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SIERRA MADRE BANK OF AMERICA BRANCH CLOSING



When the pandemic shutdown to walk-in customers and personal banking in 2020, Bank of America recently announced the permanent closing of the Sierra Madre Branch at 350 W Sierra Madre Blvd. All business will cease at the facility, including ATM access, on August 10, 2021. This week customers began receiving notifications of the closure and signs were posted with the sad news on the front door.

No representatives of B of A were available for comment at press time and the reasons for the closure, given the current recovery from the Pandemic, is wide open for speculation.

A question more frequently asked by customers than 'why' was, "what will be done with what is the largest commercial building in the city?" Constructed in 1964 on the corner of Lima and Sierra Madre Blvd., the branch has been serving the community for 26 years. First opened in 1965, the two story, 9,070 square foot building became a landmark as one approached City Hall and downtown Sierra Madre.

Originally founded in San Francisco in 1904 as Bank of Italy by Amadeo Pietro Giannini, it provided Italian immigrants who faced service discrimination various banking options. Giannini acquired Banca d'America e d'Italia (Bank of

America and Italy) in 1922*. It has since become the second largest banking institution in the United States, second only to JP Morgan Chase. It is also the eight largest bank in the world. In 1998, its headquarters moved out of California to Charlotte, North Carolina. (*Source Bank of America - Wikipedia)

Needless to say, the closure of the Sierra Madre Branch has devastated local customers who live and work in the city, including many Sierra Madre businesses who relied on the ability to take care of their banking needs without leaving town. The probability that technology

may have had an impact on the decision seems likely. Even though online banking has been slowly growing in popularity over the last 10 years, the Pandemic almost made online banking mandatory. Pre-pandemic, the decrease of walk-in customers has been declining and there appears to be no turning back the very real that impact of modern technology is having on 'the way things were.'

So, while many are anxiously awaiting things to 'get back to normal,' one thing is certain. There will be not return to Sierra Madre in person banking at B of A.

Story and Photo
S. Henderson/MVNews

COUNCIL SET TO ADOPT STATE MANDATES REGARDING RESIDENTIAL ZONING

On Tuesday, May 11th, the city council will hear the Second Reading of Ordinance 1441 amending the Sierra Madre Municipal Code will change the Sierra Madre Municipal Code (SMMC) to make Family Day Care Homes, Modular and Manufactured Homes, Transitional and Supportive Housing a permitted use within all residential zoning districts; to make supportive housing a Use By Right in Multi-Family zones and to amend Emergency Shelter Parking Requirements pursuant to state law.

The Ordinance will bring the city into compliance with a number of recently passed state laws aimed at addressing the state's housing shortage. The legislation is currently in effect, however the Sierra Madre's Municipal Code has to be brought into compliance. The specifics include: (from staff reports)

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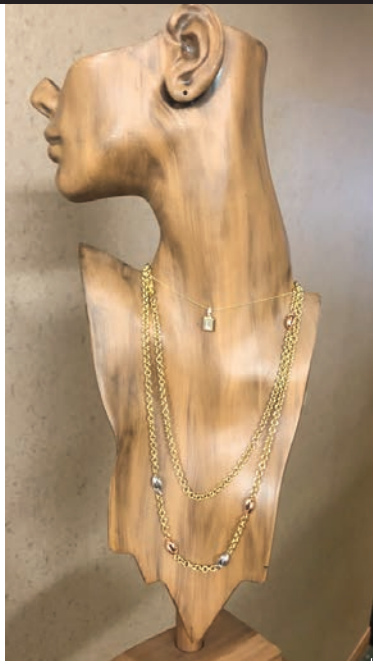


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WAITING FOR THE EIR

In the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between “the City of Sierra Madre and the Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community,” the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was to have been published on October 1, 2020. In the interim, we have been given several publication dates. In the last meeting with Preserve Sierra Madre and New Urban West, the developers of the project now state that the draft will be available in May/June 2021.

- The draft report according to the MOU was to “prepare an EIR and complete any required technical studies or analyses, which include, but are not limited to, the following:
- i. Historical Resources Technical Report
 - ii. Arborist Report and Tree Inventory Summery
 - iii. Traffic Impact Study
 - iv. Hydrology and Water Quality Study
 - v. Utilities and Services System Study
 - vi. Greenhouse Gas Study”

There will be a 60 day period for the City and the Citizens to make comments about the EIR. These comments must be made in writing and presented to the City for consideration during a 60 day period after which no changes can be made. We have two questions posed to the City Manager and will include his responses in our next article.

Q. 1) Has the City seen the draft EIR and, if so, when can we expect its release in order to prepare our questions and comments?

Q. 2) As we have all read in the Los Angeles Times, Star News and various websites as well as those articles sent to the citizens by the Stop the Housing Project group, there have been recent studies to show that there is already the beginning of another severe drought in the Western States, particularly Arizona, Nevada and Northern California. Because Sierra Madre relies on ground water as well as water from the Metropolitan Water District, and the fact that the subject of water conservation has increased in the past few months, will consideration and/or revision be made to the EIR that will address this critical situation? If so, will this further delay the publication date?

Stay tuned, the City’s response will be in the June 5th edition of the Mountain Views News.

SIERRA MADRE KERSTING COURT UPDATE

During the week of May 17th, the City will begin the demolition on the storefront side of Kersting Court. This will include removing the curb ramp at Baldwin Avenue in front of Starbucks and the old ADA ramp by Renaissance Art. Also, the ramps on the west side nearest Chase Bank and Lucky Bald-win's will be demolished and replaced.

During working hours, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Kersting Court will be closed to through traffic and parking. The sidewalks will be open for pedestrian traffic, with pedestrian detours where the sidewalk is tem-porarily removed. The street/parking area will be opened as soon as the work ends for the day.

The project’s asphalt replacement is scheduled for the week of May 24th, with grinding and capping the parking lot with new asphalt. The street and raised crosswalks will be colored with a stamped de-sign the following week. During this phase, the road will be closed for a few days. However, the side-walks will remain open for pedestrians.

Also, as an additional item of information regarding the Kersting Court area next week; separate from the City’s project there will be fencing and scaffolding in front of the building that “Yogurt and More” occupied last year for façade improvements. Safe ADA access will be maintained at all times.

We sincerely apologize for the unforeseen challenges that caused delays in the project. If you have any questions or would like to go over the project in person, please send us a note, and Public Works would be happy to discuss it with you.

RESIDENTIAL *Continued from page 1)*

Permitting Family Daycare Homes: In 2019, the State Legislature adopted Senate Bill No. 234 (“SB 234”), the “Keeping Kids Close to Home Act. SB 234 took effect on January 1, 2020, and requires cities to treat a family daycare home as a residential use. Currently, Sierra Madre Municipal Code (“SMMC”) requires a conditional use permit for the operation of a large family daycare home in residential zones. State law prohibits the City from imposing business licenses, fees, or taxes for the privilege of operating a small or large family daycare home. Instead, licensing is managed by the Division of Child Care Licensing of the Department of Social Services.

Permitting Manufactured and Modular Homes: As Sierra Madre permits single-family housing in the R-2, R-3, R-H, R-C, H and C zones, it must also permit manufactured and modular housing within these zone districts. The existing SMMC does not list modular and manufactured homes as a permitted use on lots zoned for single-family residential dwellings

Permitting Transitional and Supportive Housing: “Transitional housing” means rental housing provided to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals or families to conventional housing. Transitional housing may take the form of single-family or multi-family units, and may include supportive services, as defined in Government Code section 65582, subdivision (h), operated under program requirements to allow individuals or families to gain necessary life skills in support of independent living. This type of housing may be occupied by a program recipient for a minimum of six months up to a maximum of two years, at which time it may be recirculated to another eligible program recipient. There are many types of supportive and transitional housing, including certified family homes, group homes, foster family homes, crisis nurseries, runaway youth shelters, small family homes, and transitional housing placement programs, to name a few.2 Maximum occupancy in these facilities is dictated by the State licensing agency and the local Fire Marshal. The proposed amendments make transitional and supportive housing a permitted use in all of the City’s residential districts, as well as the commercial district, and subject to the same standards as may be required for dwellings in the respective zones. SMMC does not list transitional and supportive housing as a permitted use in the Multiple Family Residential High Density and Hillside Management Zones

Allowing Supportive Housing By-Right: Assembly Bill No. 2162 (“AB 2162”), effective January 1, 2019, requires the City to permit supportive housing by-right in all zones where multi-family and mixed-use is permitted, including non-residential zones permitting multi-family uses. The advantage to the developer is the ability to avoid discretionary review and the California Environmental Quality Act. To qualify for by-right permitting the supportive housing development must meet the following criteria: 1. Units must be subject to a 55-year affordability restriction; 2. 100 percent of units, except the manager’s unit, must be dedicated to lower-income households; 3. At least 25 percent of the units or 12 units, whichever is greater, must be restricted to residents in supportive housing. If a development has fewer than 15 units, 100 percent of the units must be restricted to residents in supportive housing; 4. Certain percentages of non-residential floor area must be dedicated to onsite supportive services; 5. Any dwelling units on the site of the supportive housing development must be replaced; and 6. Each dwelling unit must have at least one bathroom and a kitchen. The current SMMC also does not allow any supportive housing projects by-right in any zone.

Revising Parking Standards for Emergency Shelters: The Emergency and Transitional Housing Act of 2019, adopted under Assembly Bill No. 139 (“AB 139”), effective January 1, 2020, requires cities to change the current parking standards for emergency shelters from a ratio based on the size of the structure to a ratio based on the number of shelter staff. The total number of parking spaces required for emergency shelters cannot exceed the total number of parking spaces required for other residential or commercial uses within the same zone. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(4)(ii).) The SMMC currently bases the number of parking spaces on the size of the emergency shelter.

While the hearings give residents the opportunity to provide input on these changes, state law mandates local compliance in each instance. MVNews

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“They carry us beneath their hearts,
That’s how every new life starts.
The beating of our mother’s heart,
The first sound that we hear.
Love and peace surround us...
And God...is very near.
Your mother, my mother,
And Mary...the mother of...God.” *

*Lyrics from “Your Mother, My Mother” – Star of Wonder – A Christmas Musical
Book & Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley.

Tomorrow is Mother’s Day. I don’t know about you, but I kept all my mother’s day cards from the last couple of years and the messages selected by my beloved children on these cards are so encouraging, so loving, so worth repeating...

“To my mother. We all need someone to believe in us...in who we are and in all we can become. Someone to cheer, encourage, comfort and guide us...to give us the confidence we need to believe in ourselves and in our potential to reach our dreams. Thank you for being my someone. May you know how much your love and support mean to me and always will.”

“Family is love and laughter, strength and smiles, hope and happiness. Every Mother’s Day is a gift – a chance to go back through the memories of the heart and say thank you. For a home that was warm and welcoming and filled with life and laughter – where each day seemed to hold some small adventure and something new to learn. For a family that loves being together – that cares for each other and helps one another through all the big and little ups and downs of life... for a connection that gives meaning and purpose and joy to every day.”

I will miss being with all the mothers in my family, who are numerous, probably just like your family. But, dear friends and neighbors, our hearts are always connected. We are never truly apart as the ties of love are very strong. God made us that way. And, speaking of God, I think the best essay about mothers was written by Erma Bombeck around 1974. I’m sharing it with you again as I think it’s just the right thing to say just now.

“When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of “overtime” when the angel appeared and said, “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And God said, “Have you read the specs on this order?” She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands.”

The angel shook her head slowly and said, “Six pairs of hands.... no way.”

“It’s not the hands that are causing me problems,” God remarked, “it’s the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

“That’s on the standard model?” asked the angel. God nodded. “One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, ‘What are you kids doing in there?’ when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when they goof up and say. ‘I understand and I love you’ without so much as uttering a word.”

“God,” said the angel touching his sleeve gently, “Get some rest tomorrow....”

I can’t,” said God, “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. “It’s too soft,” she sighed.

“But tough!” said God excitedly. “You can imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?”

“Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise,” said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

“There’s a leak,” she pronounced. “I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model.”

“It’s not a leak,” said the Lord, “It’s a tear.”

“What’s it for?”

“It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride.”

“You are a genius,” said the angel.

Somberly, God said, “I didn’t put it there.””

Erma Bombeck, When God Created Mothers

I’m wishing each of you a Happy Mother’s Day. Make phone calls, send a beautiful bouquet like this one in the picture, organize Zoom parties, send texts, and say I love you! Say it a lot! May God bless all the mothers we know!

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Fri	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s

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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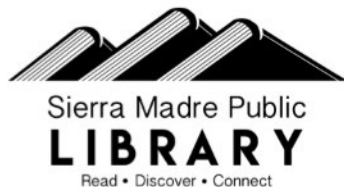
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South Pasadena Police Chief Appointed



South Pasadena Announced Tuesday that interim City Manager Sean Joyce has appointed Acting Police Chief Brian Solinsky (pictured), a 27-year veteran of South Pasadena Police Department, to the full-time Police Chief post.

The appointment came following a recruitment and two rounds of interviews conducted separately by a panel of four community members and a panel comprised of three police chiefs (including former South Pasadena Police Chief Art Miller) and South Pasadena Fire Chief Paul Riddle according to city staff.

“I have been impressed with Acting Chief Solinsky’s leadership since Chief Ortiz’ departure late last year. Under Brian’s leadership, the Police Department has already renewed its commitment to community engagement and initiated training programs aimed at police accountability and inclusiveness. Now, with the benefit of the insights of eight interview panelists who evaluated four finalists, I am even more confident that Acting Chief Solinsky is the best candidate to lead the men and women of the South Pasadena Police Department during this transformational era in municipal law enforcement,” said City Manager Sean Joyce said.

Upon learning of his appointment to lead the South Pasadena Police Department, Chief Solinsky said “It is an honor to have been selected as the next Chief of Police for the City of South Pasadena. I look forward to my continued service to this great city in this new position of leadership. I embrace contemporary policing philosophies that promote efficiency, effectiveness, and the equitable treatment of all. I am committed to strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and our citizens. I believe it is only through this partnership that a police department’s true success can be measured, and I pledge to serve the South Pasadena community with integrity and distinction.”

Chief Solinsky will lead the Department of 36 sworn officers and 15 full-time non-sworn personnel and an annual budget of about \$10 million.



Earthquake Safety Shuts Library Indefinitely

Just after in-person services at the Pasadena Central Library resumed, a Pasadena building official ordered the closure of the library, located at 285 E. Walnut St., until further notice due to earthquake safety.

The opening followed the county’s move into the less-restrictive orange tier.

According to city staff, a recent structural assessment conducted as part of the scope of work for the Central Library Building Systems and Structural Assessment Capital Improvement Project revealed that most of the building is comprised of unreinforced masonry (URM) bearing walls that support concrete floors and walls.

Now that it has been identified, staff said, it is clear that Central

Library is not in conformance with the City’s URM Ordinance. Additionally, the results of the review provided to the city indicate that Central Library does not meet current seismic standards recommended by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Therefore, given our present state of knowledge, the building is unsafe to occupy, they said.

“This is devastating news for us all. Central Library is more than just a building; it’s where generations of families have grown up, and an iconic building that completes our Civic Center as one of Pasadena’s treasures,” said City Manager Steve Mermell. “We intend to do everything in our power to assess the severity of the problem and to work toward

its resolution. This library cannot remain vacant, and we need to conserve it for another century of use.”

Designed by Myron Hunt in 1924, Central Library was the first building completed in Pasadena’s historic Civic Center Plan. The library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Averaging 1,000 daily visitors, the library serves as an educational and community cornerstone for all to gather, learn, explore ideas, and connect with people and resources.

Central Library staff will be re-assigned to other branches in order to offer expanded service hours at those locations. Library phone, chat, online content, and programming will continue without change, they said.

For more information or a list of open library branches visit: cityofpasadena.net/library

Pops Return for the 2021 Summer Concert Series

Principal Pops Conductor Michael Feinstein and the Pasadena POPS are ecstatic to announce the return of live in-person concerts this summer at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. The popular 2021 Sierra Summer Concert Series will present five concerts from July 10 to September 11, 2021 for fully vaccinated audiences. The series will feature a stellar line-up of stars including Thelma Houston, Billy Davis Jr. & Marilyn McCoo, Liz Callaway, Jordan Donica and more. Entry to all Pasadena POPS concerts will require proof of receiving a fully completed Covid-19 vaccine at least two weeks prior to the concert date.

The Pasadena POPS outdoor concert setting at the LA County Arboretum is uniquely designed with spacious round table seating allowing ample distance between tables, plus an expansive lawn area for socially-distanced seating on blankets and low back chairs. The venue plans to limit capacity this summer to provide even more spacing to support a safe concert-going experience for all.

Feinstein kicks off the summer series on July 10 with The Road to Motown, honoring the Supremes’ Mary Wilson, who was originally slated to perform before her recent passing. Wilson’s “Mississippi Sister” Thelma Houston will pay tribute to the legend and celebrate the greatest hits of the Motown era with the Fifth Dimension’s Billy Davis Jr. & Marilyn McCoo, and the premiere Motown singing sensation, Spectrum. The music of super group Fleetwood Mac lights up the stage on July 24 with special guests Landslide performing Rhiannon, Don’t Stop, Go Your Own Way and many more chart-topping hits for Fleetwood Mac: A Tribute.

Michael takes the stage as soloist to bring Ol’ Blue Eyes’ biggest hits on August 14 for Michael Feinstein Sings: Sinatra’s Songbook. Back by popular demand, Classical Mystery Tour brings the timeless hits of the

Fab Four to life on August 28 with a fresh set list of Beatles’ favorites including “Can’t Buy Me Love,” “Here Comes the Sun,” “While My Guitar Gently Weeps,” “Imagine” and many more. Feinstein returns to the podium to close the season on September 11 with 100 Years of Broadway, covering the best shows coming out of The Great White Way from each decade leading up to the present performed by Hamilton’s Jordan Donica and Emmy-winner Liz Callaway.

“The feeling of anticipation and joy bubbling up in all of us is palpable as we prepare to return to the experience of sharing live music,” says Feinstein. Personally, for me, I have missed the connection of creating acoustic sound with an audience present, because as grateful as I am for virtual music-making, it is simply not the same as hearing live music played by a symphony in a beautiful natural setting. I know I can speak confidently for our orchestra when I say that we have missed you, and we will perform with everything we’ve got. We’re going to have a brilliant season!”

For the most up to date venue safety protocols and ticketing requirements, visit pasadenasympphony-pops.org/covid-19-safety-protocols-pops.

All concerts are held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30pm and performances begin at 7:30pm. Don’t miss the best outdoor dinner party in town with spacious circular table seating with fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket – each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends with Michael Feinstein and the San Gabriel Valley’s premier orchestra! The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.

For more information Visit: PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on concert days.

Tournament Offers Sneak Peek at 2022 Rose Parade



2022 Donate Life float

As the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and community partners prepare for the return of the Rose Parade on January 1, 2022, Tournament officials offer the first in a series of sneak previews of floral float entries that will inspire and charm our worldwide audience on New Year’s Day.

Since the first Rose Parade in 1890, each float entry presents a unique theme and visual story that bring their vessel to life. The theme of the 133rd Rose Parade — “Dream. Believe. Achieve.”— is reflected in the official renderings for float participants Donate Life, Lions Club International and Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee.

The three organizations’ longtime Rose Parade participation, totaling 85 entries since 1980, continues with symbolic and spectacular storytelling sure to be embraced by millions of streetside and broadcast viewers from across the country and around the world drawn to America’s New Year Celebration.

Donate Life

The centerpiece of the 2022 Donate Life float, “Courage to Hope,” is the winged Lion of Venice from Italy’s Piazza San Marco, set amidst the Venetian Gothic architecture of the Doge’s Palace and Venice’s quintessential gondolas and canals. The Lion speaks to the Courage and Hope shared by donor families who have enabled a legacy through their decision to donate life; transplant candidates awaiting a life-saving and healing organ, eye and tissue donation; and all who have been impacted by the pandemic. Each year more than 50 organizations nationwide

sponsor the float’s life-saving mission, amplifying the Donate Life/Donate Vida message to viewers and communities nationwide.

Lions Clubs International

For nearly 30 years, the entries developed by Lions Float, Inc. tell inspirational stories about how the largest service organization in the world helps others through humanitarian services, such as education initiatives like the Lions Quest program that helps students develop their social and emotional skills. Aboard the float are two Lions alongside three ships filled with children, teachers and mentors who are on a “Quest for Kindness,” a value championed by the organization worldwide. Towering above the riders is a lighthouse representing thousands of Lions clubs, programs and events that serve as “Beacons” within their communities.

Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee (RRPFC)

The 2022 Rose Parade marks the 42nd consecutive year the RRPFC has spearheaded Rotary’s representation in America’s New Year Celebration. This year’s theme, “Changing Lives Through Education,” aligns with one of Rotary’s seven areas of focus, Basic Education and Literacy. A sixteen-foot-tall owl embodies both the spirit of self-improvement and Rotary’s determination to make the tools of education available to everyone in every land. Books, a quill pen and a hybrid apple/globe symbolize the importance of education throughout the world.

For More information visit: tournamentofroses.com.

New South Pasadena City Manager Named

Following a candidate screening, and two rounds of City Council interviews, and a well-received April 28 virtual community forum with the final candidate, the City Council unanimously appointed Wednesday Armine Chaparyan to the City’s top administrative post. Chaparyan has 15 years of local government experience, most recently serving as assistant city manager of San Gabriel.

“The City Council has an ambitious agenda for making South Pasadena even more special than it already is. We look forward to working with Armine to advance infrastructure projects and services that improve the quality of life of every South Pasadena. We know that Armine is very familiar with our city and looks forward to putting her energy and talent to good use in South Pasadena. We are excited to welcome Armine as our new City Manager,” said Mayor Diana Mahmud.

Chaparyan, a graduate of John Muir High School in Pasadena, holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from U.C.L.A. and a Masters of Public Administration from U.S.C. She will start her new position with South Pasadena on Monday, May 31, 2021. Her starting annual salary is \$215,000.

With benefit of the insights of four community focus groups of 31 South Pasadena community leaders, each describing the ideal qualities they wish to see in the next city manager, the City Council retained executive recruiter Mr. Gary Phillips, of Bob Murray & Associates to undertake a national recruitment to gather qualified candidates to fill the city’s vacant city manager position.

Celebrating Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Pasadena Public Library is celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history, culture and achievements of the United States with a series of virtual programs, events and activities for all ages. Sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. View the Asian American Pacific Islander



Toyō Miyatake
Heritage Month brochure at: cityofpasadena.net/library.



REMINDER: MAY IS BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

May is National Bicycle Safety Month, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Departments, including Altadena and unincorporated Pasadena, are encouraging drivers to slow down when passing bicyclists, and asks bicyclists to be visible, predictable, and safe on the road.

"Bicyclists are safest when they act like and are treated the same as drivers," Sergeant Robert Hill said. "Please share the road with bicyclists and think of them as your closest friends or family. We all want to get where we need to go safely, whether that is in the car or on a bike."

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department suggests the following safety tips for bicyclists and drivers:

Drivers

Slow down. Give at least three to five feet of space when passing a bike.

Wait for a safe place to pass when driving behind a bike, especially on narrow roads. California law requires drivers to provide at least three feet of space between a vehicle and bicycle.

If making a right turn, assume a bicyclist is traveling through the intersection unless they signal otherwise.

When making a left turn, yield to oncoming bicyclists just as you would for other drivers.

Look for cyclists before opening a car door.

Never drive distracted or impaired.

Bike Riders

Be predictable, safe, and seen: obey traffic laws, use hand signals, use lights at night (front white light and rear red reflector), and wear a helmet.

Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle.

Avoid the door zone: do not ride too closely to parked cars.

If there's a bike lane, use it, unless making a left turn, passing, or approaching a place where a right turn is allowed.

Yield to pedestrians. Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within marked crosswalks or within unmarked crosswalks at intersections.

For more information visit: lasd.org/altadena.

MONROVIA NEWS

City Facilities Reopening to the Public
The City of Monrovia is excited to welcome the public back into city facilities beginning on Monday, May 10.

In accordance with guidelines from public health officials, all city facilities are implementing a variety of precautions to make the environment as safe as possible for staff and the public upon reopening. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at public service desks, hand sanitizer will be available for use, and reminders are placed throughout facilities to keep a safe distance. Additionally, face masks completely covering both nose and mouth are required for both staff and the public entering all city facilities.

For the health and safety of our community, selected city services are available online or by telephone for those who are unable to come inside city facilities.

Tax Exemptions Available to Some Low-Income Residents

In July 2000, the voters of Monrovia passed a special property tax to fund the purchase and maintenance of the hillside open spaces (wilderness preserve), and in

March 2007, the voters passed a measure approving a special tax related to building a new Monrovia Public Library.

Eligible low-income Monrovia seniors and low-income disabled residents may be exempted from the community's special parcel taxes for the Library and Wilderness Preserve by filing a simple form by June 30, 2021.

Exemptions are available to property owners who meet all of the following requirements:

At least one property owner of record (the owners listed on a deed or tax bill) must be age 62 or older; or, at least one must be eligible for the federal SSI program for the aged, blind or disabled.

The property must be the qualified resident's primary residence.

The household occupying the property must be "very low income." Call the City Clerk's office at (626) 932-5550 for this year's qualifying income numbers and for other information.

To receive an exemption, a qualified resident must file a form with the City each year. Forms have been mailed to those who have filed previously.

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.



ALTADENA-SO. PASADENA-SAN MARINO

NURSE FINDS TIME TO HELP CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Genevieve Laguna (pictured), a licensed vocational nurse, works tirelessly to keep people safe, healthy, and recover from surgeries. Overworked and exhausted, Laguna still finds time to help others outside of the hospital.

Six years ago, her friend who lives down the street from Five Acres, a foster care and mental health charity in Altadena, was interested in volunteering and reached out to Laguna to support a Christmas collection drive for the charity. Since then, Laguna, a Montclair resident, has committed to having a pajama clothes drive for the children living at Five Acres in time for Christmas Eve. Each year Five Acres children open their pajama gift, have hot cocoa, and enjoy a holiday movie.

"Like most people, I've gone through some very personal things in my life where I've been down and out, but instead of giving up, I've learned what it means to live in gratitude," said Laguna. "I am truly blessed and grateful for all that I have, what I have accomplished so far, and all that I have been able to overcome. But at the end of the day what truly matters is who I have lifted up, helped, and made better. It's about what I have given back. If I can make a difference in one life, it matters."

She asked doctors, nurses, other co-workers, family, and friends to contribute towards the Amazon wish list, pajama drive, and other seasonal drives for Five Acres. Despite the pandemic, they pulled their energy and resources to help children in need throughout the year. Feeling blessed, Laguna feels it in her heart to continue helping Five Acres children, ensuring each one has their gifts and knows they are cared for.

Raised by a mother who has volunteered many years at church and still continues to volunteer now, Laguna said, "by her example, she taught me to care for those around me, look past our differences, and give in any way I can of whatever I possess. To give is to love but to withhold is to wither. If I care less for what I have and more for how it is shared, my life will have meaning and my heart will have peace."

Laguna's parochial education, both as a graduate of St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, shaped her life of service. Besides volunteering at Five Acres, she raises money for the Fontana Police K-9 Pals and donates blood to the American Red Cross.

Laguna's blood type makes her a donor for both plasma and platelets, which she donated for COVID-19 and cancer patients weekly when needed during the pandemic. As an incentive from the American Red Cross, they gave Amazon gift cards, which she collected for an entire year to purchase two bikes for Five Acres.

With a heart of gold, Laguna's compassion, kindness, and love extends beyond her bedside manners as a licensed vocational nurse.

To learn how you can donate or volunteer at Five Acres, visit 5acres.org or to donate blood, visit redcross.org.

Since 1888, Five Acres has protected the most vulnerable members of our community: children. Serving more than 9,000 children and family members annually across six counties, Five Acres now strives for permanency—a permanent, loving home—for all children in their care. The three pillars of safety, well-being and permanency provide the framework for its programs and guide the steps as the agency develops even more effective means of caring for children and families in crisis.



SOUTH PAS SUICIDE PREVENTION WEBINARS

The City of South Pasadena Youth Commission, in partnership with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will host two online webinars for residents of South Pasadena on Friday, May 21.

The first informative webinar will run from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will address risk factors, warning signs for suicide, and strategies that can help save lives. This webinar will be geared towards youth to help provide information and skills to help their communities.

To register for the Talk Saves Lives webinar please visit: tslyc52121.attendase.com.

The second webinar will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This webinar is designed for parents to learn how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate a conversation with their child, and help them get help.

To registers for More Than Sad: Suicide Prevention for Parents webinar please visit: mtparents52121.attendase.com.

The webinars will be led by Louisa Rocque, director of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for the Greater Los Angeles and Central Coast area.

ASK THE ATHLETES: WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

The Pasadena Senior Games has teamed up with the California Senior Games Association to produce a monthly Zoom series of sports-related panel discussions by seasoned current and former professional athletes followed by questions from viewers of the live events.

Five former stars in women's professional basketball will be featured at 4 p.m. Monday, May 10: Laurie Byrd, Kirsten Cummings, Ann Meyers, Sue Wicks and Anne Warner Cribbs.

Sue Wicks played women's basketball from 1984 to 1988 for Rutgers University in New Jersey where she was a three-time All-American and remains the record-holder as lead scorer with 2,655 points and lead rebounder with 1,357 rebounds.

A trailblazer all her life, Ann Meyers (pictured) was the first woman accepted by an American university on a four-year athletic scholarship. She led the UCLA Bruins to a national championship and

became the first four-time All-American women's basketball player.

As a girl growing up on the streets of Detroit, Laurie Byrd developed a love of basketball. As a college student, she played on the Eastern Michigan University Hurons (now the Eagles) women's basketball team from 1978 to 1982 and scored 1,899 points, a record that was not surpassed by women or men players until 2011.

Anyone 50 or older may register by visiting pasadenaseniorecenter.org and clicking on Events, Clubs and Lectures, then Online Events or calling 626-795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive a link via email for joining the Zoom discussion. Membership in the Pasadena Senior Center and residency in Pasadena are not required. Anyone who does not have Internet access may call 626-795-4331 to receive a number to call to listen to the live event by phone.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

SECTOR/ACTIVITY	YELLOW TIER *Effective Thursday, May 6 at 12:01 AM*
BARS with no meal service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor capacity at 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewerMasking required, except while eating or drinkingTables 6 feet apart with no counter seating/serviceMax per table: 6 people from one household indoors, 8 people from up to 3 households outdoors. If everyone in group is fully vaccinated, up to 6 (indoors) / 8 (outdoors) different households at one table.TV viewing allowed; live entertainment outdoors only
RESTAURANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor capacity at 50%. Tables 6 feet apart.Max per table: 6 people from one household indoors, 8 people from up to 3 households outdoors. If everyone in group is fully vaccinated, up to 6 (indoors) / 8 (outdoors) different households at one table.TV viewing allowed; live entertainment outdoors only
BREWERIES & WINERIES with no meal service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor capacity at 50% or 200 people, whichever is fewerMasking required, except while eating or drinkingTables 6 feet apart with no counter seating/serviceMax per table: 6 people from one household indoors, 8 people from up to 3 households outdoors. If everyone in group is fully vaccinated, up to 6 (indoors) / 8 (outdoors) different households at one table.TV viewing allowed; live entertainment outdoors only
MOVIE THEATERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Each screening room at 50% max capacityReserved seating to allow 6 feet of distance in all directionsFully vaccinated sections can be established without 6 feet distancing provided there is 3 feet of distance between these sections and other seats in the theaterEating or drinking only in designated area or in seat
GYMS, FITNESS CENTERS AND YOGA STUDIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor capacity at 50%Masking always required6 feet of distancing between participants and staff for all activitiesSteam rooms and saunas can open
MUSEUMS, ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor capacity at 75%
For more information, visit covid19.lacounty.gov/recovery LA County  Roadmap to Recovery  COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  Public Health	

UPWARD MOBILITY ACT OF 2021 PASSES FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE

Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation, the Upward Mobility Act of 2021, Assembly Bill 105 that addresses barriers to upward mobility and inclusion for people of color working in California's civil services system passed, Thursday, the Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement.

"Upward mobility is integral to achieving racial justice, and we should be setting the example," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "The existing systems in place at our own state agencies fail to create inclusive workplace environments, and hinder qualified individuals to move on up within their department simply based on the color of their skin."

Data from the California Department of Human Resources reports shows that the majority of Non-White civil service personnel are paid a salary in the "\$40,000 and below" range, but when the salary range increases, the percentage of Non-White civil servants moving into management positions decreased. The exact opposite takes place for White civil servants.

AB 105 requires diversity on all state boards and commissions that have volunteers. The bill would also reform processes that hinder upward mobility for people of color in the civil service system, giving attention to compliance, the appeals process, and

annual parity goals for upward mobility.

In September 2020, California took a bold step to address racial inequity in the private sector when Governor Newsom signed AB 979 (Holden) that requires diversity on corporate boards of corporations based in California. AB 105 will next be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Specifically AB 105 would:

- Require the California State Personnel Board (SPB) to establish a process that includes diversity and best practices in each aspect of the design, announcement, and administration of examinations for the establishment of employment lists.
- The bill provides that the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) may develop model upward mobility goals to include race, gender, and LGBTQ as factors to the extent permissible under state and federal equal protection laws.
- Require that CalHR submit within its annual workforce analysis and census report all of the adverse actions taken by departments against employees. It calls for the report to include the type of adverse action, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation, if available. The goal is to see if there are patterns of discrimination in the departments.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the world's most widely recognized red wine grape varieties. It is grown in nearly every major wine-producing country among a diverse spectrum of climates from Canada's Okanagan Valley to Lebanon's Beqaa Valley where it found new homes in places like California's Santa Cruz Mountains, Napa Valley, and Sonoma. Its popularity is often attributed to its ease of cultivation—the grapes have thick skins and the vines are hardy and naturally low-yielding, budding late to avoid frost and other dangers. I have seen cabernets for as little as \$8 and as high as, well the sky is the limit.



I found a gem recently for \$25 a bottle. Hailing from Napa Valley Side B Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of cabernet sauvignon California grapes and five other grapes. I first sampled the Side B at the Sonoma Film Festival (Go Figure) and have been enjoying ever since. The Cabernet has a rich color and splendid fruit flavors, I suggest two bottles, one for now and one for a special occasion, this wine will get better with age. The name you ask? B Side Cabernet Sauvignon tells the story of the flip-side of Napa Valley. Nestled in rural areas and rolling hills along the eastern edge of the Valley, these vineyards are just a few miles from the glamorous, high-priced wineries featured along Highway 29. The eastern side of Napa Valley includes areas such as Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Wooden Valley, Stags Leap District and lower Calistoga. Vines in these areas are grown in thin volcanic soils, which yield smaller, more concentrated fruit, producing Bordeaux-style Cabernet Sauvignons with classic berry and cassis flavor.

Side B Cabernet 2015 retails for \$25, and can be found on sale at many fine retailers for \$21 if bought in the six pack. I find that to be a bargain

Dills Score: 89

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 7 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Join me this Sunday at 5 PM for Dining w/Dills AM 830 KLA

L.A. COUNTY GOES YELLOW!

As Los Angeles County moves into the Yellow Tier, the least restrictive tier in the State of California's ranking system, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors issued the following statement:

"This has been a long and difficult journey and we are so heartened to arrive at this latest milestone. Entering the Yellow Tier means we have reached the next-to-last stage before fully reopening, and this is another welcome sign we are moving toward a safe and healthy new normal, one that is guided by hope rather than fear.

"This new tier matches the sunny optimism of the season. Now it's up to all of us to keep up the good work. It's never been easier to get vaccinated, and that is the single most important action you can take to protect yourself, your family, and your community. Continuing to make smart choices now moves us closer to fully enjoying all the wonderful things that Los Angeles County has to offer."

Moving from the Orange Tier into the least restrictive Yellow Tier means that capacity is increasing in a wide variety of settings, including private gatherings and celebrations. Bars are able to open indoors at 25% maximum capacity with significant safeguards. Additional details will be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on Wednesday and the new Health Officer Order will go into effect on Thursday.

The modifications to the Health Officer Order include the following:

Amusement/Theme Parks/Fairs can increase capacity to 35%. Fully vaccinated out of state visitors are permitted.

Bars that do not provide meals can operate indoors at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer. Masking always required, except when eating or drinking; drinking and eating only while seated. Tables must be at least 6 feet apart and no counter seating/service. Maximum of 6 people from one household per table; if everyone in a group is vaccinated, 6 people can sit together from up to 6 different households. TV viewing is permitted. No live entertainment permitted indoors. Outdoors tables can have a maximum 8 persons per table from up to 3 different households; if everyone in a group is vaccinated, 8 people sit together from up to 8 different households. Live entertainment and TV viewing permitted outdoors. No counter seating/service.

Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries that do not serve meals can increase indoors capacity to 50% or 200 people, whichever is fewer. No live entertainment permitted indoors. These establishments will follow the same public health directives as bars for their outdoor areas.

Restaurants can increase capacity for indoor dining to 50% capacity with continued safety modifications. There must be 6 feet distancing between tables. Maximum of 6 people from one household per table; if everyone in a group is vaccinated, 6 people can sit together from up to 6 different households

Cardrooms/Racetracks/Satellite Wagering Facilities can operate indoors at 50% capacity. There must be 6-feet of distancing between tables and masks are always required. Food and beverages remain banned at the tables.

Fitness Centers can operate indoors at 50% capacity. Masks are always required unless swimming.

Movie Theatres can operate at 50% capacity. Reserved seating only where each group is seated with at least 6 feet of distance between any other groups (in all directions); capacity is limited to ensure that there is at least 6 feet of distance between groups. Seating sections can be established for fully vaccinated people without 6 feet distancing requirements provided there is 3 feet of distance between these sections and other seats in the theatre. Eating is allowed in only designated areas or in your reserved seat.

Family Entertainment Centers can operate at 50% capacity, 75% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination. Masks are required.

Grocery and Retail Stores capacity remains limited to 75% with continued requirement for distancing of at least 6 feet between customers.

Hair Salons, Barbershops and Personal Care Services can operate at 75% capacity with masks required, except for services where customers need to remove their masks. For services where customers must remove their face coverings, staff must wear a fitted N95 mask or a face covering with a face shield.

Museums, Zoos and Aquariums can be open indoors at 75% capacity with safety modifications.

Waterparks can operate at 40% capacity with safety modifications.

Youth and Adult Recreational Sports and Community Sporting Events can apply to Public Health for approval for athletic events, tournaments or competitions that involve more than two teams or multiple individuals. Indoor moderate and high contact sports are permitted following Collegiate Sports Protocols, which includes regular testing.

Live Event and Performance Indoor venues up to 1,500 guests can operate at a maximum of 25% capacity or 50% if guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination. Venues with 1,501 guests and above can operate at 10% capacity of 2,000 people; whichever is fewer or 50% capacity for tested or fully vaccinated guests.

Live Event and Performance Outdoor venues can expand to 67% capacity with safety modifications.

Public Health reminds everyone to celebrate Cinco de Mayo safely. Please avoid large crowds, celebrate outdoors, and wear your mask at all times except when eating and drinking. Alcohol lowers inhibitions, please drink responsibly and safely to protect yourself and others and never drink and drive. There continues to be higher risk of COVID-19 transmission among unvaccinated people. Intermingling with others who are not vaccinated and unmasked increases the possibility of virus transmission.

"To the families grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19, we send you our deepest sympathies and keep you in our thoughts every day," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "The best way to participate in more activities is to be vaccinated if you are 16 years old or older. This makes it much safer to enjoy graduations, celebrations, and gatherings with family and friends. This is also how we prevent more variants from circulating and threatening our recovery."

COVID-19 vaccinations are available at County-run sites and many community sites without an appointment. Visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VaccinateLosAngeles.com (Spanish) to find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more. If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment. There may be an extended wait time to speak with an operator for help making an appointment during high demand times. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

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 05/07/2021 TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES

Cases:		1,234,746	
Deaths:		23,966	
CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,305	74
Arcadia	57,754	2,711	132
Bradbury	1,069	36	0
Duarte	22,016	2,307	98
Monrovia	38,800	3,165	77
Pasadena	141,371	11,241	342
Sierra Madre	10,989	465	13



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The Pasadena Unified School District is partnering with the Pasadena Public Health Department and Huntington Hospital to host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for anyone 16 years and older.

Get your first dose of the Pfizer vaccine TOMORROW at Victory Park (2575 Paloma St.). Call (626) 744-7311 or visit caprepmod.org/reg/2619527109 to book your appointment. Family members are welcome too!

CITRUS COLLEGE EARNS 'MILITARY FRIENDLY' HONORS FOR SUPPORT OF STUDENT VETERANS, FAMILIES

Glendora, Calif. (May 4, 2021) – In recognition of its commitment to student veterans and their families, Citrus College has been named both a Military Friendly School and a Military Friendly Spouse School.

Home to more than 400 student veterans, Citrus College received the 2021-2022 awards from VIQTY, a service-disabled and veteran-owned small business that owns and operates the Military Friendly brand. Schools receiving these honors were evaluated from public data sources and survey responses.

Citrus College has been named a Military Friendly School for 11 consecutive years. The Military Friendly Spouse School honor, the college's second in a row, came as a result of efforts to create sustainable educational opportunities for military spouses.

One shining example of Citrus College's commitment to veterans and their families is the Veterans Success Center, which connects veterans to a wide array of services, ranging from academic counseling and orientations to mental health support and vocational rehabilitation. Additional services include help navigating the various military tuition assistance programs.

For military spouses, the Veterans Success Center takes the time to work with them on their education benefits and other resources available to them. The Veterans Success Center also provides military and veteran spouses all the services provided to student veterans, including access to the Vet-Success on Campus counselor and other resources.

"I want to thank our dedicated and caring Veterans Success Center staff for making sure our student military service members, student veterans and their family members receive the support they need to excel in the classroom and in their future careers," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Citrus College is very honored to receive these recognitions."

Throughout the pandemic, the Veterans Success Center has maintained its commitment to veterans virtually through Zoom drop-in lounge times; communications through Canvas, email and the Citrus Mobile app; and by phone.

The complete list of 2021-2022 Military Friendly Schools will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine. Citrus College will be included in the July/August issue of Military Spouse magazine.

"On behalf of the board, I want to thank Citrus College faculty and staff for their dedication to student veterans and their families," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "These recognitions are an affirmation of the important work being done, as well as a sign to veterans considering higher education that Citrus College is a fantastic destination."

For more information about the Veterans Success Center, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvt/veterans.



The Citrus College Veterans Success Center organized a career panel in November 2019 where a handful of veterans, seated at the table, spoke to student veterans about their transition from military to civilian life. Note: this photo was taken before the campus closed due to COVID-19. Photo courtesy Citrus College.

We want to thank every one of our BCS Staff and Faculty for the dedication and hard work accomplished to support our students both in distance learning and in-class learning. We are so grateful and blessed!

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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.

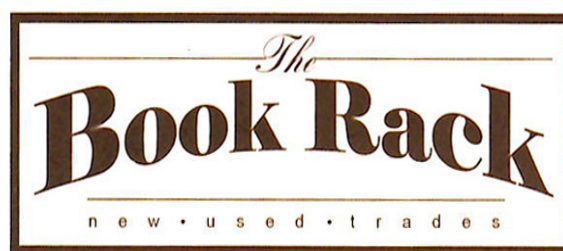
For questions regarding parade registration please contact the 4th of July Committee at 4thofjulysiemradre@gmail.com or the Community Services Department at 626.355.5278. For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/. ###



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SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

CHAIR YOGA

Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am
Chair yoga with Paul is coming back! Class be held in the Covered Pavilion in Memorial Park in front of the Senior Center. Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation. Classes will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. ALL participants must be wearing masks for the duration of the class. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and needed equipment or supplies for each class. Class size is limited so please call 264-8923 to reserve your spot.

TAX ASSISTANCE

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

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Have you ever thought about trying your hand at writing? Do you have an idea for a book and no idea how to begin? This program may be for you! Katy Nishimoto, Senior Editor with Random House, has graciously volunteered her time to lead this incredible writers workshop for seniors. Program participants will be given a prompt, a 10 minute writing task and a group reading. Discussions, readings and feedback to help guide your creative thinking into creative writing. If you have interest in writing nonfiction, a memoir, fiction or poetry then please call or email today to reserve your spot. Class will be limited to 10 participants. No writing skills or experience is required. Call Lawren Heinz at 626-355-7394 to reserve your spot and receive class information.

MUG CRAFT

Tuesday, May 18 at 11:00 am Join Lawren in making a delightful, colorful and artistic nail polish marbled mug! All supplies will be provided for you and we will meet in the Hart Park House patio. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting nail polish on. To reserve your spot or ask questions please call Lawren Heinz at (626) 355-7394 or send an email to lhein@cityofsierramadre.com

IDEAS

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

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

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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

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

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

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHO DOESN'T LIKE A GIRL SCOUT COOKIE?



This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage made a little slip. To her, it was a little slip, but to me, it was a big mistake.

It is not always that she makes mistakes that I can profit on. I don't make this public, especially within her earshot, but there are times that she makes a mistake, and I'm always on the lookout for those times.

When it comes to me, I'm always making mistakes. I'm not sure that I can make a little slip because mine are much bigger. And the problem with this is, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always catches them, and sometimes, I don't know how she does it, she catches them before I actually do them.

She calls it "woman's intuition," but I call it "man's trouble."

This past week, for instance, I had an appointment with my eye doctor. I was to pick up my new glasses, and I was anxious about that. I told my wife that the doctor's appointment was on Wednesday. She countered that and said, "No, I believe it's on Thursday."

"It's my appointment," I said, both hands on my hips, "and I'll go when I want to." She looked at me, snickered, and then went back to what she was doing. I think I heard her mumbling something like, "He's 13 again."

I got to the eye doctor's office, walked in as I was putting on my mask (I'm not too fond of these masks), walked up to the counter, and signed in. Then I went to sit and wait to be called.

In a few minutes, a nurse came up to me and said, "Mr. Snyder, what are you doing here today?" "I'm here to pick up my glasses." "I'm sorry, your appointment isn't until tomorrow."

I looked at her with one of my stunned looks and then said, "Could I camp here until tomorrow?" I had to go home and tell my wife that I was wrong, and she was right. If I had a nickel for every time I admitted that I was wrong, I would be a very wealthy person.

But this week, my wife made her mistake, and I was able to cash in on it. She returned home from shopping at Publix, and I think without even thinking, she said as she was coming into the kitchen, "The Girl Scouts are selling cookies at Publix today."

There are many things she says that I cannot hear. I'm not sure if it's my ears or what. For some reason, I picked up on this phrase about the Girl Scout cookies. I tried to remain quiet and calm. I knew

if I stirred up any excitement, she would catch on to what she said to me. According to her, I am very limited as to the cookies I'm allowed to eat. Her preference would be that I eat no cookies while I've got breath in my nostrils. I remember when she told me, "You cannot eat no cookies!"

I smiled because she did not know what she said. A double negative equals a positive. Most people don't get that. The next step was to figure out how to leave the house and go to Publix without somebody in the house finding out.

I did not know how I would do this. I thought about it and tried to come up with the perfect plan. Then, an opportunity opened up that I could never have anticipated.

"I forgot something at Publix," my wife said, "would you have time to run over to Publix and pick this up for me?"

I find it very hard to subdue hilarious laughter under circumstances like this. I worked hard and solemnly said, "Oh, my dear. I can go right now, and there's no problem at all."

Like magic, I disappeared from the house and started the car before I even got in it and headed for Publix. All I could think about was those wonderfully delicious Girl Scout cookies. After all, when I buy Girl Scout cookies, I'm helping to support some young ladies who need it. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

Walking up to the girls at Publix, I almost forgot what I had come to pick up. I looked at them and said, "I'll be back after I go do some shopping."

I'm always as good as my word, and I came back, and since I could not make up my mind as to what cookies I wanted to purchase, I did the gentlemanly thing and bought one of each cookie they had for sale. How much it cost has no relativity to my desire for these cookies.

As I put the bag on the kitchen table, my wife happened to look at it and said to me, "Those are not Girl Scout cookies, are they?" "Isn't that what you wanted me to buy?" She just stared at me, but all I could think about was eating that first cookie. As I delighted in eating that first cookie, I was reminded of what David said in one of his Psalms, "De-light thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4).

As much as I delight in these cookies, my greater delight is in the Lord. As I delight in the Lord, I enjoy all the delicacies of that relationship.

HOW MUCH WILL YOU NEED TO SAVE FOR RETIREMENT?

Dear Savvy Senior:

Is there an easy way to figure out how much I will need to save for retirement? My wife and I are both in our late fifties and want to figure out about how much we'll need in order to retire comfortably. Ready to Retire



Dear Ready:

How much money you need to retire comfortably is a great question that all working adults should ask themselves. Unfortunately, far too few ever bother thinking about it.

But calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to have saved for retirement is actually pretty easy and doesn't take long to do. It's a simple, three-step process that includes estimating your future living expenses, tallying up your retirement income and calculating the difference.

Estimate Living Expenses

The first step - estimating your future retirement living expenses - is the most difficult. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement. You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in some occasional big budget items like a new roof, heating/air conditioning system or vehicle.

Tally Retirement Income

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to SSA.gov/MyAccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, etc.

Calculate the Difference

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

So, let's say for example you need around \$60,000 a year to meet your living and retirement expenses and pay taxes, and you and your wife expect to receive \$35,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$25,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year (\$60,000 - \$35,000 = \$25,000).

Then, depending on what age you want to retire, you need to multiply your shortfall by at least 25 if you want to retire at 60, 20 to retire at 65, and 17 to retire at 70 - or in this case that would equate to \$625,000, \$500,000 and \$425,000, respectively.

Why 25, 20 and 17? Because that would allow you to pull 4 percent a year from your savings, which is a safe withdrawal strategy that in most cases will let your money last as long as you do.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



ALMOST THREE YEARS AFTER HER DEATH, ARETHA FRANKLIN'S POOR ESTATE PLANNING CONTINUES TO HAUNT HER FAMILY—PART 1

Nearly three years have passed since Aretha Franklin, known as the "Queen of Soul," died from pancreatic cancer at age 76. At the time, her total fortune was estimated to be worth up to \$80 million. Yet due to poor estate planning, the late singer's children

have yet to see a dime of their inheritance, and what they ultimately do receive will be significantly depleted by back taxes. Moreover, it's still not clear whether or not Aretha even had a valid will.

When she passed away in August 2018, her family thought that Aretha died without any estate plan at all. But since then, four different wills attributed to the late singer have been discovered. And ever since those documents came to light, her four adult sons—Clarence, Edward, Ted White Jr., and Kecalf—have been in court fighting one another over her assets, as well as who among them should be designated as the estate's representative.

While a trial is set for August to establish whether any of the four documents, some of which are handwritten and barely legible, can formally stand as her will, Aretha's story demonstrates just how destructive shoddy estate planning can be for the loved ones we leave behind.

Indeed, although her alleged wills clearly show Aretha was concerned for the well-being of her family and wanted them to share her fortune, the legendary singer's haphazard planning has pitted brother against brother, exposed dark family secrets, and lost millions of dollars to the IRS. And perhaps worst of all, while the legendary singer was notoriously private, all of this has played out in the news headlines for the whole world to see.

Aretha's situation is definitely tragic, and sadly, far too common among famous musicians—Prince, Jimi Hendrix, and Bob Marley all died without a will. Yet we cover her story and others like it in hopes that it will inspire you to do right by your loved ones by creating a proper estate plan.

And such planning is vital even if you have far less wealth than Aretha. In fact, planning can be even more critical for those with fewer assets. After all, given Aretha's massive fortune, it's likely that her heirs will still receive an inheritance, while similar mistakes would likely totally wipe out a smaller estate.

With that in mind, next week I'll discuss Aretha's planning mistakes and how those errors have impacted both her family and fortune, how proper planning could have prevented the entire mess from ever happening, and the steps you can take to make certain that, unlike Aretha, your loved ones never have to endure such a nightmare.

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TIM BRICK CARRIES ON IN THE TRADITION OF CHARLES LUMMIS
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Charles Lummis was a colorful figure, born in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1859. When he was 25years old and working on a newspaper in his wife’s hometown in Ohio, Lummis was offered a job on a new pa-per out west, the Los Angeles Times. He decided that it would be a great idea to walk all the way to Los Angeles, and write about his adventures in a series of weekly dispatches to newspapers.

He became a columnist at the “new” Los Angeles Times, and was very active in promoting local natural history causes. Among other things, he founded the Southwest Museum, and the Arroyo Seco Foun-dation, whose purpose was to protect and preserve the unique natural environment of the canyon that flowed from the hills above Altadena, all the way south into Los Angeles where it eventually met the Los Angeles River.

Lummis died in 1928, and though many of his works have remained, the Arroyo Seco Founda-tion died with him. That is, until local environmental activist Tim Brick resurrected the Arroyo Seco Foundation in 1989 to continue the vision of Charles Lummis.

TIM BRICK
According to Brick, “It was the second big Earth Day in 1990 that inspired the revival of the Arroyo Seco Foundation. The 20th Anniversary of Earth Day was big in Pasadena, and we saw at least 30,000 people visit-ing the Arroyo that weekend.”



Tim Brick, founder of Arroyo Seco Foundation

“Our first big project was to improve those low flow streams in lower arroyo, work-ing with BFI, which was an old trash hauling company that had to do a mitigation project,” explains Brick, referring to the streams that were created on both sides of the cement channel south of the Colorado Street bridge.

Since then, the ASF has planted several thousand native trees in the Arroyo, participated in and led major Arroyo planning efforts, educated the public about the riches of the Arroyo, and most im-portantly worked to restore and enhance the natural splendor of the Arroyo for future generations.

ASF has brought over \$25 million in funding into the Arroyo Seco Watershed. Some of the ma-jor pro-jects have included the low-flow stream restoration program in the Lower Arroyo in the 1990s, the Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program, which brought back native fish to the Arroyo, the Water-shed Coordination Program, and the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project.

The nursery was started back in the early 90s, until 1997 at its current location. “There was noth-ing as ambitious as you see there now,” says Brick. “Back then we only grew about seven trees.” In 1997, when he became the executive director of the Hahamongna Operating Company, “I simply didn’t have the time to maintain the nursery,” he explains.

In 2014, the nursery was revived. Within a year, it was managed by Nicholas Hummingbird, who breathed new life into the nursery. Parker Davis and Portia Besocke now operate the nursery, and oversee its day to day activities.

THE ASF NATIVE PLANT NURSERY



Parker Davis and Portia Besocke (left) and Park-er Davis now operate the day to day operations of the nursery.

Parker Davis explained that the ASF staff and volunteers collect seeds from their nursery and from the watershed for propagation. They also root cuttings for propagation.

Because of their current burgeoning activities, the ASF staff is seeking to expand their bound-aries, and are also actively seeking volunteers to assist with the many aspects of native plant propagation.

“It’s a great way for volunteers to learn about na-tive plant propagation,” said Davis, “and to learn about many of the historical native plants.”

In addition, the ASF nursery is open for the pub-lic to purchase native plants for their own yards.

“There isn’t another native plant nursery growing plants with such a focus on hyper-local genet-ics that I know of,” said Davis, who pointed out that some of the beautiful natives currently in flower include the aromatic wooly blue curls, and the Encelia californica, a native sunflower. Other popular plants for sale include white sage, black sage, mugwort, and yerba santa, all of which are aromatic, drought-tolerant, and medicinal.

Plants are \$5 in four inch pots, and \$10 for one gallon pots; larger sizes are also available.

The nursery is located in the Annex section of the Hahamongna Watershed Park; for location, check hahamongna.org. They are open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Their number is (626) 657-0392. Below: Some of the native plants for sale in the nursery.



Katnip News!



MARVELOUS MILLI!

She’s beautiful, sweet, affectionate, & playful. Kind woman took in her daughter’s cat, Milli, but the woman’s resident and aggressive male cat has tried to hurt Milli and even put the woman in hospital for a week. This is in



spite of all proper and careful introductions, etc. Milli deserves to be in a loving and safe forever home. She would do best as an only pet (IMO), not with young kids, and not left alone for long periods of time (needs company and attention). She is spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. She may need a little space at first but once she’s comfortable, she’s very sweet, smart, curious, and affectionate. Can you help? Please call 301-771-1211 to inquire.

Pet of the Week

Penny is five years old and has such a sweet personality. This dilute calico beauty is a little cautious when meeting new people, but just minutes after getting to know you, she’ll be reaching out to head bump your hand and ask for more pets! It really doesn’t take her long to come out of her shell. This sweetie has so much affection to give, it wouldn’t surprise us if she became a lap cat or a cuddle bug in her future home.



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



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STUART TOLCHIN THE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING BLISSFUL IGNORANCE



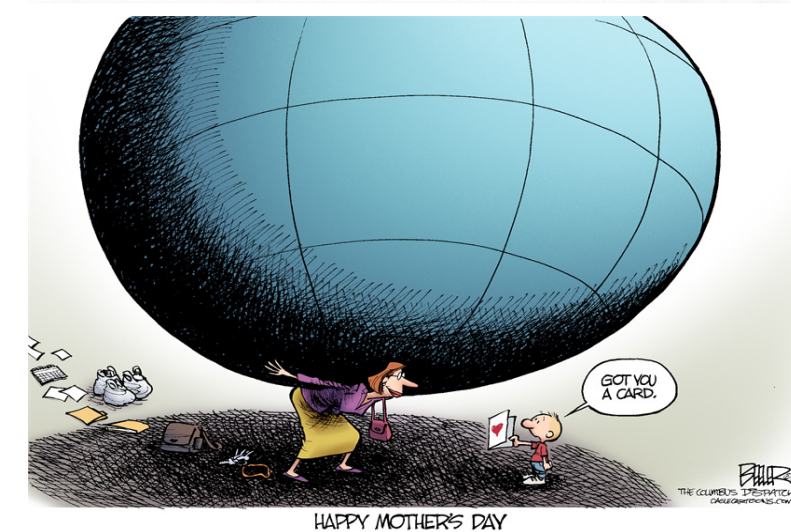
Are you at all familiar with the HBO documentary series entitled Exterminate All the Brutes? I have watched the trailer and the first episode and it is all very troubling. Like every one of my particular

age I was taught all through school that America was the greatest nation in the world and that it was the greatest nation that had ever existed anywhere. What this meant was never really talked about but there was an underlying assumption that we people who were born in the United States, especially "White People" had made a terrific choice in being born when and where we were and choosing the right color skin. We kind of assumed that people in other countries all really wanted to be Americans and we White folk even assumed that non-White people in America should be educated to act like White People, that what was meant by education.

There was an underlying belief that people who were non-White had hard lives because they deserved them. They lacked discipline, and integrity, and morality, and honesty and other words that were talked about and never explained. Even for those of us who did not believe in God it was just accepted that this was God's will and it was just the way things were. People like Jackie Robinson were talked about as being a "credit to their race" because they were allowed to play the White Man's game of baseball. Robinson was required to act in a certain way and accept insults in order to prove something or other. It was not a belief in equality that brought Robinson to the major leagues but a hard economic decision that would be a financially beneficial thing to do.

In the 1960's I went to UCLA wherein the only non-White students were the famous athletes who were given scholarships and allowed to attend classes because of their athletic ability. I went to UCLA Law School from 1965 through 1968 and the entire student body was White Men. That's right! No Black, Brown, or Yellow People. No women. Women who came to study in the Law Library were laughed at because it was known that they were only there to try and hook up with some desirable man. Today, of course the Dean of the Law School is a woman, the majority of the Law Students are women, and I assume that the student body contains a racially diverse population.

I know that today the entire population is well aware of the racial and sexist practices that are an integral part of American history but my point is that while growing up no one talked about it very much. I can remember no time within the Law School that there was ever a discussion of why it could be tolerated that there were nothing but White Male Professors and students. It is disgusting to even think about it. All of us were great believers in American Superiority and the benefits of Democracy and such but the fact that the entire system was rotten to its core was never mentioned. When it came time for Demonstrations, these were anti-war demonstrations which were self-serving as White Male College Students wanted to avoid the draft. Certainly the last few decades have displayed significant changes and perhaps overall attitudes have changed; but there is no doubt that unfairness still exists deep within the system. The series that I mentioned above, Exterminate all the Brutes is the creation of Raoul Peck, a Hattian Black Man who was raised in Africa and Scandinavia. It is unrelenting in its presentation that all of our beliefs in the indisputable virtue of America, its "justice," its "integrity," its "morality," its "democracy" were simply words that were made up to cover the simple truth that the last 500 years or so has been an uninterrupted saga of White European Men invading other land in the Americas and Africa and genocidally destroying the indigenous populations and cultures. That is world history but what has been marketed to the public are false ideas intended to obscure and justify the horror. In the first episode prominent ex-Senator Rick Santorum is shown saying that when the colonists arrived in North America "there was no one else here" blissfully ignoring that there were tens of millions of indigenous people who had lived here for millennia. It is a sickening realization that we all knew this but didn't care. There is some question as to why major powerful corporations would allow such a documentary to be produced and displayed. I read an article this morning in the Intercept that explained that in today's world that there is money to be made by such presentations and that making money controls everything. That is another sickening realization, like all the others, of which I would have loved to remain blissfully ignorant. I guess maintaining ignorance is too expensive these days. Are Republicans and Donald Trump still drinking Coca Cola but now with their eyes closed?



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DINAH CHONG WATKINS IT TASTES BETTER WHEN IT'S FREE



She had a sixth sense. We were barreling down the Macdonald-Cartier Freeway at 85 miles an hour. She cocked her head to the side, studying the heavy, green overgrowth by the shoulder. "George! George! Stop the car." My dad steered our Ford LTD to a pullout and turned off the engine. My sister, older by 3 years, let out a dramatic groan and flopped back onto the rear seat. I opened the passenger door and pulled her out by her feet, she returned the favor by kicking me in the head. We popped the trunk and grabbed some garbage bags, duct tape and box cutters - coincidentally, the same items serial killers stock in their cars. The four of us took off our shoes and gingerly criss-crossed the stream flowing parallel to the highway. Ten minutes later my dad tossed 2 garbage bags bulging with organic watercress into the trunk. That evening and too many evenings after that my mom prepared the watercress, I would like to say she found dozens of appetizing ways to serve it up but no, watercress soup - every night. She told us it tasted better because it was fresh, but I know she really meant it tasted better because it was free.

Foraging is a trendy thing, but it's not just for mushroom hunters and their truffle pigs. Pre-Covid, an afternoon sampling cheese cuts, sausages in marinara sauce and shots of Muscle Milk at Costco was a no-cost way to entertain your date. Now, a little part of me cries every time I walk by their samples teasingly locked away in plexiglass display cabinets. How delicious those samples tasted back then - bite sized, served up hot and - free.

It's the conundrum we face when taking our daily constitution, we walk by our neighbor's front yard and their orange tree has faithfully yet again, produced bushels of sweet citrus fruit. I think we all agree anything that falls on the sidewalk is fair game but what about those branches that hang just past their property line? Do I practice Love Thy Neighbor by leaving their harvest on the tree or help my neighbors by preemptively gleaning excess fruit that's sure to drop and spoil? All I know is in one of those cases, it tastes better because it's free.

However, much like Lysol's 99.9% disinfecting power there is a minuscule percentage when food doesn't taste better even when it's free.

I sat cross-legged on the floor, a child's body length away from the television set, waiting for The Flintstones to come on. The phone rang, it was my uncle. After some fast talking, my mother grabbed her car keys and peeled out of our driveway. An hour later she was back and told me to help unload the car. I opened the door and a luminous cloud of stink rolled out. It was as though Shamu had beached himself and was left to rot in our back seat. My uncle was a seafood wholesaler and overnight the air pumps in his tanks of live lobsters had malfunctioned, his entire inventory was dropping dead by the minute. Every pot on our stove was stoked with boiling water as my mom plunged dozens of limp lobsters into the vats. The first lobster served steamed with butter was sweet with just a hint of brine. But then came the lobster salad, lobster fried rice, lobster noodles, lobster with lobster leftovers. I suffered from PTLTD (Post Tank Lobster Disorder), for years after that, forgoing the Surf and eating only the Turf.

It was inevitable then when I met my future husband. I wasn't overly impressed but he was the China manager for Northwest Airlines. He offered me a lift to work one day and jokingly gave me a line,

"Marry me and fly for free."

We eventually tied the knot and it was much better getting the flights for free, but he neglected to tell me one thing, they were Stand-By.

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TOM PURCELL



A MOTHER'S COMFORT

A Scientific American describes my mother to a T.

An article titled "The Incredible Importance of Mothers," by social scientist Melanie Tannenbaum, lays out the argument that a mother's comfort - not just meeting basic needs, such as providing food and shelter - is essential to the development and wellbeing of children. Tannenbaum cites the work of social scientist John Bowlby, who in the 1950s "determined that our attachment to parental figures (in particular, he argued, to mothers) plays a huge, critical role in our ability to learn, grow, and develop healthy adult relationships."

She also cites the work of psychologist Harry Harlow, who was strongly influenced by Bowlby's attachment theory. Harlow believed that we humans have a core motivation for love and affection as children and that a mother's comfort is what develops our sense of security - which is the key to living a happy, productive and well-adjusted life.

I have many fond memories of being comforted by my mother.

I'm the third child and only boy in a family of six children, so there was a lot of competition for my mother's attention.

But I vividly remember one warm, sunny spring day while my two older sisters were at school and I got to have my mother all to myself.

I must have been four at the time and she was pregnant with my sister, Lisa.

As I played with my red wagon, which I loved, she was whistling as she tended to the flowers in the backyard.

She was happy by nature and loved to whistle - a skill she learned from her father and passed down to me.

I remember being completely content because she was nearby, comforting me with her sunny presence, as I was left free to roam and explore the art of playing.

I was very lucky to grow up as I did at a time when even a large family could get by on one income.

This allowed my mother to stay home, live her dream of having a big family and devote her entire life to caring for and comforting her children.

Her extended family is still blessed daily by her comforting skills.

She has 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and her home is a wonderland to each of them - a place of unconditional love and laughter.

At her 80th birthday party four years ago, all of her family members shared stories about how her nurturing and love had touched their lives in a video masterfully edited by one of my nephews.

It was eye-opening - and at times laugh-out-loud funny - to see the profound and varied impact she has had on each of us.

I'm extremely blessed to still have my mother in my life - still comforting me when the challenges and setbacks of life affect me.

She still cheers me on when the risks that I take in business - risks I'm able to take because of the deep sense of security she and my father gave me - blossom into success.

Since the beginning of time, the love and comfort of mothers has been the key to all things great and good in the world - the very best gift a mother can give to her child.

I hope and pray every child can be as comforted as my mother still comforts me. Happy Mother's Day!

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