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A Message From Rev. Sharon Snapp-Kolas,
Sierra Madre United Methodist Church



THE PLAN WAS TO BE RID OF THE VIRUS BY EASTER. EASTER 2020.

Here we are a year later, weary of masks and social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

Essential workers continue to risk their lives, and their families continue to carry a heavy burden of risk and sacrifice.

We have endured sickness in our circles of friends and loved ones. We grieve for the dead and the dying, with gratitude for those who continue to care for the sick in their final days.

We have worried over the isolation of the elderly; the mentally ill; those who struggle with drug, alcohol and other addictions; lonely children and teenagers; people in situations of abuse – anyone who might be suffering from hopelessness and despair in this year of shutdown.

We have watched with concern as businesses have closed for good; churches, synagogues, mosques, and other religious and non-profit organizations have struggled to survive; most government and community leaders, at all levels, have done their best as COVID-19 challenges take all of us on a dystopian rollercoaster ride.

Happy Easter.

Of course, I haven't listed every group affected by the virus, and all the multitude of ways our world has been affected over the past year. Has it only been a year? Feels like a lifetime. Feels like we have always been here and will always be here and will never escape. Feels like a tomb.

For Christians, Easter morning is all about the empty tomb. "He is not here," it says in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, verse 6.

Christ is with us when we have reached the end of our strength and stamina; when we have no more creative resources to give. When we wonder, will life ever be the same again? Will there ever be joy, and butterflies, and Easter lilies, and girls in pretty dresses, and boys in suits and sky-blue bowties? Will there ever be Easter egg hunts and bunnies and chocolates and baby chicks?

Christ is with us when we wonder, will there ever be an end to racism, to gun violence, to war, to homelessness and hunger, to climate change and environmental destruction, to abuse and suffering of all kinds?

Christ is with us when we are sinking under the weight of guilt or grief or despair. Or the threat of death.

Easter Sunday arrives. We celebrate, with deep joy, the Resurrection.

Whatever our faith background or perspective on religion, the joy this year can be deeper, if we choose to be open to it. The more we allow ourselves to accept the pain and the loss of this past year, the more we are able to receive the true joy of Easter 2021. We have suffered much, as a global community. Still, the tomb is empty. Hope endures.

Nadia Bolz-Weber, described online as "a public theologian and author," says of Easter that, "...in the Bible [it] may be the greatest story ever told - not a story about new dresses and flowers and candy and spiffiness, but a story about flesh and dirt and bodies and confusion. It's about the way God never seems to adhere to our expectations."

"Flesh and dirt and bodies and confusion." And hope. May God be with you in the messiness of it all, as we climb out of the tomb together. We are not alone. We climb together, helping one another.

And God – or Hope as you understand it -- is with us.

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The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, despite the challenges faced in 2020, prepares for the 2022 parade!

The pandemic disrupted all of our lives in many, many ways, including the abrupt halt in the cultural activities that we always assumed would never end. Such was the case with the 2021 Rose Parade. Yet, despite having to abandon plans to build their next entry, the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association never gave up hope that things would be up and running again!

After presenting their 14th award winning float (of the last 14 entries) in January 2020, SMRFA did what they always do. they immediately began working on what they thought would be the 2021 entry.

And then everything changed. Well almost everything. SMRFA leadership and volunteers, with amazing commitment and determination, kept going, preparing for the future in a COVID 19 safe environment.

They kept the faith, worked 3 persons at a time socially distanced in the Float Barn, and continued to prepare for the next parade which they knew would eventually happen.

And, they were right. Although the exact format of the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade is not set in concrete, the event will happen and our local group will be ready.

The Tournament of Roses Committee recently announced that "the 2022 Rose Parade will feature elements that were planned for the 2021 parade, including the theme "Dream. Believe. Achieve." The 2022 Parade Theme will expand beyond the initial focus on education and will include a celebration of perseverance and strength, science and scientists, health professionals, first responders and essential workers."

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association was prepared to finish building the float originally intended for 2021.

Designed by Jason Redfox, the float (Model Pictured Below), will participate in the 2022 parade. During the 'down time' in 2020, the float will have even more animation than originally planned.

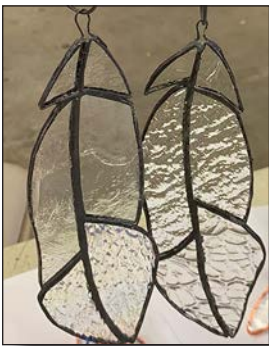


SMRFA 2022 Entry

As challenging as 2020 was, Kay Sappington, a longtime SMRFA member says that even working under the health and safety restrictions on the float was a "spirit lifter".

The news is not all good however. President Barb Bevington noted that because of the the pandemic restrictions, there has been very little, if any fundraising. Their annual 'Bingo' fundraiser can't be held and the group is exploring other means of support.

Dave Karp, a member of the Board of Directors has been working on two projects that will bring in some badly needed revenue. In the very near future, SMRFA is going to launch an ETSY store where you can purchase handmade Feather Sun Catchers.



Dave has also been successful in developing a garden at the YMCA in Sierra Madre where you can select from any number of plants including seedlings for vegetables, spices and more. The plants are free but donations are encouraged. There are also other projects in the works so be on the look out for other ways of supporting the group.

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is one of the few remaining Self Built Float Association and has been doing so since 1917. You can help them continue their journey to the 2022 parade. Just go to: <https://sierramadrerosefloat.org/getinvolved/donate/>

S. Henderson/MVNews .



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 20-01
Applicant: Eukon Group
Project Location: 242 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, 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 Conditional Use Permit 20-01 (CUP 20-01) for the approval to construct a wireless telecommunication facility including a cell tower on City-owned property at 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pursuant to SMMC 17.93.080(A)(2), new wireless telecommunication facilities located on City-owned property shall require City Council approval of a conditional use permit following recommendation by the Planning Commission and of a land lease agreement.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
(Hearing begins at 4:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Memorial Park Bandshell
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.

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Kelley holds a degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona University and a C27 Landscape Contractor license. Kelley is also a Certified Professional for G3, The Green Gardens Group, and has a QWEL Certification from the EPA as a Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper. Plant Goddess is also currently pursuing the CLIA Certification from the Irrigation Association as a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor.



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The City will be hosting a vaccine clinic at the Hart Park House on April 6th at 9:30AM. Any groups eligible for a vaccine by LA County Guidelines are eligible to sign up for this clinic. The City has an initial allotment of about 60 vaccines.

Please contact Rosemary Garcia in our Community Services Department to sign up for an appointment. She can be contacted anytime between Monday - Thursday from 8AM - 4PM. City staff will respond on the same day within that time frame



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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

HAPPY EASTER!

Easter is tomorrow. It's also my birthday, my grandson, Brady's, birthday... he will be six... and I will be somewhat older. It will also be my friend, Arne Kalm's, birthday but Arne will be celebrating his birthday in heaven, dancing with the angels and rejoicing in the place where there is no pain, no more tears and the glorious light of the risen Jesus fills this place we earthbound folks can only imagine.

Easter is a time of celebration. You'll have noticed that a whole aisle at the market is devoted to Easter candy and, yes, there are Peeps. We won't be looking for the golden egg at any outdoor Easter egg hunt, but we will be enjoying a drive-through Easter light show. Mercifully, we don't have to worry about forcing ourselves to buy an Easter outfit and if we want an Easter brunch, we simply need to look up hollandaise sauce on Google and make it ourselves to go with our Eggs Benedict.

What Easter is really about is the fact that the stone was rolled away and there was an empty tomb. As the angel said, "He is not here, He is risen!" the amazing concept upon which many of us base our lives. A lot of us will be live-streaming our Easter service, but it might be the most meaningful Easter ever as our world continues to be a very different place than it has been before. It is my hope this poem helps you to see that first Easter through the eyes of Jesus' friends. You see, their world had changed completely, too.

Before Dawn.... Easter Sunday The sky was gray, The world was hushed,

BEFORE DAWN... SUNDAY.

The women walked
Toward a tomb,
Jars of spices in their hands,
To tend the One,
The One Who died,
Crucified that Friday.

The women walked,
Mary Magdalene and another.
They walked, and wondered,
Wondered who would roll away the stone.

They stopped to rest,
Await the day,
Sad eyes filled with tears,
Sorrow for the One Who died,
Crucified that Friday.

Another dawn,
Another day,
What did it matter, anyway?
The One who loved her as she was,
Who changed her life, was gone.

They raised their eyes to see the sky,
Streaks of pink and gold.
And then they saw,
The guards were gone,
The stone was rolled away!

The grief they'd felt since Friday,
Like the stone, was rolled away!
They grabbed their jars of spices,
And running like a child,
Climbed the hill,
To tend their Lord before dawn, Sunday.

They looked inside that borrowed tomb,
Petrified with fright,
An angel sat there on the stone,
Clothed in brilliant white.
"I know the one you seek," he said,
"Jesus, crucified.

He is not here, he's risen!
He's risen, as he said.

Now go! And tell the others,
He's risen, as he said!
Look not for the living,
Here among the dead!
He is not here, He's risen,
Risen as he said!"

Joy broke free, and hope broke free,
Before dawn,
That first Easter Sunday.

May this Easter bring Jesus closer to you than ever before and may joy and hope break free within you too as you celebrate the One Who is risen.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

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March 21, 2021 to March 27, 2021

During this period the Sierra Madre Police
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Stolen Packages

On 3-19-21 and 3-23-21, a resident in the 300 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd. reported that she received notices from USPS that packages were delivered to her house. On both dates, the packages were apparently taken sometime between noon and 5:00PM. before she arrived home. Case referred to the United States Postal Inspector

Theft from a vehicle

On 3-27-21 at 1:37PM, a person reported his vehicle's trunk was broken into using an unknown tool and removed personal items, including bank cards and cash. The vehicle was parked in the area of Carter Ave. and Mira Monte Ave. Case to Detectives

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS April 6, 2021 4:00 pm

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City Council meeting will take place at the City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Bandshell located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre CA 91024. As part of the COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City recommends that all attendees bring their own chair. In the event of rain or other inclement weather, the meeting may be moved to Zoom.

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. The public may also comment in-person at the meeting

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

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office via email at Laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com or Jpeterson@cityofsierramadre.com or by telephone at (626)355-7135 for more information.

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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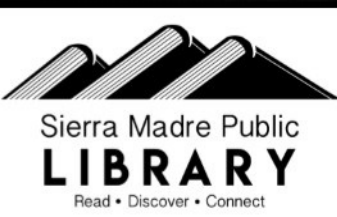
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena Hotel Signs ADA Agreement



The United States Attorney's Office announced Monday that they have signed agreements with Hotels across Southern California, including a Super 8 in Pasadena, to resolve investigations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The agreements were finalized over a one-year period that began last April and concluded Monday with the 27th agreement. After federal investigations into the hotels revealed non-compliance with various provisions of the ADA pertaining to "public accommodations," the various hotels agreed to remedy the violations, with some agreeing to stop the illegal practice of charging more for accessible rooms – a "disability tax" of up to \$25 when compared to similar non-accessible rooms.

Various hotels also agreed to relief that includes adding additional accessible rooms and communication features for persons with disabilities, ensuring that booking websites provide sufficient information about accessible features, and the payment of civil penalties.

Ten entities have signed letters of resolution and agreed to come into compliance with the ADA. They are:

Rodeway Inn & Suites in Hollywood and Lynwood; Two Rodeway Inn locations, one near Maingate Knott's and one known as Regalodge (in Glendale); Vantage Point Inn (formerly known as Knights Inn Woodland Hills); Super 8 locations near LAX, and in Pasadena, Santa Clarita, and San Luis Obispo; and Red Lion Hotels Corporation.

Another seventeen hotels across Southern California also entered into settlement agreements.

"It is unfair and illegal for private entities that own or operate public accommodations such as hotels to discriminate against people with disabilities," said Acting United States Attorney Tracy Wilkison. "I commend the hotels in this district that have demonstrated their commitment to ensuring full access for persons with disabilities by cooperating in our investigations and by agreeing to comply with the ADA."

For more information on the ADA, or to file a complaint, call the ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 or 800-514-0383 (TDD), or visit the ADA website at: ada.gov.

County gives Update on Devil's Gate

By Dean Lee

Los Angeles County officials said Wednesday that the Devil's Gate Restoration Project in Hahamongna is ahead of schedule and that cleaning out 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment will be completed at the end of this season.

"We have a little over 350,000 yards to move out," they said.

Wednesday's meeting was a joint video conference between Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the city council.

"We are still facing the issue of these dirty filthy diesel trucks, and these scientific study shows us that we have a long way to go, with that, we have questions about idling, questions about staging," said Nina Chomsky, President Linda Vista~Annandale Association. "People in the Arroyo when their recreating don't realize they are breathing, when this project starts back up again in April, fine particulate matter."

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo said that, to him, there seemed to be more trucks idling around the parameters of the Devil's Gate Restoration Project.

"I drive by this constantly, all times of day, take pictures and



send them to the Department of Public Works, let then know I have been on site," Barger said. "When I see things like trucks leaving with out a tarp or something, I will be the first to bring it to their attention. As well as any idling trucks."

Gordo said that he wanted to bring the issues to the city Public Safety Committee for updates.

"All three of us [Councilmember Tyron Hampton] myself along with Councilmember John Kennedy are on that committee," he said adding that Councilmember Steve Madison also has interest in the project.

Barger said, "why don't we

just give you updates on a bi-monthly basis."

She said the first update could be in two weeks.

According to county officials, the project will establish a permanent stormwater maintenance area that allows for the creation of 70 acres of enhanced habitat and recreational opportunities for local communities.

"Once, literally, the dust settles, this is going to be a project that is going to be something many neighbors are going to want, especially with the native vegetation being put back into the area,"

Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

South Pasadena Dumpster Day

Athens Services is partnering with the City of South Pasadena for the annual free Dumpster Day event. Residents of South Pasadena are welcome to bring their large, bulky items for free disposal. Senior curbside pickup will also be available, register before April 9. The event will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Arroyo Drive, just south of Mission Street.

For any questions call, (626) 403-7240.

Al Fresco South Pasadena, April 17!

Join South Pasadena on the 3rd Saturday of the month for an Al Fresco day of shopping and dining in support of our South Pasadena small businesses! Enjoy strolling the streets of South Pasadena – find something fabulous at one of the shops and stop for a bite at your favorite eatery. Head to our Guide to South Pasadena to map out the places you'd like to hit!

Some stores will have goods and services on the sidewalk, others will have their doors open to welcome customers in. Restaurants will be serving food 'al fresco' and to go. Some may have limited capacity indoor seating as well.

Hours may vary – check with your favorite store or eatery!

As always, masks and social distancing are required. Al Fresco South Pasadena is held on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

ArtCenter College of Design President to Retire

In a letter to the college community last Friday, ArtCenter College of Design President Dr. Lorne M. Buchman (pictured) announced his plans to retire on June 30, 2022.

"My time at the college has represented, without question, the peak of my professional life, and I will be forever grateful to this remarkable community for the opportunity to serve as its president," Buchman said. "It has been most energizing to witness how this college has evolved over the years... I am inspired by our transformation and quite dazzled by how far we have come in our commitment to create excellence in art and design education."

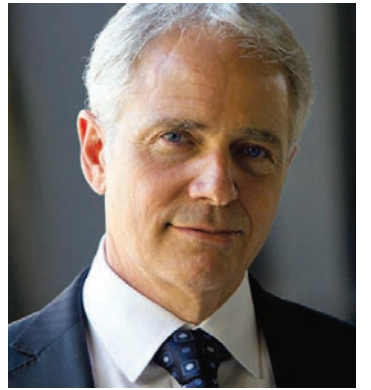
While retiring from higher education, Buchman hinted at other projects he'd like to pursue, including writing another book—he recently completed *Make to Know: From Spaces of Uncertainty to Creative Discovery* (Thames & Hudson, August 2021)—and producing a documentary about the creative process, in addition to other innovative pursuits.

Among Buchman's goals for the next 15 months are to ensure a safe return to campus for students, faculty and staff; to engage the community in forward-looking plans for a post-pandemic ArtCenter; and to establish a two-year strategic agenda for the college—all to ensure that his successor will have a strong foundation to steward the college into the future.

The College has evolved significantly during Buchman's tenure, with sustained and noteworthy enhancements across all aspects of college life, including community building, resource development, program growth and campus expansion.

In 2018, the City of Pasadena approved a comprehensive master plan for ArtCenter that charts a 15-year vision for the College's physical campuses. The plan incorporates long-term plans for enhanced facilities and establishes a framework to guide development across both ArtCenter campuses and ensure that future changes remain in service to an engaged community.

During Buchman's tenure, ArtCenter also established new satellite locations beyond Pasadena, including ArtCenter DTLA (a gallery space in downtown Los



Angeles); and a working studio classroom at the Petersen Automotive Museum in West L.A.

Following Buchman's announcement, Su Mathews Hale, chair of ArtCenter's board of trustees, said, "The board is indebted to Lorne for his superb and compassionate leadership. His diligent work has always been in service to our students, ensuring they receive the best possible art and design education and learn skills that will benefit them and influence the world around them long into the future."

"The college has changed immeasurably over the years, and the board commends Lorne for his countless successes as president," Mathews Hale continued. "While we're sad to learn about his departure, we're grateful for all he has done for the school and know that he'll continue to produce meaningful and creative work. We wish him the best in his future adventures."

Chair emeritus, Robert C. Davidson Jr., who presided as chair during much of Buchman's tenure, added, "Lorne has been the best President that ArtCenter or any other college could have. We have benefitted immensely from Lorne's leadership, his admiration for the ArtCenter community and his deep affinity for the creative process. It has been my pleasure to work alongside him and he will be greatly missed."

Mathews Hale and the board of trustees have already begun planning the search for a successor. Input from all constituencies within the community—including students, faculty, staff and alumni—will be a critical part of the process.

Founded in 1930 and located in Pasadena, California, ArtCenter College of Design is a global leader in art and design education. ArtCenter offers 11 undergraduate and seven graduate degrees in a wide variety of art and design disciplines.

Altadena Read, Shop, National Library Week

The Altadena Libraries is set to join libraries across the country, from April 4 through April 10, in celebrating National Library Week, an annual observance honoring libraries and their important role in communities. Amidst celebrations of this valuable observance, the Altadena Library District also announced the phased reopening of its buildings after a brief closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Details of the new in-person hours and services can be found at www.altadenalibrary.org/reopening.

"COVID-19 has given our staff, volunteers, and community the crucial opportunity to expand our vision of library service," District Director Nikki Winslow said. "While we are pleased to expand services to open our doors at a limited capacity, we also are thrilled to implement new ways of connecting our community with local resources through our outreach and partnership efforts. We want to turn the lessons we learned about our team's innovation and creativity during COVID-19 into sustainable, newly imagined ways of providing library services beyond our buildings' walls."

National Library Week will mark the launch of Read Local, Shop Local, a program that provides exclusive offers and discounts to customers that present their Altadena Library cards at checkout at participating area businesses, which currently include A Noise Within Theatre, Altadena Ale House, Café de Leche, El Patron, Hoopla! An Emporium of Good Things, Little Red Hen Café, Photography by Walt, and Tacos Casa. Shoppers can explore a full list of discounts at www.altadenalibrary.org/shoplocal.

Throughout National Library Week, the Altadena Library District's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @AltadenaLibrary) will also highlight the important work its staff has been doing across Altadena throughout the pandemic to connect with organizations across a variety



of fields through intentional outreach and relationship building, bolstering its ability to connect its community with the many resources that help Altadena thrive.

"The future of the modern library is dependent on its human connections in the community," says Assistant Director Viktor Sjöberg. "Books go in and out of print, technology evolves, and we all continue to access information in new ways... The one constant in our work in libraries is our connection to community, and we are in commitment to learning in conversation with our community and developing innovative ways for our libraries to meet their ever-evolving needs."

Celebrate National Library Week by signing up for a library card. Beyond books, other traditional library materials, and now local discounts, the benefits of having an Altadena Library card now include access to laptops, hotspots, telescopes, sewing machines, and virtual reality equipment of the District's Library of Things and more (see our top 10 favorite benefits at www.altadenalibrary.org/10benefits)! To sign up for your very own Altadena Library card, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALDCardsignup> or visit the Altadena Main Library or Bob Lucas Memorial Library in person.

About Altadena Library District: For over 90 years, the Altadena Library District has been bringing people and ideas together for an Altadena where all are learning, growing, and thriving together. More information about Altadena Library District is available at www.altadenalibrary.org.



ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, March 21st through Saturday, March 27th, the Police Department responded to 1,096 calls for service, of which 100 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 21:

1. At 1:39 a.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of East Las Flores Avenue regarding a vehicle that had been driven onto a residential lawn. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The suspect consented to a blood test and the 21-year-old male from Azusa was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for further medical evaluation. The suspect was ultimately issued a citation.

2. At 7:38 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of West Live Oak Avenue regarding a battery investigation. The officer investigated an argument between the suspect and victim, which escalated when the suspect pushed the victim, causing him to fall and hit his head. The victim refused medical treatment. The suspect is described as a 28 to 30-year-old Hispanic male, approximately 6' tall, 160 pounds, who was wearing a black sweater. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, March 22:

3. At 12:13 a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a subject who was drunk in public. A records check revealed the suspect, a 34-year-old male from Azusa, had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At 1:34 p.m., officers responded to Macy's, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect stole nearly \$150.00 worth of merchandise. A record check also revealed the 27-year-old female from El Monte had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

5. At 2:44 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 100 block of East Foothill Boulevard regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated he left his golf bag in the parking lot, walked away, and when he returned, the items were gone. The officer was unable to locate the suspect.

Tuesday, March 23:

6. At 3:10 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of Alta Street regarding a residential burglary. The officer discovered an unidentified suspect cut the lock to a garage and fled with construction equipment and tools. The investigation is ongoing.

7. At 6:01 p.m., an officer responded to the 2700 block of Gilpin Way regarding a stolen vehicle report. The registered owner stated he loaned the vehicle to the suspect and the vehicle has yet to be returned. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, March 24:

8. At 12:11 p.m., officers responded to a

residence in the 1900 block of South Third Avenue regarding an attempted residential burglary. The victim was home when two suspects kicked in the front door. The victim screamed and the suspects fled to a white, four-door sedan. The suspects were gone by the time officers arrived.

9. At 3:33 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 400 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on March 22nd, someone tampered with the victim's door lock, entered the vehicle, and fled with sunglasses and a computer monitor.

Thursday, March 25:

10. At 11:02 a.m., an officer responded to the 1800 block of Anita Crest Drive regarding a package theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a lone male suspect was wearing an Amazon vest when he stole the victim's package and left an empty package in its place. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male with a medium build. He fled on foot.

11. At 11:56 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of West Duarte Road regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim stated her catalytic converter was stolen from her 2003 Honda Accord sometime between March 11th and March 24th.

Friday, March 26:

12. At 7:30 a.m., an officer responded to Golden Years, located at 60 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the parking lot and stole gasoline from five of the business's vehicles. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect is an unknown male wearing a dark-colored jacket with patches on both sleeves. He was wearing a dark-colored hat and a face mask.

13. At 8:20 a.m., an officer responded to Walter M. Fierson MD, located at 1245 West Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed the front door window had been smashed, the office had been ransacked, and the suspects fled with the victim's computers and numerous pairs of glasses. The officer was unable to locate any witnesses or evidence.

14. At 8:50 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of West Sycamore Avenue regarding a mail theft report. The victim discovered a package had been stolen from his mailbox. The victim was unable to provide any suspect information.

Saturday, March 27:

15. At 12:37 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Arbolada Drive regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects stole the victim's gardening equipment. The suspects are described as two Hispanic males, both between the ages of 25 and 35-years-old, with heavy set builds, and seen wearing face masks. The investigation is pending a review of the available surveillance footage.

MONROVIA CANYON PARK VIRTUAL WALKING TOUR

The recovery process can be described as a long marathon. Monrovia Canyon Park will remain closed indefinitely and for an extended period of time. There continues to be daily debris flow and erosion coming down the mountain ridges into the park. In addition, trees continue to fall or are in need of removal to clear trails and walkways.

In time, these beautiful open spaces will welcome you back! Until then, we'll continue to share videos of the recovery progress. This walking tour of Canyon Park was filled after one of the recent major rainstorms in LA County. Although the rainstorm did cause additional damage, you'll see that wildlife has begun to repopulate the park and vegetation has begun to grow.

Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation (MPWR) supports recreation and community programs, parks, facilities, and open spaces in Monrovia. MPWR is asking for your support! Whether it's a one-time donation, a recurring monthly gift, a tribute, a bequest, or offering your time, your contribution makes the work of the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation possible.

Learn more at: <https://monroviapwr.org/>

MONROVIA CANYON PARK VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The California Park & Recreation Society awarded the City of Monrovia's Canyon Park Volunteers with the "Champion of the Community" Award of Excellence. On average, 25 Canyon Park volunteers give over 2,500 hours of service each year.

Through the Monrovia Canyon Park Volunteers' contributions, our community can enjoy improved facilities, trails and programs.

Canyon Park Volunteers, we thank you for making a difference!

DUARTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM REOPENS



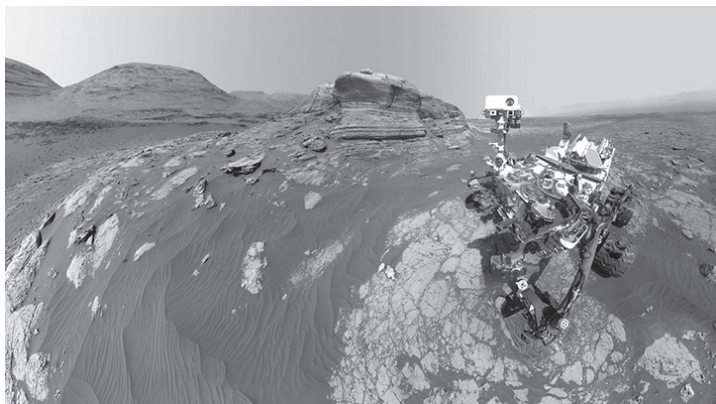
The Duarte Historical Museum will reopen on April 10 after a year-long mandated closure due to the pandemic, announced Claudia Heller, President of the Duarte Historical Society. Masks will be required, and social distancing adhered to.

Regular hours are Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. A new exhibit on Depression glass from the collection of Karleen Daugherty will be on display through May.

The museum is located at 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte. Admission is free. For more information call (626) 357-9419.

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Curiosity Mars Rover Takes Selfie With 'Mont Mercou'



The rover also snapped a pair of panoramas to create a 3D view of the stark cliff face featured in the selfie.

At the start of March, NASA's Curiosity Mars rover began approaching an impressive rock formation that scientists dubbed "Mont Mercou," a nickname taken from a mountain in France. Standing about 20 feet (6 meters) tall, the outcrop is captured in all its majesty in a new selfie, as well as in a pair of panoramas that offer a 3D view. The selfie shows Curiosity in front of Mont Mercou with a new drill hole nearby at a rock sample nicknamed "Nontron" – the mission's 30th sample to date.

Curiosity's drill powdered the sample before trickling it into instruments inside the rover so the science team could get a better understanding of the rock's composition and what clues it might offer about Mars' past. This area is at the transition between the "clay-bearing unit" Curiosity is departing and the "sulfate-bearing unit" that's ahead on Mount Sharp, the 3-mile-tall (5-kilometer-tall) mountain that the rover has been rolling up since 2014. Scientists have long thought this transition might reveal what happened to Mars as it became the desert planet we see today.

France's Mont Mercou is located near the village of Nontron in the southeast of the country. The team chose Nontron-related nicknames for this part of the Red Planet because Mars orbiters

detected nontronite, a type of clay mineral found close to Nontron, in the region. Surface missions assign nicknames to landmarks to provide the mission's team members a common way to refer to rocks, soils, and other geologic features of interest.

The selfie is composed of 60 images taken by the Mars Hand Lens Imager (MAHLI) on the rover's robotic arm on March 26, 2021, the 3,070th Martian day, or sol, of the mission. These were combined with 11 images taken by the Mastcam on the mast, or "head," of the rover on March 16, 2021, the 3,060th Martian day of the mission.

Curiosity also provided a pair of panoramas using its Mastcam on March 4, 2021, the 3,049th Martian day of the mission. By shooting one panorama from about 130 feet (40 meters) away from the outcrop, then rolling to the side and shooting another from the same distance, the rover created a stereoscopic effect similar to those seen in 3D viewfinders. Studying the outcrop from more than one angle helps scientists get a better idea of the 3D geometry of Mount Mercou's sedimentary layers. An anaglyph of the image can be viewed through red-blue glasses, which you can learn to make here.

In addition to the stereo view and the selfie, Curiosity took a 360-degree panorama of Mont Mercou and its surroundings with its Mastcam.

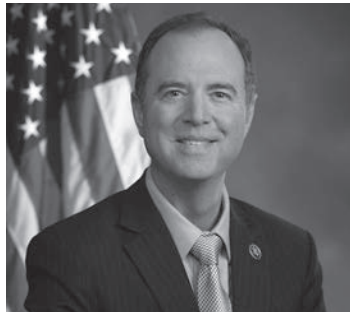
For more about Curiosity, visit: mars.nasa.gov/msl/

Armenian Caucus Co-chairs Urging Azerbaijan to Release All Prisoners of War

The bipartisan co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, U.S. Representatives Adam Schiff (D-CA), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Frank Pallone (D-NJ), David G. Valadao (R-CA), and Jackie Speier (D-CA) introduced a resolution last month calling on Azerbaijan to immediately release all prisoners of war (POWs) and civilians currently detained in the aftermath of the 2020 war in Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh. The resolution was cosponsored by a bipartisan group of 31 Members.

Public reports indicate that as many as 200 Armenian detainees remain in Azerbaijani custody. Under the Geneva Conventions and the November 9, 2020 tripartite statement signed by Armenia, Russia, and Azerbaijan, all parties have an obligation to release prisoners. Armenia has fulfilled this obligation, while the Government of Azerbaijan continues to misrepresent the status of these POWs in an attempt to justify their continued captivity. The resolution also calls on the U.S. State Department to engage with Azerbaijani authorities, including through the OSCE Minsk Group, to demand the immediate release of POWs

and captured civilians.



Adam Schiff

"It is unacceptable that more than 100 days after the end of the war in Nagorno-Karabakh, hundreds of Armenian service members and civilians remain in Azerbaijani custody, where little is known of their condition, treatment, or well-being," said Rep. Schiff. "Azerbaijan has an obligation to release these prisoners immediately – the longer the delay, the more it demonstrates their disregard for human rights and international law. Azerbaijan is already guilty of grave atrocities committed during the recent war, and this compounds the problem. The United States must use all diplomatic means to secure the immediate release of these detained POWs and civilians, and to impose consequences on Azerbaijan for their continued violations of human rights."

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.

Catch breaking news at:
mtnviewsnews.com

Pasadena Transit Fares Resume Starting April 12

Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride will resume requiring valid fare payment to board beginning Monday, April 12. Passengers are encouraged to use a TAP card loaded with a Pasadena Transit monthly pass, Dial-A-Ride membership, or Stored Value to pay their fare. TAP cards can now be loaded onto an iPhone or Android device. Cash payment is also accepted.

For more information on the TAP program, visit: taptogo.net/.

For more information about Pasadena Transit fares, visit: cityofpasadena.net/pasadena-transit/fares/

For more information on Pasadena Dial-A-Ride fares, visit: cityofpasadena.net/pasadena-transit/dial-a-ride/

During this pandemic we urge you to use transit only for your essential trips. Please note, it is a Federal requirement to wear a face covering on board a transit vehicle, including Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride. Face coverings are provided on board if you do not have one.

Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride are working closely with the City of Pasadena Health Department to monitor the COVID-19 situation, also known as Coronavirus, and we have implemented a number of measures on board our buses to help protect our customers and bus operators.

All Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-

Ride vehicles are cleaned thoroughly at least once daily. This means that every surface from floor to ceiling is disinfected. In addition, bus operators are cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the day. Additional measures taken include:

- Limiting the number of passengers on the vehicle to help provide social distancing space (this is subject to change as conditions change)
- Blocking off select seats on our buses to encourage social distancing
- Hand sanitizers on all buses
- Driver barriers on all buses
- The City of Pasadena has joined the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Health and Safety Commitments Program. The Program defines four core categories of responsibilities – for every partner transit agency and for their passengers – making this a true partnership for health and safety. They are:

- Following public health guidelines from official sources
- Protecting each other by requiring face coverings and other protection
- Keeping passengers informed and empowered to choose the safest times and routes to ride
- Putting health first by requiring riders and employees to avoid public transit if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or feel ill

For more information on the program, please visit: apta.com/commitments.

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VACCINE ELIGIBILITY EXPANDS

Starting today, Thursday, April 1, residents 50 through 64 years old are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, on April 15, vaccines become available to any resident in Los Angeles County who is 16 and older.

Currently, there are not yet enough doses to vaccinate everyone that is eligible, so we continue to ask for patience until supply increases. The County has prepared for increased allocations and expanded eligibility and is working on expanding collective capacity to be able to administer 1 million doses a week by the end of April. Public Health remains laser-focused on ensuring an equitable distribution of vaccines and ensuring eligible residents and workers in hard hit communities have increased access to vaccines.

For information about who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in L.A. County, how to make an appointment if it is your turn, what verifications you will need to show at your vaccination appointment, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

THE DUBAI WORLD CUP AND MORE RACING NEWS

By Joan Schmidt

Everyone remembers the beautiful California Chrome, ridden by Victor Espinosa and almost winning the Triple Crown. However, it was very exciting when Victor rode Chrome in the "Dubai World Cup" in the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) in 2016. Chrome won an exciting/interesting race with many trainers and spectators in traditional Arabic attire. I loved it! The next year, Mike Smith won the Dubai World Cup on Arrogate!

A little background about the Dubai races: Thoroughbred horse racing has been held annually since 1996 at Meydan Racecourse in Dubai, UAE. The "World Cup" is the 9th final race; its course is 2000 meters, about 10 furlongs. The first winner was USA's Cigar (Memorial Plaque at Bill Mott's barn, Belmont Park) Recent winners: 2008: R. Albarado on Curlin, (T (Trainer): S. Asmussen); 2009:A. Gryder on Well Armed, (T: E. Hardy); 2010: T. Pereira on Gloria de Campeco; 2013: J. Rosario on Animal Kingdom .



This year's Dubai Results: Race 1, Dubai Kajaya Classic: L. Mendizal, Deryan, (T: D. Ghillemin); Race 2, Godolphin Mile: T. O'Shea, Secret Ambition (T: S. Seemar); Race 3, Dubai Gold Cup: J. Fanning, Subjectivist (T:M. Johnston); Race 4, Al Quoz Sprint: R. Moore, Extravagant Kid (T: B. Walsh); Race 5, UAE Derby: W. Buick, Rebel's Romance (T: C. Appleby); Race 6, Dubai Golden Shaheen: A. Fersu. Zenden (T: C. David); Race 7, Dubai Turf: F. Dettori: Lord North (T: J. Gosden); Race 8, Dubai Sheema Classic: D. Egan, Mishriff (T. J. Gosden); Race 9, Dubai World Cup: L. Saez, Mystic Guide (T: M.Stidham).

Besides the Dubai Races, there was the \$ 750,000 Florida Derby with 100 qualifying votes for the Kentucky Derby! Known Agenda ridden by Irad Ortiz (T: T. Pletcher) won over Soup N Sandwich and heavily favored Greatest Honor, ridden by Irad's brother Jose. (Greatest Honor ran into traffic getting out of the gate.)

At Turfway Park, Kentucky, we were thrilled to see Drayden Van Dyke win the Jeff Ruby Stakes on Like a King (T: W. Ward). (Jamie Newell Photo)

Congrats to Trainer Richard Baltas, jockey Umberto Rispoli and Going to Vegas, great Santa Anita Stakes win; and trainer Bob Baffert, jockey Edwin Maldonado and Ax Man, awesome Santana Mile Stakes. (Benoit Photos.)

This year's Kentucky Derby will be launched April 30-May 1. It's the first leg of the Triple Crown. A future column will elaborate on getting into the Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown winners!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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A PINOT LIKE NONE OTHER

I've written right here many times about wines and their status of trend and popularity. One spring the popular wine is a merlot and the next it's back to chardonnay. Is there a Sideways movie sequel on the horizon?

I called my friend Anthony Riboli , Anthony is a fourth generation winemaker with San Antonio Winery, LA's oldest active winery and producer of some fine wines including a Pinot Noir straight from the highlands of Santa Lucia near Monterey. The wine falls under the label of San Simeon. I took a tour with Anthony just last week and he showed me the French Oak barrels that his Pinot Noir juice is stored for at least 10 months in. Anthony tells me that "Monterey is great for Pinot Noir due to its cool climate, which is highly influenced by fog and wind from the Monterey Bay. These weather conditions allow optimal fruit maturation and concentration of flavors, such as black cherry and raspberry. "



Lucky enough for me the Down Town Winery has a tasting area. I enjoyed the fruit driven flavors that Anthony spoke about plus light tannins that the oak ageing produced for this Pinot. Pinot Noir is one of the most resilient grapes, I can see why it's popularity is skyrocketing. This reasonably priced Pinot Noir will be the perfect addition to any backyard BBQ or weekend pasta meal with family and friends, Anthony says since the wine is versatile it is ready to open, drink and enjoy. Take your own tour call ahead (323) 223-1401 the bonus is that you don't have to drive too far for real wine tasting.

Dills Score 90
Alcohol 14.9

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.
Tune into Dining w/ Dills Sunday 5 PM on KLAA AM Radio
Email Peter at thechefknows@yahoo.com and follow me on Twitter [@KINGOFCUISINE](https://twitter.com/KINGOFCUISINE)



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LA COUNTY MOVES TO THE ORANGE TIER

Los Angeles County has met the threshold for the less restrictive orange tier in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

A revised Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will go into effect on Monday, April 5 at 12:01 a.m. to reflect newly permitted activities. This allows the County to follow the state guidelines and wait until three weeks are completed in the red tier to be sure that case numbers do not rise this third week since the County's earlier re-openings. The Health Officer Order and modified directives for businesses will be posted today, with an effective date of April 5. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health teams will be available this week and through the weekend to provide information about upcoming changes, allowing establishments to be prepared for full compliance with the required safety modifications.

L.A. County is working to ensure that eligible residents and workers in hard hit communities have increased access to vaccines. For information about who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in L.A. County, how to make an appointment if it is your turn, what verifications you will need to show at your vaccination appointment, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

SECTOR/ACTIVITY	RED TIER	ORANGE TIER *Effective Monday, April 5 at 12:01 AM*
RESTAURANTS	Indoor dining with modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer• 8 feet distancing between tables• One household per table (max 6 people) Outdoor dining with modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Max 6 persons per table from up to 3 different households	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity increases to 50% or 200 people, whichever is less.• Modifications for indoor and outdoor dining same as Red Tier.
BARS with no meal service	Closed	Outdoor only, with modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masking required, except while eating or drinking• Tables 8 feet apart with no counter seating/service. Max 6 persons per table from up to 3 different households• No live entertainment• Closed for on-site consumption after 10:00 pm
BREWERIES & WINERIES with no meal service	Outdoor only	Indoor at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masking required, except while eating or drinking• Tables 8 feet apart with no counter seating• Indoors: 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer. Reservations required, 90 minute limit. Max 6 persons per table from 1 household• Outdoors: Max 6 persons per table from up to 3 different households. TV viewing permitted outdoors only• Closed for on-site consumption after 10:00 pm
MOVIE THEATERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity at 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer• Reserved seating required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity at 50% or 200 people, whichever is fewer• Reserved seating to allow 6 feet of distance in all directions• Eating only in designated area or in seat
GYMS, FITNESS CENTERS AND YOGA STUDIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity at 10%• Masking always required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity at 25%• Masking always required• Indoor pools can open
MUSEUMS, ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity at 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor capacity at 50%
For more information, visit covid19.lacounty.gov/recovery  Roadmap to Recovery  Public Health		

LOCAL STATISTICS AS OF 04/02/2021

LA COUNTY CASES: 1,220,849 DEATHS: 23,235

CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,270	69
Arcadia	57,754	2,656	128
Bradbury	1,069	35	0
Duarte	22,016	2,287	92
Monrovia	38,800	3,124	74
Pasadena	141,371	11,144	335
Sierra Madre	10,989	458	13

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.

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Our Service Club is collecting food items for the homeless lunches that they provide, in addition to hygiene kits as they have started to provide mobile showers for the homeless at their sites in Monrovia and Pasadena. Hygiene (i.e. shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste) items can be travel size.

The donation box is outside the office at SMMS and labeled Foothill Unity. For questions contact Maria Decker: maria.decker@gmail.com.

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1 sweet snack
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2 granola bars
Fruit cup
Water
Juice

HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS:

2 pair socks
Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Hand Sanitizer or wipes
Comb
Water

Towels (for mobile showers)

ARCADIA UNIFIED'S DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED 2021 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

ARCADIA-- Less than 4% of California's more than 2,650 public middle and high schools have been named in this year's 2021 California Distinguished Schools Program, and Arcadia Unified's Dana Middle School is one of the distinguished few.

"In a year unlike any other for public education, it's wonderful news to have Dana Middle School recognized as a 2021 California Distinguished School," said Arcadia Unified Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdal. "For over a year now, educators and school staff have been called upon to go above and beyond in adjusting and adapting to delivering instruction and supporting students and families no matter the setting. Fortunately for us, going above and beyond is second nature for our Arcadia Unified team, making this recognition something shared and celebrated across our entire district."

Dana Middle School last received this distinction in 2013. The Arcadia community also recently

had a chance to take an inside look at Dana Middle School through Arcadia Unified's new School Spotlight series. During this spotlight, the school's students, teachers, staff, and administrators shared more about the work, learning, and community-building that has continued on through distance learning.

"I think that Dana creates a safe community for all students regardless of their background," shared Dana Middle School 7th grader Sophia Ren when asked what she likes most about her school. "The teachers are dedicated to helping students reach their full potential. Dana is a nurturing and fun environment that I look forward to going to every day, even online!"

Over the years, every Arcadia Unified elementary and middle school has been named a California Distinguished School. Most recently, Arcadia Unified's Holly Avenue Elementary and Longley Way Elementary Schools were named 2018 California Distinguished Schools. The California Distinguished Schools

Program recognizes elementary and middle and high schools in alternate years, which means honorees hold their California Distinguished School title for two years.

Sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE) and presented by California Casualty, the California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes schools for one of two accomplishments: demonstrating significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap or achieving exceptional student performance.

The 2021 California Distinguished Schools honorees will be recognized via a virtual ceremony that the CDE will announce at a later date. Additional details on the California Distinguished Schools program may be found at cde.ca.gov. For information about Dana Middle School, visit da.ausd.net and for more information about the Arcadia Unified School District, visit www.ausd.net.

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...for our cousins to hunt when they visit!



Kids: color stuff in!



Yay! Easter is almost here! There's so much to do that my cousin Harry the Hare is here to help me get ready.

What do you know about the Easter holiday? Easter is an important Christian holiday. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Easter is the celebration of his "new life after death." It is a time of great joy.

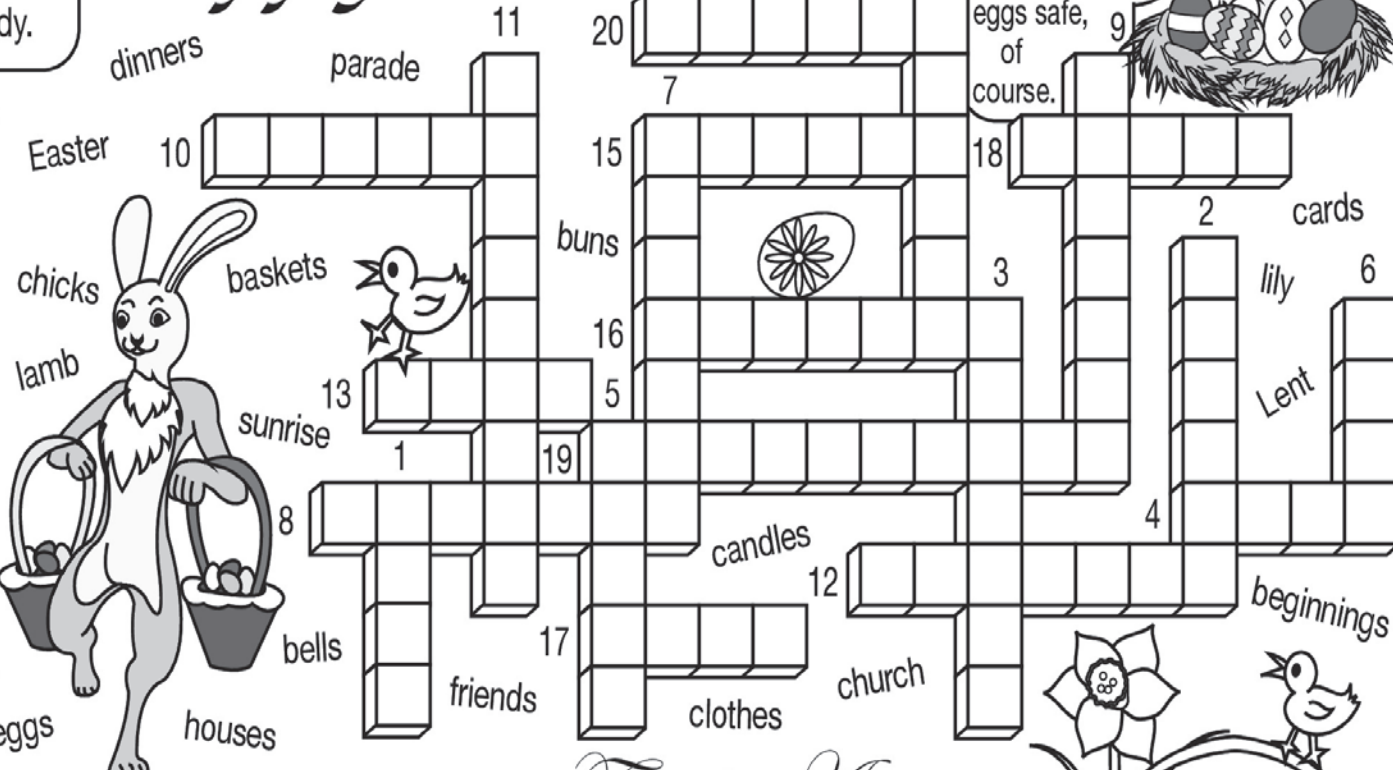
Families spend a lot of time getting ready: cleaning, decorating, planning meals, and getting their best clothes ready for church.

My crossword puzzle is about Easter and what families are doing. **Can you read the clues to fill it in?**

Easter Time:

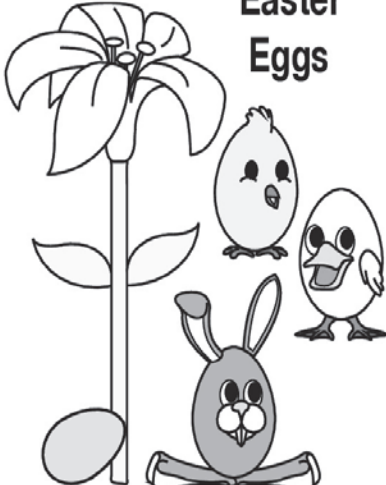
- the 40 days before Easter; for some people a time for prayer and fasting; many people "give up something," like desserts
- many Easter services are held at this beginning of a new day
- ring with joy
- burn with bright light
- Easter Bunny brings these, with treats in them...
- with this kind of rabbit often in the middle
- beautiful, white flower that stands for "new life after death"
- soft, yellow baby animals also used as a symbol of new life
- gentle animal sometimes used as a symbol of Jesus
- dawning of a new day; can be a time for this

Happy Easter!



chocolate

3 Cute Easter Eggs



Families Are:

- cleaning _____ and decorating
- dying and decorating _____
- baking hot cross _____
- dressing in their best _____
- going to _____ services
- visiting _____ and relatives
- hunting for _____ eggs
- enjoying delicious ham _____
- sending _____ and buying flowers
- marching in an Easter _____

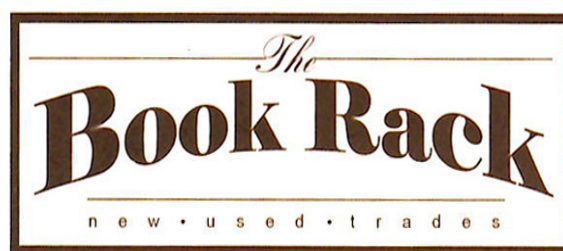




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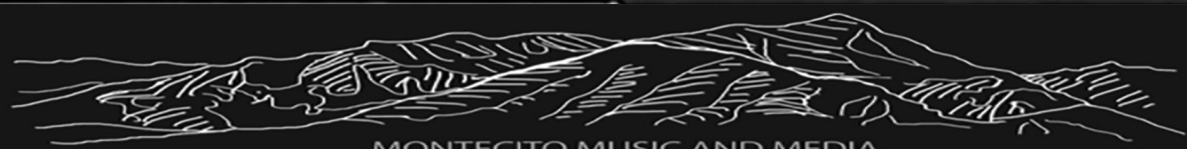


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HOW TO HELP YOUR ELDERLY PARENT WITH THEIR FINANCES

Dear Savvy Senior:
What tips can you offer on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 84-year-old father is having trouble keeping up with his bills and insurance, and I just found out that he's been making contributions to a suspicious charity. Reluctant Daughter



Dear Reluctant:

Many adult children serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your dad.

Start with a Conversation
Taking on the task of helping an elderly parent with their finances can be a sensitive and difficult topic. The first step in helping your dad is to have a respectful talk with him expressing your concerns, as you stated in your question, and offering to help him with his financial chores. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your dad will know everyone is concerned.

Get Organized
If your dad is willing to let you help manage, monitor or take over his financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of his financial accounts and other important information. Your list should include his:

Contact list: Names and numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.

Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.

Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets he has. Also get usernames and passwords for financial accounts that are set up online.

Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from his current or former employer.

Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.

Taxes: Copies of your dad's income tax returns over the past few years.

Locate Important Documents
This is also the ideal time to find out if your dad has the following essential legal documents: A will; an advance directive that includes a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you or another family member or friend to make medical decisions on his behalf if he becomes incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you or a designated person similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If he doesn't have these important documents prepared, now is the time to do it. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated, and you know where they're located.

Simplify Financial Tasks
The quickest way to help your dad simplify his monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills and arrange for direct deposit of his income sources.

If your dad has savings and investments scattered in many different accounts, you should consider consolidating them. You can also set up your dad's bank system and investment accounts online, so you can pay bills and monitor his accounts anytime.

Set Up Protections
To guard against scams and risky financial behaviors, consider getting your dad a True Link Visa Prepaid Card (TrueLinkFinancial.com/card). Designed for older adults with cognitive issues this card would provide your dad access to his money but with restrictions that you set on how funds can be spent. Or check out EverSafe.com, a web-based service that will automatically monitor your dad's accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when a problem is detected.

Seek Help
If you need help or live far away, consider hiring a daily money manager (see AADMM.com) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance his checkbook. Fees range between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



3 WAYS TO SAVE BIG MONEY ON YOUR 2020 TAXES—PART 2

While there are dozens of potential tax breaks available for 2020, last week in part one of this series, we highlighted three ways you can save big money on your 2020 tax return. Here in part two, we'll discuss three more ways you can save.

1. New Rules for Early Withdrawals from Retirement Accounts
If your finances were seriously impacted by last year's economic turmoil, you may have needed to withdraw funds from your retirement accounts

to cover your expenses. And thanks to new rules under the CARES Act, you have more flexibility to make an emergency withdrawal from tax-deferred retirement accounts in 2020, without incurring the normal penalties.

Typically, permanent withdrawals from traditional IRAs or 401(k) accounts are taxed at ordinary income rates in the year the funds were taken out. And pulling out money before age 59 1/2 would also typically cost you a 10% penalty.

But thanks to the CARES Act, you can avoid the 10% penalty (if under 59 1/2) on up to \$100,000 in pandemic-related distributions from your retirement account in 2020. You are also allowed to spread such distributions over three years to reduce the tax impact. Or better yet, you can opt to put this money back into your retirement account—also within three years—and avoid paying taxes on the money all together.

However, because early withdrawals can negatively impact your retirement savings down the road, if you are looking to take advantage of this provision, you should consult with your financial advisor first. Also, note that employers are not required to participate in this provision of the CARES Act, so you'll also need to check with your plan administrator to see if it's available at your workplace.

2. Medical Deductions
If you had hefty medical bills in 2020, you might be able to get some tax relief using increased deductions. Under the CARES Act, you can deduct any medical expenses above 7.5% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Your AGI is your total income minus any other deductions you've already taken.

For example, if your AGI was \$100,000, you can deduct qualified unreimbursed medical expenses that exceeded \$7,500 in 2020. However, you have to itemize your deductions in order to write off these expenses.

3. Child Tax Credit
If you have minor children aged 16 or younger, the Child Tax Credit is one of the most effective ways to reduce your federal income tax bill—and there are special rules for 2020 that can save you even more.

For your 2020 taxes, you can claim up to \$2,000 per qualified child as a tax credit, and under rules due to the pandemic, you can use either your 2019 income or your 2020 income to calculate your credit—which ever year offers the most savings. The credit begins to phase out when your AGI reaches \$75,000 for single filers, \$150,000 for joint filers, and \$112,500 for head of household filers.

What's more, with the passage of President Biden's new ARP this March, the child tax credit is set to get even bigger in 2021. When you file your taxes next year, the per child credit will go up to \$3,000 or \$3,600, depending on your child's age.

Maximize Your Tax Savings for 2020
These are just a few of the numerous tax breaks available for 2020. Indeed, there are plenty of other deductions and credits that might be up for grabs depending on your situation. Meet with your tax advisor to make sure you don't miss out on a single one.

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Howard Rubin, Anita Hardy, Hattie Harris, Wendy Senou, Mary Harley, Bette White, Dorothy White, Doris Behrens, Freda Bernard, Beth Copti, Terri Cummings, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Betty Jo Gregg, Barbara Lampman, Betty Mackie, Elizabeth Rassmusen, Maria Reyes, Anne Schryver, Christine Bachwansky, Colleen McKernan, Sandy Swanson, Hank Landsberg, Ken Anhalt, Shannon Vandavelde, Wendy Senour * To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

TEA AND TALK – SENIOR BOOK CLUB – SECOND
staff is launching a new book club series the Tea and Talk that will meet virtually every other week and discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

If you are interested in participating in what I hope will become a fan favorite please call Lawren Heinz at 626-355-5278 or send an email to lhein@cityofsierramadre.com. Once I have received a minimum of 5 participants I can announce the start date and tentative length of time for each selection.

The first book of this fun new program will be “Code Name Helene” by Ariel Lawhon. Based on the thrilling REAL-LIFE STORY of socialite spy Nancy Wake, comes the newest feat of historical fiction from the New York Times bestselling author of I Was Anastasia, featuring the astonishing woman who killed a Nazi with her bare hands and went on to become one of the most decorated women in WWII.

TAX ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of assistance with your 2020 taxes please know that help is a phone call away. Don Brunner, Tax Saver, is not accepting in person consultations at the moment but available for a phone or email consult. Please call him at 626-447-8829 or email TAXSAVERD@gmail.com

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

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

IDEAS

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

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

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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

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

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



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

SEEING CAN BE RATHER EXPENSIVE

As I get older, and my goal is to get as old as I can, I begin to realize some of the things I haven't noticed in my life. You know how it is; things creep up little by little, and then all of a sudden, there it is.

That happened to me recently with my eyes. Since I was in the ninth grade (I will not disclose the year), I have been wearing glasses and have become used to wearing them. Every year I would have them upgraded, and the upgrade was little by little until if I took my glasses off, I couldn't see my real self.

The advantage of that is, I don't wear my glasses when I look in the bathroom mirror. That saves me a lot of problems. What am I going to do what I can really see?

About two years ago, when I was at the eye doctor, he noticed some things in my eyes.

“You have cataracts in both eyes.”

I was caught by surprise and did know what he was talking about, but I responded despite that.

"No, Dr.," I said rather seriously, "I do not have a Cadillac, let alone two, but I do have a Chevrolet. I'm quite happy with my Chevrolet; thank you."

The doctor looked at me as though he was looking at some crazy person. Then he said something that somewhat confused me. "Do you think I'm a psychologist?"

Looking at me straight in the eyes, he said, "You have cataracts in your eyes."

"Well," I said, looking at him, "I did have my eye on several Cadillacs, the one I liked was a brilliant blue. The only problem with that Cadillac was I couldn't afford it. But I must tell you I'm still eyeing that Cadillac."

"Look at me," the doctor said rather sternly, "I am not talking about Cadillacs; I'm talking about cataracts in your eyes. You will need surgery to remove those cataracts."

I must say I felt a little embarrassed. I don't know if the doctor spoke with a lisp or I was hearing with a lisp, I thought he said Cadillac, which confused me.

He then explained what this cataract business was all about and how I should go and get them removed and replaced.

That was almost two years ago, and because of the pandemic, everything pretty much shut down.

Then recently, things began to open up, and I could go to the eye clinic and get prepped for surgery. As they explained it to me, it would take approximately six weeks to have it done, although the surgery itself would be about 15 minutes. They had to do one eye

and then two weeks later do the other eye. There were two weeks of preparation before and two weeks after to complete the process.

The eye clinic was on the other side of town, and I could not drive my vehicle when I went to visit them. Henceforth, my chauffeur for those appointments was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Then the day of the actual surgery came, and I was chauffeured to the eye clinic and went in for the preparation. I'm not sure why so much paperwork is needed these days, but I signed paper after paper after paper. I got to the point where I almost forgot what my name was.

Then I went in, and the nurse took me to prepare for the doctor's surgery. The nurse spent about an hour and a half with me while the doctor used only 15 minutes.

There comes a point when I have had enough. You go through all the routine in checking the blood pressure and extracting blood from my body. I know it's all necessary, but it sure can be monotonous.

She was finishing all of the prep work and was ready to take me in so that the doctor could do the surgery on my cataract.

At that point, I said very seriously, "Could I change my mind?"

She looked at me and sighed very deeply, and I could see she was not a happy camper. But she said very calmly, "Yes, you can change your mind if you really want to."

"Great," I chirped, "can I have your mind?"

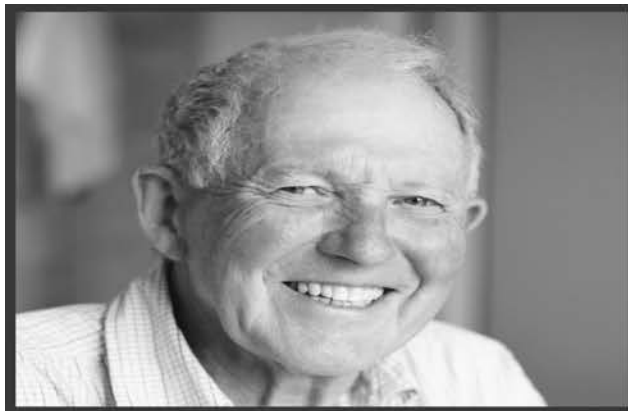
Staring at me, she then gave me a piece of her mind. I didn't see that one coming.

The surgery went fine, and I was surprised. I have been wearing glasses for a long time, and now, out of my left eye, I could see almost perfectly, whatever that is. I couldn't see up close, and the doctor said I would probably need reading glasses. But I have never seen the world so bright as I did that day.

Darkness seems to creep up on a person without that person even knowing it. That happened with me. Nothing is better than seeing the brightness of the light.

As my wife was driving me home, I happen to think of a verse of Scripture. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).




Sometimes I get discouraged by the darkness around me and don't realize how dark it is. But when I put my eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible, I see that marvelous light that lighteth the world.



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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THE MYTHICAL, MYSTICAL, MAGICAL OWL

I really enjoy observing the wildlife that resides in and around Sierra Madre, and I absolutely adore hearing the musical calls of birds echoing through the air. I especially love hearing the audacious calls that come from the enormous birds of prey living among us. In fact, when I hear the unique, low-tone hooting of an owl, I feel a sense of warmth and comfort that is hard for me to describe. Just knowing that owls nest in the trees close to where I live is like an honor to me. We are truly blessed with nature's goodness in our hillside village!

I once read an article entitled Homeless Owls Need Homes, Too, about a project that provides alternative habitation for owls rendered homeless due to development in the San Gabriel Valley. I contacted the author, Steve Scauzillo to ask him a few questions, and he was kind enough to take the time to chat with me. Steve admitted that he is not an owl expert and may not be the best person to consult about local owls. His column covers a variety of current issues and concerns regarding the environment, and this particular article just happened to be about owls. Steve suggested that I contact Kimball Garrett at the LA Museum of Natural History, who truly is an expert on owls, so I gave Kimball a call.

Kimball Garret was more than willing to share what he knows about the owls that inhabit our foothills. Apparently there are a few types that might be seen nesting in the forest right behind us and visiting our village, but the ones we typically hear exuding resonant hooting sounds are Great Horned Owls (*Bubo virginianus pacificus*). He explained that this particular owl is more prominent in our parts because they are adaptable to changes in their environment, so they are willing and able to find alternative nesting spots when preferred locations are not available. Great Horned Owls prefer nesting in very tall trees, but when trees go missing, which seems to be more of a trend now than ever in our town, the Great Horned Owl is wise enough to take up residence in lower lying canopies. Some will even nest in man-made boxes built on stilts where they are protected from predators, high winds and hard rains.

Like all living things, owls play a very important part in keeping nature in balance. With this in mind, the next time you are tempted to complain about having too many rats running around in your yard or under your house, let it be a reminder of how important the big trees are. Indeed, big trees provide a place where owls and other birds of prey will stay and help keep that rat population in check. This is also a good reason not to use poisons to kill rodents, as what you are actually doing is poisoning birds of prey.

I had a remarkable experience with a couple of local owls on the morning my dad passed away. I slept in a little later than usual that Saturday morning, so I was still lying in bed around 8am when I suddenly heard two owls calling out in unison, one slightly higher pitched than the other. They were so close and so loud that the huge picture window on the north wall of my room seemed to vibrate from the resonance. My husband was there to witness the experience, so I can always rely on his confirmation when

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



I share this story that may otherwise sound unbelievable!

We both laid there listening, amazed at how loud those owls were. We assumed they had to be very close, maybe even perched in the avocado tree in our side yard. To me, having owls visit my property is a blessing, like nature's reward for being a good steward on behalf of the environment. This is not to say I think I am a saint when it comes to giving earth the respect it deserves, but I do try my best to treat it with kindness by cleaning up trash I find on the trails and sidewalks, and abstaining from the use of toxic chemicals. I also allow fallen leaves to remain where they lie, so they can return to the soil and nourish the trees and fauna they fell from. I even talk to trees, telling them how important they are and how thankful I am for their beauty, their shade, their photosynthesis and their fruit. I truly believe that humane and respectful treatment toward any living thing is our duty as human beings.

When I heard those owls hooting away so loudly near my bedroom window that morning, I thought is sounded like some sort of heavenly choir singing a sacred hymn just for me. A while later, I was up and making coffee when I received the call from my family back east, telling me the sad news that my father had just passed away. When I hung up the phone, I sat for a while crying and trying to take it in, that I would never again get to see or talk to my dad. With such shocking news to process, the owls left my thoughts completely until that afternoon when it dawned on me; at the very moment my dad died, I was lying in bed listening to the amazing sound of two owls hooting louder than I had ever heard before.

There are many mysterious, mystical myths associated with the owl, passed down through oral traditions of various peoples. One myth says that the owl is an omen of death soon-to-come. Another regards the owl as the bearer of the deceased soul as it passes from this world into the next. I have never subscribed to mythical theories about animals before, but I must say that the experience I had on the morning my dad passed away made me think twice about whether those ancient theories might hold some truth.

One thing that is definitely true for me is that I love these amazing birds of prey. I love them because of their beauty and elegance, their tenacity and their symbiotic relationship with nature, not to mention the fact that they provide excellent examples to us humans through their loyal, familial life-style. They work very hard to overcome life's hurdles, just to survive in today's world where fast-paced development is so quickly stealing away their habitat. I thank God every day for this beautiful earth and all its creatures, particularly the mythical, mystical, magical owl.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



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It is a time that millions of people the world over look forward to – the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. What day is that, you ask? – Easter, the day (and season) that Christians worldwide commemorate the trial, death, and resurrection from the dead of Jesus.

I grew up in a Catholic family, going to a Catholic school, and know well the Easter motif, beginning with the "giving something up" for Lent, and then Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey (in fulfillment of scriptures). When Jesus turned over the tables of the vendors, he sealed his fate because he attacked the god of most eras, money. Though Jesus had been welcome to speak in the Temple, he was still regarded by those priests as an upstart, someone who seemed to know "the Truth" in a way that they had forgotten, a man who didn't have the Temple training and no formal training to become a Rabbi. Though the elite didn't particularly care for Jesus, no one turned against him until he attacked their money system.

Every Easter I have enjoyed the inspiring messages that movie-makers have given us in their efforts to interpret the practical meaning of the Jesus message. I have particularly liked the six hour-plus presentation of "Jesus of Nazareth" produced by Franco Zeffirelli, starring Robert Powell as Jesus. It is a rare presentation that brings the story alive, and takes it out of the pages of dry church reading. You cannot help but cry, and laugh, when viewing this unique presentation. I have kept a Bible (Lamsa translation) handy when viewing this to see how well Zeffirelli brought alive these ancient writings. You will likely agree that he did a great job. Actor Robert Powell said once in an interview that this role "changed my life." Indeed.

Though too many of us have gotten lost in the pre-Christian "Easter" symbolisms of eggs, bunnies, chocolate, pastel spring clothing, etc., it is still worth fighting to realize that there is still a real story here, about someone who worked hard, was ridiculed, laughed at, even killed, in order to help us to save ourselves.

Though the churches are today all talking about the "glori-

CONSIDERING EASTER and what it means

ous resurrection," it's worth taking a moment to see that the world does not treat its Saviors and Avatars well. Jesus was treated in his day as if he was less than a common criminal. Other Significant Ones in history have been treated just as poorly. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake! Imagine that! Socrates was forced to drink poison, after a mock trial. Gandhi was gunned down in public by one of his own. Pope John Paul the First was poisoned in the Vatican after one month in office because he was going to sever the questionable ties that the Vatican had with the bankers. (Note, John Paul the First is being referred to here, not the Polish pope, John Paul the Second. Read all about it in the book "In God's Name.")

If we consider the themes of the Easter story – humble birth, hard work, trying to rise above mundanity, showing The Way to others, some sort of "death," and rising up again – then there are some excellent movies that give us this tale though in a secular perspective.

For example, you can't go wrong with the classic "Whale Rider". If you've not seen it, get it immediately. The grandfather of the traditional village is hoping for a grandson to carry on the ways. A girl is born, and grandpa figures he'll have to wait some more. But the girl is "the one." She persists in her path of learning the traditional ways. And when a test is given to the boys to see which one will become the new spiritual leader, the girl nearly dies, but passes the test. She is the one. You have to see it, and feel it, and experience that Saviorness can occur at any time, anywhere. Of course, there are certain requirements, but chief among them is the willingness and desire to do the work required, and then doing that work.

"Powder" is another excellent movie that somewhat depicts the elements of the Easter theme, though not precisely. It has been described as a secular story of a Savior, and his departure. It's also worth watching to see how most of us treat our fellow man.

Yes, some of you will read your Encyclopedia and learn about the pre-Christian roots of Easter. There is no denying that the Holy Day, as practiced generally today, has so-called "pagan" roots, because the Catholic Church chose to overlay their new traditions over older prevailing pagan traditions. This may bother you, or it may not. Either way, you can still observe this day and find the way to use the major themes for your personal upliftment, and for the upliftment of those around you.

Katnip News!



BEAUTIFUL LADY "MARMALADE"

This young beauty is definitely a "girly girl." Marmalade, age 2, is named for the beautiful orange color of the

popular jam, and, like the jam, is sweet and a little bit tarty! She is a good listener and will do what she is told, but if she doesn't like something, she will tell you. Once she warms up to you, she will cuddle and groom you if you sit calmly next to her, but she doesn't like to be groomed herself! She can be fussy and particular, just like a girl, according to her foster mom. Marmalade does not like to get her fur dirty, and will pick up her food with her paw to eat. This little lady would like to be the only pet in the home, where she can get ALL the attention and reign supreme! See more pictures, adoption information and application on our website at the More Cats page at www.lifelineforpets.org



Pet of the Week

Bree is a happy dog who loves meeting new people and playing with toys. This one-year-old pup is pretty smart, and already knows her "sit"! She's a strong dog who's excited about walks, so she needs a strong person who can hold her leash. Bree would do best as the only dog in the home so she doesn't have to share her bandana collection. Bree has a lot of fun puppy energy, and can't wait to find her special someone to play and snuggle with!

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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 day at 5:00 p.m. for the following day.

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- 1) Towels. When we do Spay/Neuter clinics we put towels in every metal cage to make it more comfy. We also clean up with them. So if you have used towels you don't need, we need 'em! They can be stained, frayed, even a small hole here or there, just as long as they are clean. Put them in a plastic trash bag, and drop them under the mailboxes at 70 E. Montecito Ave... we cannot get enough towels! Love 'em!!
- 2) Portable canopies. Our big canopy got destroyed in the windstorm. We have a small one, but we could use one or two more. It's to shade our staff and clients when they come to the Spay/Neuter clinic and have to stand outside. Got one you don't use? We'll use it every weekend! Comment here and we'll connect.
- 3) Wanna volunteer? We need help checking pets in on Sundays and Mondays. We have about 20-25 people show up at about the same time, and we need to quickly process paperwork and get their pets safely into the clinic for surgery.

It's 730am until about 930am on Sundays and Mondays at Gate 7 of Santa Anita, right off Baldwin before you get down to the mall. You don't have to volunteer every day, but a couple times a month minimum would be good. There is a minor bit of training involved, and you get much better at it with experience, so we are looking for a bit of a commitment if you wanna help. Let me know, again, comment and I will arrange for us to get in touch. THANKS!!

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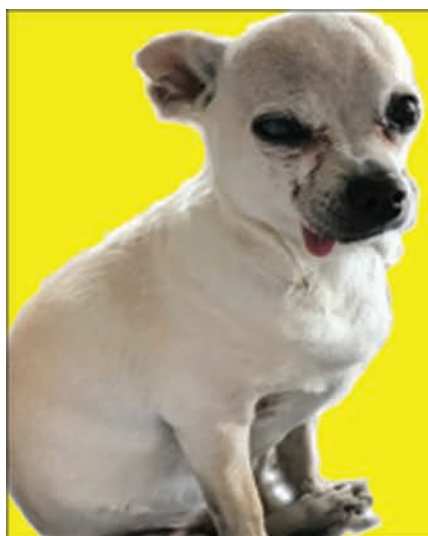
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STUART TOLCHIN



GROWING UP WITH PRIDE

My boyhood ended in 1961, the year that I graduated High School and began College carpooling with friends from North Hollywood to Westwood. Until then I lived a very sheltered life bicycling to and from school, doing my newspaper routes and then rushing back home to help my dad fill orders in the truck in which he carried cigarettes, candy, and sundries his next day deliveries. My world was small but it didn't feel that way. Working nightly with my Dad and knowing that he was losing his eyesight but trying to keep that secret from the rest of the family gave me a sense of responsibility together with an overall anxiety about what was going to happen if he could not pass his eye test to renew his drivers license and continue to support our family.

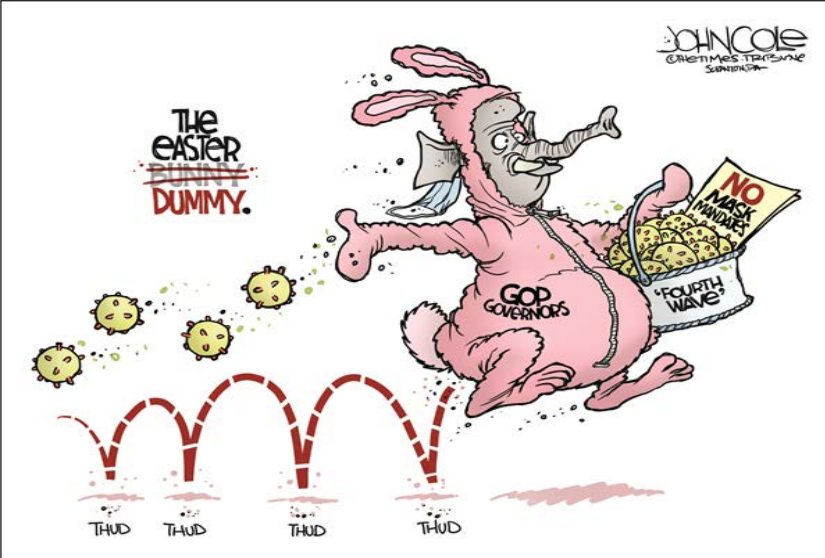
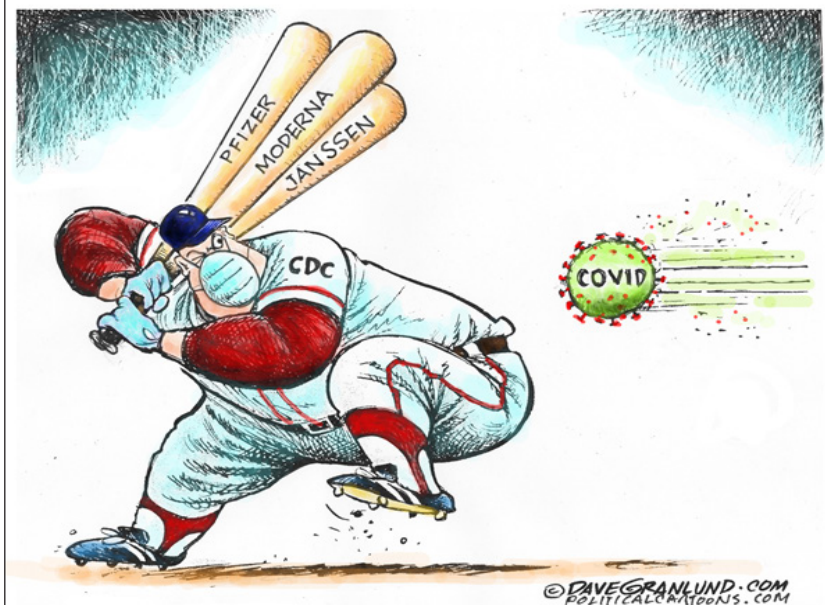
One of my proudest moments was when I snuck into the DMV office and memorized the eyechart, then went over the letters with my Dad. To this day I still remember those letters and am proud of myself and my Dad. My Dad seemed to have one goal and that was to take care of his family. We all worked together to survive. During the day my mom would take the orders from customers over the phone and at night my friends and I would fill the orders for delivery. As far as I knew the friends that helped were never paid and didn't expect to be paid.

During high school I never went out on a date or had much contact with girls. The telephone was off limits as it had to be kept clear for business calls and calls from distant relatives that we worried about. Also, there were charges for toll calls which meant that phone calls were a huge luxury which should be avoided; avoided as much as leaving the lights on in a room when the room wasn't being used. (My wife says I still forget.) In the summer, every week day I would drive with my dad in our truck helping him to deliver the orders to the customers. On occasion when my Dad was unable to drive, he suffered from gout and diabetes just like I do, I would actually make the deliveries myself and my parents would congratulate me and I felt very proud. Really I had very few dreams for myself other than perhaps hitting a home run in a baseball game which I never did.

What is the point of recounting this history to you? Right now I'm contemplating putting all of my articles into a book, there are over 400 of them, and sending that book out to my friends with little expectation that the book will ever be read. Even in this time of forced inactivity associated with the Covid Virus, my friends to whom I send the articles each week seem to have barely enough time to read them and then reply to me with their reactions. I long to receive these replies and hope that something in my articles moves my friends and my imaginary readers to experience their own feeling and fears and achievements in the privacy of their own minds. When this happens I feel very proud and complete and believe I am fulfilling my responsibility to the world.

Of course, another reason is that I want my granddaughter to someday read them. It is my dream that in twenty years, when I am no longer around, she may be interested in looking at the articles. I like to imagine that at this time she would share the writings with my son who has always had great trouble reading. Today my wife and my son and I took my granddaughter to a local park. My wife and I are getting older and more fatigued each day and it was a great pleasure to me to watch my son supervise his niece on the swings and slides. I loved hearing her call him "Uncle" and I imagine them having a close and affectionate relationship for the rest of their lives. Really, if that relationship grows to allow her to share my articles with him I couldn't be more proud and I imagine my deceased parents experiencing a kind of cosmic pride as well. Alright, I have done my best to explain to you why these articles exist and why they are important to me. I know that this is an inadequate and incomplete explanation of why these articles are written in the first place. The further explanation is that the articles arise as integral to my responsibilities to my parents, my children, to you, and to the rest of the world and that I am doing the best that I can.

We have all learned during this virus crisis about what is important to us. Right at the top of that list is our connection with those we love, past, present, and future, and to the whole world. Times have changed and we all live very differently but with a kind of privilege that could absolutely not be imagined even at the time I graduated High School.



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DICK POLMAN THIS TIME INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK IS FOR REAL!



What welcome words these were, from a newly elected president: "We're going to rebuild our infrastructure...our highways bridges, tunnels, airports...which will become second to none, and we will put millions of our people to work as we rebuild it."

That must be Uncle Joe, right?

Think again people. That was Trump, riffing in the wee hours of the dark night he was elected in 2016. But predictably, his

purported quest to repair our crumbling infrastructure turned out to be just another con.

So how refreshing it is to finally have an administration that's willing to go big, because nothing less will suffice.

President Biden's progressive infrastructure plan carries a price tag 10 times bigger than the one Trump failed to fight for. He wants to pay for it by hiking taxes on those most able to afford it, and the public is on board. According to the latest national poll, 54 percent of Americans support a plan financed by a higher corporate tax rate and tax increases on people making more than \$400,000 a year. (Only 27 percent oppose the idea.)

With the wind at his back, Biden is well aware that now is the time to push hard for necessary transformational change. He clearly wants to be an acronym president in the mold of FDR and LBJ. "I'm convinced that if we act now, in 50 years people are going to look back and say this was the moment that America won the future," he said Wednesday.

Will he get everything he wants? Probably not. Republicans have already rediscovered their hostility to debts and deficits, neither of which they cared about during the MAGA era, so they'll likely do nothing to help Biden repair America and put people back to work. The whole concept of using federal spending to address long-festered crises (economic, social, foundational) is anathema to a cult-of-personality party that equates governance with trash talking on Twitter. And it's hard to foresee the GOP buying Biden's provisions to expand Amtrak.

In the end, it may be necessary in the Senate to squeeze the infrastructure plan through the "reconciliation" procedure (as happened with the COVID-19 rescue plan) because it's budget-related and thus would require only a simple (Democratic) majority rather than the artificial 60-vote filibuster threshold. And along the way, some wish-list provisions that don't quite meet the definition of "infrastructure" (strengthening labor unions; spending \$400 billion on home caretakers for the elderly and disabled) could wind up excised.

Nor are all Democrats united on everything. Some progressives still don't think the infrastructure plan is big enough, while some centrists think it's too ambitious for the business groups that need to be brought on board. On the other hand, surely there's some common ground, even between the parties, because who can possibly be "against" repairing highways and bridges - which will create jobs in every state, red and blue?

The time is now to go bold, because if not now, when? Biden's plan in the broadest sense connects with Democrats and independents - and by any measure of self-interest, it theoretically should appeal to Republican Senate and House members who care about bringing home the bacon to their states and districts. They'll probably vote against it anyway, then boast in press releases about the arriving bacon - as many have done with the COVID-19 rescue benefits.

Most importantly, a president whose election derailed America's march to autocracy feels the weight of this historic crossroads. As he said Wednesday, "I truly believe we're in a moment where history is going to look back on this time as a fundamental choice having been made between democracies and autocracies... It's a basic question. Can democracies still deliver for their people? Can they get a majority? I believe we can. I believe we must."

When Obamacare was enacted a decade ago, Biden famously blurted that it was "a big f-g deal." What he's proposing now is far more ambitious - much to the surprise of those on the left who fought him in the Democratic primaries.

If he can pull off a sizeable chunk of the sweeping infrastructure package, that BFD could put him in the history books as JRB.

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

MICHAEL REAGAN

TAKE ME OUT TO FEWER BALL GAMES



The Pandemic of 2020 was a tragedy for the whole world.

But our all-out war against the coronavirus taught Americans a bunch of important lessons.

It proved that our political system in Washington is a partisan train wreck.

It proved that you can't teach kids by Zoom as well as you can in person.

It proved that the CDC doesn't know what it's doing and Blue State governors will issue sweeping lockdowns even when they have no idea how much collateral harm they'll do to the rest of society.

And on a much, much lighter note - and as a way to mark Opening Day of the 2021 Major League Baseball season - the pandemic proved to us that America's former national past-time doesn't need a 162-game season.

Last year, because of lockdowns, teams played only 60 fan-free games, but the shorter season was probably good for everybody except ushers, vendors and betting parlors.

I'm not the first baseball fan who watches the Weather Channel regularly to point out that starting the season in April and ending it in November in North America is crazy.

For instance, on Thursday in Chicago the Cubs and Pirates started their opener at 2:30 p.m. with the temperature at 34 and a wind chill in the low 20s.

The game slogged on for nearly four hours and the Pirates won. No word yet on survivors.

The toll of frostbitten fans was held down only by Mayor Lightfoot's determination that "her" city's current COVID-19 statistics allowed 20 percent capacity at Wrigley Field.

In other words, instead of 41,374 shivering baseball nuts in Wrigley there were 8,274 - wearing masks when not eating or drinking hot chocolate and bunched together for about three hours in pods of four or less.

In Pittsburgh, where it snowed on Thursday, the governor of Pennsylvania has kindly allowed the Pirates to fill PNC Park to 50 percent capacity for their home opener next week - about 19,000 fans (roughly the 2019 season attendance average).

Other stadium capacities are all over the lot: 25 percent in Miami, 20 percent in Yankee Stadium and just 12 percent in Boston.

In the still great state of Texas, the capacity at the Rangers' Globe Life Field was set at 100 percent, a figure that made a nerdy writer at the New York Times gulp in fear and loathing.

Baseball is a great game, and I'm glad it's back. But it's just not as much fun anymore.

The last time it was truly fun was in 1998 when Mark McGwire's of the Cardinals and Sammy Sosa of the Cubs had their epic home run chase and both erased Roger Maris' season record of 61 set in 1961.

McGwire ended up with 70 homers and Sosa 66 and the league promoted the heck out of the race.

Though it was tainted by McGwire's admission that he used performance-enhancing drugs - "juices" that were legal at the time - it made baseball exciting, fun and something for fans to follow day by day.

Baseball was fun for Los Angeles fans last year when the Dodgers won the World Series, but the best part of the 2020 season was its shortness.

Now we're back to 162 three-hour games that won't start to mean anything for the best teams until September, when the fight for the playoffs gets serious.

I have friends who just paid \$14,000 for four season tickets to the Dodgers. That means 81 long days and nights ahead at Dodger Stadium.

I don't care how good L.A. is this year, you've got to be a certified baseball addict to endure that kind of overdose.

After last year's shortened season, baseball probably needs a 162-game schedule this year to satisfy its hardcore fan base.

But except for the major market teams with deep pockets, most teams will be out of the pennant race by mid-May and for the rest of the year they'd be thrilled to see their ballparks even a third filled.

If those teams want to pretend they are bumping up against the COVID-19 capacity limits, they better keep about 10,000 of their cardboard cutout fans ready.

-Michael Reagan, the son of President Ronald Reagan, is an author, speaker and president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation.



He Has Risen

May Your Easter Be Happy,
 May your day be bright,
 May you enjoy the treats,
 That brings you sweet delight,
 May you also remember the meaning,
 May you remember the Resurrection,
 And may your soul uplift,
 Especially, in these days that we are
 living,
 Remember to be Kind.



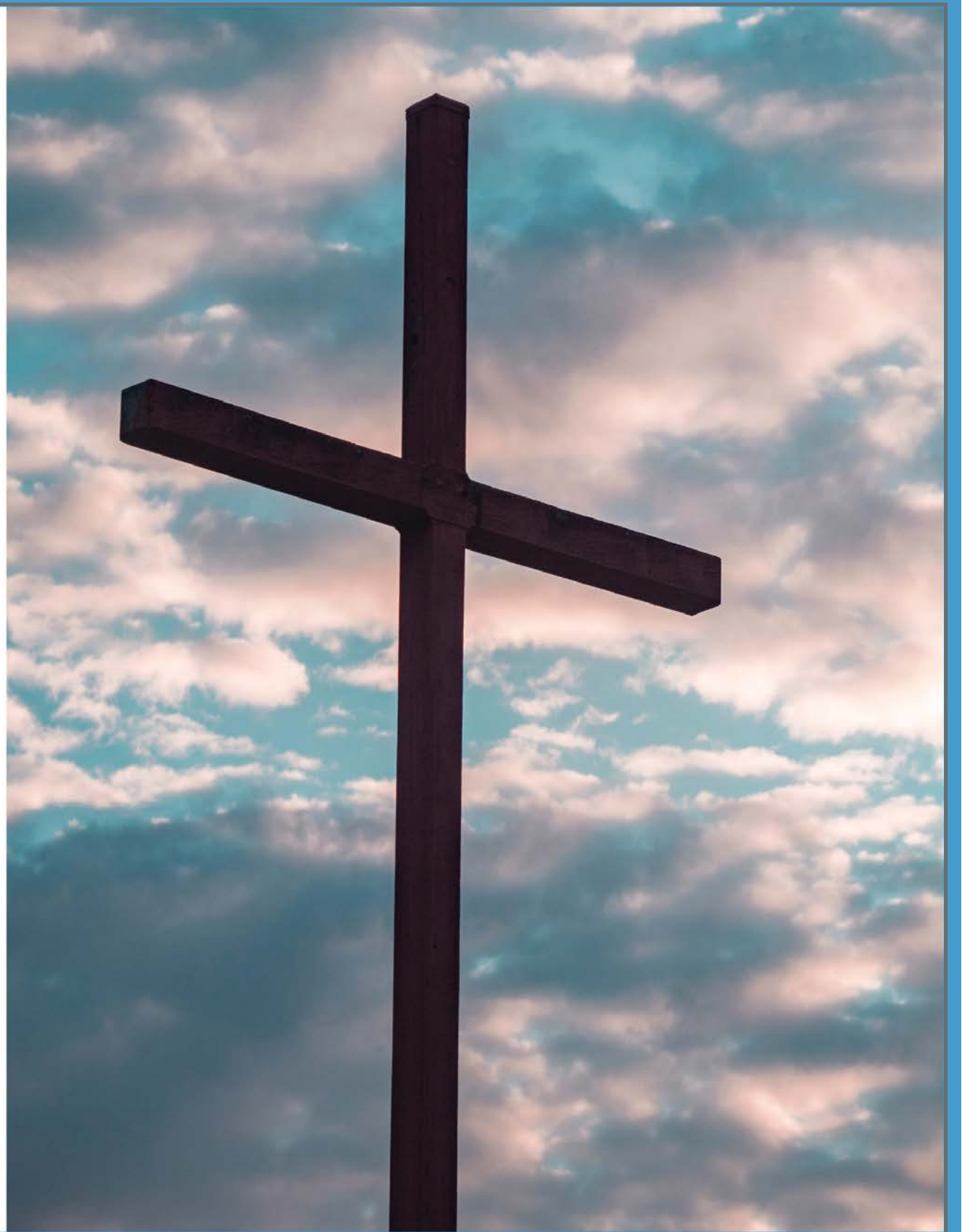
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