar series focused on mathematics on its YouTube channel, covering such subjects as elementary and middle school math, algebra I and II, geometry, pre-calculus, calculus and statistics. All webinars are recorded and can be accessed any time.

Creative Writing

English and creative writing teachers are turning to new platforms to help build their student's writing skills in a variety of creative genres. One example is Storybird, which features hundreds of courses and challenges. If your child's teachers haven't caught onto the trend, no worries, parents can also sign up for an account for their children.

Even after classrooms reopen nationwide, one thing is certain, with so many amazing resources available to help educators teach and students learn, digital learning tools are here to stay.

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Maple-Sugaring Time

When winter is ending
and snow is disappearing;
when spring is coming,
before buds are appearing;
When the temperatures rise
to warm the day;
when later they fall
to freeze the night;
When the sap starts to
flow from the maple trees;
when farmers tap the trees
to collect it in buckets;
When the sap is poured
into tanks on sleds;
when a horse team pulls it
to the sugarhouse;
When the sugarhouse is opened
and roaring fires are built;
when the sap is boiled, skimmed
filtered and canned;
When the first syrup is poured
sweet and warm over pancakes...

Oh, look
at the sap
dripping into
the bucket.

Large farms
today may use
plastic tubing to
deliver the sap from
the trees directly to
the sugarhouse.

It's maple-sugaring time!

Is the
syrup
up here?

No, go
away!

Now!
(Farmers - traditional)

Read the clues to
fill in the puzzle with
how a farm may do
its maple sugaring.

- _____ are built in groves for storing equipment and boiling sap
- teams of _____ are harnessed to pull sleds to gather the sap
- holes drilled in trees, spouts placed, tin _____ catch sap
- sap gathered into a _____ on horse-drawn sled, pulled to camp
- sap boiled in shallow, rectangular stainless _____ pans
- a roaring _____ fire is kept going in firebox under pans
- sap filtered, temperature checked, amount of sugar in sap measured, _____ carrying dirt skimmed off the top
- sap flows through pans as it thickens, temperature checked, filtered, _____ "A" or "B" and canned
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Dear Viagra:

It's true. If you're age 62 or older and are still raising young children, there's a Social Security benefit strategy that can put some extra money in your family coffers.

Here's how it works. When you file for Social Security retirement benefits, your minor children can get money on your work record equaling half of what you would receive at full retirement age, now gradually rising from 66 to 67. Even if you were to take a smaller benefit by claiming earlier, your kids will still get half of your full-retirement age amount.

To qualify, your daughter – whether she's biological, adopted or a stepdaughter – must be unmarried and under age 18. Kids that are over 18 but still in high school, can collect too until they graduate or turn 19, whichever comes first. (Other rules apply to kids that are disabled.)

But that's not all.

Because one of your children is only 14, your wife (if you're married) can collect Social Security benefits on your work record too, and it doesn't matter if she's just 40 years old. The minimum age requirements to collect retirement benefits (62) or survivor benefits (60) does not apply when it comes to collecting benefits as the caregiver of a young child. The spouse's benefit, which is also worth up to half of your benefit, will stop when your daughter turns 16.

But note that there are limits to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The Social Security "family maximum payment" is determined by a complex formula and can range from 150 to 180 percent of your full retirement benefit amount. If the total exceeds that, each person's benefit, except yours, is cut proportionately until it equals the maximum.

Here's an example of how that's figured. Let's say, for example, that your full retirement age benefit is \$2,400 per month. That would make your family maximum benefit (according to the Social Security formula at [SSA.gov/oact/cola/familymax.html](https://ssa.gov/oact/cola/familymax.html)) roughly \$4,200 per month.

Subtract your \$2,400 benefit from the \$4,200 family maximum benefit, which leaves \$1,800. That's the monthly amount that can be split between your two children – \$900 each. If your wife wants in on it too, the individual checks are smaller, at \$600 a piece, but the family amount is the same.

You should also know that minor children can collect up to half of a disabled parent's Social Security disability benefit. And if the parent dies, they will get a survivor's benefit, which is up to 75 percent of the deceased parent's basic Social Security benefit.

To learn more, see the SSA publication (No. 05-10085) "Benefits for Children" at [SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf](https://ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf).

One Caveat

Social Security benefits for your kids may not be available before full retirement age if you are still working. In 2021, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 earned over \$18,960, except in the year you reach full retirement age. In that case, the earnings limit is \$50,520, with \$1 in benefits withheld for every \$3 earned over the limit.

If you lose your benefits, your dependents also lose theirs. You can recoup those payments later, but your kids can't.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... February Birthdays*



Tracy Verhoeven, Beatrice DaRe, Cathrine Adde, Hilda Pittman, Anne-Marie Stockdale, Susan Henderson, Allie Attay, Ursula El-Tawansy, Gladys Moser, Sylvia Lorhan, Ana Ptanski, Winifred Swanson, Janet Gillespie, Marian DeMars, Vickie Vernon, Mary Beth Knox, Sharon Leffer. To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

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

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

OCTOBER CRAFT

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

IDEAS

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

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

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

KNOCK, KNOCK! SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE!



For some reason, the last several weeks we have been getting many visitors at our door. I'm not sure if this is a general trend or if it is just our door.

Some of them have been salesmen, religious people, scam artists, and a host of other people. They only had one goal in mind, and that was to get our money.

I guess I have not realized how wealthy I am. Everybody wants my money. If they only knew how little money I had, they would be running away from our house. I can't even get my money because I'm not sure where it is.

This year the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I will have been married 50 years. I think my wife married me for my money, but in the last 50 years, she has not found any of it. I'll give her another 50 years, and then we are going to have to reexamine the situation. When she does find it, we will take a vacation to Hawaii.

Money we have not, and the more they pester us for our money, the more frustration we acquire. If they want frustration, we have plenty of that and are more than happy to give it to them.

My wife and I are very frugal when it comes to money because we do not have that much. But the money we do have will stay in our account and not be given to somebody who wants to sell us an extended car warranty policy. Every time they call about that, I have something I want to extend to them, and it is not money. When someone calls on the phone, you can always hang up or not even answer it. When somebody knocks on your door, you do not have that kind of choice. You do not know who is there or what they want.

It might be somebody scoping the neighborhood for a house to rob.

Because my wife knows everybody in the neighborhood, as soon as someone knocks at our door and almost before the door is closed, she has texted everybody on the street to be aware of someone coming to knock on the door. It is great when a neighborhood hangs together.

Once two Jehovah's Witnesses came to our door, and I happened to answer it.

They introduced themselves, then I introduced myself as a pastor and began a sermon right there at the front door. I have 100 sermons in my mind ready to use. I kept preaching, and they tried to interrupt, but you can never interrupt a preacher.

Before I got to the end of my sermon, they turned around and walked away as fast as I have ever seen anybody walk away. After all, they came to my door.

Then we had several men come by wanting to

come inside and show us how solar energy could save us a bundle of money.

Fortunately, for us, it was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that answers the door for them. If you think you can get in our house and get by her, you really have not gotten up this morning and had your coffee.

A few weeks ago, it was getting terrible. Almost every day, someone was at the door knocking. I usually handle the phone calls, and she handles the door.

I could see she was getting frustrated, and I understood, quite severely.

She just finished making our lunch, and we just sat down and began to enjoy our lunch together. Then, someone knocked at the door.

My wife sighed very deeply and said, "Whoever that is, I'm going to give them a piece of my mind. I'm tired of this."

Although we had prayed for our lunch, I was now ready to pray for whoever was at the front door.

On several occasions, I have had a piece of her mind. It's not a pretty sight. She has enough mind to give to many people, and I was very concerned about the people at the front door. "I don't care who you are. I don't care what you're selling. I don't want it, and I want you to leave and never come back again."

With that, he slammed the door shut and walked away. "Who was at the door?" She just looked at me and then said, "I don't know, but I gave them a piece of my mind."

I was chuckling underneath, trying not to let it come to the surface for any recognition. "Are you sure?" I said as serious as I could maintain, "that you gave them the right piece of your mind?"

She just stared at me, "What do you mean?" "Are you sure you did not give them the left piece of your mind?"

She finally smiled and then said, "No, I'm saving that piece for you."

I was smiling on the outside but not on the inside. I was honored that she has a special piece of her mind for me, but I have no idea what it will be and when it will come my way.

I thought of the Scripture along this line. "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

I think this is hard to do for many reasons. God can give me the strength to do this for his honor and glory.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



IMPORTANT ESTATE PLANNING LESSONS FROM LARRY KING'S DEATH—PART 1

Legendary TV and radio host, Larry King, died on January 23rd, 2021 at age 87. With a career spanning more than half a century, Larry became the most famous interviewer of his generation.

With his success in the media and the fact he continued working long after most people would have retired, Larry amassed a fortune estimated to be worth some \$50 million. In addition to Larry's fame as a broadcaster, he also became equally well known for his numerous marriages. Starting at age 19, the media mogul got married a total of eight times to seven different women (one of them, he married twice).

Larry also had five children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. With so much money, so many spouses, and so many lineal descendants, it was practically guaranteed there would be some conflict over Larry's estate following his death.

However, three factors are sure to make settling his estate especially troublesome.

First, Larry was in the middle of negotiating a divorce settlement with his seventh wife, Shawn Southwick King, when he passed away. Second, in October 2019, Larry created a new handwritten will, which stipulated that \$2 million of his estate should be equally divided among his five children upon his death, yet the document makes no mention of his seventh wife.

And finally, two of the five children—Andy and Chaia—named in Larry's new will died within weeks of one another in August 2020, yet it seems Larry failed to amend his handwritten will to reflect their deaths.

Given Larry's immense wealth and the fact that his seventh wife claims they worked with estate planning lawyers in the past it's likely that he had other estate planning vehicles, such as trusts, in place to protect and pass on some of his assets. But since trusts are private and their contents generally aren't made available to the public, we don't know the full details of Larry's estate plan.

That said, in light of his impending divorce, the existence of the new handwritten will, and the recent death of two of Larry's children, it's almost certain that there will be a major court fight between Larry's seventh wife and his surviving children over the \$2 million in assets listed in the new will. In fact, Shawn has already announced that she plans to contest the handwritten will.

Lesson #1: Update your estate plan as soon as divorce is inevitable.

Although Larry attempted to do the right thing by creating the new will, he should have taken the time to work with legal counsel to properly update his plan once he knew he was getting divorced—and ideally before the divorce was filed.

It's important to keep in mind that some states (including California) have community-property laws that entitle your surviving spouse to a certain percentage

of the marital estate upon your death, no matter what your plan dictates. So, if you die before the divorce is final, as Larry did, you probably won't be able to entirely disinherit your surviving spouse in your will or trust. But you can amend your plan to ensure the proper individuals inherit the remaining percentage of your estate should you pass away while your divorce is still ongoing.

Had Larry worked with his estate planning lawyer to draft his new will, rather than writing his own by hand, he could have created a much more robust will that not only would have stipulated exactly how he wanted his share of the marital assets divided among his children upon his death, but he also could have prevented a number of conflicts inherent with do-it-yourself planning.

Lesson #2: Work with an experienced estate planning lawyer when creating or updating your planning documents, especially if you have a blended family. While it's always a good idea to have a lawyer help you create your planning documents, this is exponentially true when you have a blended family like Larry's. If you are in a second (or more) marriage, with children from a prior marriage, there's an inherent risk of dispute because your children and spouse often have conflicting interests.

By creating your own will, even with the help of an online document service, you won't be able to consider and plan ahead to avoid all the potential legal and family conflicts that could arise. For example, had Larry enlisted the help of an experienced estate planning lawyer to create his new will, he could have built in provisions that would have made it unlikely that Shawn—or anyone else—would contest his will.

It remains to be seen whether or not Shawn will be able to successfully contest the validity of Larry's new will. However, because the new will was created in such an informal manner, her case will be a lot stronger than it would've been had Larry worked with lawyers to formally create a new document. And even if Shawn isn't successful in contesting Larry's new will, the resulting litigation will be a lengthy, costly, and needless ordeal that will deplete Larry's estate at the expense of all of his heirs.

Finally, had Larry consulted with an attorney when seeking to amend his plan to account for his impending divorce, he would have been advised that a will is not the ideal planning vehicle for protecting and passing on his assets to his children. Instead, Larry could have used a trust for this purpose. And while there are several types of trusts available, we would have advised Larry to create a special type of trust known as a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust.

Using a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust, Larry could have not only immediately transferred his share of the marital assets to his children upon his death or incapacity, without the need for court intervention, but he could have also ensured that those assets would transfer with airtight protection from common life events like divorce, serious illness, lawsuits, and even bankruptcy. Best of all, this asset protection would last for the lifetime of his designated beneficiaries.

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I was visiting a friend’s place, and a few others were there for lunch. The friend – let’s just call him John -- had been learning about edible wild plants. He explained to the half-dozen guests that their lunch would be embellished with some of the wild spring edibles growing on the open area surrounding his place. Wonderful, I thought. Since I had visited the place before, I already knew most of the wild edibles that grew there, plants like chickweed, London rocket, mallow, purslane, lamb’s quarter, nopales, sow thistle, New Zealand spinach, and many others.

He served some highly aromatic soup. It was a miso base with some dried seaweed and thin slices of mallow added. It was delicious. There were a few other dishes that he brought out, and then he served each of us a salad. I froze, and stared into my salad.

“What’s that?” I asked John, with a bit of alarm in my voice. I already knew what it was, but I wanted to hear John’s response.

“Sprouts!” he responded gleefully.

“Yes,” I responded blandly. “But, what is it?”

“I said, those are sprouts. Sprouts in the salad. Everyone knows sprouts are good for you,” he gushed.

“Ah,” I said slowly, picking a few of the “sprouts” out of the salad bowl, and then setting the salad bowl beyond my reach.

“Yes,” I again replied. “Sprouts. But sprouts of what? Every plant produces seed, and the seeds of any plant can produce a sprout.”

John looked more closely. “Well,” he finally responded, trying to remain upbeat, “sprouts are good for you.”

He was very enthusiastic, and I hated to be the bearer of bad news. “Those are not just any sprouts,” I said, as others put down their salad bowls. Those are the sprouts of the castor bean plants. Yeah, they look awesome, but I thought when I saw them in my dish that I had done something to you and you were trying to get even by killing me.”

John was silent, and picked up a castor sprout to examine. Clearly, I was the damper on what was intended as an enthusiastic and fun lunch. Everyone began eating more slowly, and ignored the salad. At least one person present carefully picked every castor sprout out of his salad.

“Sprouts are not a generic group, like grasses, or seaweeds, or acorns,” I explained to John while everyone listened. I don’t think he got my point at first. I had to pretend to enjoy the rest of my lunch, while attempting to provide a quick botany lesson that would save everyone’s life.

Certain botanical families are nearly entirely edible, often with a few considerations. This includes groups like grasses, seaweeds, mustards, acorns, onions, and many others. But every plant, poisonous or edible, that produces seeds can produce sprouts. The sprout is nothing more than the young seed, sprouting forth to produce a new plant. The fact that many edible seeds produce highly nutritious sprouts does not mean that ALL seeds from ALL plants will have edible sprouts. Without sounding like I was talking down to John – who after all was trying to impress me with how much he knew about wild edible – I explained that all flowering plants have roots, and many are edible, but some roots will kill you. Just because you find a root doesn’t mean you can eat it. And all plants have leaves, what we call greens. Just because you found some pretty looking greens does not guarantee that you can eat them.

I think he got the point. Enthusiasm can kill you, or can kill your lunch guests.

Never eat any wild plant unless you have positively identified it as an edible plant, or belonging to an edible plant family.

NO, YOU CANNOT EAT ANY RANDOM SPROUT YOU FIND! Just like with the mature plant, you must identify the plant as an edible species. IF you cannot identify the plant because it is a baby, then DO NOT EAT IT!

In my very first book, “Guide to Wild Foods,” my mentor Dr. Leonid Enari worked me with to list many of the botanical families that are entirely safe to eat. I have since organized all my books by botanical family to provide a moment to describe the family to which the plants have been classified. You can find my books on Amazon, or at the store at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.



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Katnip News! MEET WINSOME WINNIE



Beautiful and sweet, Winnie is a mix of tortoiseshell and tabby, known as a “torbie”. Only about 1.5 yrs old, she’s a precious soul who was abandoned by her owners when they left the country at the start of covid. She was not spayed and had 2 litters of kittens while she was fending for herself on the streets. Kind neighbors were able to rescue her and her kitten (we don’t know what happened to her other kittens). The neighbors got them fixed and vaccinated. One of the neighbors kept the kitten, and the other neighbor is now fostering Winnie, but she needs to find a home very soon, as the foster mom is facing surgery and a long rehab. Winnie is very sweet and has a soft meow. She is not a fan of being held, but she likes to be petted. Winnie had to grow up fast and deal with lots of difficulties, so she does not know how to play. She would likely do best being the only pet in a home where she can bask in all the attention and learn how to be playful and cuddly. Won’t someone please give this deserving girl a second chance? Apply at <https://www.lifelineforpets.org/cat-adoption-application-revised.html>



Pet of the Week

Six-year-old former stray cat Taffy is ready to live a comfortable life in a home! Taffy is a gorgeous tabby cat who has been learning all about humans and how nice petting is. Although she’s needed a little time to get used to her new environment at the shelter, she’s started purring and seeking attention from our staff. If you approach her kennel, she’ll probably take a second to size you up, but with a little time to get to know you, she can be a wonderful work-from-home coworker or Saturday night movie buddy. The adoption fee for cats is \$100. All cat 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TUXEDO'S BY MIKE TAILORING & ALTERATIONS 10100 SANTA MONICA BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALINA TER SAHAKIAN 7100 W SUNSET BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALINA TER SAHAKIAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021038343

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NO COLOR LINES 10100 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 300, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90067. NO COLOR LINES 366 E. 55TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GENEVA BRITTANY BRYANT 366 E. 55TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GENEVA BRITTANY BRYANT, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/23/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021042672

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL GLASS WARE 1730 VANOWEN ST. LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HADI SAFA 17350 VANOWEN ST. LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HADI SAFA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021041933

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CRV RECYCLING SOLUTIONS 26104 ADAMOR ROAD CALABAS, CA. 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RECYCLING SOLUTION SITES, INC. 26104 ADAMOR ROAD CALABAS, CA. 91302. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: RECYCLING SOLUTION SITES, INC. TAHER AMERI, CEO. . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/21. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021042664

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNITY ONENESS CHURCH 11606 HAMLIN ST APT 2, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91606. UNITY ONENESS CHURCH 1018 9TH ST APT 1, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANCTUARY COMMUNITY RESOURCE INC. 11606 HAMLIN ST APT 2, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91606. . This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: SANCTUARY COMMUNITY RESOURCE INC. DANNY ROJAS, CEO. . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/17/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/17/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20210406125

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WINNETKA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 7560 WINNETKA AVE, WINNETKA, CA. 91306. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LA PALMA ART, INC. 7560 WINNETKA AVE, WINNETKA, CA. 91306. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: LA PALMA ART, INC., ARTUR ARAKELIAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/22/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021021384

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICAN CANNABIS COMPANY 1203 E CESAR E CHAVEZ AVE LOS ANGELES, CA. 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LOS ANGELS GROUP, 1203 E CHAVEZ AVE #505 MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: LOS ANGELES GROUP, JAIME MORENO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021043024

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAMPAS SHOPP 16529 VICTORY BLVD UNIT 115, LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR HUKO VALLE 16529 VICTORY BLVD UNIT 115, LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: VICTOR HUKO VALLE, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021036529

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RUSHBL.COM 21200 W OXNARD ST #261, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AARK GLOBAL LLC 21200 W OXNARD ST #261, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: RASHI KHANNA, MANAGING PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021021854

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALI'S ALPINE ADVENTURES 2252 MERIDIAN BLVD, MAMMOTH LAKES, CA. 93536. MAMMOTH SKI LESSONS 2252 MERIDIAN BLVD, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALI KORDY 5623 ROYER AVE, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALI KORDY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/27/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/27/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ESMountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 27, MAR 6, 13, 20, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021037172

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICAN BAD BOY, ALEJANDRO MENDIOLA CLOTHING, 8700 BOYNE ST, DOWNEY, CA. 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJANDRO MENDIOLA JR, 8700 BOYNE ST, DOWNEY, CA. 90242. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEJANDRO MENDIOLA JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 20, 27, MARCH 6, 13, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-017702

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE LYNWOODS 3127 GATES STREET, LA LOS ANGELES, CA.90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO CONTRERAS, 3227 GATES STREET A, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90031. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANCISCO CONTRERAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/25/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 20, 27, MARCH 6, 13, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-017508

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRACKDOWN MANAGEMENT, 10 CLARET RD, RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JACK ARTHUR SIMPSON, 64TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSAN SIMPSON, 10 CLARET RD, RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270. This Business is conducted by A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: SUSAN SIMPSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 20, 27, MARCH 6, 13, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-040182

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNITED ANGELS PROTECTION SERVICE, 982 E 53RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANLEU MAINTENANCE, INC., 982 E 53RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: FGRICELDA ANLEU MORALES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 20, 27, MARCH 6, 13, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-033379

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARDEN BROS, 4313 CARSON ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STALLION TRANSPORT LLC, 3319 W 109TH ST, INGLEWOOD, CA. 90303. This Business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: VICTOR OREGIEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 20, 27, MARCH 6, 13, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-023521

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BICYCLE WORKS, 4313 CARSON ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TR GOSS INC., 4313 CARSON ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: THEODORE REX GOSS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 20, 27, MARCH 6, 13, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-031814

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: D&E TRANSMISSIONS LLC, 805 W ROSECRANS AVE J, GARDENA, CA. 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) D&E TRANSMISSIONS LLC, 805 W ROSECRANS AVE J, GARDENA, CA. 90247. This Business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: RODOLFO SARABIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/05/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-026427

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DICKY AND SONS CA, 2216 W CLAUDE ST, COMPTON, CA. 90220. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADRIAN DEREK PERRY JR, 2216 W CLAUDE ST, COMPTON, CA.90220. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADRIAN DEREK PERRY JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/01/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-025912

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DVD INVESTMENT PARTNERS, 3909 DACONA AVE, EL MONTE, CA. 91732. MAILING ADDRESS: #548 3100 BIG DALTON AVE SUITE 100, BALDWIN PARK, CA. 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL VAN DO, 3909 DACONA AVE, EL MONTE, CA. 91732. ANNIE DOVER, 3909 DACONA AVE, EL MONTE, CA. 91732. JENNIFER DOVER, 3909 DACONA AVE, EL MONTE, CA. 91732. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MICHAEL VAN DO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/01/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/09/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-022283

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JOHN'S WORLD, 5013 DUNROBIN AVE, AKLAND, CA. 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN MICHAEL POSELLA, 5013 DUNROBIN AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA. 90713. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOHN MICHAEL POSELLA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-026421

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KANISHA STYLES, 11443 MONA BLVD #292, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TASHONA KANIE JOHNSON, 11443 MONA BLVD #292, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90059. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KANISHA STYLES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/01/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-028280

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPEEDY SMOG TEST CENTER, 1206 N GAFFEY ST STE A, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETER SEWA, 1206 N GAFFEY ST, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. LIDIA ARIAS, 1206 N GAFFEY ST STE A, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: PETER SEWA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/05/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-026414

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWYMAN PARTNERSHIP PARTY RENTALS, 448 W 64TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARQUIS LYEDEL TWYMAN, 448 W 64TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90031. MEKOL LYNETTE TWYMAN, 448 W 64TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90031. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MARQUIS LYEDEL TWYMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/01/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-025679

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZION GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PLUMBING ELECTRICAL HEATING AIR CONDITIONING AND ROOFING SERVICES, 1904 5TH AVE APT B, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90018. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIERRA RITA PETILLO, 1904 5TH AVE APT B, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90018. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIERRA RITA PETILLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/01/2021. 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) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20210213401

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SO ECE, 1223 N LAS PALMAS AVE, APT 304, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90038. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ECE YILDIROK, 1223 N LAS PALMAS AVE, APT 304, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90038. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ECE YILDIROK, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MAR 6, 2021

FILE NO. 2021-029837

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) RAJ ENTERPRISE INC, 225 E 4TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90013, has/has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: LA CASH AND CARRRY, 324 E 4TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90013. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/04/2021, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2017047678. The business was conducted by: A CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/24/2021. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: RAJ ENTERPRISE INC, 225 E 4TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90013. Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 13, 20, 27, MARCH 6, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021023401

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STUART TOLCHIN



EVERYONE COUNTS

I had planned this column to describe my sleepless night during which I attempted to solve the New York Times Spelling Bee Puzzle. This puzzle which can be viewed on my Iphone at midnight consists of six letters surrounding a middle letter. The rules of the puzzle are to make as many words as possible of four letters or more always using the letter in the middle and any of the other six letters more than once. Points are scored as acceptable words are submitted and there is no penalty for submitting words that are not deemed acceptable which excluded words that are obscure, hyphenated, or proper nouns or non-individual words. No cuss words are allowed and additional points are received for creating a word utilizing all seven letters. I have become obsessed with the game and promptly at midnight begin the puzzle which requires me to awaken, or more frequently, abandon whatever (one word) had previously required my attention on television. Prior to my obsession such an abandonment would have been unthinkable.

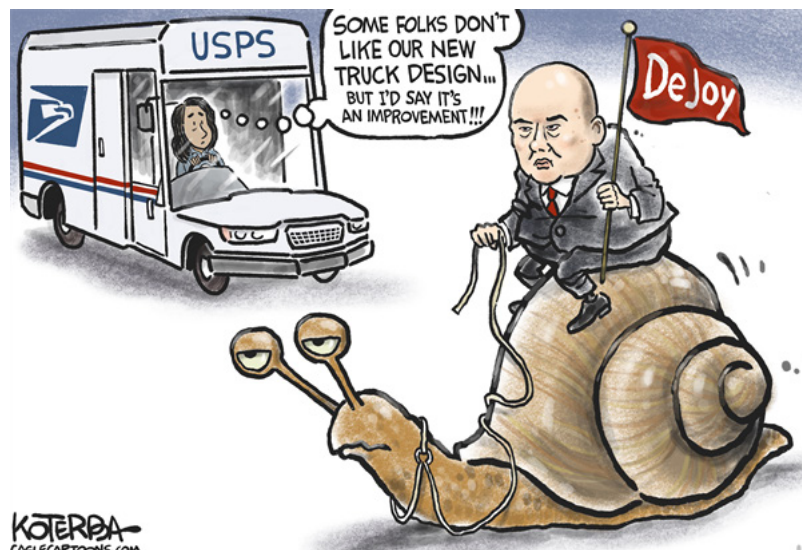
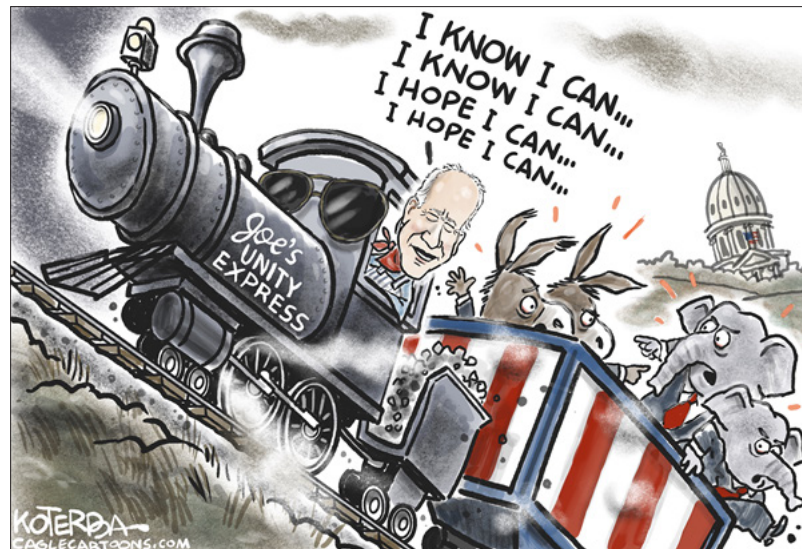
The puzzle appearing at midnight February 23, 2021 consisting of the following letters: u t a y r i surrounding the letter p. I first easily recognized common four letter words such as trip, trap, pray, pity, part, and pair. Within (one word) a short time I detected "purity" and "parity". I was on my way, there was no stopping me as I next submitted "pituitary" a seven letter word earning me extra points as I advanced past the various levels of Beginner, Good Start, Moving Up, Good, Solid, Nice, Great, Amazing. I was well on my way, I thought, to the level of Genius which I had achieved every day for almost a week.

For many early morning hours I labored attempting to reach the Genius level taking only a short break to watch the Lakers lose to the Wizards (the Wizards?) in overtime. I received acceptance of many other common words the most interesting of which was "uppity" but barely reached the "Amazing" level. I became incensed at my concept of the elitist word acceptance list which refused to accept contemporary words such as "hippie" and "rapper". One benefit was that upon leaving in the morning to obtain our second vaccine shots I realized that my wife had not completed the puzzle. She appears to everyone, including our muchadored (should be one word) eighteen month old granddaughter (a very important one word) to be a more preferable person; but that's okay, I just want to be better at something.

On the way to get our shots my wife thought of the word tapas and I was relieved to see that we remained at the Amazing level. While waiting in an unmoving line I thought of the (one word) "rattrap". Still, not enough! Finally I took a chance on "trippy" and bingo, "Genius". For the moment I felt satisfied with myself. I decided to attempt to teach my granddaughter the word "rattrap" as it would be a continual reminder of my success on the day we received our second inoculation.

Upon entering the house I turned on the television and there on every channel was coverage of the Tiger Woods auto accident. Immediately, I realized that this 44 year old man was a person of almost universal importance. I particularly remembered his first Masters Victory in 1997 which allowed him to select the 1998 menu to be served to former Masters Champions. All other champions had selected luxurious meals to be prepared by special chefs. The world, not only the exclusive golfing world but everyone else, waited for Tiger's selection. He served milkshakes (one word) fries and cheeseburgers (also one word) and this opened the world of Golf to an entire population. Tiger Woods' life which is still ongoing, which has many ups and downs and unimaginable recoveries is someone who will be written about everywhere this week. My submission of this column will have significance perhaps only to me and maybe my granddaughter in twenty years. I hope she escapes the "rattrap". We all cannot be Tiger Woods but every life, even yours and mine, has its own significance.

Watch out for those downhill (oneword) curves.



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DICK POLMAN



REPUBLICANS SUDDENLY CLUTCHING THEIR PEARLS ABOUT MEAN TWEETS

Republican Sen. John Cornyn is very upset about Neera Tanden, the well-qualified woman tapped by President Biden to run the Office of Management and Budget. He is shocked, shocked! that tweeting is going on in American politics, and that Tanden has done some of it.

Cornyn, speaking for virtually all Senate Republicans, says that Tanden shouldn't be confirmed to run OMB because she has frequently tweeted harsh criticism of GOP bigwigs. He says that, "in light of her combative and insulting comments," the president should "select someone who at the very least has not promoted wild conspiracy theories and openly bashed people."

Wait a sec... Cornyn reads mean tweets and considers them to be serious disqualifiers for high office?! As Johnny Carson liked to say on the old Tonight Show, "This I did not know."

I was under the distinct impression that Cornyn, and his Republican pals, didn't pay attention to mean tweets. That they were too busy to read them. That they basically shrugged them off. Like, for instance, whenever their Dear Leader thumbed his phone to make combative and insulting comments, to promote wild conspiracy theories and openly bash people.

Like, for instance, what happened last June, when an elderly Buffalo man, a peaceful protestor, was hospitalized with a head injury after cops shoved him to the ground. Trump responded by lying on Twitter that the old guy was probably an Antifa plant. The press asked Cornyn what he thought about his president's tweet. His reaction: "I'm not familiar with it. Not particularly... A lot of this stuff just goes over my head."

The rest of the Senate Republican ostriches chimed in. Mike Braun said, "No real response to it." Rick Scott said, "I didn't see it." Marco Rubio said, "I didn't see it. I don't read Twitter." Kevin Cramer said, "I know nothing of the episode, so I don't know." Pat Roberts said, "I don't want to hear it... I'd just as soon not."

But Tom Cotton best summed up their attitude on a different occasion, when Trump tweeted that four female House members of color should go back where they came from (three were born in America, one was a naturalized citizen). When Cotton was asked what he thought of Trump's tweet, he said: "The president is gonna tweet what he's gonna tweet."

So no big deal, right? The bankrupt casino owner who vaulted into politics by relentlessly tweeting the lie that Barack Obama was a fake American – who reigned by slinging anyone who criticized him and retweeting crackpot calls to violence – got a pass every time because his soulless enablers covered their eyes.

Back in our brief dystopia, Kevin Cramer spoke for his fellow wimps when he said "I don't know whether the president should be careful or not about what he tweets." But now, all of a sudden, they're clutching their pearls about Neera Tanden, declaring that she shouldn't be the OMB director because she wasn't "careful" about what she tweeted.

She did tweet tough stuff about Republicans during the MAGA era. Tanden said (among other things) that Susan Collins was "pathetic" (which happens to be true), that "vampires have more heart than Ted Cruz" (which happens to be true), and that Mitch McConnell was "Voldemort." It would have been more politic of Tanden to be less outspoken, and it's puzzling that the Biden team didn't anticipate that Senate Republicans would try to knock out her nomination by citing her tweets.

Alas, their hypocrisy prevents them from putting things in perspective. Tanden has never tweeted threats to wage nuclear war, or retweeted cartoons showing a journalist getting beaten up. She hasn't tweeted fascist lies about a "stolen election" or white nationalist agitprop that sows Islamophobia, racism, sexism, and anti-Semitism.

Perhaps I'm just imagining it, but the mostly white male Senate Republicans seem extra sensitive about mean tweets thumbed by a woman of color. Indeed, a number of Biden's women of color nominees seem to be meeting Republican resistance. The party that's been thrown into the minority, thanks to Trump and their fealty unto him, seems to have a problem saying yes to a new administration that looks like America.

If Tanden's nomination goes down, it's likely that another qualified woman of color will get the OMB job. There's only so much Republicans can do to turn back the clock. And huffing about tweets is transparently weak, after five execrable years of playing deaf and dumb.

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OUT IN THE COLD: THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

- 1 Corinthians 15:10

He couldn't have been more than a kid, early twenties maybe, though he looked older. Life outdoors tends to age a person prematurely. He was homeless, addicted, alone.

I'll call him "Daniel" and I met him at a homeless shelter where I was volunteering with my wife the other night. More accurately, Denise is the active volunteer, serving on boards, giving out scarves and blankets, getting to know the residents. Mostly, I tag along for support.

On this particular night, temperatures were in the teens and a steady snowfall covered the streets and sidewalks in front of the church where we waited for walk-ins.

Denise recognized Daniel from another shelter where she volunteers. She asked him how he was doing, what he was up to, showed him where he could sleep for the night and where to get some food in the kitchen. For the four hours we were there, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Daniel left and returned a few times. At one point, he produced a drawing pad on which he had made a few sketches. He showed them to Denise and she made a fuss, as you would when one of your kids presents you with a few doodles.

A little later, Daniel asked us what the temperature was supposed to be tomorrow. It took a minute but it dawned on me that he wasn't asking us about the weather in an effort to make small talk. He wanted to see if it was going to be warm enough to survive.

As we spoke to him, I couldn't help but wonder. How did he get here? What led a young and seemingly healthy young man to an aimless existence on the streets? Certainly, addiction is part of the answer but only part. What happened in his past? Was he ever nurtured or encouraged by anyone?

Then, after the questions, came the realization that there are so many others, like Daniel, living life day-to-day; outdoors and forgotten. It is true that a few homeless people are homeless by choice. Though able to work or even get back on their feet in a shelter, they choose homelessness instead of structure and rule-following. Denise will tell you that some of the men with whom she worked at the shelter simply walked away on

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their own rather than follow the house rules. Others were kicked out.

I had another thought as I spoke to Daniel. Could I have been him? With a slight alteration of circumstances, could I have wound up in the same situation due to job loss, financial ruin or illness?

Oh, we say, "Not me. Don't be ridiculous. Those people are sick. They have problems. They can't be helped and they don't know how to help themselves." Exactly.

There was a time when it was easy for me to disregard young men like Daniel. After all, in Philadelphia, there were hundreds of them. It was easy to walk by, not make eye contact, even snicker.

"Better him than me," as if I were somehow impervious to personal catas-trophe.

We're all fragile, vulnerable, mortal. Ask the people of Texas where a winter storm has turned life upside down. While politicians bicker about why it's so cold and whose fault it is, millions of residents are freezing, without power or drinking water. Warming shelters have opened throughout to state. People who were warm and secure suddenly found themselves hungry, cold and in need of help.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, there are an estimated 553,742 people in the U.S. experiencing homelessness on a given night. In the Kentucky county where I live, 400 public school students were identified as homeless in 2019.

This is not a call to action to volunteer or donate to your local homeless shelter, though you may feel led to do that. Rather – and I'm speaking to myself as much as anyone – it's a call to compassion and empathy.

The truth is there's less daylight between Daniel and me than I was ever willing to admit.

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A LESSON WE COULD USE TODAY

Last week, I wrote an article on the remarkable life of my good friend, George Maurer. Although I recognized that he was approaching 100 years of age, I really was stunned and saddened when I learned of his passing.

As has been said, George was a man of many passions and good be both charming and as tough as a brick wall. Early last year, I went to visit with him for lunch with our mutual good friend Bud Switzer. During lunch, we all had a hearty laugh at just how George and I became good friends. I thought I would share it now because given the current climate of vitriol and hostility towards those who are on opposite ends of the ‘values’ spectrum, this might be a teachable experience.



George Maurer, left, and Bud Switzer, right one year ago ,

So, back in 2006 George Maurer was Mayor of Sierra Madre. I was a columnist for The Sierra Madre Weekly and Sierra Madre resident. As was often the case, Sierra Madreans were at odds with each other over a proposed downtown development. George and I were on opposite sides of the controversy, each very passionate about their position. In April when the council reorganization took place, the outgoing council members left the chambers along with their supporters and had their celebration across the street in the social hall at the Congregational Church, upset over the election results.

I wrote an article about the incident in The Sierra Madre Weekly critical of the walkout, especially of the Mayor who had done so much for the city. From that point on, George was so upset he would cross the street or leave the room if he saw me coming. He wasn't alone in his disdain for my presence, but to me how he felt was important. Oh well, I was a big girl and if he didn't like me that so what I said, and that road ran two ways for the next year.

However, we both had a common friend in our lives, Dr. Paul Neiby. To put it mildly, he was known as ‘The Lion of Sierra Madre’, a big guy who was plain spoken and stubborn. A birdie once told me that he actually liked the paper (Then the Mountain Views Observer) and I was surprised. Neiby was very committed to the city. He was very instrumental in the publishing of, “Southern California Story: Seeking The Better Life In Sierra Madre”. (If you don't have a copy, go to the Historical Society's website and purchase one today: www.smhps.org). Anyway, Neiby found himself smack in the middle of what appeared to be a very serious standoff by two of his best friends. George would not be in the same room that I was in, and I wasn't throwing myself into an environment of ‘haters’. What did Neiby do....well this is where the story begins.

One day Neiby called and invited me over to talk. He had also invited George over. Neither George nor I was aware of the other's invitation. When I arrived his wife Louise let me know that he was out by the pool. So I go through the door and see two people at the table. Paul Neiby and George Maurer! Before I could open my mouth Neiby said, “Sit down. You two need to learn to get along and you are not leaving here until you do”. With that he left and went inside the house.

George and I sat quietly for a few minutes without speaking. Finally one of us started talking about how stubborn Paul could be and eventually the conversation lead to us learning that both of us were from the east coast. I from Philadelphia and George from the New Jersey/Phillie area. We found that we both missed our east coast foods, TastyKakes, real Cheesesteaks and Hoagies, etc.

The more we talked, the more we learned we had in common. I had not known that George had been involved in the publication of numerous newspapers. He was a professional Linotyper. We talked about the transition of the industry via technology. We talked about everything under the sun including Sierra Madre and the clashing of our views.

When Paul finally crashed in on our conversation at least an hour later, we had torn down all the preconceived notions of one another and developed a deep regard and respect for each other. No, we didn't suddenly prescribe to each other's political views, but we embraced our differences. We respected each other and over the next 10 or so years had a wonderful relationship.

I last saw George on his 98th birthday and we still had that same admiration and respect for each other, something that would have never happened if we had never taken the time to get to know one another.

And that is the lesson we all can learn. Take the time to know each other. We are not as different as you may think. After all, we are all in this thing called life, together!

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