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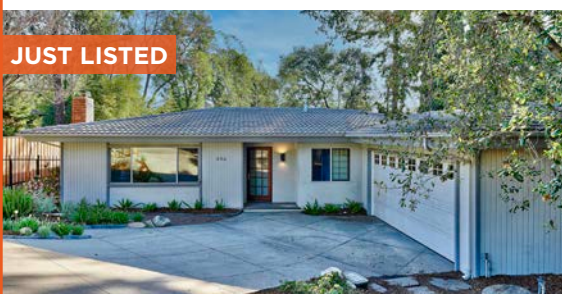
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DEVELOPERS PRESENT SUNNY SIDE OF MONASTERY PROJECT - AS CLOUDS OF CONCERNS ROLL IN

By Kevin McGuire

City Council and concerned Sierra Madre residents were briefed, Tuesday, on the latest update of the proposed construction slated to be built on the grounds of The Monastery. During this week's regular meeting, which took place outside under the bandshell of Memorial Park on the afternoon of March 9, community members gathered and anticipated their chance to address this project that has been lingering and greatly debated for years.

The plan, at 700 Sunnyside Avenue, has been applauded by some, but has also been met with resistance and concern by many long-time Sierra Madre residents who fear the construction of 42 single-family homes and a 3-acre park will negatively add density, traffic and increase noise in their cherished, small-town community.

New Urban West Inc., a Southern California developer with 60 years of experience, presented an update filled with beautiful, full-color layouts and designs while emphasizing their commitment to listening to the needs and concerns of the community.

The Monastery property currently operates a 90-guest retreat center. Back in 2014, early in discussions of the idea, Retreat Director Michael Higgins stated that money raised from the 42 single-family homes will benefit aging priests and brothers including help for any health-related care they may need. Despite new construction, religious retreats are expected to continue at the site.

Though many in the community support The Monastery, many who have owned homes close by, some spanning 30+ years, do not support the building of 42 homes and cherish the open space that they've enjoyed seeing out there back windows and yards for so many years.

The Plan

The Meadows at Bailey Canyon (The Meadows) is what this new community would be called and the objectives include keeping design with the current Sierra Madre character in mind, respecting neighbors adjacent to the project and looking out for the Passionists' needs as well, while providing benefits for the public and community.

The presentation was given by Jonathan Frankel, the COO of New Urban West, and highlighted a range of styles and sizes for the 42 single-family detached homes including farm houses, Craftsman style, Spanish and modern style homes. All homes would be equipped with solar panels and would range from 2,500 to 3,800 sq. foot with two-car garages and on-street parking. The park area will include walking paths, benches, eating areas and play areas for the kids.

The Meadows vs. Existing Zoning: Traffic Comparison



Sierra Keys Dr
27 homes

Crestvale Dr
20 homes

47 homes

The Concerns

Traffic and noise issues seem to be the biggest concerns neighbors have at the moment, though environment impacts, water usage and privacy concerns were also brought up by community members during the public comment section of the meeting. Around 20 persons approached the podium to have their say.

The City's General Plan did not initially allow for single-family homes to be built on the property. In 2016, the zone was amended to allow for the reuse of large, institutional properties. Such as a hospital, communal residential, assisted living, a multi-use field or a school.

According to New Urban West, a Private School on the grounds would generate 13 times more traffic in the area than single-family homes and a senior living facility would generate three times more traffic than The Meadows. Some community members questioned and disputed some of the traffic statistics presented by New Urban West and also mentioned that there were already traffic concerns on Sunnyside Ave. with the current residents at The Monastery, including speed concerns.

The addition of dense landscaping, and expanded rear separation between new and existing properties is expected to help reduce noise and maintain privacy.

The Meadows Park: Concept Park Plan



What's Next?

New Urban West has engaged with 200+ residents in nine sessions in 2020-21 thus far. By April/May 2021, there will be a creation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will address traffic, wild fires, evacuation plans, water resources and noise and light. Between May and June 2021, the public will have 60 to review the EIR. The Community can comment on the EIR and City Council will respond to questions and comments.

Another public meeting will take place in August 2021. This will be when the City Council will determine if The Meadows project will move forward. In the meantime, you can send your questions and concerns to info@SupportTheMonastery.com.

To learn more about the opposition to the project go to: www.stopmonasteryhousingproject.com

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- Visit redcross.org/lahomefire for more information.



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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF



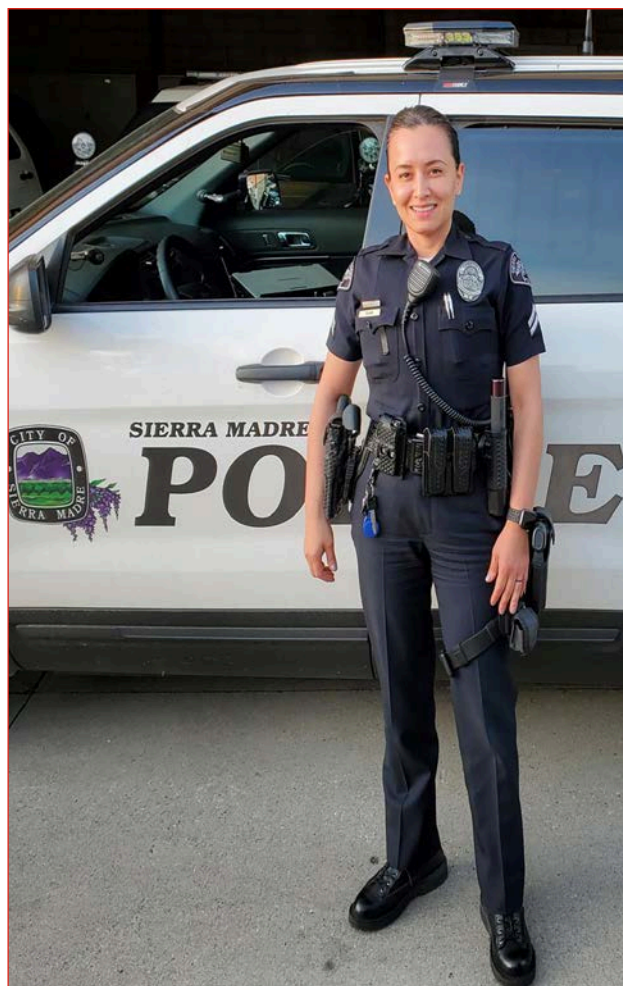
Please allow me to introduce you to our newly promoted Corporal, Lilian Shaw. Corporal Shaw was born in El Salvador at the start of the Salvadoran Civil War. Shortly after her birth, Lilian's parents were forced to flee the country, barely escaping death squads. Unable to take Lilian with them, she was raised by her maternal grandparents until the age five, when she was reunited with her parents in the United States.

Coming from another country that was experiencing civil war and having to adapt to this new land of people, places and language presented challenges for Lilian and brought many ups and downs. It wasn't until she was six years old, that Lilian was able to enroll in school. As a 12 year old living in South Central LA she had an up close and personal view of the 1992 LA Riots.

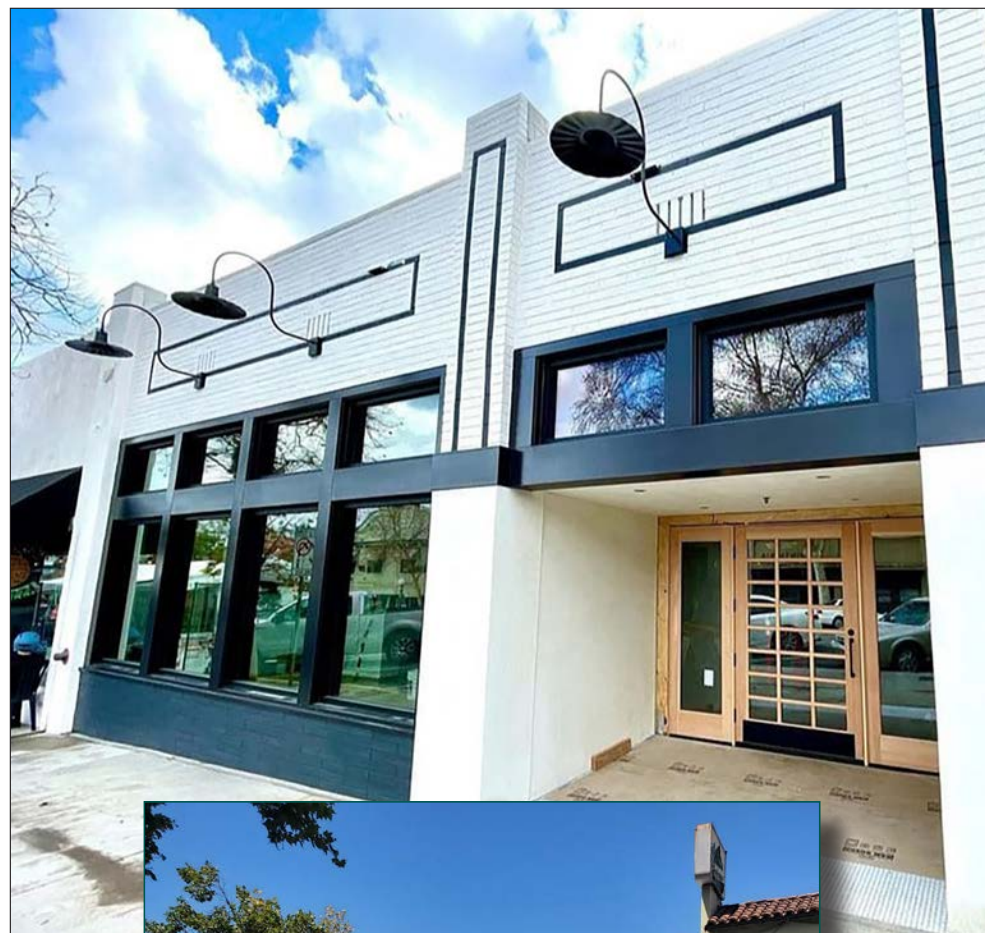
Lilian says that the challenges she faced early on and throughout life taught her endless coping and communication skills, and motivates her to working hard at building social bridges in accomplishing all her goals. She draws from her life experiences to aid her in interacting with the many beautiful people from different backgrounds and cultures she meets in Sierra Madre day after day.

Lilian possesses a BA degree in Broadcast Journalism from Cal State LA, and a Masters degree in Law Enforcement Leadership from the University of San Diego. She is eternally grateful to the Sierra Madre Police Department, for what she describes as the "opportunity of a lifetime" in working as a police officer for this great city.

Please join me in congratulating Corporal Lilian Shaw as our newest supervisor.



BEANTOWN IS COMING BACK REAL SOON!



Sierra Madre's Iconic Beantown, will re-open sooner than you think!

In 2020, this popular establishment struggled to keep its doors open during the Pandemic only to have an unfortunate automobile accident loose control and run into the business. (<http://mtnviewsnews.com/v14/htm/n33/index.htm>).

Since that event in August, the coffee shop has been closed while the repairs to the building are completed.

In a conversation with owner Matt Krantz, he was optimistic about the progress that has been made so far and expects to reopen "soon".

The new facade (pictured above) shows some of the progress made to date. MVNews



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To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 20-01
Applicant: JMT Peninsula, LLC

Project Location: 91 East Orange Grove Avenue, 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 a request for a lot split for the property at 91 East Orange Grove Avenue. The applicant is proposing to split the existing 41,608-square-foot parcel into two (2) equal size parcels measuring 20,804 square feet each.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
(Hearing begins at 4:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Memorial Park Bandshell
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

In the event of rain or other inclement weather, the meeting may be moved to Zoom.
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 15 Categorical Exemption (Minor Land Division), pursuant to Section 15315 of the California Environmental Quality Act (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

It's Spring break time and thanks to Disney+, we've all enjoyed a really charming movie, *Flora and Ulysses*, about a superhero squirrel. A little popcorn, a delightful film with a happy ending and we can call it a good Spring break day. Movie theaters are slowly opening, but we're still being cautious. You probably are, too. Spring break, Spring flowers, daffodils! Get yourself a bunch of them and put them on your kitchen counter. You'll be happy for days to come.

"St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time – a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic." Adrienne Cook

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover – hard to find and lucky to have."

"May your troubles be less, and your blessing be more. And nothing but happiness, come through your door." An Irish Blessing

St. Patrick's Day is next Wednesday and, speaking of Patrick, he had a pretty tough time! Captured by Irish pirates at age 16, brought to Ireland, enslaved for six years working as a shepherd in County Antrim, he heard a voice at age 22 telling him to go home so he ran away to port, set sail for Britain and shared his new faith with fellow shipmates. Sometime later, he had a vision to go back to the place where he had been held captive and minister to the people. After various adventures he returned to his family in Britain where he continued to study Christianity. He shared his vision a few years after returning home:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: "The Voice of the Irish". As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea—and they cried out, as with one voice: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

Needless to say, he felt a definite call to return to Ireland where his impact was vast: 100,000 baptisms, 300 new churches, countless priests and nuns. But he was also beaten repeatedly, chained, faced execution. It all sounds a little like the Apostle Paul's testimony in the book of Acts where he recounts how many times he was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked and left for dead.

"And he watched over me before I knew Him and before I learned sense or even distinguished between good and evil."

There will be parades all over the world, everyone you see will be decked out in green. Green beer will be readily available and more arrests than any other day of the year for... shall we call it... impaired driving? Well, in years gone by that was pretty much the case. We probably won't miss that part too much.

St. Patrick's Day brings to mind some lovely people John and I knew back in the days when he was hosting a radio program each Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon on KCBH-FM, which has been a number of other stations since then, currently KYSR-FM. They were the Galligan Family, who traveled the world singing Gaelic folk music. Jim Galligan, who was very tall and cadaverously thin, was married to a lovely petite lady, Paulina. Jim sent us a loaf of Irish soda bread which he said "Was made this way in County Armagh by Grandma Galligan many years ago" This bread was delicious and I'm going to make some as soon as I finish writing this edition of Walking Sierra Madre... The Social Side.

1. Put 3 cups of flour in a bowl with 1 TB of baking powder, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt.
2. Rub in 4 TB. soft butter, 1 TB of caraway seeds, 1 cup of currants, 1 cup of dark raisins, 1 cup of golden raisins.
3. Mix!
4. Add ¾ cup of sugar, 1 beaten egg and 2 cups of buttermilk
(Now, very few of us have buttermilk lounging around in our fridge so to continue with your Irish soda bread, pour 2 TB of white vinegar in your measuring cup and add enough milk to make 2 cups. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and read the Calendar section of the paper or go make your bed and by the time you finish, you'll have buttermilk. Cool, huh!)
5. Pour in greased iron skillet or loaf pan.
6. Bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees and then 45 minutes at 350 degrees.
7. Test center with a toothpick to see if it's done, let it rest for 10 minutes, cut yourself a slice, butter it, and enjoy. Irish Soda Bread also makes delicious French toast.

Corned beef and cabbage is another huge favorite on St. Patrick's Day and I expect if you look around a little, you'll encounter someplace that will serve you a dish of same. I, personally, will not be searching hard for it.

My advice is to avoid green beer and make yourself some authentic Irish soda bread. And, just in case somebody wants to play a little Irish Trivia with you here are a few tidbits they might not know: C. S. Lewis was from Ireland, as were James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Bram Stoker. Now there's a mixed bag if I ever saw one!

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Possession of Drugs and Paraphernalia

A driver and one passenger of a vehicle stopped for a vehicle violation at Baldwin Ave. and Orange Grove Ave. at 8:34PM on 2-28-21, were cited for being in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was impounded. Case to DA's office for filing

Mail Thefts

From 3-1-21 to 3-3-21, On-line reports were filed regarding thefts of mail by unknown person(s) from mail boxes in the 600 and 700 blocks of Skyland Drive and the 300 block of Camillo Rd.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

THE UNTOLD STORY OF GUINNESS BEER

Who was St. Patrick? While images of St. Patrick usually depict him driving the snakes out of Ireland, the Emerald Isle's patron saint is better known as the man who converted Ireland to Christianity in the 5th century. Born in Britain, St. Patrick was smuggled into Ireland by British pirates who sold him into slavery. After six years Patrick escaped Ireland and returned to his home country, but was then overcome by a miracle of sorts that had him return to Ireland to preach the gospel and build Christ's church. Though St. Patrick's Day, March 17, marks the anniversary of his death, it is a day of celebrating Irish culture and the celebration of "Ireland's Apostle."



I can't remember the last Irish wine I tasted but that is of little concern as the country of Ireland is ruled by beer. A good Irishman has a personality as large as the earth, so it should not astonish anyone of visual power that Irish beer is discovered most every place known to the sun. Guinness has been around for over 300 years, but believe it or not, as my honest Irish friends say, Budweiser is as popular as leprechauns and gold. In terms of preparing your Guinness for service, I recommend acquiring it at room temperature and placing it in the refrigerator before you are ready to drink. The instructions to preparing your beer are found, in typical Irish style, on the side of the can, and if you observe this Guinness gospel you'll notice a significant difference in the flavor of your brown can of happiness. Two hours in the refrigerator is ideal for drinking. For the perfect experience, I prefer to pour the beer into a clean un-chilled glass over a spoon. Even though Guinness is brunette brown, the calories and the alcohol content are relatively low (and even less than Coors or Budweiser) - a celebratory beer to drink on St. Patrick's Day, and you won't be too bloated by the festivities. If you have never tasted Guinness before, imagine unsweetened chocolate with a hint of roasted flavor at the margins.

Guinness was founded in Dublin in 1759, and first brewed by Arthur Guinness. Mr. Guinness started by brewing Dublin ale but soon diversified into 'porter' — so-called because of its popularity with market porters. Guinness boasts breweries in 51 countries and Guinness stout is sold in 150 countries across the globe, with 10 million glasses of stout being enjoyed each and every day. I will bet my pot of gold, St. Patrick's Day sees Ireland taking care of that number all by themselves.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day Guinness is on sale at Vons on Colorado Pasadena

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USC TROJAN AFFILIATES SPRING ONLINE BOUTIQUE, ONLINE SILENT AUCTION, AND VIRTUAL SCHOLAR CELEBRATION

USC Trojan Affiliates of the University of Southern California is holding its first ever Online Boutique, Silent Auction, and Virtual Scholar Celebration. The Online Boutique and Silent Auction will take place Saturday, March 20-Sunday, March 28, 2021 and shoppers will have access to the vendor's websites 24/7. The Auction will begin at 8:00 a.m. on March 20th and will end on March 28th at 8:00 p.m. The Virtual Spring Celebration honoring USC Scholars will take place on Thursday, March 25th from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

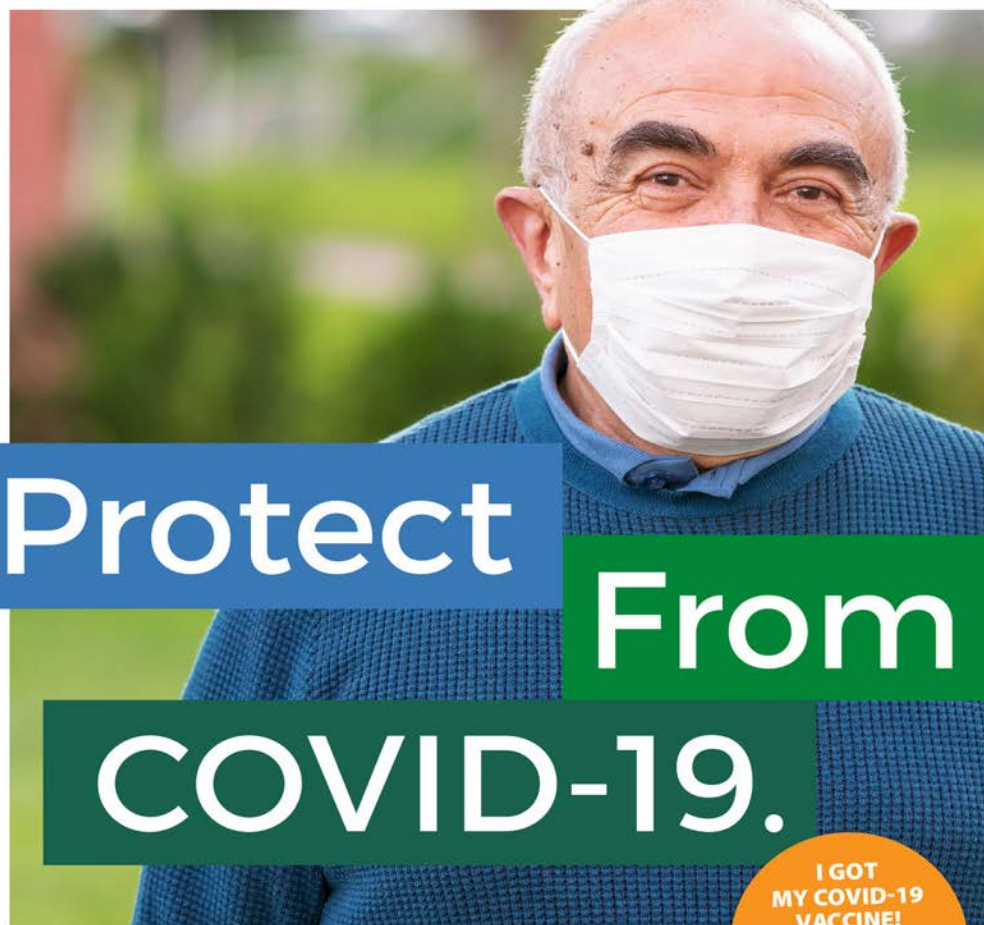
These events, which raise money for the Trojan Affiliates Scholarship Fund, are normally held in person, however due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the organization has opted this year to hold their Spring Boutique and Silent Auction online. The community will have access to thirteen fabulous vendors who are generously providing 20% of their sales to the Scholarship Fund. The vendors include Mermaid Arts, Hazels Bagz and Apparel, Olive U, Beach House by Mikala, Gourmet Blends, April Hicks, Lavenderblue, Savor the Flavor, Herban, Peg Board Highway, VIPSCentQueen, Mrs. Hovies Toffee, and Social Butterfly Designs.

Guests are urged to peruse each vendor's website and use special codes — either USC2021, Trojan, Trojan 20, TA21, USC 21, or FIGHTON21 to enable your purchase to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The website addresses may be obtained by entering the name of the vendor in your search engine or by contacting Spring Boutique co-chair Ann Palmer at acp3rd@gmail.com who can email you a flyer listing all the vendor website addresses and the exact code to use when you make your purchase.

Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on sixteen unique Silent Auction baskets. The baskets include a Dodger Basket and USC Basket, which include tickets to Dodger and/or USC games, an Italian Gourmet Basket, Basket of Linen products from Lavenderblue, and Taste of Sierra Madre Basket— an array of items from shops in the City of Sierra Madre. Ann Palmer may be contacted to provide guests with the Silent Auction link at acp3rd@gmail.com

A highlight of the Spring Scholar Week includes the Virtual Spring Celebration honoring the Trojan Affiliates scholars on Thursday, March 25th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Several of the ten scholars will speak about their experiences as USC students and sneak peaks of goodies and merchandise will be offered by Savor the Flavor and Hazels Bagz & Apparel. To gain access to the zoom code for this hourlong celebration, contact Membership Chair Kandi Wopschall at wopschall@earthlink.net.

USC Trojan Affiliates, a women's support organization within the USC Alumni Association, welcomes all interested women residing within the San Gabriel Valley to join its membership and participate in this weeklong event. Its next virtual meeting, featuring Beyondthebookwithjulie interviewer, Julie Chan Lin and filmmaker and author of contemporary and paranormal romances, Moni Boyce is scheduled virtually on May 6th. More information will be available in this newspaper in April.



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Wed:	Rain 30%	Hi	60s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS March 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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The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

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

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

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

Your event must:

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



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March 15-20

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Tuesday

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

Library Happy Hour—Online at 5:00pm; call the Library to register

Wednesday

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Pajama Storytime—Online at 7:00pm; call the Library to register

Thursday

Third Thursday Book Club—Online at 11:00am; call the Library to register

Friday

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Former Pasadena Principal Charged with Grand Theft



Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced today that a local man has been charged with pocketing tens of thousands of dollars while he worked as a principal at two schools, including one in Pasadena, over the past four years.

"Betraying students, their parents and school administrators is the ultimate failure for those who are the face and voice of a school," District Attorney Gascón said.

According to a statement, Kyle Douglas (pictured) was charged with one count each of misappropriation of public funds, forgery and grand theft. Douglas pleaded not guilty Thursday and is scheduled to return on April 23 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 50 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The case was filed on February 22.

In 2019, while working as principal at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Pasadena, Douglas is accused of collecting about \$10,000 for a student trip to China and never paying the company that he hired to organize the trip.

Two years earlier, while employed as the principal at Inglewood High School, the defendant is accused of negotiating a contract with a company for private use of the school's parking lot. He allegedly did not receive authorization and profited about \$57,000 from the deal.

Douglas is also a former teacher at Marshall Fundamental and Rose City High School and started his teaching career with Pasadena Unified School District.

The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

City Reschedules Vaccination Clinic

Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said Friday that the city has reschedule largest vaccination clinic for this Thursday after hundreds of line jumpers took advantage of a shared registration link. Derderian said last Thursday, of the 1,500 available appointments, 900 of them went to ineligible people.

She said most of the appointments booked were by entertainment and media professionals.

"Most of the people who signed up didn't even live in Pasadena," Derderian said. News reports said the city was working to use a different signup system.

As for Friday, the Pasadena Public Health Department was using myturn.ca.gov.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/public-health.

Home Depot Opens at Former Avon Site



By Dean Lee

Home Depot opened their first local home improvement store in East Pasadena Thursday after purchasing the property from Avon at end of 2016. As part of the new 113,500 square foot store at 2881 East Walnut Street, Home Depot welcomed 200 new associates. In time, they plan to hire over 275 employees including cashiers, customer service/sales, department supervisors and other positions for the store.

The grand opening included District 4 Councilmember Gene Masuda along with Councilmember John Kennedy, former Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and Tournament of Roses President and Chairman Bob Miller. Instead of ribbon, Masuda cut a piece of lumber. The new store is located in District 4.

After a series of packed public meetings between 2017 and 2018, residents were unhappy with original plans to build a multiple level development on the site, with residential, office building and possibly a Costco or other big box store, Home Depot officials agreed to scale back eliminating everything but



Councilmember Masuda Home Depot grand opening, Photos Courtesy of Home Depot and City of Pasadena.

the store.

As part of an agreement with the city, officials also agreed to traffic improvements to Foothill Boulevard and a dedicated entrance, with a traffic light on Walnut Ave.

Founded in 1978, Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement retailer in North America. According to a statement, "there are more than 2,200 stores in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The typical store today averages 105,000 square feet of indoor retail space, interconnected with an e-commerce business that offers more than one million products for the DIY customer,

professional contractors, and the industry's largest installation business for the Do-It-For-Me customer."

For more information and all job listings visit: corporate.homedepot.com.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

The Pasadena Fire Department reminds you to change all of your Smoke Alarm batteries when you change your clocks forward an hour on Sunday, March 14. Change Your Smoke Alarm & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Batteries! Replace old batteries with fresh, high quality batteries. Make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them by using fresh high-quality batteries. After inserting fresh batteries in your Smoke Alarm, make sure the Alarm is working by activating the safety test button. The Fire Department recommends that you test all of your Smoke Alarms at least once each month. Replace your Smoke Alarms with new devices every 10 years. Count Your Smoke Alarms! A properly functioning Smoke Alarm should be placed in every sleeping room - and in the hallway directly adjacent to those rooms. If sleeping rooms are on an upper level, a Smoke Alarm should be installed in the center of the ceiling directly above the interior stairway. Clean Your Smoke Alarms! Gently use a vacuum cleaner once a month to remove dust and cobwebs. If your Smoke Alarms have been accidentally painted or contaminated, replacement may be necessary. The Fire Department encourages you to practice your escape plans with your children because they are at increased risk of dying in a home fire since they often become scared and confused when a fire erupts. Make sure your children recognize the sound of your home's Smoke Alarm and teach them to respond instinctively to its signal. Create at least two different escape routes from every room and practice them with the entire family. Also check your disaster kits and supplies to make sure they are current. Don't forget to stock up for your pets too! For further information call (626) 744-4655



City Seeks Public Input on Colorado Street Bridge

City officials announced Thursday the recently completed fabrication and installation of full-scale mock-up suicide prevention panels of three vertical barrier design concepts at the Colorado Street Bridge. Panels are installed at two separate locations along the bridge to provide different vantage points for visualization. The public is invited to review the full-scale barrier mock-ups online and share their comments with the City of Pasadena at: surveymonkey.com/r/CGJL5J8 by May 31. Photos of the barrier mock-ups as well as drone footage will soon be available on the project webpage.

The city began seeking a permanent and responsibly-designed enhancement to the Colorado Street Bridge railing in 2017 to serve as an effective suicide deterrent while preserving the national historic character and significance of the bridge. Since then, the Department of Public Works and Donald MacDonald Architects have engaged the public in developing barrier design options, taking into consideration the feedback and advisement of the City's Historic Preservation Commission, the Design Commission and the Public Safety Committee.

In early 2020, the Public Safety Committee requested full-scale mock-ups be constructed of the preferred designs for better visualization and evaluation by the public before choosing a specific design concept. The Department of Public Works and Donald MacDonald Architects will host a virtual open house from 6-7 p.m. on

Thursday, March 25, to review the three design options with the community, present photos/videos of the mock-ups, and introduce the City's project webpage, along with the online public opinion survey. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A. The virtual open house will be recorded and available on the project's webpage for those unable to attend the live session.

Following the open house, the Department of Public Works will meet with the City's Historic Preservation Commission, the Design Commission and the Public Safety Committee to share public feedback, and seek advisement and recommendations on a single barrier design to take to the City Council for approval. Presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 20.

Visit the project webpage for additional details. Questions regarding the project should be directed to the project team at ColoradoStBridge@cityofpasadena.net.

Tournament of Roses Unveils Little Free Library



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses last week unveiled an official Little Free Library in celebration of Read Across America Day. The replica of Tournament House, the headquarters to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game, is filled with books for the community to enjoy and provides a space for book-sharing.

"Little Free Library's mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all. We do that through a network of volunteers across the globe," explained Greig Metzger, Little Free Library Executive Director. "We are excited to work with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses volunteers as they help share books across the community's Little Free Libraries and thrilled by the custom Tournament House replica Little Free Library that will be an impactful addition to our network."

In addition, volunteer members will be stocking other Little Free Library boxes across Pasadena with books donated by Literati, a subscription book club company that curates books for all ages. Last month, the Tournament of Roses was able to get 10,000 books into the hands of local children (ages 5-12) thanks to the generous donation by Literati.

"Literati is passionate about increasing early childhood literacy. Thanks to partners like The Pasadena Tournament of

Roses and Little Free Library, so many families in Pasadena will have access to vibrant kids books," said Vanessa Castañeda, Director of Philanthropy at Literati. "When a child learns how to read, they unlock their potential to learn how to do anything."

Another way the Tournament of Roses is honoring Read Across America Day, a handful of our 935 volunteer members will serve as virtual guest readers to students throughout the Pasadena Unified School District and community organizations. For the past several years, members have taken time to encourage a love for reading with area students.

Known for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game, the famed Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association may entertain the world once a year, but the organization prides itself in giving back to the community all year.

From Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller, "As our country and community emerge from this pandemic, perhaps on the minds of many is the recognition of the importance of literacy and reading. The Association's Little Free Library -- carefully, skillfully, and lovingly built by Kevin Sommerfield, the husband of Executive Committee Vice President, Terry Madigan -- is a small but mighty reminder of the importance of reading to learn, have fun and enjoy daily peace of mind."

Forum on Hiring New South Pasadena Police Chief

The South Pasadena City Council and Public Safety Commission invite the public to attend a virtual Community Forum Monday to provide your input to the interim city manager as he contemplates the appointment of South Pasadena's next Chief of Police. Community members in attendance will have an opportunity to share their thoughts about the desired qualities of the next chief, and characteristics a successful candidate should possess. Members of the City Council, the Public Safety Commission, and the Interim City Manager will be in attendance. Questions residents should be

prepared to answer include: What are the challenges in the community the new Police Chief will need to address? What are traits and qualities that you would like to see in a successful candidate? What types of professional experiences should the next Chief have? What educational background should a Police Chief have? After the Community Forum, the feedback will be consolidated and integrated into the recruitment process.

Community forum will take place on Monday from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom Webinar ID: 935 6874 8517 Passcode: 265541

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 28th through Saturday, March 6th, the Police Department responded to 945 calls for service, of which 79 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 28:

1. At 6:04 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The loss prevention employee witnessed the suspects steal over \$300.00 worth of merchandise and flee in a Toyota Venza. They are described as two females and two males. The investigation is pending a review of the provided surveillance footage.

Monday, March 1:

2. At 11:53 a.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated his Toyota Camry was stolen from the location sometime between 11:00 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. on March 1st. The victim admitted to leaving a spare key in the center console. The investigation is ongoing.

3. At 12:21 p.m., an officer responded to Design Escrow, located at 128 East Huntington Drive, regarding a fraud report. The reporting party stated she received a handful of calls from banks and third parties indicating there were fraudulent checks with Design Escrow's information on them. The officer determined the suspect attempted to issue fraudulent checks using Design Escrow's financial information. The investigation is ongoing.

4. At 9:44 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 800 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim stated she left her car unlocked and when she returned, she found items had been stolen from the inside of her car. There are no investigative leads as of the date of this report.

Tuesday, March 2:

5. At 9:07 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Diamond Avenue regarding a theft from motor vehicle report. The officer discovered someone cut and removed the victim's catalytic converter from his Honda Accord sometime during the previous night.

6. At 6:17 p.m., officers responded to Chevron, located at 500 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a robbery report. An investigation revealed the suspect was confronted by a store employee when he attempted to conceal and steal a bottle of wine. During the confrontation, the suspect then pushed the employee with his shoulder. Assisting officers located the suspect nearby and the 35-year-old male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

7. At 6:17 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department to take a vandalism report that occurred in the 800 block of West Huntington Drive. The victim discovered someone scratched expletives into the paint of his car for no apparent

reason. The victim was not able to provide any suspect information.

Wednesday, March 3:

8. At 12:59 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of East Forest Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. The officer determined someone entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole a cellphone, wallet, and its contents. There are no investigative leads at this time.

9. At 1:11 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Las Tunas Drive regarding a vehicle stopped in the lanes of traffic. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his body. The officer attempted to perform the standard field sobriety tests, but the suspect was unable to complete them. The 44-year-old male from Alhambra was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. At 11:03 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Murrieta Drive regarding a subject seen opening mailboxes. An investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of stolen mail and a records check revealed the 31-year-old male from Los Angeles had two outstanding warrants. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, March 4:

11. At 1:25 p.m., an officer took a report of a package theft that occurred in the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive. The victim stated a package containing a laptop was stolen from his porch sometime on March 1st. There are no investigative leads as of the date of this report.

Friday, March 5:

12. At 8:58 a.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Monte Verde Drive regarding a vandalism report. The victim stated his mailbox was damaged and was unsure if any mail had been taken. The officer was unable to locate any surveillance footage that may have captured the crime.

13. At 3:59 p.m., an officer responded to Abercrombie and Fitch, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects stole numerous bottles of men's cologne from the store before exiting and fleeing in a white Ford SUV. Assisting officers located the suspects and arrested a 33-year-old male from Van Nuys and a 31-year-old female from Los Angeles. A records check also revealed that both arrestees had outstanding warrants.

At 7:24 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a lone male suspect stole nearly \$3,000 worth of lingerie at approximately 5:46 p.m. on March 5th. The suspect is described as a 6' tall male between the ages of 27 and 33-years-old, 160 pounds, and was seen wearing a blue and grey striped long sleeve shirt, black pants, a black hat, and black face mask



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New San Marino Tree Preservation Ordinance Effective March 12th

The San Marino City Council recently approved a revised Tree Preservation Ordinance, which went into effect this Friday, March 12. The new ordinance includes new tree trimming, replacement, and removal guidelines, as well as updated penalties and fees and a new tree removal application process.

TREE TRIMMING

Please submit a tree trimming application if you would like to trim a tree.

You will need a tree trimming permit if:

More than 10% of an oak tree will be pruned;

More than 20% of a heritage or established tree will be pruned.

TREE REMOVAL

If you would like to remove a tree, please submit a tree removal application to the Community Development Department.

If you are removing an Established, Heritage, or Oak tree, you must state whether the tree:

Adversely impacts the growth of adjacent trees,

Is a nuisance or hazard to persons or property,

Removal is part of re-landscaping plan that will provide tree canopy replacement over long term.

TREE TRANSPLANTS

Before transplanting a tree, please have the new location approved by the Community Development Department. Then, have a certified arborist oversee the process.

If the tree dies within one year, you will be required to plant another comparable replacement tree.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Once you obtain your tree removal permit, please provide notice to your neighbors.

Within 100 feet from the tree at least 15 days before the removal. Post an 8.5" x 11" notice for at least 15 days on the tree.

If the tree is not visible to the public right-of-way, place the notice in a location that is visible.

PERMIT EXPIRATION & INSPECTION

The permit is valid for a limited amount of time. The removal should be completed within 90 days from when the permit is issued.

EMERGENCY TREE REMOVALS

An emergency tree removal may be approved when there's a hazardous or unsafe condition. The permit will only allow work that corrects the problem.

For an emergency tree removal permit, the property owner may submit an application tree hazard report to the Director.

VIOLATION, ENFORCEMENT & RESTORATION

If you violate the code you may be liable for remedies determined by the City Code. Please note that persons who violate these provisions may be guilty of a misdemeanor.

If you damage or remove a tree you must:

Pay the standard inspection fee, pay double the required permit fee, plant double the number of replacement trees required, & pay double the tree replacement fine in the amount of the value of the destroyed, removed, or damaged tree (The City arborist will determine value with the ISA Guide).

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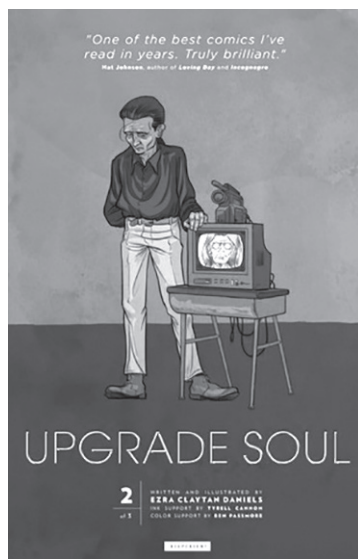
A lien on the subject property.

To read the ordinance and learn more, please go to: cityofsanmarino.org/treepreservation.

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.

South Pasadena Public Works Employee of the Quarter



Kelvin Machado (pictured) of the Water Division is the first Public Works Employee of the Quarter. The program recognizes exceptional Public Works staff throughout the year. Kelvin was selected for his dedication, leadership, teamwork, and his positive attitude. He demonstrated these qualities by volunteering to be on the Public Works Safety Committee and

making a collaborative effort with his team during daily tasks. Kelvin is a valuable resource to his co-workers and supervision because he continually seeks out new information and techniques in Water Distribution, which he readily shares with his co-workers. Kelvin plays an important role in providing a safe and clean drinking water to our residents. Kudos to Kelvin.

South Pasadena Public Library Crowdsourced Poem

The project will be written by Poet Laureate Ron Koertge

April is National Poetry Month, and in celebration, the South Pasadena Public Library invites residents of all ages to contribute to a crowdsourced poem to be written by City of South Pasadena Poet Laureate Ron Koertge. Koertge's idea for a South Pasadena community poem was inspired by 2017 National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman's "The Hill We Climb", and by National Public Radio's Poet-in-Residence Kwame Alexander's crowdsourced poem project "This is Our Dream". The theme for our community poem is Beginnings, and it will be published on the library's website in April.

Poetry has the power to inspire and delight, and Koertge seeks to craft a poem with the help of his fellow South Pasadenans that can be enjoyed by all. Koertge says:

"Beginnings mean different things to different people. Planting a garden is for sure a new beginning. So is adopting a dog or cat. Quitting one job and getting another. A father makes a different sandwich for his kids' lunch. Someone says she's sorry and wants to start over. What does beginning mean to you? Send me some ideas, please, and let's see if I can turn them into a poem. Pretend we're sitting around a fire and we're writing a story together. Not my story, but ours."

How to Contribute

- Submit one or two lines or a phrase on the theme Beginnings (if you need a prompt, start like this: "A beginning is...")

- Contributions are due by Friday March 19, 2021

- Three ways to submit:

Email to library@southpasadenaca.gov

Mail to the Library with the word "Beginnings" written on the envelope

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Grades 7-12, Indoor Dining, Movie Theaters, and Other Sectors May Re-open on Monday, March 15, 2021 with Safety Measures in Place

On Friday, the State announced 2 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to people in the most under-resourced communities across the state which now allows L.A. County to move to the less restrictive red tier.

The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order has been updated today to closely align with the State's re-opening framework and reflect the changes allowed in the red tier. Additional safety modifications are required or recommended for certain sectors. The changes go into effect on Monday, March 15 at 12:01 a.m.

The modifications to the Health Officer Order include the following:

- Museum, Zoos and Aquariums can open indoors at 25% capacity.
- Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga and Dance Studios can open indoors at 10% capacity with masking requirement for all indoor activities.
- Movie Theatres can open indoors at 25% capacity with reserved seating only where each group is seated with at least 6 feet of distance in all directions between any other groups.
- Retail and Personal Care Services can increase capacity to 50% with masking required at all times and for all services.
- Restaurants can open indoors at 25% max capacity under the following conditions: 8 feet distancing between tables; one household per table with a limit of 6 people; the HVAC system is in good working order and has been evaluated, and to the maximum extent possible ventilation has been increased. Public Health strongly recommends that all restaurant employees interacting with customers indoors are provided with additional masking protection (above the currently required face shield over face masks); this can be fit tested N95 masks, KN95 masks, or double masks and a face shield. In addition, Public Health strongly recommends that all employees working indoors are informed about and offered opportunities to be vaccinated. Outdoor dining can accommodate up to six people per table from 3 different households.
- Indoor Shopping Malls can increase capacity to 50% with common areas remaining closed; food courts can open at 25% capacity adhering to the restaurant guidance for indoor dining.
- Institutes of Higher Education can re-open all permitted activities with required safety modifications except for residential housing which remains under current restrictions for the Spring semester.
- Schools are permitted to re-open for in-person instruction for students in grades 7-12 adhering to all state and county directives.
- Private gatherings can occur indoors with up to 3 separate households, with masking and distancing required at all times. People who are fully vaccinated can gather in small numbers indoors with other people who are fully vaccinated without required masking and distancing. Businesses must implement all the requirements in the sector specific Public Health protocols. It is critical that directives and infection protocols are followed to minimize COVID-19 spread as much as possible. The comprehensive protocols for all sectors that reopen will be posted online.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

On March 10, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health published a modified Health Officer Order to reflect changes for individuals who are fully vaccinated to align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) new guidelines and interim public health recommendations. The guidance provides that fully vaccinated individuals may resume certain activities, such as gathering with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; and refraining from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic. The Department of Public Health recommends that fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take steps to protect themselves and others by wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. These precautions should be taken whenever they are:
- In public
- Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who lives with a person at increased risk.
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if after contact with someone who is sick. If they have symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested and stay home and away from others.

LA COUNTY STATISTICS AS OF 3/12/2021

Laboratory Confirmed Total Cases 1208024*

- Los Angeles County (excl. LB and Pas) 1145437
- Long Beach 51584
- Pasadena 11003

Deaths 22304

- Los Angeles County (excl. LB and Pas) 21113
- Long Beach 869
- Pasadena 322

Age Group (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- 0 to 4: 22525
- 5 to 11: 54465
- 12 to 17: 68307
- 18 to 29: 270449
- 30 to 49: 380928
- 50 to 64: 221443
- 65 to 79: 88384
- over 80: 32129
- Under Investigation 6807

Gender (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- Female: 580698
- Male: 542528
- Other: 579
- Under Investigation 21632

Race/Ethnicity (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- American Indian/Alaska Native 1920
- Asian: 52117
- Black: 41616
- Hispanic/Latino: 566348
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 4153
- White: 117962
- Other: 106315
- Under Investigation: 255943

Hospitalization

- Hospitalized (Ever) 78842

Deaths Race/Ethnicity (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)

- American Indian/Alaska Native 42
- Asian 2698
- Black 1643
- Hispanic/Latino 11088
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 100
- White 4921
- Other 422
- Under Investigation 199

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.
 - ▶ Individuals with the highest risk of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19 will receive vaccines first. Later in 2021, most Californians will have an opportunity to get vaccinated.
 - ▶ Vaccines are available at no cost.
- ▶ California is receiving shipments of COVID-19 vaccines produced by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. Health care workers and residents in long-term care will be the first to be vaccinated.
 - ▶ California is working closely with community partners and stakeholders to help guide the planning process and ensure the vaccine is distributed and administered equitably.

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

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

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

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Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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Despite the challenges and restrictions of the current Pandemic, the Sierra Madre Rotary Club held its 'annual music competition on Monday. Traditionally held at The British Home in Sierra Madre, the event was held in the home of Tom and Julia Brady because of COVID 19 concerns.

Contestants this year were Maheilia Thomas, pianist and a student at California School of the Arts - San Gabriel Valley, Claire Mathewson, flutist from Arcadia High School and Paula Buchanan, violinist from St. Monica's Academy, Montrose.

Contestants were required to meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be in high school (home schooled is OK) and/or live within the boundaries of District 5300.
- He or she has a reasonable ability to play a musical instrument.
- Applicant plans on using the scholarship award for future educational expenses.

Rules:

- The competition is limited to instrumentalists only.
- Any musical instrument is allowed.
- There is a Maximum time limit of 8 minutes for any piece. Failure to finish in 8 minutes will result in deductions.



Chairperson Julia Brady, left with Paula Buchanan

There is no Minimum time limit.

- Selection of music is left to the instrumentalist and may be any piece of music including your own composition.

Judging was based on:

- Musical Ability: Is the contestant familiar with the instrument being played and do they appear to have command of this particular instrument?
- Musical Sound: Does the instrument respond to the contestant in a manner that makes it desirable to listen to and make the listener want to hear more?
- Stage Presence: Does the contestant have a command of the stage (area of performance), and is there a sense of rapport with the audience.

Left, contestants Claire Mathewson (left) and Maheilia Thomas (right)

Below, Paula participated in a Christmas concert at the White House in December.



The winners of this year's event was Paula Buchanan (First Place), Maheilia Thomas, (Second Place) and Claire Mathewson (Third Place). Ms. Buchanan will go on to compete in the Regional Finals later this year.

Paula also had the opportunity to perform during the holidays at The White House with other young musicians from the Classical European Music Academy of Los Angeles.



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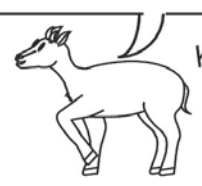
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When strong storm winds blow, they howl and shake the house.

But, while the winds wrap around homes, people curl up with good books and families slow down to play board games together. Have you ever heard the saying that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb"? That means that the month starts off windy, but at the end it is calm. **Let's see if you can do my "windy" puzzles!**

Match these expressions to what they mean:

1. in the wind
2. get wind of
3. take the wind out of one's sails
4. throw caution to the wind
5. gone with the wind

- A. is gone forever
- B. make a risky move
- C. is about to happen
- D. to find out about something secret
- E. to surprise someone by doing something better than them or by finding they made a mistake

March Winds Blow!

March:

1. the month named after _____, the Roman God of war
2. has a full _____ on the twenty-third
3. birthstone
4. the first day of this season is on the twentieth
5. Saint _____ Day is on the seventeenth
6. is the _____ month of the year
7. a month of breezy or _____ days
8. Pisces and Aries are the _____ signs
9. jonquils and daffodils are its special _____
10. has thirty-one _____

March

In like a lion, out like a lamb!

Often, March starts off blustery and a bit chilly, then ends in calm and warmth.

The wind **roars** into March!



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KEEPING YOUR BALANCE AS YOU AGE

Dear Savvy Senior:

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Dear Unsteady:

Most people don't think much about practicing their balance, but they need to. As we age, our balance declines if it isn't practiced, which can lead to falls that often result in a broken bone.

Every year more than one in four people age 65 and older fall, and the risk increases with age. Here's what you should know about balance problems, along with some different exercises that can help you improve it.

Aging Affects Balance

Balance is something most people take for granted until it's challenged by a medical condition, medication or advanced age, which dulls our balance senses and causes most seniors to gradually become less stable on their feet over time.

Poor balance can also lead to a vicious cycle of inactivity. You feel a little unsteady, so you curtail certain activities. If you're inactive, you're not challenging your balance systems or using your muscles. As a result, both balance and strength suffer. Simple acts like strolling through a grocery store or getting up from a chair become trickier. That shakes your confidence, so you become even less active.

Balance Exercises

If you have a balance problem that is not tied to illness, medication or some other specific cause, simple exercises can help preserve and improve your balance. Here are four exercises you can do that will help:

- One-legged stands: Stand on one foot for 30 seconds, or longer, then switch to the other foot. In the beginning, you might want to have a wall or chair to hold on to. Or, for an extra challenge try closing your eyes, or standing on a throw pillow or Bosu ball (an inflated rubber disc on a stable platform).

- Heel-toe walking: Take 20 steps while looking straight ahead. Think of a sobriety test.

- Standing up: Without using your hands, get up from a straight-backed chair and sit back down 10 to 20 times. This improves balance and leg strength.

- Tai chi: Research has shown that the Asian practice of tai chi – which uses a combination of slow, graceful movements, meditation and deep breathing – can help reduce the risk of falls.

For more information on different balance exercises you can do at home, there are a variety of balance and strength exercises and beginner Tai Chi DVDs you can purchase at Amazon.com or through Amazon Prime video.

There are also senior fitness programs, like SilverSneakers (silversneakers.com) and Silver&Fit (silverandfit.com), that offer online classes that can guide you through a series of exercises you can do at home during the pandemic.

See a Doctor

I do, however, want to emphasize that if you've already fallen, are noticeably dizzy or unsteady, or have a medical condition affecting your balance, you need to see a doctor. They might refer you to a physical therapist or to an appropriate balance-training class in your community. It's also important to know that many medicines and medical conditions – from Parkinson's disease to diabetes to inner-ear disorders – can affect balance.

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.



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SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

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HAWAIIAN AND POLYNESIAN DANCE CLASS Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Class will also meet in the Covered Pavilion in Memorial Park in front of the Senior Center. Join the class with instructor Barbara as she leads you through the art of Hula. Please call 264-8923 with any questions.

Classes will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. ALL participants must be wearing masks for the duration of the class. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and needed equipment or supplies for each class. Please call the Community Services Department at 355-5278 with any questions or concerns.

OCTOBER CRAFT

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

IDEAS

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

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SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

If at any moment additional information is needed, please contact City Hall Administrative Services at (626) 355-7135, Monday-Thursday from 7:30a – 5:30p, as they are taking messages and e-mailing the appropriate person.

For messages that may trickle in otherwise, please note our team is remotely checking voicemail daily at the Community Services Department, (626) 355-5278 x702.

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

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

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

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

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

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

NEW NORMAL: IF IT'S FREE, IT AIN'T FOR ME

Once when I wore a younger man's suit I would take anything free. I assumed it was my right to get something free.

Then I had a conversation with my grandfather. If anybody knew how to squeeze a buffalo out of a nickel, it was my grandfather. But you couldn't trick him by offering him something free. He said to me, "Son, if it's free, it ain't for me." Explaining that, he said, "For everything free, somebody, somewhere has to pay for it."

At the time, I just chuckled and fluffed off this advice. After all, if I'm offered something free I'm going to jump and even dance to get it.

Getting something free wasn't too bad, and I tried to be careful about some of these free offers. But that was back in the day when there was no Internet or websites. Oh, those were the good old days.

I would see a free offer in the newspaper and immediately cut it out and send it in and wait for that free offer to come. I must say I did get a lot of free things back in those days, but if I would examine them, they weren't worth the postage I used to send for them.

Also, there were free offers on TV programs at the time. I applied for as many as I could get. But then came the Internet, and everything has changed.

When I first started seeing these "free" offers, I jumped at the opportunity. After all, it was the Internet, and you didn't have to spend any money on postage. So I was in my glory. After all, you can trust the Internet.

I got free pens, a free hat, a free notebook, and boy, it goes on and on and on. All I had to do was send my name and address, and everything was fine. My fun was just beginning.

The change was that now I could get something free if I just paid the shipping. I didn't think that was too bad, I was just thinking about what I was getting for free.

Not being too sophisticated about how this works, I entered my name, address, phone number, and then [drumroll] my credit card number. After all, I was getting something free, and I only had to pay the shipping.

I know I'm an old country boy that's very naïve along these lines. I wouldn't rob anybody, so I don't think anybody would rob me. It goes both ways.

Pretty soon, those sunny days were overcome by a dark cloud of rain and thunderstorms.

In checking my bank account, I noticed some suspicious withdrawals on my account. I thought maybe I bought something I had forgotten about, so I didn't give it much thought.

Then one day, I noticed in my bank account a withdrawal of \$1,699, which took place in California. I was in California, but that was 20 years ago. How I was able to purchase something in California for such an amount of money, I don't know.

Then the next day, a withdrawal of \$3,699, which took place in Texas.

I rode my snorting horse to the bank to see what in the world was going on.

"Have you ever," the banker said to me, "ordered something online and used your credit card?"

"I don't order anything online, particularly that expensive."

She looked at my account very carefully and then look back at me, "Have you ever used your credit card online?"

"The only time I do is when I am taking advantage of some free product where I only pay the shipping."

"So," she said rather hesitatingly, "you have used your credit card online for some purchase."

"There was a long pause in the office while she continued looking at my account online.

"You do know that when you use your credit card online, some people can scam that account and use it to make purchases?"

Staring at her, I said, "Who in the world would do something like that?"

I don't think I heard a chuckle but I thought I sensed a smile in her direction.

"Who would do something like that?" Then she read to me from my account the fraudulent companies that extracted money from my account.

She then explained to me the new normal for online transactions. According to her, when you apply for some free gift and only have to pay the shipping, you expose yourself to some fraud scheme.

"Somebody out there," she said very soberly, "is interested in your money, and they don't care how they get it."

From my side of the room came a deep, heartfelt sigh. I never expected people just to take advantage of me to get my money. They need to find out that I don't have enough money to go around.

She then explained to me that she could reverse all of these transactions and turn them over to the bank's fraud department, and they would take care of it.

In a few days, those transactions disappeared from my account. I then understood what my grandfather used to say, "If it's free, it ain't for me."

I can only trust God. "O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me" (Psalm 7:1).

God will never scam me.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



LEGAL PLANNING PRIORITIES FOR PARENTS DURING COVID-19

Even though there are now vaccines for COVID-19 and the number of new cases is on the decline, becoming infected with the virus is still a very real possibility. And for parents who become infected, it can be a colossal challenge to navigate typical parenting responsibilities, while trying to recover from the illness.

Name legal guardians for your kids: As a parent of minor children, your number-one planning priority is to name legal guardians to care for your children should anything happen to you. And with the ongoing pandemic, this responsibility is even more vital and urgent.

Officially answering the question of who will care for your kids if you can't—even for a short time—is one of the best things you can do to prepare for COVID-19 or any potential illness. Taking this simple action is a real, concrete step you can take to protect your kids during this frightening time. Plus, knowing that your kids will be cared for by the people you would want to look after them in the event you require hospitalization, need to be intubated, or pass away from the virus will be a huge relief, allowing you to focus 100% on your recovery.

Create advance healthcare directives: The second-most urgent planning priority for all adults is to create the proper legal documents to assist medical providers in better coordinating your care should you become hospitalized and/or incapacitated by the virus—or any other medical condition. The planning documents for this purpose are a medical power of attorney and a living will.

A medical power of attorney and living will are both advance healthcare directives that work together to help describe your wishes for medical treatment and end-of-life care in the event you become incapacitated and unable to express your own wishes. What's more, in light of COVID-19, even those who have already created these documents should revisit them to ensure they are up-to-date and address specific scenarios related to the coronavirus.

While all adults over age 18 should put these documents in place as soon as possible, if you are over age 60 or have a chronic underlying health condition, the need is particularly urgent.



At first, Dad and I didn't see eye to eye about moving to The Kensington, but since he did, we're both thrilled

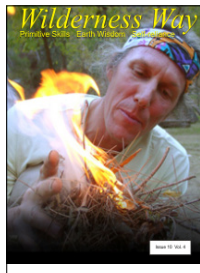
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HACHIKO: a story of love

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It has long been noted that the dog is the most loyal animal, and that man and dog have a unique friendship. This unique bond has been demonstrated over and over , in countless stories.

One of the most unique, and touching, stories is the story of the Akita named Hachiko, the dog who always waited at the train station for his owner’s return, and who continued to wait for his owner nine years after he died.

The true story of Hachiko has been called one of the greatest stories of a loyal dog. At least two movies have been made about Hachiko.

Hachiko was an Akita Inu dog born on November 10, 1923, at a farm near the Japanese city of Odate, in the Akita Prefecture. He was adopted by Hidesaburo Ueno, a professor of agriculture at the University of Tokyo. Ueno kept Hachiko in the yard, but Hachiko would dig under the fence and follow Ueno to the train station each day.

The two fell into a daily routine: Ueno and Hachiko would walk together to the Shibuya train station, where Ueno would pet Hachiko goodbye before getting on the train to work. Hachiko, who also became known as Hachi. (The dog was called “Hachi,” meaning “eight,” and the suffix “ko” was added as a title of honor.)

In some accounts, Hachiko would spend the day waiting for Ueno to come back, and in other accounts, he’d go home but would come back to the station each day when Ueno returned. Local vendors and workers at the train station got to know Hachiko, and would watch out for him, and often feed him until Ueno returned.

This routine continued for several years until one day, Ueno suffered a brain hemorrhage and died. Ueno never returned, but since no one told Hachi what had happened, the loyal dog continued to wait for his owner’s return. Every day like clockwork, when the train arrived, Hachi waited for Ueno. Hachiko did this for more than nine years following the death of Ueno! Local people, seeing Hachi’s faithful waiting for his master, called Ha-chi “the faithful dog.”

This story has continued to inspire people around the world up to this day. The tale of the Hachiko story has resulted in several Hachiko memorials and at least two Hachiko movies that documented the story of the incredible bond that formed between Hachiko and Ueno. Hachi maintained this ritual of waiting for Ueno for more than nine years. Then, one morning, on March 8, 1935, Hachiko was found dead, apparently from natural causes.

Hachiko’s body was taken to the train station’s baggage room, which had been one of his favorite hangouts. He was then photographed, surrounded by Ueno’s wife, Yaeko, as well as staff members at the station. At that time, Yoshizo Osawa, one of the staff members, re-called how Ueno loved dogs and how Hachi would come daily to the station, where staff would happily share their lunches with him.

Because the story of this great bond spread, after Hachiko’s death, the body was preserved and placed at the National Science Museum of Japan in Tokyo. Additionally, a monument of Hachiko has been placed next to his owner’s tomb in Tokyo’s Aoyama cemetery.

A bronze statue of Hachiko was erected outside the Shibuya Station as a tribute to the incredibly loyalty of the dog. The original statue was destroyed during the hostilities of WWII, and it could not be restored. In 1948, a new one was made and replaced in the same exact spot after the war. Today, this spot has become a popular park where tourists can honor and remember the unconditional love of Hachiko.

This Hachiko statue isn’t the only memorial that honors this incredible dog. The station entrance closest to the statue was renamed “Hachikō-guchi,” or “The Hachikō Entrance/Exit” in Japanese. Furthermore, one of the train lines was also called the Hachiko Line. In honor of the 80th year of Hachiko’s passing and the 90th anniversary of Hachiko’s owner Ueno’s death, a bronze statue of Hachiko reuniting with Ueno was unveiled on March 8, 2015. The statue was placed outside the University of Tokyo’s agriculture department, where Ueno was a professor.

This story was made into a movie in Japan, as well as the Richard Gere movie in English, “Hachi: A Dog’s Tale” in 2009, with an ending that you really must see. Let’s just say that it’s a tear-jerker and everyone in the audience is always crying at the end.

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Sugary “SHIRO”

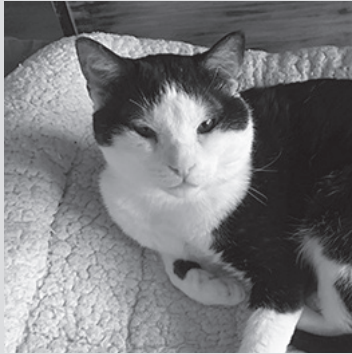
Sweet as sugar, SHIRO could win a beauty contest! Shiro, which means “white” in Japanese, has the beautiful look of a Turkish Angora.



She is a green-eyed precious peach of a pearl of a girl! She’s a gentle and also playful sweet-natured beauty who loves to be stroked and petted. When this long-legged charmer rubs up against you with her silky softness and long, fluffy tail, it is SIMPLY DIVINE! Age about 3 years, spayed, current on health & vaccines. Purr-fect! See the adoption application on our website to apply. See more pictures, adoption information and application on our website at the Adult Cats page at www.lifelineforpets.org.

Pet of the Week

Four-year-old Micken came to the shelter with eleven other cats as part of a hoarding case, and he’s looking for his second chance! Micken is a sweetie who loves being next to his foster parent or on their lap. He even likes belly rubs and being combed! He may need a little time to get to know you, but once he does, he’s an affectionate kitty who will bring a lot of warmth to your life.



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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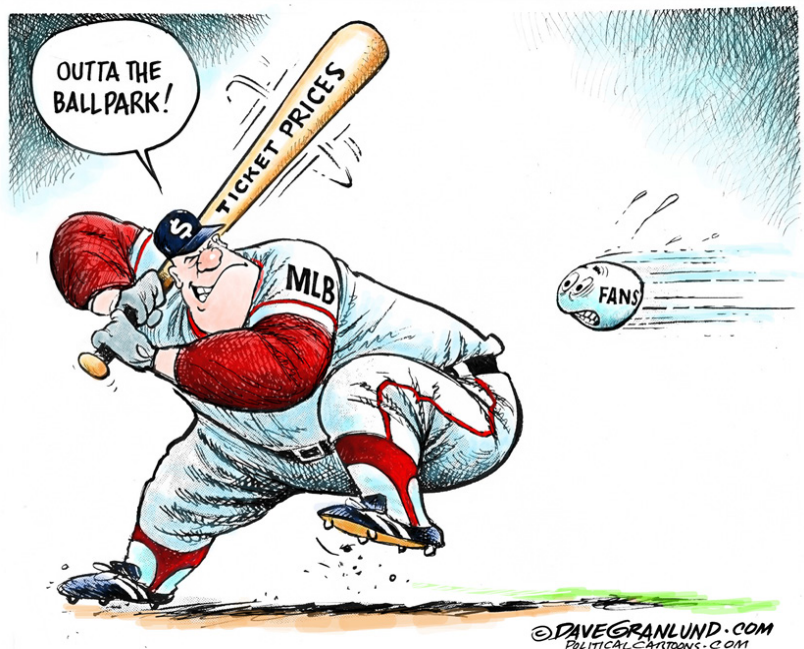
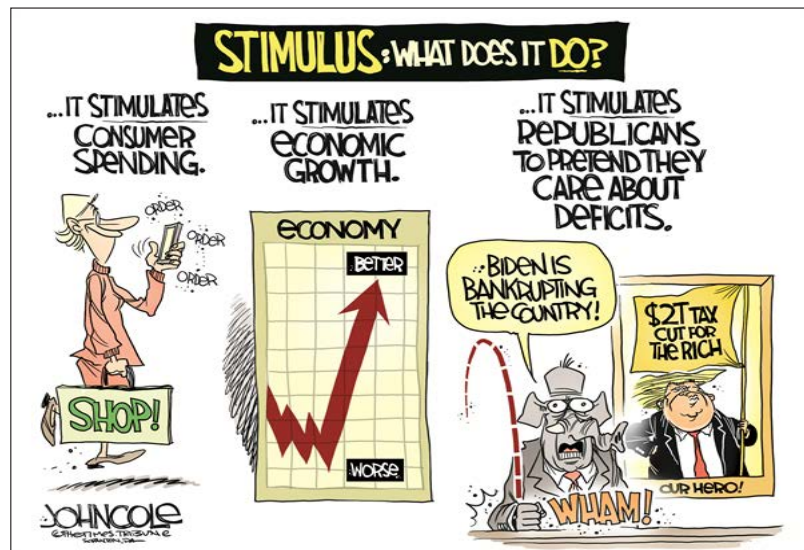
could then be used to purchase food.

Today, in these post "Me Too" movement times Americans are increasingly aware of potentially male injurious sexual and/or violent behavior of various degrees. In an attempt to solve very different problematic categories a one solution fits all offensive behaviors of any kind has been the result. Inappropriate Male sexual behavior ranging at the extreme of one end characterized by rape or murder and on the other end to potentially insulting comments or stares or perhaps frequent inadvertent touching or displays may now result in immediate ostracism, required resignations or firings. Previous achievements of the now dishonored individual are almost asked to be erased from memory. As a result of this policy the offending person is perpetually humiliated, his achievements are erased but furthermore the public can no longer benefit from the talents of the individual. Furthermore the offended person rarely receives benefit from these future penalties.

At this time last year, Governor Cuomo of New York was thought by many to be a future American President. Today, based upon improper sexual comments (comments) which may have been misunderstood, there are strong demands that he resign from office. I do not deny that Men especially Men in power often act in impolite and offensive ways toward women. President William Jefferson Clinton was impeached relating to consensual sexual-behavior while the succeeding President remained in office for two terms after admittedly providing false information and commencing an unnecessary war. which has resulted in the continuing destabilization of the Middle East. Returning to that name Jefferson, should that little document known as the Declaration of Independence be ignored and prohibited from public view? I agree that it is completely improper to include these individuals together for very different classifications of offensive sexual behavior and that is my very point consistent with the satirical point made by the Modest Proposal satirist, Jonathan Swift.

Obviously MEN, all Men are the potential problem. Today, there have been prohibitions affecting men and their work after demonstrated questionable (maybe some unquestionable) sexual past misconduct. Frankly, I still miss Charlie Rose interviews and Kevin Spacey movies and I wish Al Franken was still in the Senate and I want Woody Allen to keep making movies until he dies or even after, if possible. Is there a possible deterrent that will stop all unacceptable behaviors? Lewis Carroll in Chapter 9 of the famous children's book *Alice in Wonderland* describes the Red Queen who much like Trump supporters of prior election year cycles yelled threats at speakers before anything is even said. Rather than the threatened "Lock her up" of today, yesterday, and I hope not tomorrow, the Queen yelled "Off with their heads" for no particular reason. Perhaps the threat today should be redirected; rather than "Off with their heads" the threatened penalty should be "Off with their ____". You can guess what I mean. Perhaps this threat will stop all offensive behavior before it happens; or is my suggestion an offensive and confused overreaction? If such is the case I am not alone in my confusion. At least I received my inoculation shots but am still confused as to whether I am protecting myself or everyone else. These are troubling times!

These are troubling times. Americans are surrounded by discussions involving the appropriateness of Dr. Seuss books and the behavior of the British Royal Family regarding the shades of skin color of their great grandchild. Is there perhaps too much attention paid to presently controversial inconsequential matters while important extremely visible problems are overlooked. Jonathan Swift, an Anglican Priest reacting to what he believed to be the confusion of combining separate social problems and reaching inappropriate solutions made the "modest proposal" that problem of famine in Ireland together with the chronic misbehavior of children could both be solved by encouraging the Irish to simply sell their misbehaving children for money which



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DICK POLMAN

BIDEN IS THE BEST MAN FOR
THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT

How fortunate we are that Joe Biden is in the room where it happens.

As evidenced Thursday night, during his Fireside Chat-style assessment of America on the cusp of recovery, he is the manifest inverse of the fraud who preceded him.

Granted, Trump set the bar so low that even an ant could hurdle it. Never-theless, it was refreshing to be reminded what a real president sounds like. A real president focuses on us instead of flattering himself. A real president levels with us instead of lying. And a real president actually tries to summon the powers of his office to help people instead of killing them off.

Ask yourself whether we'd be mass vaccinating – and on track to normalcy by the fourth of July – if we were still stuck with The Former Guy. Not a chance. He had already done enough damage. As the New England Journal of Medicine reported last fall, "Instead of relying on expertise, the administration has turned to...charlatans who obscure the truth and facilitate the promulgation of outright lies...Trump's rejection of evidence and public health measures has been catastrophic." And as The Lancet, a British medical journal, concluded last month, Trump's "appalling response" to the pandemic caused "tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths."

But enough about him.

Biden is demonstrating – his newly signed Rescue Plan buttresses his rhetoric – that the federal government can be a force for good in bad times. He said last night: "Put trust and faith in our government to fulfill its most important function, which is protecting the American people. No function more important. We need to remember, the government isn't some foreign force in a distant capital. No, it's us, all of us."

Republicans and conservatives have spent decades maligning and seeking to sabotage "big government." Ronald Reagan famously quipped, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'" Well, guess what: When tens of millions of people are suffering – medically, economically and spiritually – and when states and localities can't shoulder that burden, it behooves "big government" to step up.

Indeed, many Americans who normally mouth the tiresome talking points about "socialism" are more than happy to accept that proffered help. Check out the CNN report from red West Virginia, where a Trump voter says he'll gladly use his stimulus check "to pay off the rent, pay off the bills. People are behind, you know? I'm sure I'm not the only one." Check out the polls that show 75 percent support for Biden's rescue package – including 59 percent support from self-identified Republicans. Biden lamented that, in recent years, "we lost faith in whether our government and our democracy can deliver on really hard things for the American people." His abiding mission is to rekindle that faith – to save lives and ultimately save democracy from the threat of home-grown fascism – by delivering for the American people, regardless of whether they voted blue, regardless of what "the loudest voices say on cable or online."

There are times when the urgent need for federal help transcends ideology, when it is not a matter of "left" or "right," when it is merely the logical decent course of human events. Biden instinctively understands that this is one of those times.

Arguably Biden's best asset, as evidenced again Thursday night, is that he connects with people's pain. An empathy is someone who's highly attuned to the emotions of those around them, to the point of feeling those emotions himself.

Perhaps any president (except the last one) would've said these words: "We are fundamentally a people who want to be with others, to talk, to laugh, to hug, to hold one another. But this virus has kept us apart. Grandparents haven't seen their children or grandchildren. Parents haven't seen their kids. Kids haven't seen their friends. The things we used to do that always filled us with joy have become things we couldn't do and broke our hearts." But Biden – by dint of his DNA and seasoned by his own tragedies – exudes the emotions behind the words.

With 20/20 hindsight, it's lucky for us that he bombed as a presidential candidate in 1988 and 2008, because – a bit like Winston Churchill, who finally became prime minister in wartime 1940 after serial setbacks – Biden has landed in the moment that suits him best.

He will suffer defeats, as all presidents do. But this is his time. And he wants it to be ours.

–Dick Polman, a veteran national political columnist based in Philadelphia

HONORING BASEBALL'S
HEARING
IMPAIRED PLAYERS

JOE GUZZARDI



World Hearing Day is celebrated every March, with this year's theme, "Hearing Care for All." Down through Major League Baseball's rich history, several deaf players have enriched the national pastime.

In his book "Deaf Players in Major League Baseball: A History 1883 to the Present," R.A.R. Edwards explained how players' deafness enhanced their diamond skills, and helped broaden Americans' understanding about the hearing-impaired community. Luther Taylor, one of John J. McGraw's most reliable New York Giants' hurlers, won 116 games during his nine-year career from 1900-1909. In 1945, the Cincinnati Reds' Dick Sipek played left, center and right field. Sipek's career ended prematurely when he broke his collarbone diving for a fly ball. More recently, Curtis Pride, who studied at William and Mary College and currently coaches at Gallaudet College, enjoyed productive years in the big leagues from 1993 to 2006 where he hit a career .250.

The most well-known among hearing-impaired baseball players is the Dead Ball era superstar William Ellsworth Hoy who had the then-acceptable but today unthinkable nickname "Dummy." Hoy's nickname never offended him. He promptly reminded those who addressed him as Bill or William that he preferred "Dummy."

In Hoy's 14 years that began in 1888 and ended in 1902, he demonstrated Hall of Fame credentials. Hoy, who played in four different major leagues, could hit, .288, steal bases, and cover a wide swatch of center field grass; he set long-standing games played, assists and outfield double plays records. In 1889, playing for the Louisville Colonels, Hoy also set an MLB record, since tied twice, by throwing out three runners at home in one game. The catcher who recorded the outs was baseball immortal Connie Mack.

A historic baseball moment occurred in 1902 when Hoy, then with the Reds, batted against the Giants' Taylor – the only time two deaf players faced each other, pitcher versus batter. When Hoy first took his place in the batter's box, he signed to Taylor, "I'm glad to see you!" and then singled crisply to center. Modern day fans mistakenly attribute Hoy for having developed hand signals for outfield play. Instead, his fellow outfielders waited to hear Hoy's call – his roommate Tommy Leach called it "a little squeaky sound" – indicating that he was about to make the catch. Efforts to get Hoy inducted into the HOF, mostly led by the USA Deaf Sports Federation, fell short. But Hoy was a beloved figure wherever he went until his 1961 death at age 99.

Post-1961, medical science made huge advancements in hearing impairment treatment. The improvements helped New York Yankee jack-of-all-trades Gil McDougald who played ten seasons, including as part of eight pennant-winning teams and six World Series crowns, while alternating between second, third and shortstop with equal skill. All-Star voters elected McDougald, the 1951 Rookie of the Year, to the mid-season classic six times at all three positions.

McDougald is inexorably linked to Cleveland Indians' flamethrower Herb Score when in 1957 his line drive struck the lefty in his eye and nearly blinded him, a tragedy from which the Yankee batsman never fully recovered.

Years later, and well after his Yankees' 1961 retirement, McDougald would have his own sensory challenges. Struck by an errant batting practice ball back in 1955, McDougald, now a Fordham University coach, noticed a hearing loss that gradually became more pronounced. Eventually, McDougald withdrew from society. He sold his businesses, stopped using the phone, and unable to understand family table-talk, dined alone in his room.

By the late 1980s, McDougald was totally deaf. But when a New York Times sports reporter wrote about McDougald's deafness, New York University Medical Center's otolaryngology chief received the struggling player's permission to perform a cochlear implant. Six weeks later, McDougald could hear again, and he campaigned until his death at age 82 for others to undergo the procedure.

Like Taylor, Sipek, Pride and Hoy before him, McDougald was admired among his peers, and is an inspiration to the world's 400 million hearing-impaired, and baseball fans everywhere.



By Christopher Brito



Trujillo is now part of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and worked on the team that created the robotic arm that will collect rock samples on Mars. "Understanding if we're alone in the universe is the ultimate question," she said. "I hope that within the one year of surface operations on

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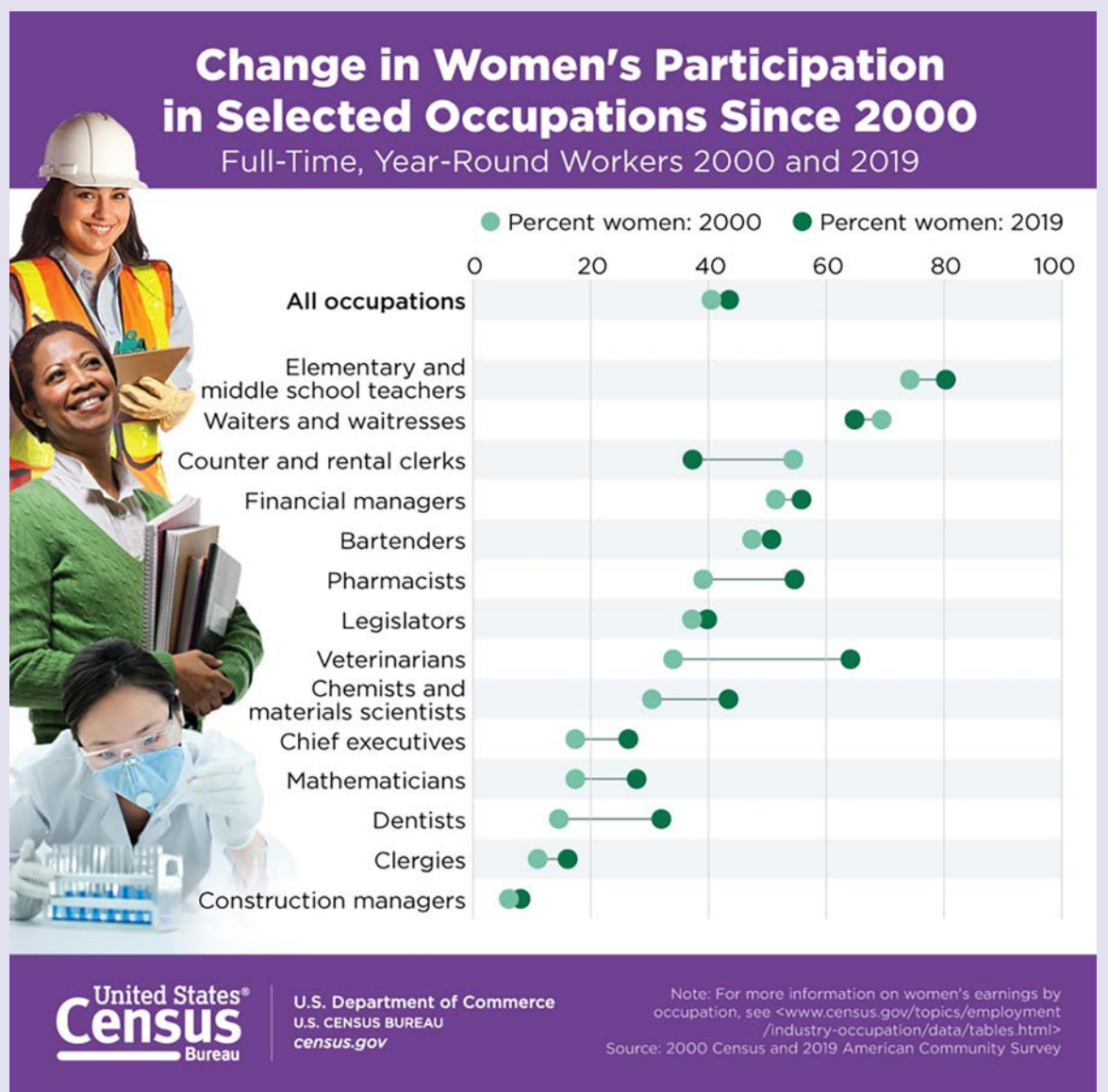
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