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Looking for a last-minute Mothers' Day gift?

Don't miss the Virtual Wine and Cuisine Tasting benefit on Friday, May 7th, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The benefit will be hosted by Jeff Champion of Rae's Place Fine Wine Boutique. Jeff is a certified wine expert who is well-known in Sierra Madre for bringing people together to appreciate the art and science of wine.

The wine tasting features Bibiana Gonzales Rave. Jeff explains, "Join us as we sit down with Bibiana Gonzales Rave, owner and winemaker of Alma de Cattleya. We'll discuss her amazing story from childhood into the world of winemaking while we enjoy two of her wonderful wines. This promises to be another great evening!"

Tickets are available for sale online at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. Registration is again a 3-step process. The \$25 registration fee to Friends of Sierra Madre Library, plus price of wines and/or Appetizer Selections from a local Sierra Madre restaurant. To be more specific, after you have paid the \$25 registration fee on the Friends of Sierra Madre Library site, you will be directed to Rae's Place Fine Wine Boutique so you can purchase your wine. Wines will be delivered to your home before the event. Once you purchase your wine, you will be provided recipes you can prepare at home that pair with the wines, or directed to pre-order an appetizer or dessert selection from Nano's Café, Savor the Flavor or Madre Made. We encourage you to support our local restaurants and businesses and this is one way you can show that support!

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

Virtual WINE TASTING

FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021
6-7:15pm



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Join us for a Virtual Wine Tasting celebrating the women in your lives and supporting the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. Featuring the women owned winery of **Alma de Cattleya** of Sonoma County hosted by Rae's Place Fine Wine Boutique and pairings with local Sierra Madre restaurants **Nano's Café, Savor the Flavor** and **Madre Made Bake Co.!**

For tickets and information please visit our website at
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READY, SET, REIMAGINED SIERRA MADRE 4TH OF JULY PARADE REGISTRATION OPEN

May 1 - June 1, 2021

The Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade is an annual tradition that is an integral part of the Sierra Madre community! This hometown parade features community members, organizations, classic cars, marching bands, kids on their decorated bikes and so much more.

Please join us for the 2021 #SMStrong Parade on Monday, July 5th, from 10:00am - 12:00 pm. The parade route will begin at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside Avenue, and the exact route is TBD based on LA County health orders at that time.

Parade participation is open to all; young, young-at-heart, and everything in between. Masks must be worn (in accordance with the most up-to-date health orders) and walking groups must be prepared to have to go mobile if the LA County Health Orders dictate.

Parade registration will open on May 1st and will close on Tuesday, June 1. All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, June 1. To register please visit the Sierra Madre 4th of July Events website at <http://www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/parade>

****Due to Pandemic Health Orders & Staging Concerns, NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!****

This event is subject to approvals from state and local governmental agencies, and could be canceled at any moment to the Health Orders.

For questions regarding parade registration please contact the 4th of July Committee at 4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com or the Community Services Department at 626.355.5278.

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/. ###

SIERRA MADRE GROUNDWATER WELL EMERGENCY REPAIRS AUTHORIZED

City Council has approved a contract to rehabilitate one of Sierra Madre's groundwater wells in need of emergency repairs.

The sole source contract was awarded to the General Pump Company for an amount not to exceed \$178,123 including a 10% contingency for emergency rehabilitation of Well 6 in Sierra Madre Park. In 2020, it was discovered during an annual test, that the Well was losing efficiency. At the time, Well 6 was producing 1,041 gallons per minute. Presently, the Well is now producing only 300 gallons per minute.

Upon inspection, the Well seemed to be rapidly deteriorating as a result of excessive vibration of the pump. Sierra Madre bares responsibility for four groundwater wells. They are all inspected annually for wear and tear. Once rehabilitated, Well 6 should return to full production capacity, just in time for the increased summer demand.

The wells generally last approximately eight to 10 years before major rehabilitation maintenance is required. The last repairs on Well 6 took place in 2011 when a steel liner was installed and the well received a water flush lubrication system. Prior to that, the Well used an oil drip system for lubrication. With the rapidly fluctuating groundwater situation in Sierra Madre, this set up was not effective as there was risk of contamination. Oil sitting on the water too long causes bacteria growth. The 2011 upgrades eliminated that threat.

The proposed rehabilitation includes:

- New well pump components.
- Rebuilding the motor.
- Cleaning disinfection of the Well.
- Replacing all worn components.
- For the full scope of work, refer to the attached proposal.

What are the Costs?

In 2020, the Water Department budgeted \$350,000 for well rehabilitation. \$196,185 was used to rehabilitate Well 5, which left \$153,815 available for well rehabilitation. The proposed project includes a 10% contingency at \$178,123. The project will be funded using budgeted well rehabilitation capital funds with the remaining \$24,308 from the 2020 District Loan. Budget FY 20-21 will be increased by \$24,308 to cover the cost.

Copies of this report can be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

Kevin McGuire/MVNews

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SIERRA MADRE WATER SUPPLY

In 1881, Nathaniel Carter purchased 1,103 acres of land from Elijah J. "Lucky" Bald-win, John Richardson, and the Southern Pacific Railroad. The land now comprises the urbanized area of the City of Sierra Madre. In just a year after Carter's purchase, the Sierra Madre Water Company was established.

Over the next century, Sierra Madre's primary source of water supply was groundwater from the Santa Anita sub-area (or Eastern Unit) of the Raymond Basin. Four main wells were developed and maintained to deliver the City's adjudicated water. A short time later, two tunnels, one on either side of the Sierra Madre Dam, also contributed to the water supply.

In October of 2013, the City was unable to attain groundwater and was forced to switch to imported water to serve its residents. Water conservation measures were enacted as Sierra Madre and the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District endeavored to return to a sustainable and local water supply.

Source: City of Sierra Madre

MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2021 GRADUATES



The June 5th edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2021! In order to be included, please send your grads senior picture, their full name, age and school. These grads are making history, and the Mountain Views News wants to celebrate their accomplishment.

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Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) also called Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, is celebrated in honor of a military victory in 1862 over the French forces of Napoleon III in a bloody confrontation.

When in 1861 Mexico declared a temporary moratorium on the repayment of foreign debts, English, Spanish, and French troops invaded the country. By April 1862 the English and Spanish had withdrawn, but the French, with the support of wealthy landowners, remained in an attempt to establish a monarchy under Maximilian of Austria and to curb U.S. power in North America. On May 5, 1862, a poorly equipped mestizo and Zapotec force under the command of General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated French troops at the Battle of Puebla, southeast of Mexico City; about 1,000 French troops were killed. Although the fighting continued and the French were not driven out for another five years, the victory at Puebla became a symbol of Mexican resistance to foreign domination. The city, which was later renamed Puebla de Zaragoza, is the site of a museum devoted to the battle, and the battlefield itself is maintained as a park.

Cinco de Mayo is not to be confused with Mexican Independence Day, September 16th, established in 1810, some 50 years before the Battle of Puebla occurred. *

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INDOOR ARCADES/PLAYGROUNDS TO REOPEN; HOUR RESTRICTIONS REMOVED FOR BARS, BREWERIES AND WINERIES

The LA County Health Officer Order was updated to align with the change in CDC recommendations around masking for fully vaccinated people. Additional modifications to the Order also included allowing indoor arcades and indoor playgrounds (bounce centers, ball pits, laser tag) to open at 25% maximum indoor capacity with safety modifications.

Bars, breweries and wineries hours of operation limitations due to the pandemic have been removed, and employees who are fully vaccinated at food service facilities have the option of wearing a face shield in addition to a face mask when in close contact with customers; wearing a mask is still required. Employers must verify and document an employee's full vaccination status if a fully vaccinated employee chooses not to wear a face shield. In-person behavioral health (mental health and substance use) therapeutic and educational support groups, such as Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous or Patient Education groups, may return to typical participant levels with specified safety modifications. The updated Health Officer Order and protocols can be found online.

"I send my deepest sympathies to the families mourning a loved one lost to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We must continue to be careful and take sensible precautions in the weeks ahead while we vaccinate more people, especially as we look to move to the least restrictive tier in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework. While fully vaccinated people can participate in some activities because of the protection vaccinations give them, it is critical-ly important that we continue to wear masks, avoid crowds and encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated - both first and second doses. The majority of people in Los Angeles County are not fully vaccinated and some are not able to be vaccinated. Getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is effective at preventing serious illness and death and protects our entire community."



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"We came from Bethlehem, Georgia, bearing Betty Crocker cake mixes into the jungle."
Barbara Kingsolver –
"The Poisonwood Bible"

"Make someone happy today – bake a cake! A chocolate cake for that someone special or a white cake with peppermint frosting for a sweet snack after bridge. Bake a sponge cake for Grandma, as lovely-light as the kind she used to bake. Bake a cake – have a party. Bake a cake to take to a party. Bake a cake just because you feel good today."
Betty Crocker's Cookbook – 4th Edition

"Betty Crocker wasn't selling cakes; she was selling care."
Kieran Flanagan, Co-Founder: The Impossible Institute

Mother's Day is coming up, Sunday, May 9th, to be exact, and I've been thinking about various mother memories. My mother was occasionally a really good cook and then, every once in a while, she would discover something new, like Oregano, and produce really terrible food. A little Oregano is a good thing, but Oregano in your hamburger just doesn't work. At least it didn't for me. Of course, being a devotee of "Chopped" on the Food Network, the chefs competing for \$10,000 would probably make ice cream with it!



Remember when people cooked things simply because they tasted good? Nobody ate kale or quinoa; salad was a token small plate of iceberg lettuce inundated with 1000 Island. Everybody owned a Betty Crocker cookbook and that's where we went when we wanted to know what to do with a package of chicken parts.

Back in the '50's television showed us what wives should look like, i.e., June Cleaver (Donna Reed) on Leave It To Beaver, wearing a nice dress, frilly apron, pearls and heels all day every day. The children were sweet and only occasionally annoying. The husbands went off to work every day in a suit, tie, dress shirt, and wingtip shoes and made enough money to keep them all happy in a beautiful two-story house where we occasionally saw June vacuuming. The 50's homemakers mostly made cookies, wiped tears off charming little child faces and dispensed really good advice. The husbands wore that suit and tie at all times, except when mowing the lawn. In this age of working from home, not many husbands even own a suit and the last thing women want to wear all day is an apron and heels. Talking with some women friends recently, we asked each other when was the last time they wore pantyhose. Years! It's been years! But they've still got their Betty Crocker Cookbook.

The Betty Crocker Cookbook contained recipes like Chicken Cream Pie, Noodles with Browned Crumbs, Macaroni with Fried Tomatoes, Ham and Egg Pie. Seriously? All these recipes were loaded with cream, butter and very few vegetables. We're much more aware of the dangers of food now. We eschew butter and cream, roast vegetables on the grill, but we're chubbier than ever before.

My mother had one and I remember being about 9 years old and making a cake to surprise her, which I certainly did. The directions called for lining the cake pans with waxed paper. Not realizing what that really meant was to cut out a circle of waxed paper to put in the bottom of the cake pan, I just tore off big pieces, made it fit the best I could, poured in the batter and put it in the stove. Luckily, I didn't burn the house down. The waxed paper burned and scorched and made a dandy mess in the oven. I removed my cakes at the appointed hour then had to peel off all this burnt waxed paper, most of which landed on the floor. As I recall, the cake was pretty good and my mother wasn't too furious at the little pieces of burnt waxed paper all over the kitchen. When one is 9 and has good intentions, they don't always turn out quite as one plans.

The description of Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book says, "It's the kind of cookbook mothers hand down to their daughters, the kind of cookbook that people look for and snatch up at yard sales, no matter how dog-earned and worn the pages." It also says, "Maybe the first cake you ever baked with your mom was Betty's unforgettable Chocolate Joy Cake." Or the first one you ever baked without her! Julia Child probably never burnt her waxed paper, but she did drop her chicken on television.

Another favorite Mother's Day memory is of my son, John, when he was around eight or so, going to the florist there in downtown Sierra Madre, and buying me three long-stemmed red roses for Mother's Day. As he had to shop a couple of days before the special day, he had a real problem. What to do with the roses. Not knowing any better, he put them in the freezer, thinking that keeping them cold would be the best thing. Mother's Day arrived, he took them out and, as you can imagine, they had not fared well. I have to tell you, friends and neighbors, those frozen roses meant the world to me. He was so distressed and I was so proud of him and felt so loved.

If you haven't bought your mom a card yet, you've still got time. My mother has been in heaven for quite some time, but today's picture is of her holding baby me. I'm obviously worrying about what she's going to put in my dinner.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"
Both of these books are stuffed with hope and a good recipe or two.
The Emma Gainsworth Kindle novelettes are there, too,
Along with other goodies like "Noah and The Unicorns."

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4TH OF JULY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE 2021 REIMAGINED EVENT



The Volunteers of the Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee are seeking nominations for the 2021 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal themed #SMStrong. Due to the holiday falling on a Sunday the Parade, hopefully

being held on the BLVD will be held on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Parade Grand Marshal Nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre, fully demonstrating how #SMStrong is how we survived 2020. Nominees may be an individual or volunteers or an organization. Last year's GM was SMThrives.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Monday, May 3rd and should be sent to the 4th of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to 4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com or a DM sent to us via Facebook. Nominations should be no more than 1 page but at least a paragraph explaining why the honor should be given including contributions to the Sierra Madre community submitted along with a fun picture of the nominee.

Previous Grand Marshals have included 2020 SMTHRIVES, 2019 Bud Switzer, 2018 Steve Heydorff, 2017 Derek Podrebarac, 2016 Pete Siberell and Hometown Hero Kris Lowe, 2015 Clem and Nina Bartolai, 2014 Pat & DeAlcorn & Hometown Heroes Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, 2013 VFW Post 3208 & Hometown Hero Mama Pete, 2012 Nel and Bob Soltz (Wistaria Vine owners), 2011 Gayle Bluemel & Hometown Hero John Shear, 2010 Lew Wantanabe, 2009 Midge Morash, 2008 Sierra Madre Fire Department, 2007 Ward Family (E. Waldo Ward & Sons), 2006 Judy Webb Martin & Toni Buckner & Hometown Hero Barbara Wamboldt, 2005 Police Chief Wayne Bailey, 2004 Doug Berkshire, 2003 John Grijalva, 2002 Bob Quamstrom, 2001 Ty Gaffney, 2000 Dr. Bill White, and 1999 Jim & Barbara Heasley.

The 2021 Event is being reimagined to include as many of our hometown traditions as possible with current Health Orders and social distancing requirements. So stayed tuned more details are coming soon. Parade registration will open May 1st so be on the look out if you wanna show your #SMStrong pride.

This All-American friends and family event is made possible through the wonderful contribution of donors and sponsors. If you'd like to help please visit <http://www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/> or follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/4thofjulyInfo>

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ATTENTION SIERRA MADRE SENIORS:

The City is updating the Housing Element of the Sierra Madre General Plan for the 2021-2029 period. The Housing Element establishes policies and programs to address Sierra Madre's existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community. As part of this effort, the City would like input from its senior citizen population on their housing needs and access to housing programs.

If you have any questions please call Associate Planner Clare Lin at 626-355-7135 x 404 or via email at clin@cityofsierramadre.com.

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The living room has a fireplace, cherry mahogany wood floors, surrounded by windows. The den family room off kitchen has a fireplace also. There is also a half bath with washer and dryer.

The master suite is upstairs with full bath. The two other bedrooms share another full bath.

The attic on 3rd floor is finished, carpeted.

The home has newer heating and central air. Water heater is on 3rd floor. The yard has mature landscaping in front and back yards. The back yard is fully fenced. There is a very large 3 car garage with a loft (garage has 220volt). Perfect for maybe an ADU or home office.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS May 11, 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 3:00 p.m. 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 cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



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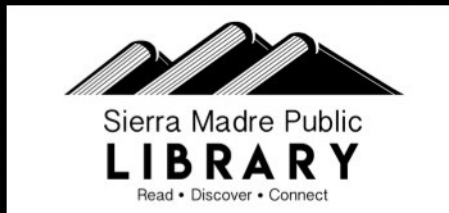
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ARCADIA-MONROVIA-DUARTE

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 18th through Saturday, April 24th, the Police Department responded to 1,011 calls for service, of which 91 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 18:

- At 12:37 a.m., an officer was conducting extra patrol near the intersection of Woodland Lane and Hacienda Drive when a subject saw the patrol car, dropped a bag, and ran from the officer. An investigation revealed the suspect dropped a bag of stolen mail and was found hiding inside a nearby resident's pool house. The 46-year-old female from Baldwin Park was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 10:06 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Santa Anita parking lot, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim returned to her Honda Civic and discovered the wheels had been stolen and her vehicle had been left on wooden blocks.

Monday, April 19:

- At 6:09 a.m., an officer responded to Embassy Suites, located at 211 East Huntington Drive, regarding a trespassing incident. The officer discovered the suspect attempted to use someone else's identity to purchase snacks at the front counter when she was asked to leave. During a lawful search of the suspect, the officer located methamphetamine and numerous pieces of stolen mail. The 26-year-old female transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 12:37 p.m., an officer responded to the UPS Store, located at 713 West Duarte Road, regarding a robbery that occurred in the 1500 block of South Baldwin Avenue. The UPS delivery driver attempted to deliver a package to the listed address, but the resident said no one lived there by that name. As the delivery employee walked away with the package, the suspect approached him, he demanded the package, and forcefully removed it from the delivery man's hands. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'10" tall, 170-180 pounds, with a thin beard and seen wearing dark blue hooded sweatshirt and dark blue sweatpants. The suspect fled to an awaiting white Mercedes Benz SUV and fled the area.
- At 7:48 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Drake Road regarding a grand theft from person report. The investigation revealed a male suspect took photos of an Arcadia resident's classic vehicle, falsely listed the vehicle for sale on Craigslist, and planned to sell the vehicle to a victim/buyer. The male suspect returned with a female suspect to the home where the vehicle was, and while the female suspect distracted the resident, the male suspect "sold" the vehicle to another, unsuspecting victim who wanted to buy the car. The suspects fled with \$13,000.00 from the victim/buyer, but the resident suffered no loss from the scam. The male suspect is described as a 40-year-old male, approximately 5'9" tall, with long black hair, and wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, a black backpack, and jeans. The female is described as having blonde hair with a slim figure and wearing a black dress. Both suspects spoke with a European accent.

Wednesday, April 21

- At 4:49 a.m., officers responded to the area of Grand Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in the City

- of Monrovia regarding the activation of a tracking device contained in a piece of mail. The officers determined the tracker was in a moving vehicle and a traffic stop was initiated. An investigation revealed a 25-year-old male from Pasadena and a 27-year-old male from Azusa were in possession of the stolen package and the 25-year old was also charged with being in possession of a methamphetamine pipe.
- At 11:34 a.m., officers were alerted of a stolen vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Colorado Boulevard and a traffic stop was conducted. Upon contacting the driver, the 28-year-old male from El Monte admitted to stealing the car. The officers also located a stolen license plate, banking cards, and identification cards belonging to another victim. A records check revealed the driver had an outstanding bench warrant. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 3:48 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of Country Oaks Circle regarding a mail theft report. The victim stated someone broke into their mailbox sometime between April 20th at 6:00 p.m. and April 21st at 11:40 a.m. Neighbors also reported their mailboxes had been broken into.
- At 7:02 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The victim discovered the key fob to his vehicle had gone missing and his wallet had been stolen from inside his vehicle.

Thursday, April 22:

- At 11:48 a.m., an officer responded to Sephora, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The suspect was seen stealing and concealing approximately \$273.00 worth of merchandise in her stroller. The 34-year-old female from South Pasadena was cited and released in the field.
- At 3:17 p.m., an officer responded to Hollister, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed three suspects stole 69 pairs of jeans resulting in a loss of more than \$4,100.00. The suspects are described as two Hispanic females, both between the ages of 24 and 35-years-old, and a Hispanic male between 21 and 30-years-old.
- At 6:06 p.m., an officer responded to H&M, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated the suspect stole her phone from her purse while he was shopping next to her. The suspect is described as a white male, between the ages of 20 and 30-years-old, with a thin build, and seen wearing a black button shirt, black pants, and a mask.

Saturday, April 24:

- At 8:46 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of Oakhurst Lane regarding a theft from vehicle report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and fled with her purse and wallet.
- At 10:39 a.m., an officer responded to a carport in the 200 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a theft report. Sometime between April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. and April 23rd at 3:30 p.m., someone stole the catalytic converter from the victim's Prius.



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DUARTE AND BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL DUARTE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & SHRED EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 FROM 8 AM – 2 PM AT THE CS-ARTS SCHOOL PARKING LOT (1401 HIGHLAND AVENUE).

Burrtec will be collecting bulky items, construction/demolition waste, electronic waste, and old documents for shredding. For compost materials, residents should bring the proper vehicle or storage container to accommodate the load. Burrtec will provide shovels. The City will also be distributing used oil containers for residents that would like to recycle their old motor oil safely. Please note, household hazardous waste will not be accepted. Learn more about how to dispose of household hazardous waste at pw.lacounty.gov.

Must be a Duarte resident; IDs will be checked.

For more information, please contact Burrtec at (626) 932-1558 or the City Manager's Office at City Hall at (626) 357-7931.



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ABILITYFIRST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE LOCAL PROGRAMS

While there have been many challenges during the pandemic, AbilityFirst has galvanized their donor community to support their Building Independence Celebrating Community Capital Campaign. To better meet the changing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, the organization has planned renovations and program updates for both its community centers in Pasadena and Long Beach that opened more than 50 years ago.

From 2016-2017 the number of children and adults with developmental disabilities needing services within the Pasadena and Long Beach communities increased by 1,000 people, or approximately 9%. Of these individuals, 66% are between the ages of 6 and 51 years, and able to be served by AbilityFirst, a nonprofit with a mission to look beyond disabilities, focus on capabilities and expand possibilities. Through these building improvements, enhancements, and program expansions from its capital campaign, AbilityFirst will better serve people with disabilities.

Under the leadership of AbilityFirst's capital campaign co-chairs, Richard R. Frank and Gloria Deukmejian, the capital campaign has raised 90% of its \$5.9 million goal.

Frank's family legacy at AbilityFirst has roots since its beginning. Frank's grandfather, Lawrence L. Frank, along with three other Los Angeles Rotary Club members, went to Chicago in 1925 for a Rotary International Conference and came back with compassion, concern, and a commitment to help other children with polio in Southern California. The following year, they founded the Crippled Children's Society, which is now AbilityFirst and today focuses on the unique needs and desires of each individual through a person-centered approach.

"I believe passionately in the mission, and I also know that AbilityFirst is good at what they do," said Frank when he recalled his family's impact. His grandfather served as its first volunteer executive director for more than 10 years, spending much of his time performing the day-to-day operations. Lawrence Frank also discovered the land in which the AbilityFirst camp, Camp Paivika sits today, a place where children, teens, and adults with disabilities can have a traditional camp experience.

Frank's father also joined the board of directors, and worked alongside his wife and the architect, applying their vision of mid-century modern architecture to the design of The Lawrence L. Frank Center in the 1960s.

When Lori Gangemi became the organization's chief executive officer in 2004, she had a conversation with Frank and sealed his destiny with AbilityFirst. He joined the board of directors, following in his family's footsteps. With limited experience and certain fears to overcome, Frank agreed to co-chair the capital campaign, in part because of his family's legacy.

"I'm a big fan of good architecture and the [Lawrence L. Frank Center] building had been run down after more than 50 years of use. I have a visceral appreciation for my family's involvement when the building was built," said Frank. "When I was recently cleaning out my office, I discovered some Xerox" copies of old ask letters my dad had written in the 1950s to fundraise for the first building. Seeing those letters, I thought, 'Well, if my father can do it, so can I.'"

Teaming up with Frank, Deukmejian doesn't have the family tie to AbilityFirst, but she does have the passion for helping people with disabilities. Her compassion and commitment to AbilityFirst's mission have spanned 30 years. She has provided committee support and has been



Richard Frank

an active member of the AbilityFirst Long Beach Center Guild.

"I could see the need for improved facilities for our AbilityFirst participants," said Deukmejian of why the capital campaign is needed and how it will change the participants' lives. "Because of the teaching kitchen, they can prepare meals in group settings, regardless of obstacles due to height, space, etc. They will feel empowered to perform similar tasks at home or in the community."

Since their openings more than 50 years ago, the Lawrence L. Frank Center and Long Beach Center have not changed, yet the board of directors has identified urgently needed improvements. The capital campaign funds will modernize the buildings while also enhance the organization's programs to meet the changing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in the communities.

"We help our participants achieve their personal best through basic life skills, communication, socialization, and healthy living. After participant and family surveys, conducting our due diligence, and doing the research, we recognized the changing needs of our population have to be met with improved renovations and expansion of our programs," said AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi, who identified the following programs for expansion: ExploreAbility, PossAbility, After-School Program, College to Career, and Supported Employment.

With Frank and Deukmejian at the helm of the capital campaign, committee members have been armed with the leadership and commitment to best position AbilityFirst to meet its capital campaign goal. Members include Joan Alderson, Bob and Mary Alice Braly, Caroline Hansen, Deloris Mayuga, Linda Silver, Julie and Henry Taboada, and Harlan Thompson. Honorary Committee members include Los Angeles County Board Supervisors Kathryn Barger, Fifth District, and Janice Hahn, Fourth District, Terri Kohl, and Former Mayor of Pasadena Terry Tornek.

With the shift to remote working due to the pandemic, committee members overcame various challenges from meeting on Zoom and prospective donors reallocating their contributions, to ensuring those with businesses survived. Like others who came before them and overcame other challenges, this pandemic didn't stop Frank and Deukmejian from nearing the finish line.

To learn more about AbilityFirst, visit abilityfirst.org.

CHINATOWN EXPLORED IN NEW HUNTINGTON ONLINE EXHIBITION



Project draws on the collections of the The Huntington and Los Angeles Public Library to bring history to life through the memories and reactions of community members

The history of Los Angeles' Chinatown, the first community in North America to be planned and owned by people of Chinese descent, will be explored and celebrated beginning today, in a new online exhibition titled "Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown," and in a fence-wrapped installation at a vacant lot in the heart of the community. The project is the first in the series Archive Alive, a new collaboration of The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens; the Library Foundation of Los Angeles (LFLA); and the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL). The installation and online exhibition coincide with the beginning of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

For "Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown," curators at The Huntington and LFLA selected dozens of photographs, documents, illustrations, restaurant menus, and maps drawn from The Huntington's and LAPL's vast collections to tell the story of New Chinatown, which was created in downtown Los Angeles in 1938. The online exhibition is organized in six thematic sections: Exclusion, Resilience, Vision, Opportunity, Community, and Tradition. In each section, archival materials are interpreted through video interviews with 10 community members who share their personal connections, memories, experiences, thoughts, and reactions. Interviewees include Pat SooHoo Lem, daughter

of Peter SooHoo Sr., the leader of the group that created New Chinatown; Nowland C. Hong, son of Y. C. Hong, a prominent immigration attorney and another of New Chinatown's founding members; Eugene Moy of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California; Kathryn Chan Ceppi and Kelly Chan, second generation owners of the legacy business Phoenix Bakery; and Cindy Yan, a college student who grew up in Chinatown and received a scholarship from the Friends of the Chinatown Library.

For the site-specific part of the project, a 250-foot-long fence-wrap surrounds a vacant lot in Chinatown on North Hill Street, between the pedestrian streets Gin Ling Way and Lei Min Way. The wrap's bold design highlights community members' quotes that add meaning to the archival materials reproduced along the length. It also invites passersby to visit the "Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown" website to view the video interviews.

Through the new Archive Alive series, The Huntington, LFLA, and the LAPL aim to activate history with site-specific installations and displays, online exhibitions, and interviews with community members whose personal reflections and connections bring the archives to life. Future Archive Alive projects are in planning stages.

For more information visit: huntington.org.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

HUNTINGTON ART GALLERY TO RE-OPEN SELECTED GALLERIES



What's Open?
Select galleries: the first floor of the Huntington Art Gallery where The Blue Boy is on view, and the MaryLou and George Boone Gallery and a portion of the Virginia Steele Scott Galleries of American Art where the exhibition "Made in L.A. 2020: a version" is installed. (See the other half of "Made in L.A. 2020" at the Hammer Museum.)

More than a dozen gardens (excluding the Children's Garden and Conservatory, which remain closed as they are high-touch spaces).
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All visitors, including Members, must reserve tickets online in advance.

Purchasing and Reserving Tickets

Tickets available now for visiting through May 3. Tickets are released every other Tuesday for the next two weeks.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED, even if you've been vaccinated. Please review safety protocols before visiting.

Members
A limited number of Member tickets are released daily by 9:30 a.m. for same-day visitation. Special note: Members whose plans have changed can cancel their tickets via the cancellation link in their order confirmation email and free up capacity for other Members.

SCE LAUNCHES CUSTOMER ENROLLMENT DRIVE FOR MEDICAL BASELINE PROGRAM

Customers Who Rely on Power for Medical Needs Will Get More Electric-ity at the Lowest Price

— Southern California Edison is encouraging more eligible customers to take part in the utility's Medical Baseline program, which can provide more resiliency and support, especially during critical times.

The program supports customers who rely on power for medical needs by delivering additional electricity at the lowest price per day, which can help them save on their overall energy bill. It covers a variety of devices and equipment requiring power that help customers thrive, including but not limited to, power wheelchairs and scooters, respirators, breathing machines and dialysis machines.

"SCE understands that these are difficult times and wants to continue to support our customers in whatever way we can," said Nicole Howard, SCE's vice president of Customer Programs and Services. "We are doing more outreach to our customers, so they have the resources they need to stay resilient, including information on how those who are eligible can sign up for the Medical Baseline program."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SCE has made it simpler for customers to qualify for the program online until June 30. Additionally, those who are currently enrolled do not need to recertify with their medical professional's signature for another year from their original 2020 due date. This program does not have an income qualification.

Customers who may be eligible for the Medical Baseline program:

- Rely on medical devices and equipment vital for life or to restore crucial physical function, including mobility

- Are temperature sensitive and require air conditioning
- Have a life-threatening illness, compromised immune system or other conditions requiring heat and/or cooling

Medical Baseline program customers who are enrolled in an income-qualified program, such as the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) programs, and live in a high fire risk area are also now eligible for the Critical Care Backup Battery Program, which provides a free, portable backup battery along with accompanying solar panel for additional charging, delivered and assembled for them at no cost.

"All Californians need to be prepared for potential outages, whether due to an earthquake, windstorm or a Public Safety Power Shutoff event," Howard said. "Enrolling in our programs and services, such as Medical Baseline and Critical Care Backup Battery, is one of the first steps customers can take to get prepared."

For more information on how to apply for the Medical Baseline program, visit [sce.com/medicalbaseline](https://www.sce.com/medicalbaseline), which is available in 19 languages, including Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog. Customers can also call SCE at 1-800-655-4555 to find out if they are eligible and during the application process for assistance.

For customers who do not qualify for these programs, SCE offers rebates and incentives for portable power solutions, generators for those living in high fire risk areas who rely on an electric well water pump and whole house battery storage systems. For more information, visit [sce.com/customerresources](https://www.sce.com/customerresources).

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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CINCO DE MAYO IT'S EL CHOLO

Just this past week I had the opportunity to sit down with one of the most determined and dedicated restaurant owners that we have in Pasadena area, Blair Salisbury owner of the El Cholo Café. Though, his restaurant is well known, Blair still looks after his baby with the greatest of care.

Self described as "nuts and crazy," Blair's lineage is that of a restaurateur. The Borquez family launched the Sonora Café in 1923 in a small storefront on Broadway and Santa Barbara Ave. After a patron doodled a picture of a man and called him El Cholo (the name commonly known for a field hand at the time), Alejandro Borquez loved the picture of the man so much that he changed the name of Senora Café to El Cholo in 1925. The following year, George Salisbury meets Aurelia Borquez and they fall in love and decide to open their own El Cholo. Racing ahead to the year 2000, Blair, the grandson of George opens El Cholo Café in Pasadena, on Fair Oaks. For those of you old enough to remember, it was once the John Bull English Pub. I found out that Blair was determined to open in Pasadena, he was a moment away from Old Town Pasadena, but the Cheesecake Factory beat him to Colorado and Fair Oaks location. Blair still desired to move into the heart of Old Town and his hopes were realized with the opening of the restaurant at the Paseo. Blair said, "It feels as though it has been here all along. It just felt like the staff and surroundings didn't miss a beat." Truly Pasadena feels like home to El Cholo Café, and Blair wouldn't have it any other way!!!

The restaurant is expansive, with a patio that overlooks Colorado Blvd. and the snow capped San Gabriel Mountains. They offer two different bars, one as you walk in, akin to a service bar, and a great place to wait for a table and enjoy a "Killer" Margarita, and a back bar just next to the



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The menu is full of different combinations, Blair believes that the more selections there are... the better, and he tries to give a little bit of selection for everyone. I descended upon the PLATO DE CARNITAS, roasted pork, served with fresh avocado relish, Pico de Gallo, Nopales, rice and beans. When I go to a Mexican Restaurant I always try the pork. It was stunningly tender and fresh, and may be the best that I have ever tasted. My dinner companion gave two thumbs up to the Shrimp Sizzling Fajitas. I was just about stuffed when Blair brought out the Blue Corn Chicken Enchilada for us to try. It is item that made El Cholo famous. A must try for anyone eating at the restaurant. Of course I had a Margarita. A Single Margarita that seemed to have the power to bust a piñata. If you love Mexican Food like I do, or just want to spend a sleepy Sunday at the bar with guacamole and chips. Save a seat for me.

El Cholo Paseo Pasadena
Join me this Sunday at 5 PM on my radio show AM 830 KLA, tune in or miss out

L.A. COUNTY PREPARES FOR POSSIBLE MOVE TO YELLOW TIER; WALK-INS EXTENDED AT COUNTY VACCINATION SITES

Los Angeles County's case rate remains relatively low and stable. A month ago, on March 21, the County was seeing 433 cases a day. A month later, on April 21, the number of new cases dropped 34% to 337 cases a day. Over the same time period, daily average confirmed hospitalizations dropped 38%. Daily deaths dropped even more dramatically over the same time period, from 22 on March 21 to 4 on April 21, a drop of more than 80%.

L.A. County has remained in the State's orange tier for more than three weeks and now has met the yellow tier's criteria for one week. If, as anticipated, Los Angeles County continues to meet the State's yellow tier criteria for one more week, the County could enter into the yellow tier in the middle of next week. Moving into the yellow tier allows for increases in capacity in many sectors, and allows bars to begin providing indoor service at 25% capacity. All of these changes will still require safety modifications, including masking, distancing and infection control to reduce the risk of transmission. The sectors with increases in capacity limits include amusement parks and fairs, gyms and fitness centers, yoga studios, private events, bars, hotels and short-term lodging rentals, private gatherings, breweries, indoor playgrounds, restaurants, cardrooms and racetracks, indoor and outdoor live events and performances, wineries and tasting rooms, family entertainment centers, and museums, zoos, and aquariums. If the County moves to the yellow tier next week, a modified Health Officer Order will be posted on Wednesday, May 5 that will go into effect on Thursday, May 6.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance indicating that vaccinated people can do many outdoor activities in uncrowded spaces unmasked including attending small gatherings with unvaccinated people, dining outdoors with friends from multiple households, and walking, running or cycling outdoors. Fully vaccinated individuals are required to mask up at crowded outdoor events, like live performances, parades, or sports events. The Health Officer Order will be updated today to align with the change in CDC recommendations around masking for fully vaccinated people.

Public Health has made vaccinations available without appointments at all of County sites for the past week, and this will continue through next week. Everyone 16 and older living or working in L.A. County can walk-in and get vaccinated. You should bring a photo ID with you and teens 16 and 17 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish) to learn how to make an appointment at vaccination sites, what verifications people will need to show at your vaccination appointment, and much more. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

Currently, 7,201,703 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people across Los Angeles County. Of these, 4,562,211 were first doses and 2,639,492 were second doses. About 32% of residents 16 and older are fully vaccinated.

Two weeks ago, vaccine eligibility expanded to include teens 16 and 17, and now a full quarter of L.A. County's teens in that age group have been vaccinated. The County has also seen huge numbers of seniors get vaccinated: 60% of adults 65 and older have been fully vaccinated, and 75% have received one dose of a vaccine. Along the beach and the west side, many communities have rates of vaccination upward of 60%. At the same time, vaccination rates remain below 30% in Antelope Valley, Lancaster and Palmdale, and in parts of east LA and south LA. High vaccination rates in many of our well-resourced communities reflect in part the advantages people have when transportation, time, computer and internet access, and work restrictions are not barriers to getting vaccinated.

While much work remains to be done to close these gaps, more than half of all doses that have been administered in L.A. County have gone to people who live in communities with less resources that promote optimal health and well-being. To help make it as easy as possible to obtain a vaccine in communities hit hardest by the pandemic, Public Health is targeting efforts to set up vaccination centers in the places central to these communities. Among these efforts are partnerships forming and continuing with schools to create vaccination centers. This week there are 41 school sites serving as vaccination sites.

A total of 716 sites are offering vaccinations this week in L.A. County. Many of these vaccination sites are concentrated in areas that have been hard hit by the pandemic and Public Health continues working with many partners to increase access to vaccinations at their sites without appointments. County Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

LOCAL STATISTICS AS OF 04/29/2021

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES			
		Cases:	1,232,727
		Deaths:	23,872
CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,305	74
Arcadia	57,754	2,700	133
Bradbury	1,069	36	0
Duarte	22,016	2,306	97
Monrovia	38,800	3,164	76
Pasadena	141,371	11,220	344
Sierra Madre	10,989	464	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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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PASADENA SUMMER REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1

Pasadena, CA— A fun Summer is coming for kids at the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena. Registration opens on the organization's website on Saturday, May 1, at 8:00 a.m. Summer Session begins on June 9 and runs for 8 weeks at the Club's Fair Oaks branch, and 6 weeks at its Del Mar Blvd. branch. The Club will be open Monday – Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

"We've had a good year, staying mostly open, clear of Covid-19, and serving lots of kids and families. We look forward to a great Summer Session with even more kids and more fun," said BGCP CEO Lisa Cavalier.

Programs being offered during Summer Session include sports; swimming lessons; arts including fine, graphics, and performing arts; academic support disguised as fun; games; walking field trips; and so much more!

Registration information can be found at: bgcpasadena.org/registration

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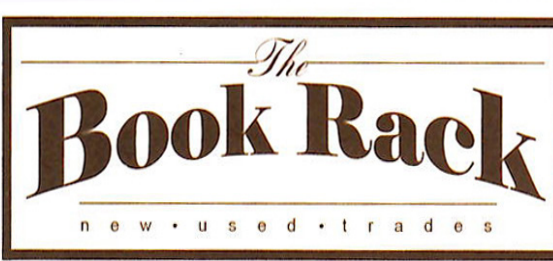
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MEDICARE COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR RETIREES EAGER TO TRAVEL

Dear Savvy Senior:
What are the best Medicare coverage options for COVID-vaccinated retirees who are eager to travel? My wife and I will both turn 65 over the next few months and would like to know which Medicare plans are best for extensive travelers. Almost 65

Dear Almost:
The best Medicare plans for retirees who plan to travel will vary depending on your destinations. But, before you book a trip make sure you know the current CDC COVID-19 travel recommendations (see CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers), and research your destinations too so you can know if restrictions apply wherever you're going.

Medicare Review
Before we dissect how Medicare works for travelers, let's start with a quick review of your different Medicare options.

One option is original Medicare, which covers (Part A) hospital services and (Part B) doctor's visits and other medical services.

If you choose original Medicare, you may also want to get a Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan (if you don't already have coverage) to cover your medications, and a Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policy to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.

Or, you could get a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan instead, which is sold through private insurance companies, and covers everything original Medicare covers, plus many plans also offer prescription drug coverage and extra services like vision, hearing and dental care all in one plan.

To help you evaluate your options contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Shipta-Center.org), which provides free Medicare counseling.

You can also shop and compare Medicare health and drug plans and Medigap policies at Medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Also note that whatever Medicare plans you choose to enroll in, if you find that they are not meeting your needs or your needs change, you can always switch to a different plan during the open enrollment period, which is between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7.

U.S. Travel

If you and your husband are planning to travel domestically, original Medicare may be the better option because it provides coverage everywhere in the U.S. and its territories as long as the doctor or hospital accepts Medicare.

Medicare Advantage plans, on the other hand, which have become very popular among new enrollees may restrict your coverage when traveling throughout the U.S. This is because most Medicare Advantage plans are HMOs or PPOs and require you to use doctors, hospitals and pharmacies that are in the plan's network within a service area or geographic region. So, if you're traveling outside that area you may need to pay a higher fee, or your services may not be covered at all.

If you do decide to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, be sure you check the benefit details carefully to see what costs and rules apply when traveling outside your service area.

Traveling Abroad

If you're planning to travel abroad much, a Medicare Advantage plan may be a better option because many Advantage plans today offer emergency care coverage outside the U.S. But be sure you check before you choose a plan because not all plans offer it.

Original Medicare, on the other hand does not provide coverage outside the U.S. and its territories except in rare circumstances (see Medicare.gov/coverage/travel), and Medicare drug plans will not cover prescription drugs purchased outside the U.S. either.

But if you do choose original Medicare, you can still get some coverage abroad through a Medigap policy. Plans D, G, M and N plans will pay for 80 percent of medically necessary emergency care outside the U.S. to new enrollees, but only for the first 60 days of the trip, and you have to meet an annual \$250 deductible first. There's also a lifetime limit of \$50,000, so you'd need to cover any costs above that amount.

Some beneficiaries, regardless of their Medicare coverage, purchase travel medical insurance for trips abroad, which you can shop for at InsureMyTrip.com or SquareMouth.com.

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

FAMILY MATTERS



LEGAL GANGSTERS: NETFLIX'S I CARE A LOT UNCOVERS THE DARK SIDE OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP—PART 2

The Netflix movie *I Care a Lot* provides a dark, violent, and somewhat comedic take on the real life and not-at-all funny dangers of the legal (and sometimes corrupt) guardianship system. While the film's twisting plot may seem farfetched, it sheds light on a tragic phenomenon—the abuse of seniors at the hands of crooked "professional" guardians.

Last week in part one of this series, we offered a brief synopsis of the movie, which revolves around Marla Grayson, a crooked professional guardian who makes her living by preying on vulnerable seniors, and we then outlined the true events that inspired the fictional account. The film's writer and director came up with the idea after reading news stories of a similar scam involving a corrupt professional guardianship agency in Las Vegas.

How It Happens

Should you become incapacitated without any planning in place (due to illness or injury), your family (or a friend) would have to petition the court to be granted guardianship. In most cases, the court would appoint a family member as guardian, but this isn't always the case. If you have no living family members, or those you do have are unwilling or unable to serve or deemed unsuitable by the court, a professional guardian would be appointed.

Beyond the potential for abuse by professional guardians, if you become incapacitated and your family is forced into court seeking guardianship, they are likely to endure a costly, drawn out, and emotionally taxing process. Not only can the legal fees and court costs drain your estate, but if your loved ones disagree over who is best suited to serve as your guardian, it could cause a bitter conflict that could tear your family apart and make it less likely that you get the kind of care you want.

A Comprehensive Plan For Incapacity

Should you become incapacitated, a comprehensive incapacity plan would give the individual, or individuals, of your choice the immediate authority to make your medical, financial, and legal decisions, without the need for court intervention. Moreover, such planning allows you to provide clear guidance about your wishes, so there is no mistake about how these decisions should be made.

There are several planning vehicles that can go into a comprehensive plan for incapacity, but a will is not among them. A will only goes into effect upon your death, and then, it merely governs how your assets should be divided, so it would do nothing to protect you in the event of incapacity.

When it comes to creating your incapacity plan, your best bet is to put in place several different planning tools rather than a

single document. To this end, your plan should include some or all of the following:

Durable financial power of attorney: This document grants an individual of your choice the immediate authority to make decisions related to the management of your financial and legal affairs.

Revocable living trust: A living trust immediately transfers control of all assets held by the trust to a person of your choice to be used for your benefit in the event of your incapacity. The trust can include legally binding instructions for how your care should be managed, and the document can even spell out specific conditions that must be met for you to be deemed incapacitated.

Medical power of attorney: A medical power of attorney grants an individual of your choice the immediate legal authority to make decisions about your medical treatment in the event of your incapacity.

Living will: A living will ((sometimes called an advance directive) provides specific guidance about how your medical decisions should be made during your incapacity, particularly at the end of life. In some instances, a medical power of attorney and a living will are combined in a single document.

Don't Put It Off

Although incapacity from dementia is most common in the elderly, debilitating injury and illness can strike at any point in life. Given this, all adults 18 and older should have an incapacity plan. Furthermore, planning for incapacity must take place well before any cognitive decline appears, since you must be able to clearly express your wishes and consent for the documents to be valid.

In light of this, you should get your own planning handled first, and then discuss the need for planning with your aging parents as soon as possible, and from there, schedule a Family Wealth Planning Session with us to get a plan started. And if you or your senior loved ones already have an incapacity plan, have it reviewed it to make sure it has been properly set up, maintained, and updated. Unfortunately, a plan put in place years ago is unlikely to work now, so updating is critical, and unfortunately often overlooked.

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IDEAS

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

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SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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

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



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

A SHORTCUT IS NOT ALWAYS SHORT

I have always appreciated shortcuts in life. If I can find a shortcut, I will take it because time is val-u-able to me. I take pride in coming up with a shortcut that actually saves me time.

However, not all of my shortcuts have really been that short and I have paid the price.

Last week, for example, I had to go clear across town for my appointment with my eye doctor. Somehow I think they try to figure out where to place a doctor's office, so it isn't easy to get there, especially when there's a time element involved.

My eye appointment went rather well, and I was happy with the results. I had made the appointment very close to the next appointment I needed on the other side of town.

Have you ever noticed when you have two appointments on the same day, they are at the opposite ends of town? I hate that.

But I was going to take advantage, and I was going to find a shortcut across town.

I am a very careful driver. Every time I leave the house, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage al-ways says, "Drive careful." As if she thought I would be a crazy driver.

As I left the doctor's office, I thought I would take a different route to go on the other side of town for my next appointment. I've lived in this town for quite a few years, and I thought I knew every street in this town. But I guess I didn't know everything I needed to know.

When I'm driving, I'm always careful to watch out for the other drivers. It's not that I'm a lousy driver; it's that other people can be and sometimes are bad drivers. So I am careful about the drivers that are in front of me and behind me.

I usually have a GPS with me, but I had taken it out and used it somewhere else for some reason. Who knows where?

That didn't bother me because I knew exactly where I was going. I was going to map out a shortcut to save time.

Driving down one block, I noticed a street to my right that I thought I recognized, and so I made the turn and followed that street. Then I came to a street that took another right, and so I followed that. As I was driving through, I didn't recognize anything that I could remember.

My problem is, as I drive, I sometimes get thinking about a project I'm working on. It might be an article, it might be a sermon, it might be just about anything. Once I get thinking about that project, I'm not too conscious of my environment. Yes, I do pay attention to the other cars.

I planned to make it to my next appointment at least 20 minutes ahead of time to sit back and relax and wait for that appointment. I always carry a notebook, so when I have a little off time, I can jot down some notes and make sure I'm not forgetting what I've been thinking of while driving. I really hate it when I have an excellent idea, but I can't remember that idea when I stop and want to write it down.

Just then, I saw a street sign to the right that I kind of remembered and gladly turned down that street believing I was going to get their way ahead of my schedule and I would have plenty of time just to get caught up on my notes. I was smiling as I was driving down that street.

As I was driving, I recognized some of the buildings on both sides of the street and was very confi-dent that I had it made.

My only regret was that I didn't have the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage with me to boast about my shortcuts. If there's one thing she doesn't like, it's my shortcuts. According to her, my shortcuts always create problems. Boy, I wish she was with me now!

The more I drove down the street, the more familiar the buildings became. And then I saw it and could not believe what I saw.

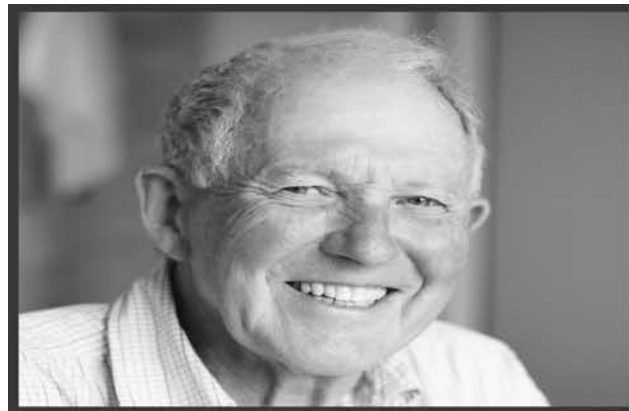
On the right side of the street was the eye doctor's office I had left about 20 minutes ago. I could not believe this was happening to me. Looking at my watch, I realized I'm not going to make my next appointment on time. I did not know what to do.

The only thing I could do at the time was call and cancel that appointment. The bad side is, I would have to explain to my wife why I canceled that appointment. When she hears of my shortcut plan, she is going to stare at me with one of "those stares" and then say, "What have I told you about your shortcuts?" I just couldn't put a new plan together that would solve the problems that I had right now.

As I drove away from the eye doctor's office, I thought of what David said, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).

Sometimes I'm tempted to take a shortcut in my relationship with God. I sometimes think that I know better than God, and it always ends up in some level of tragedy.

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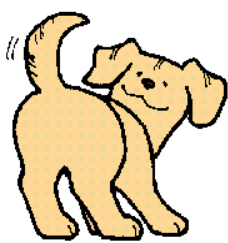
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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



DOGGIE DISTANCING, PLEASE?

I'm beginning to wonder if we humans will ever get back to our used-to-be-usual way of crossing paths on the sidewalks in our village, without feeling the need to create a huge gap between. I sure do hope so. I'm feeling the loss of what we all used to consider as "normal"

behavior in public, but I'm also hopeful that we are finally closing in on some semblance of recovery from the freakish fallout of the pandemic. Fingers crossed, and positive thoughts.

I understand and accept the science behind the social distancing we have been asked to practice, and as a dog walker who spends a lot of time out and about, I've been willing to comply, in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. I'm also happy to say, I've noticed that most local folks have done a Yeomen's job of keeping distance and wearing masks, as a respectful and cautious gesture, over the past several months since the virus found its way into our lives.

I only mention the virus-related social changes over the past year and almost a half, as a means of leading into my thoughts about doggie distancing - or, as I see it - the lack thereof, in our community. For many years I've had concerns about folks' absence of spatial awareness when it comes to respecting others while out walking their dogs. I was concerned about this issue WAY before COVID... (which, oddly has become a thing I seem to say a lot these days... "WAY before COVID"...strange but true).

Here's where I'm going with this.

I've had this dog walking and pet sitting business in Sierra Madre for going on 12 years now. I started small and local, spread out to nearby towns such as Pasadena, Arcadia and Monrovia, then eventually decided to shrink it down to be as local as possible, to best serve my closest neighbors and friends. But regardless of where I walk dogs, I cannot help observing others out walking their dogs, and I do my best to be courteous when we happen to cross paths.

I make every effort to give my fellow dog walkers their space, even when I'm tempted to get close. I say tempted because I love every dog I see. I look at them and I just love them, every one of them, and I want to meet them, face-to-face. But I resist the urge, for common sense and safety's sake.

I want to say I feel the same way about the countless humans I meet on the street from one day to the next. WANT to. I mean, I think it's the right thing to do, to love my fellow humans, that is. After all, I'm human too, right? And the fact of the matter is, I truly do love a lot of people. It's just a lot more challenging to love some humans than it is to love a dog, any dog. Just saying.

So, back to the topic at hand. I cross paths with loads of people walking dogs in Sierra Madre, every day. I recognize many faces, as we tend to be out and about around the same time and we tend to walk the same route. For the most part, I find folks to be quite friendly. Most use pretty good dog-walker's ethic. They smile or nod, and instinctively create some space between. This was true, even WAY before COVID. (Oops, said it again!)

To me it's common sense, and always has been. While I do actually enjoy meeting and greeting other people and (especially) their pups, I make it my habit to maintain some semblance of space, as a gesture of respect. I don't assume that the other person or their dog is open to me getting into their personal bubble. I'm not sure why or how I know this. It's just in my nature. Maybe it's the way I was raised. It feels like common sense to me.

The issue of concern I have (always have had) with some folks out there, is the assumption that if you are walking a dog in public, then you are inherently expected to allow other dogs to interact with your own. I'm referring to those people who appear to be completely aloof to the preference of the strangers they cross paths with. They approach without hesitation, loosen their leash and allow their dog to come right on over and get into the face of a stranger's dog, with complete disregard for body language, or verbal request to back off.

I hope I'm not sounding too snobby or snooty with regard to this matter. If so, please forgive me. That is not my intention, and it's not my way, in general. Those of you who know me, know better than that. It's just that it happens often enough for me to have decided to write about it in this week's column.

My only hope is that I might encourage someone who hadn't before realized that this could be a problem, to perhaps revisit the issue and try to think in terms of how the other person and their dog might feel about spatial invasion. By no means do I wish to add more fuel to the potential fire of fear we humans have had to endure since COVID-19 surfaced in our society. I only hope to enlighten the minds of otherwise unaware humans to the fact that not every passing dog needs to get to know you or your dog. Some prefer to keep their distance and I believe everyone deserves that respect. Please be a courteous, caring pet parent. Love and let live.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges USEFUL LANDSCAPING



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One of the themes of my "Extreme Simplicity" book was that anyone on any suburban plot of land can be a producer, producing not just some food, medicine, and energy, but also producing a good and uplifting atmosphere for people and wildlife. This theme of grow-what-you-need was also continued in my more-recent "Self-Sufficient Home" book. We are seeing that more and more people are getting this message as they are removing lawns and putting in gardens, herbs, and native plants instead.

Our position is that each of us should be a part of the solution to our planetary woes, and one way to do that is to grow some of the things we need.

Since this also provides you with some level of self-reliance, growing useful landscaping also dovetails nicely with the basic themes of the Sierra Madre CERT program, where each of us can and should be an active part of the solution.

Each plant listed here is drought tolerant, useful in some way, requires very little care, and is at-tractive as a landscaping plant. Only the California bay is a native.

PINEAPPLE GUAVA

Pineapple guava are already frequently planted as ornamentals, though most of the fruit is just left to rot. These flowers attract bees, and the granular fruits are great eaten as-is. The plants require very little care. I have seen them in old homesteads in the Angeles National Forest where they have not been tended for over 60 years.

LOQUAT

A loquat is not a citrus. It has a large leaf, and is one of the first fruit trees to produce. The fruit is golden colored with a large brown seed. They are very easy to grow with a seed, and again requires no maintenance.

LEMON VERBENA

Lemon verbena is a drought-tolerant perennial herb

which produces fragrant elongated leaves. Though not a food, it can be used to season fish and other foods, and to make "lemon-ade."

BAY
The California bay tree is a native that grows along streams in the wild. It is easy grown from a seed, and is an easy-to-care-for evergreen tree. The leaves are used for tea and seasoning in Ital-ian cooking. The leaves are also put into cupboards to repel bugs. The nuts in the fall are also edible, once roasted. Additionally, the long branches of bay can be cut and made into bows. It is one of the preferred local woods for bows.

GERANIUM

My mother grew geraniums because they required no care, were drought-tolerant, and produced colorful flowers. Get the fragrant varieties that can be made into teas.

SOCIETY GARLIC

Society garlic has become very popular in urban landscaping. I've seen it around the Rose Bowl and in the little strips around strip malls. It looks like a flat-leaved onion, and produces a laven-dar flower. It grows easily and spreads quickly. I have grown them for years, and our family often added the leaves to soups, stews, salads, and egg dishes.

ALOE

Aloe vera is another drought tolerant plant that is all-too-easy to grow. Plant one and soon you'll have a dozen. They are great for cactus bed or borders, and they produce a flower spike once a year. The fresh gel of the aloe is excellent for poison oak rashes, burns, cuts, sunburns, and many skin conditions.

These are just a few examples of how we can all be producers and provide some of our daily needs with the flora just outside the door.



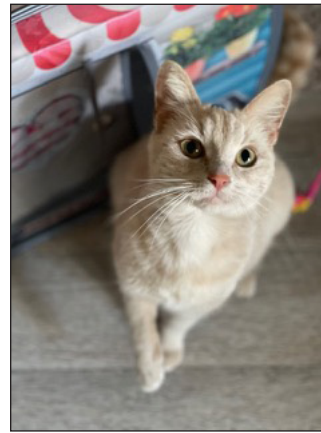
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Pet of the Week

They say smiles are contagious and Shabba couldn't agree more. This five-year-old pup is full of big grins, bringing joy and laughter to those closest to him. Shabba is not only camera-ready, he's super smart. He'll happily show off his "sit" or "down" commands and his loose-leash walking skills. He's even housebroken! Shabba is looking for a new home with an experienced owner and no small children. If you're ready to bring some smiles to your life, adopt Shabba!

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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 want help. Let me know, again, comment and I will arrange for us to get in touch. THANKS!!



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days before that I was already kind of sad that my birthday was coming and it seemed to be forgotten by the rest of the world. My friend replied that it was physically impossible to forget something that had not as yet happened, but I guess I was doing the impossible.

On Saturday, I got together with my daughter and almost twenty month old granddaughter, Justice, for a pre-Birthday breakfast. We get together every Saturday but this was kind of special. My daughter urged Justice to sing Happy Birthday to me but as is typical, I think of that age, Justice said no and gave me her unique rendition instead of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. My daughter said she had to get something at the market and I asked if I could accompany her. Rather than simply staying in the car with the baby I went in with both of them into the Giant Ralphs Supermarket.

It was overwhelming. Believe it or not; you probably believe it, I had not been in any kind of market since December of 2019 when I had surgery which was soon followed by sheltering in place Covid Virus restrictions. The size of the market, the many options, even the lighting, placed me into a forgotten different world. Justice now walks well but to make things easier we placed her, with a little difficulty, into a market shopping cart. I became aware that I wanted to purchase beet borsht as a remembrance of my parents and my childhood. Up and down the aisles I pushed the shopping cart and, believe it or not, this giant market had no beet borsht. My wife, who generally does everything for both of us, claims a revulsion to it and other Jewish delicacies of my past like schmaltz herring. Her Mexican background understandably did not contain a familiarity with such Eastern European items.

Anyway as we proceeded along I did pick up a couple of cans of mushroom soup, also a long forgotten dish of my childhood. On a high top shelf I spotted a large transparent package of yogurt raisins. These yogurt rains are one of my granddaughter's favorites but she has only seen them before in small little Sun Maid Raisin packages which contained smaller raisins. Anyway, I made the mistake of allowing my granddaughter to hold the large transparent container full of yogurt raisins which were probably too big for her to chew anyway. She gleefully held on to the package as we made our way to the check stand. Arriving there, with the transparent package still held tightly in her hands it became quickly apparent that she was not going to give up the package without making a huge fuss. I did not want to risk that so I cleverly leaned toward

MEMORIES OF BIRTHDAY WEEK

her while wearing my baseball cap. As I predicted she reached for the cap and took it off my head and began to play peek-a-boo with the cap which allowed me to grab the raisins such that the purchase could take place. This was my major adventure prior to the day of my birthday. By the way, when my daughter brought me back home I wanted to prepare the mushroom soup which involved finding my glasses and reading the directions. Alas, we had no milk and have not had milk in the house for years. The mushroom soup had to wait and is still waiting.

We now proceed to the Big Day, Monday, my actual birthday and the day of President Biden's first 100th day in office. I awoke at 5:00 a.m. and after first struggling to a successful completion of the online New York Times Spelling Bee Game I experienced a kind of hollow victory. I read an email from my ex-neighbor now living in Australia where the time zone is almost a full day ahead of us. My birthday had almost passed there but he described the great celebrations that had already had taken place in Australia as part of a three day national holiday celebrating Anza. The celebration involved continuous drinking, smoking and reveling together with roasting whole pigs on a spit. In the morning people went swimming surfing and bicycle riding. I thought hooray for them but this had nothing to do with my birthday and anyway what the heck was ANZA Day, (eventually I looked it up, and you can too if you care. It is a commemoration of the combined Australian and New Zealand Armies (ANZA) combatting the Turks and the Ottoman Empire during World War I).

It was now about 6:00 a.m. and with a continuing feeling of being forgotten, I quietly opened my bedroom door so as not to awaken my wife and SURPRISE- SURPRISE what did I see. There was my wife, already dressed outside the door and there across the downstairs was a huge banner proclaiming HAPPY 77TH BIRTHDAY. I would like to include a picture of that banner but there were even more surprises. Inside a large wrapped package was a huge multi-colored striped caftan, something I had been lacking and missing without ever knowing it for my whole life. (My wife said she was motivated by a comment from a psychic who mentioned 25 years ago that I would be wearing robes in my later life) Who knows, but right now I absolutely love wearing the caftan together with a large feathered straw hat which was another present. I wore the hat and caftan all day as we met first my son and his girlfriend for breakfast, taking advantage of the now relaxed Covid restrictions. At lunch we met another friend, who upon being informed that it was my birthday suggested that I wear something jaunty. We met him, he in his customary Ralph Lauren Coat and handkerchief and me in my wonderful caftan. (I do hope that at least one picture of me in my caftan will be included in the paper with this article).

Anyway, it has been a wonderful Birthday Week filled with other memories. I wish that I had more space but I am happy to remind you that later in the day I, customarily, defeated my wife in Scrabble. A rare victory! Who knew being 77 could be such fun!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DICK POLMAN SUPREME SLEAZE: AMY CONEY BARRETT'S CORRUPT CONFLICT OF INTEREST



It's hard these days to keep track of all the decrepitude in public life, so forgive me if I highlight some new sleaze that has likely escaped your notice.

In the waning days of the Trump dystopia, a group called Americans for Prosperity – which is bankrolled by conservative billionaire David Koch – spent more than a million dollars on what it called “a national campaign” to ensure that Senate Republicans jammed Amy Co-ney Barrett onto the U.S. Supreme Court. Then, earlier this week an affiliated Koch group – the Americans for Prosperity Foundation – asked the high court to overturn a California law that requires charities to disclose the names of their biggest donors.

In other words, Amy Coney Barrett, who owes her seat in part to the secret dark money that was spent on her behalf, decided to sit in judgement of a Koch request to protect secret dark money. And she made it clear, during oral argument, that she's prepared to do just that.

Hang on. Isn't there a concept called “conflict of interest”? Isn't a judge with a conflict compelled to recuse him/herself from such a case?

It would seem so. The Code of Judicial Conduct, embedded in federal law, specifically re-quire that “any justice, judge, or magistrate judges of the United States shall disqualify him-self in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned” – by a rea-sonable, objective person. In fact, the high court applied that standard back in 2009 when it ordered a West Virginia supreme court justice to recuse himself from a case that involved a coal company CEO – precisely because that CEO had donated \$3 million to the justice's election campaign.

But here's the catch: The U.S. Supreme Court exempts itself from that federal law.

There is no Supreme Court code governing conflict of interest. There are no ethics rules. There is no accountability. The high court justices police themselves, which of course means that, in practice, they do not police themselves at all. The court defies the traditional legal principle of nemo iudex in causa sua (nobody should be a judge of his own case). It deems itself exempt from the code of conduct that governs the lower federal courts. Aside from the nine justices at the top of the pyramid, all other federal judges are inhibited from putting themselves in any situation that might convey an appearance of impropriety.

This outrage has been obvious for a long time. Eleven years ago, Clarence Thomas sat in judgement of Obamacare despite the fact that Virginia Thomas, his conservative activist wife, earned roughly \$165,000 working for several groups that fought and lobbied against Obamacare.

A bipartisan coalition of 107 law professors from 76 law schools asked Congress to require that all federal judges with perceived conflicts at least explain in writing the reasons why they'd refused to recuse themselves. A tepid reform, yes. But right now the Supremes don't have to explain anything. So when Barrett joined the rest of the court during oral argu-ments on the Koch empire's dark money plea, she didn't need to explain anything.

Actually, during her Senate confirmation hearing last fall, she was asked about the impend-ing Koch case and whether she was planning to recuse herself. In response she said that it would “not be appropriate for me as a judicial nominee to offer an opinion about such ab-stract issues or hypotheticals.” Which was a word-salad way of saying “No.” In a separate written answer, she stated: “I commit to faithfully applying the law of recusal if confirmed” – a meaningless promise, because in practice the Supremes ignore that law.

So, for the Koch empire, it's clear that Barrett was a cost-efficient investment. If she joins her conservative colleagues to nix the California donor-disclosure law (highly likely), that will embolden the dark-money forces to challenge the many state and federal laws that cur-rently require political groups to reveal the names of their donors.

There once was a time when conservatives argued in favor of transparency, claiming that unlimited campaign donations would not corrupt politics as long as the public knew who the donors were. As one prominent conservative thinker declared in 2010, “Requiring people to stand up in public for their political acts fosters civic courage, without which democracy is doomed.”

So said Justice Antonin Scalia. But that credo was so 11 years ago.

And it sounds especially archaic now, with Amy Cony Barrett having been bought and paid for.

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IN SPEECH TO CONGRESS, BIDEN BETS ON DEMOCRACY

JOHN MICEK



During his anything-but-typical address to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night, President Joe Biden used the word “democracy,” over and over again.

Some were run-of-the-mill evocations, as was the case when he spoke of “revitalizing” our democracy – a promise made by more than one more president, and a bromide meant to soothe the nation's soul. Others were more grave, as when he spoke of the Jan. 6 sacking of the U.S. Capitol, calling it “the worst attack on our democracy since the Civil War.

But one mention of democracy in Biden's prime-time address really stood out. It came to-ward the end, as he spoke of the challenges facing the country as it stares down geopolitical allies who are hoping for our failure as a nation. But he could just as well have been speak-ing of the forces at home who similarly are hoping for his administration to fail, abetted by the aspiring autocrat in exile in south Florida.

“Can our democracy deliver on the most pressing needs of our people? Can our democracy overcome the lies, anger, hate and fears that have pulled us apart? America's adversaries, the autocrats of the world, are betting we can't,” Biden said. “But we have to prove them wrong. We have to prove democracy still works, that our government still works, and we can deliver for our people.”

It's no secret that democracies around the world are under siege, and that the promises of authoritarian regimes are appealing to a certain segment of the population.

Look no further than the surging popularity of French presidential candidate Marine LeP-en. On Capitol Hill, there are such Trump-aligned Republicans as Rep. Scott Perry of Penn-sylvania, who recently pushed the repulsive “replacement theory” during a House commit-tee hearing.

Future historians will judge how democratic governments around the world respond to these threats. And the price of failure is high.

During his speech on Wednesday, Biden again appealed to Republicans to join in working to find compromise on the sweeping reimagining of the economy that's been the hallmark of his first 100 days. But he also made clear that he was ready to move on without them.

“I just want to be clear, from my perspective, doing nothing is not an option. Look, we can't be so busy competing with one another that we forget the competition that we have with the rest of the world to win the 21st century,” he said, warning that Chinese President Xi Jinping is “deadly earnest on becoming the most significant, consequential nation in the world. He and others, autocrats, think that democracy can't compete in the 21st century with autocracies, because it takes too long to get consensus.”

He made the same appeal to Americans, particularly those who did not vote for him, to join in that effort, evoking President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he did so: “... in America, we do our part. We all do our part. That's all I'm asking. That we do our part, all of us. If we do that, we'll meet the central challenge of the age by proving that democracy is durable and strong. Autocrats will not win the future. We will. America will. And the future belongs to America.”

In any other time, an American president would not be required to make such an emotional and urgent appeal for his fellow citizens to rally around, and support, the foundational val-ues of our nation, the ones that we drum into our children's heads in civics class.

But as the last four years, capped off by the eruption of violence and treason at the Capitol on Jan. 6, have shown, these are not ordinary times. And while Biden evoked the memory of America's 32nd president to make his case, I'll evoke the memory of another, the 16th, from whom Republicans, who have wandered so far, to make mine.

Speaking in Gettysburg, Pa. on Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln exhorted Ameri-cans to “... highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, un-der God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

That's the debt we owe those we've lost during the pandemic; for the American service members who laid down their lives to preserve our democracy. That's the democracy that Biden bet on Wednesday. And then, as now, it will take all of us to make sure that American democracy survives.

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