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THE BUCCANEER CHOSEN AS GRAND MARSHAL & FIRE CHIEF BARTLETT CHOSEN AS HOMETOWN HERO FOR 2021 JULY 4TH PARADE

The volunteers of the Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee are pleased and excited to announce that the 2021 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal will be Sierra Madre's watering hole The Buccaneer Lounge. "The Grand Marshal is a person or persons whose efforts over a long period of time has been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person or persons' volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our community." Gerri Fraser and her family have been dedicated role models of the volunteer and community spirit that is truly Sierra Madre.

For over 60 years the "Buc" has been the spot to go to in Sierra Madre! Whether it was celebrating a softball win, after wedding party, birthday, winning the local City Council election or heck just hangin out with local friends. Even once being named as a top 10 LA dive bar. but consistently in the San Gabriel Valley! Gerri Fraser and her family have owned and operated the bar for the last 30 years have been there and supported this community in every way possible. The "Buc" has sponsored Little League, Softball, Halloween Happenings, Huck Finn, the 4th of July, Fall Festivals and auctions at all the local schools, and the golf tournaments. They are interwoven into the fabric that is the community of Sierra Madre. Gerri and her family have always been there for Sierra Madre. And sadly, the Buc had to remain closed during the entire 18 months of the pandemic. Fortunately, they held strong and with the help of some resident angels, selling shirts, go fund me campaigns, some grants and ultimately the Bar Stool fund are still here and reopened today. So, for a year of hanging tough, being strong and still giving back, Sierra Madre says thank you to Gerri and the entire family by honoring them as the 2021 #SMStrong Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade (being held on Monday, July 5th!).

Additionally, the Committee is proud and honored to announce that Fire Chief Brent Bartlett has been selected as a "Hometown Hero".

This year the SMFD celebrates 100 years since its origin, and thanks to hard work and dedication of this local town hero Chief Bartlett has transitioned Sierra Madre from a once all volunteer department to a professional department and brought the community into the Automatic Aid system, a project the City had been trying to do for close to 40 years. Chief is a local San Gabriel Valley boy and a graduate of Bishop Amat High School, served in the US Marines Corp with two overseas tours and moved to Sierra Madre with his awesome wife and kids in 1995. It was then, the Chief joined the all-volunteer Fire Department, participated in SM Little League, SM Girls Softball and our local schools while raising his family he became



Above, Gerri Fraser and 'The Buc' family; Below, SMFD Chief Brent Bartlett Photo courtesy SM4thJulyCommittee



part of this amazing community. After his kids went off to college, Chief began his own journey to becoming a professional firefighter, eventually coming back home to Sierra Madre Fire Station 41 as a paid Fire Captain. Upon which he participated in and oversaw our long necessary transition into a professional level department. Our surrounding neighbors have great respect for Chief Bartlett and through his dedication and hard work the City has been accepted into the Automatic Aid Verdugo response systems and has a fantastic team of Medics and Firefighters serving our community. And in that crazy 2020 pandemic year, on top of everything else, Chief Bartlett assisted in keeping the community safe from the Bobcat Fire and also participated a number of times with the SMThrives team. Chief Bartlett is a great example of #SMStrong and we are pleased to extend this honor to him as Sierra Madre 2021 Hometown Hero!

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit <https://www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/>

MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2021 GRADUATES



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

Send to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com Subject: Class of 2021

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This is a classic Reggie Tollefson design and build home..

This 3 level home has gorgeous hardwood floors, upstairs and downstairs.

The kitchen has beautiful oak cabinets with designer stained glass inserts. Very spacious with a breakfast nook. All the stained glass in home was designed by Susan Wallace.

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

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

The attic on 3rd floor is finished, carpeted.

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

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MARK MARISCAL

Past President, Rotary Club of Altadena
Annual Fund Chair - Rotary District 5300

Mark served for 36 years in the Parks and Recreation field, including the Director of Parks for the County of Monterey, California and previously with the City of Los Angeles. He has been an active Rotary volunteer for 20 years and also serves as Treasurer of the Altadena Library Foundation, and volunteers at the Chamber of Commerce and the Union Station/Homeless Ministry at St. Elizabeth Church in Altadena.

Mark will be speaking about the Rotary International Foundation and the impact it has on the lives of people throughout the world. He will share how local Rotary members are the true champions of the Foundation.

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

May 2, 2021 to May 8, 2021

During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department
responded to 141 calls for service.

Theft from vehicles On 05-05-2021 at 6:04PM, officers responded to the lobby of the police station regarding a theft report. The victim said he discovered the glove compartment in his car parked in the 200 block of N. Mountain Trail Ave. had been ransacked. The victim's backpack containing several personal items and paper work were taken from his car.

Sometime between 5-5-21 at 5:30PM and 5-6-21 at noon, unknown suspect(s) entered the victims unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway, ransacked and took several personal items from the vehicle. Cases to Detectives

Traffic Collision

On 5-6-21 at 5:37PM officers responded to a two car non-injury collision in the 100 block of W. Orange Grove Ave.

Grand Theft

On 5-7-21 officers met with a resident that filed a Grand Theft report. The victim stated that the suspect she met on social media, asked for a loan of a large amount of money with the promise of paying the victim back. The loan has not been repaid following several requests for payment. Case to Detectives

Bicycle Theft

On 5-8-21 at 11:18PM, a resident in the 100 block of E. Sierra Madre Bl. reported that a bicycle locked in the carport had been stolen. Case to Detectives

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SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.34 (ZONING)

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

On May 11, 2021, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre conducted second reading recommending adoption of Ordinance 1441, amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to make family daycare homes, manufactured homes, and supportive and transitional housing a permitted use within all residential zoning districts, to make supportive housing a use by right in multifamily zones, and to amend the parking requirements for emergency shelters pursuant to State law. This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance 1441 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. Ordinance 1441 becomes effective on June 10, 2021. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The adoption of this amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Title 17, as authorized and required by state law, have no potential for resulting in physical changes to the environment because family daycare homes, supportive housing, and transitional housing do not fundamentally alter the nature of the underlying residential use. Further, the parking requirements for emergency shelters have a negligible impact on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing.

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

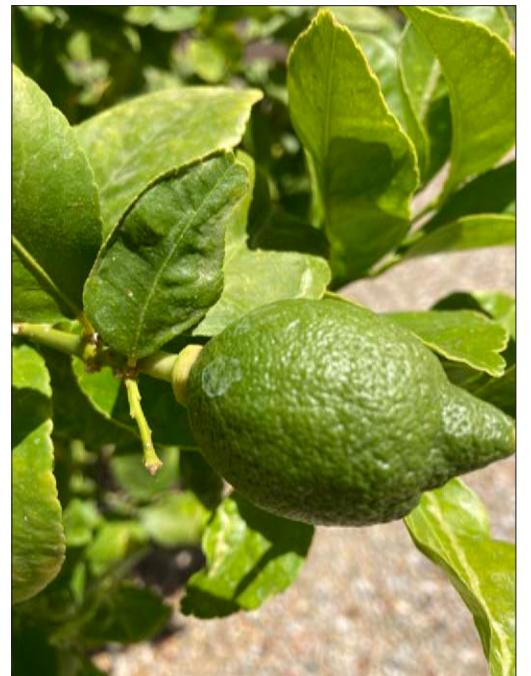
WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine." Harvey Mackay

Here's a little advice on how to stop stressing about our current situation from Dale Carnegie who wrote a book entitled, "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living," originally published in 1948:

1. Analyze the situation honestly and figure out what is the worst possible thing that could happen.
2. Prepare yourself mentally to accept the worst, if necessary.
3. Calmly try to improve upon the worst, which you have already agreed mentally to accept.
4. Keep busy, don't fall apart over trifles, cooperate with the inevitable, decide just how much anxiety this situation may be worth and refuse to give it more, don't worry about the past.
5. Hang on to your sense of humor with both hands and use it as much as possible. Smile at everyone whether they are 6 feet away from you or not.



OK, we are hanging on to our sense of humor with both hands, taking deep breaths and preparing ourselves mentally to accept the worst...which happened this morning. The school called and said somebody in Jessie's class has tested positive for Covid and she was to immediately be removed from school and quarantined for ten days. Ack!!! After a year of no school, attempted zooming, and online classes, they have been back in school way too short a time to be home again.

Calmly trying to improve upon the worst, which I mentally accepted, I took a walk around my backyard, avoiding the dove sitting on her nest in my Tipu tree as it scares her if I get too close, and ended up taking a really close look at my lemon tree, which has dozens of these baby lemons (as shown in the picture) firmly attached to its branches. Delight lifted my spirits immediately, then I was on the verge of joy when I noticed three baby oranges on my new orange tree. That, friends and neighbors, was a momentous walk around my orchard.

If you have lemons, give yourself a treat and make these muffins. Easy, fast, and soooo good.

Lemon Muffins

Preheat oven to 425 degrees, grease 12 cup muffin pan. In a large bowl, mix together:
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
2/3 cup granulated sugar
Zest of one whole large lemon

In a medium bowl whisk together:
2 large eggs
3/4 cup sour cream
6 TB butter, melted
Juice of one whole large lemon

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon or spatula until just combined. Do Not Overmix! Batter should be thick and lumpy. Divide evenly between the muffin cups.

Now here's where you really have to pay attention: Bake for 3 minutes then immediately reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue to bake for an additional 12-17 minutes until toothpick inserted into center of muffin comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before devouring.

"I believe in making the best of a sour situation," she said. "So, when life hands you lemons, add a little sugar, some Triple Sec, Vodka and ice. Shake until blended, get out a really nice glass and pour yourself a Lemon Drop Martini!"

"Someday I'll wish upon a star
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops that's where
You'll find me..."
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Harold Arlen - 1939

Making lemon muffins with lemons from your own tree is tremendously satisfying and when you offer one to a good friend and add, "oh, and the lemon is from my own tree..." they'll be even more impressed and grateful.

Speaking of grateful, we are so grateful to see that there will be a July 4th Sierra Madre Parade. As the 4th is a Sunday, the parade will be on Monday, but there will be one!! It's kind of gift-wrapped in a lot of rules and regulations, but there will be one this year! Another sign that our life is heading back to what we liked to call normal. The Buccaneer is thriving, restaurants can have people inside, and life...with or without lemons...is good! Feeling blessed and hope you are, too.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"
Take a look at both of these books, stuffed with hope and some really good recipes.

HAZARDOUS BRUSH INSPECTIONS NOTICE

During the month of May, the Sierra Madre Fire Department will conduct its annual hazardous brush inspections on all properties located north of Grandview Ave.

In California, hazardous vegetation is a major contributor to urban wildfires. Dry vegetation is the easiest fuel to ignite, but fortunately one of the simplest to abate. Wildfire danger is greatest to hillside homes, but dry grass, weeds, chaparral, and flammable landscaping surrounding your home can bring the fire to you, whether you live near a hillside or not. Wildfire danger is greatest during the Fall season; however in California, we see fires happen any time of year.

So far this year, California is experiencing drought conditions that will leave our hillsides covered with dry hazardous brush including dead trees and vegetation. Sierra Madre was able to avoid the massive Bobcat Fire that charged toward our town last fall. The Bobcat fire was confronted in Big Santa Anita Canyon and pushed behind our beautiful Sierra Madre mountains. While the Bobcat firefight was a win for Sierra Madre, we need to recognize that the brush in our front country did not burn and still poses a potential threat to our town. Now is the time to act!

Thousands of wildfires strike California each year. Prepare your family, home and property in advance of a fire with CAL FIRE's Ready, Set, Go! Program at www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/ready-set-go/

The program provides easy-to-follow checklists for maintaining Defensible Space, hardening your home, creating a wildfire action plan, assembling an emergency supply kit, and evacuation information.

SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Patriotic Show Us Your Spirit Home Decorating Contest

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| Winner announced on July 3rd | Participants will receive a lawn sign and will be added to the map | Prizes include: gift certificates to Sierra Madre businesses, dinners, & ice cream |
| Direct any questions: 4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com | Map found on Facebook and Website | |

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS May 25, 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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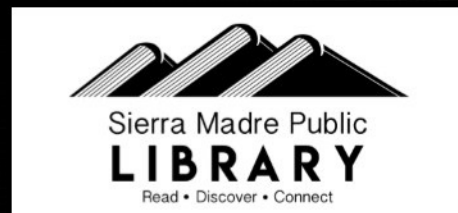
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- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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May 17-May 22

Monday

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Wednesday

Pajama Storytime—7:00pm. Call the Library at 355-7186 to register.

Thursday

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 2nd through Saturday, May 8th, the Police Department responded to 970 calls for service, of which 88 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 2:

1. At 11:41 a.m., an officer responded to Extended Stay, located at 401 East Santa Clara Street, regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered a fraudulent transaction on his bank account in the amount of \$119.97. The victim does not know how the unidentified suspect obtained his personal information nor does he know the identity of the suspect.

2. At 8:12 p.m., an officer responded to BM Body Jewelry, located inside the Westfield Santa Anita Mall at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. After providing a refund to the suspects, the suspects spit on the employee and one suspect scratched her own neck to make it appear that the employee had injured her. The suspect who scratched herself on the neck requested Arcadia Fire to respond and provide treatment. They arrived a short time later. The victim was not desirous of prosecution against the two 25-year-old females from El Monte.

Monday, May 3:

3. At 3:59 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Health Care Center, located at 1601 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a burglary in progress. Multiple witnesses reported seeing the suspect enter the building. The responding officer located the suspect and found him in possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, and determined he attempted to enter a second location but failed. The 30-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At 9:30 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of East Camino Real Avenue regarding a mail theft report. Sometime between Friday, April 30th and Monday, May 3rd, someone opened and stole mail from three residences near the intersection of East Camino Real Avenue and First Avenue.

5. At 9:30 a.m., an officer responded to StorAmerica, located at 5630 North Peck Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. The victim, who had not been to her storage unit since April 6th, discovered her lock had been broken and someone had stolen her property from the storage unit.

6. At 8:31 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall parking lot, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The officer determined the victim's catalytic converter had been stolen from his 2006 Toyota Prius sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on

Tuesday, May 4:

7. At 3:52 p.m., an officer responded to the area of La Sierra Drive and Duarte Road regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed an argument between an ex-boyfriend and ex-girlfriend resulted in the male hitting

the female with a cellphone, causing a laceration to her forehead. The suspect, a 47-year-old male transient from Los Angeles, is outstanding as of May 11th.

8. At 5:33 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Unified School District, located at 35 West St. Joseph Street, regarding a grand theft report. A witness reported seeing a male suspect opening car doors and stealing a tablet. Officers located the suspect with the stolen property and arrested the 29-year-old male Arcadia transient. He was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, May 5:

9. At 12:57 p.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated his 2001 Toyota Tacoma was stolen while parked near the Rusnak Mercedes Benz dealership. Surveillance cameras captured the suspect. He is described as a male between the ages of 25 and 30-years-old, approximately 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 140 to 160 pounds, with brown hair.

10. At 4:48 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Las Tunas Drive regarding a package theft report. The victim stated a package was stolen from her porch between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on May 3rd.

Thursday, May 6:

11. At 10:39 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Elkins Avenue and Oaks Avenue regarding a vandalism report. The officer discovered someone had broken the windshields and two Los Angeles County vehicles.

12. At 6:51 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Santa Rosa Road regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim discovered his catalytic converter had been stolen from his 2004 Honda Accord sometime between May 4th at 6:00 p.m. and May 6th at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, May 7:

13. At 7:30 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Old Ranch Road regarding a mail theft report. An investigation revealed the suspect(s) stole mail from multiple mailboxes in the area and discarded it in front of a home in the 400 block of Old Ranch Road.

Saturday, May 8:

14. At 4:56 a.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a catalytic converter theft in progress. The officers located the suspect vehicle and discovered two suspects were in possession of two stolen catalytic converters and numerous tools used to remove catalytic converters. The driver, a 44-year-old male from Visalia, was also cited for driving without a license. The passenger, a 40-year-old male from Los Angeles, was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and a records check revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

ARCADIA

VIRTUAL MAY PRESENTATIONS

The Recreation and Community Services Department, Senior Services Division is offering three free informative virtual presentations in May. On Friday, May 14 at 10am, Laura Heneferth, a volunteer with the Gilb Museum will provide you with “who was who” in Arcadia. This “Arcadia Walk of Fame” will feature some established favorites like Stevie Nicks and George Takei plus other talented celebrities you may not have heard of yet. On Tuesday, May 18 at 12pm, Dr. Katharine Costello, Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Breast Surgery at City of Hope will provide you with pertinent information on breast health and breast cancer. On Tuesday, May 25 at 10am, Dr. Ken-neth Wogensen, a neurologist at Arcadia Methodist Hospital will help you understand how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke, post stroke care, as well as the importance of not delaying checkups.

If you are interested in learning about these programs but do not have a computer there is a dial-in option. All individuals must pre-register by calling Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 at least one day prior to the presentation. We will be requesting you to provide an email address if you have one. For more information, please call the Senior Services Office at 626.574.5130.

DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP WITH PAYING UTILITY BILLS?

Do you, or someone you know need financial assistance to stay afloat? Now, more than ever, many are struggling to pay their bills and stay in their homes. The City of Arcadia received a grant for Homeless Prevention and Diversion. The City of Arcadia is partnering with Union Station Homeless Services to initiate and facilitate problem solving conversations with clients in order to identify actions needed to either ensure they remain in housing or move them quickly into housing. Union Station will determine the client's eligibility for the program. This program is targeted towards individuals at-risk of becoming homeless or those who are recently homeless. Potential outcomes based on problem solving conversations would include resolving conflicts with roommates, providing short-term rental assistance to prevent eviction, and helping a client reunite with family members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, and housing application fees, in order to prevent homelessness. This program is only available for Arcadia residents. For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at Union Station Homeless Services at 626.734.3971, edeurmeier@unionstationhs.org or Sara Somogyi, at the City of Arcadia at 626.821.4369 or ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov.

MONROVIA

Lyft Driver Shortage

Launched in February 2018, GoMonrovia is a transportation program, in partnership with Lyft, that provides affordable rides within the coverage area in Monrovia. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, to adhere to all safety guidelines, Lyft temporarily disabled the shared ride option and limited their services to only Classic Lyft rides.

As we move forward on the roadmap to recovery, more individuals will resume their normal commuting routines, including the use of Lyft. We wanted to make sure that the community was aware that due to a shortage in drivers, those whose who are requesting rides through Lyft may experience longer wait times and in some instances, cancelled ride requests. City staff have been in contact with Lyft to find possible solutions. However, the shortage of drivers is affecting all ride-share platforms. The supply of drivers is expected to increase in the coming weeks but until then, please consider planning your travel in advance and finding alternative ways to travel.

Treasures Sale for Anderson House

The Anderson House is one of the first ten homes built in Monrovia and it's in need of some repairs. It is maintained by the Monrovia Historical Society as a museum, giving visitors a walk back in time. It's filled to the brim with every imaginable item a family had in the 1800s. It was built in 1886 by John Anderson for his family after he built the very first commercial building in Monrovia -- the Monrovia Hotel. His son George lived in it until 1975 when it sparked the formation of the Historical Society, whose sole mission was to preserve and share it.

You can help protect this unique treasure! The Monrovia Historical Society is hosting a Treasures Sale to raise funds. This sale will begin on Friday, June 11, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., for Monrovia Historical Society members and on Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., for the public, at 215 E. Lime Ave-nue.

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SOUTH PASADENA POLICE CHIEF SOLINSKY APPOINTED



Pasadena Announced last week 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.

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.

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 Pasadenan. 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 Heritage Month brochure at: cityofpasadena.net/library.



Toyō Miyatake

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

RED CROSS LA URGES EVERYONE TO GET READY FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

2020's western fires burned more than 10 million acres

May is National Wildfire Awareness Month and the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region is urging everyone to plan now for dangerous wildfires and potential power outages.

"The last two years brought record-breaking wildfires and this year could be as bad or even worse" said Thomas Hill, Regional Disaster Officer for the Red Cross Los Angeles Region. "Wildfires spread extremely fast, giving people minutes or less to evacuate. Protect your home and loved ones by getting ready right now."

GETTING READY IS EASY

There are simple steps you can take to be prepared:

1. Create an evacuation plan. Plan what to do in case you are separated from your family during an emergency and if you have to evacuate. Coordinate your plan with your child's school, your work and your community's emergency plans. Plan multiple routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for pets. If you already have an emergency plan, talk about it again with family members so everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.
2. Build an emergency kit with a gallon of water per person, per day, non-perishable food, a flash-light, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, supplies for an infant if applicable, a multi-purpose tool, personal hygiene items, copies of important papers, cell phone chargers, extra cash, blankets, maps of the area and emergency contact information. Because of the pandemic, include a mask for everyone in your household. If you already have a disaster kit, now is the time to make sure the food and water is still okay to consume and that copies of important documents are up to date.
3. Be informed. Find out how local officials will contact you during a wildfire emergency and how you will get important information, such as evacuation orders. Sign up for your community's emergency notifications.
4. Download the free Red Cross Emergency app to help keep you and your loved ones safe with real-time alerts, open Red Cross shelter locations and safety advice on wildfires and other emergencies. To download the app, search for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or go to redcross.org/apps.

WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice and obey all official evacuation orders.
- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home and make sure everyone adds those numbers in their cell phones.
- Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot components under your vehicle can spark fires.

- Use equipment responsibly: Lawn mowers, chain saws, tractors and trimmers can spark wildfires.
- Be cautious when using fire. Dispose of charcoal briquettes and fireplace ashes properly. Never leave an outdoor fire unattended and fully extinguished outdoor fires before leaving the area.
- If residential debris burning is allowed — use caution. Obtain all necessary permits and ensure burning is permitted in your area.
- Store combustible and flammable materials in approved safety containers away from your home.
- Find an outdoor water source such as a pond, well or even a swimming pool, and have a hose long enough to reach all area of your property.
- Create a fire-resistant zone 30 feet around your home that is free of leaves, debris or flammable materials.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number are clearly marked so fire vehicles can get to your home.
- If your home is threatened by a wildfire, position parked vehicles facing the road for a fast departure.

COVID-19 SAFETY

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Red Cross has procedures and resources in place to help ensure the safety of those we serve and our workforce, especially when it comes to supporting local communities during a wildfire emergency. The Red Cross is still providing the same types of support after disasters as we always have, including making sure people have a safe place to stay, food to eat and resources to help them recover. We've put in place additional precautions, in line with CDC recommendations including social distancing protocols, masks, health screenings and enhanced cleaning procedures.

Ensuring people have a safe place to stay during a disaster is a critical part of the Red Cross mission, but how we support sheltering efforts may be different in each community, depending on local emergency plans and the scale of the disaster. In some instances, we may open group shelters, while other times hotels may be more appropriate.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/la or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossLA or @CruzRojALA.

L.A. COUNTY BEGINS VACCINATING 12-15 YEAR OLDS; NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADULTS

Thursday, the CDC affirmed the recommendation by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to expand the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents 12 to 15 years of age, which represents nearly 500,000 individuals in L.A. County. Vaccinations sites across L.A. County began vaccinating younger teens today, and all eight County sites are offering Pfizer for younger teens as of this morning. At the County sites, and many other sites, appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome. Please note that many sites require that children be accompanied by a parent or guardian or that the child is accompanied by a responsible adult and has a signed consent form. Teens are also required to bring proof of their age at sites where they are not known to the provider. Visit the Public Health website for a map and list of sites offering Pfizer vaccines.

Also, this week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released guidance indicating that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely resume activities that were done prior to the pandemic. L.A. County and the state will review the recommendations in order to make sensible adjustments. In the interim, please note that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask when indoors around other fully vaccinated people, or outside in uncrowded areas. When at businesses and in crowded venues, both indoors and outdoors, masks are still required to be worn by everyone.

Friday, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirmed 17 new deaths and 284 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 17 new deaths reported today, six people that passed away were over the age of 80, five people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, five people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 29. *100% of the persons who died had not been vaccinated.*

Schools are key partners for vaccinating everyone in a community, including newly eligible students, and the County has partnered with 60 schools to date to get vaccines into the arms of the L.A. County residents who need it most. Most of the partner schools are based in the communities hard hit by COVID-19. Of the schools currently vaccinating, 37 are already administering the Pfizer vaccine in their clinics – which means they are able to vaccinate children as well as adults.

If you want a vaccine but are having a hard time getting away from work to get one, Public Health will work to get a vaccine to you. Employers and workers are encouraged to fill out the COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Team Interest Form to express interest in having a mobile vaccine unit come out to your business or workplace to provide vaccines to groups of employees. The form can be found on www.vaccinatelacounty.com.

The County continues to collaborate with community-based organizations to serve as trusted leaders engaging residents in hard-hit communities, providing them with updated COVID-19 health information and connecting them to vaccination resources and community supports. In partnership with Community Health Councils, Inc., the County is continuing the Community Health Worker Outreach Initiative and will fund 13 to 16 community-based organizations for a total of \$18 million to provide health outreach and education. Through this effort, from November 2020 through March 2021, over 900 community health workers were trained and deployed to conduct COVID-19 outreach in the hardest hit communities. Through the Vaccine Equity Partnership Grant, the County funded 41 organizations for a total of \$15 million, and through the COVID-19 Community Equity Fund, a Department of Health Services and Public Health effort, 29 community-based organizations were also funded. Through the Grassroots Grants for Vaccine Equity fund, the County will offer \$5,000 microgrants to community-based organizations/faith-based organizations facilitating vaccination efforts. These grants are assisting and supporting over 100 community-based organizations and thousands of their staff in providing outreach, contact tracing and system navigation to communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Public Health will host a Vaccine Town Hall for Parents on Tuesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. Join the town hall to get the latest updates on the COVID-19 vaccine, including information for children. The town hall will be streamed live on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube @lapublichealth. For more information and to submit a question, visit: tinyurl.com/VaxTownHall4Parents.

To find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.vaccinatelacounty.com (English) and www.vacunatelosangeles.com (Spanish) 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 or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. 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 05/14/2021

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES

Cases: 1,236,456
Deaths: 24,057

| CITY | POPULATION | CASES | DEATHS |
|--------------|------------|--------|--------|
| Altadena | 43,260 | 3,322 | 75 |
| Arcadia | 57,754 | 2,714 | 134 |
| Bradbury | 1,069 | 36 | 0 |
| Duarte | 22,016 | 2,309 | 98 |
| Monrovia | 38,800 | 3,171 | 78 |
| Pasadena | 141,371 | 11,262 | 346 |
| Sierra Madre | 10,989 | 466 | 13 |

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

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SOLO OR GLASS?

There was a wonderful eatery in Pasadena called "Pop", and they specialized in (drum roll) sparkling wines and champagnes. They like a few other of my favorites couldn't make it out of the Covid 19 "BOX". The story was: sometime back, under different ownership, they were open Wednesday through Sunday. I asked the bartender/sommelier Raphael what they did with the opened bottles of sparkling wine after closing on Sunday? He said they poured it all out in the sink. Having grown up in a waste-not-want-not household, I shook and quivered at such a thought. We made a deal on the spot that I could come in on any Sunday night and for \$15 (friends included) drink what otherwise would be thrown away. Any deals like that lurking?

Pop is gone, but it got me to think about the wine that is sitting in your favorite restaurant's refrigerator: how long has it been sitting there? As far as sparkling wines go (remember, it can only be called champagne if the grapes were grown in the region of Champagne, France), there should still be a "pop" when your server takes off the stopper. If you aren't sure, simply grab a utensil and see if you can stir up some bubbles. White wines and red will stay fresh a day or two longer, but here is my tried and true suggestion (and not once have I had a "no" or a roll of the eyes). Simply ask the server when the bottle was opened, and if they aren't sure, ask for a fresh bottle. The mark-up on wines by the glass is in the restaurants favor; all you are doing is evening the odds. There are a handful of restaurants that sell splits of sparkling wines which gives you about a glass and a half from a split. I don't recommend splits of sparkling wine, though, as they come with screw tops instead of corks. Sparkling wine with a screw top? Dom Perignon would turn over in his grave. If you're looking for wine by the glass, check out the Parkway Grill or Flemings in Pasadena. I promise that there will be no eye rolling and they do rotate their wines by the glass program often.

Listen to Dining with Dills AM 830 That's the Angels Baseball Station at 5 PM this Sunday Night

This weeks Sierra Madre Shout Out goes to Lisa at Lucky Baldwin's, what's happening kid?

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PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ANNOUNCES 2021 ROSE SCHOLARS AND AWARDS \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Eight graduating seniors from Pasadena Unified School District

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association has selected eight high school seniors as the 2021 Rose Scholars.

Ritaj Abdulla
Simone Kuo
Cole Brown
Oscar Damian Larios
Madeleine Chen
Tia Reed
Noah Griffin
Florence Winslow

Pasadena High School
John Marshall Fundamental High School
John Marshall Fundamental High School
Pasadena High School
John Marshall Fundamental High School
John Muir High School
John Muir High School
Rose City High School



Back row: Citizens Business Bank President Brian T. Mauntel, Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller, Citizens Business Bank Senior Vice President, Sales Support Group Manager La-Von Short, PUSD Superintendent Brian McDonald, Citizens Business Bank Chief Executive Officer David A. Brager. From left to right: Oscar Damian Larios, Cole Brown, Florence Winslow, Simone Kuo, Ritaj Abdulla, Tia Reed and Noah Griffin. Not pictured, Madeleine Chen.

Rose Scholars, presented by Citizens Business Bank, is a program designed to help students in our community thrive and to foster their potential. The program has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to eight graduating seniors from the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD).

"Citizens Business Bank and The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association have enjoyed a long-standing relationship, and we were honored to support and launch the 2021 Class of Rose Scholars. Education and opportunity are fundamental to the future of the communities that we serve, and we wish all the PUSD students who applied or were selected well in their future endeavors," said David A. Brager, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Business Bank.

As part of the application process, students were invited to submit a creative piece that reflected their future dreams, goals and aspirations. A one-page reflection describing their thoughts and feelings about the piece was also required, as well as still images of their work and a video recording describing their inspiration.

Instead of a minimum GPA requirement, applicants were asked to obtain a recommendation from a teacher, coach, counselor or community member.

"Congratulations to the 2021 Class of Rose Scholars! We appreciate the support that PUSD students receive from partners like Citizens Business Bank," said PUSD Superintendent Brian McDonald. "As a former banker, I know firsthand the impact businesses have in the community when they support students. We're also grateful for the continued relationship with our community partner, the Tournament of Roses. Their steadfast commitment to Pasadena, its people, and youth is a shining example of what we can do when we come together."

Applications were reviewed and scored based on the structure of their art, the organization and language of their written reflection, and the recommendation from an educator, coach or community member. The review committee was comprised of Tournament of Roses members, staff and PUSD representatives.

"Working closely with PUSD teachers and administration, the goal was to make the scholarship as attainable as possible for all students," said Dr. Bob Miller, President of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association. "The scholarship program included all PUSD high schools, inclusive of the district's non-traditional high schools, and supports students that have overcome adversity and pave a way for their future."

The Association and the Tournament of Roses Foundation are focused on positively impacting the Pasadena community with charitable giving, volunteerism, and community involvement.

As part of this work, the Association has partnered with Citizens Business Bank to launch Rose Scholars and other signature community programs.

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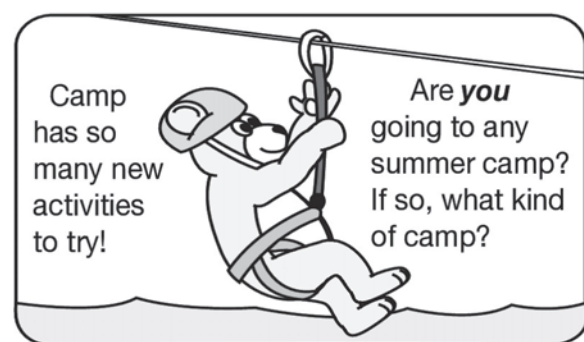


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...the other campers in our groups.



Kids: color stuff in!



Camp has so many new activities to try!

Are **you** going to any summer camp? If so, what kind of camp?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of different kinds of camps:

1. stunts, cheers, competitions
2. kitchen safety, recipes, pans
3. defense exercises, sparring practice
4. canoeing, hiking, fishing
5. lessons, practice, recitals
6. study, singing, praying
7. programming, gaming, web site building
8. brainstorming, stories, editing
9. flight simulation, mock launches
10. swimming, basketball, soccer
11. ballet, hip hop, jazz
12. costumes, acting, shows
13. horses, riding, shows
14. experiments, rockets, robots
15. drawing, comics, animations

Science
Music
Writing

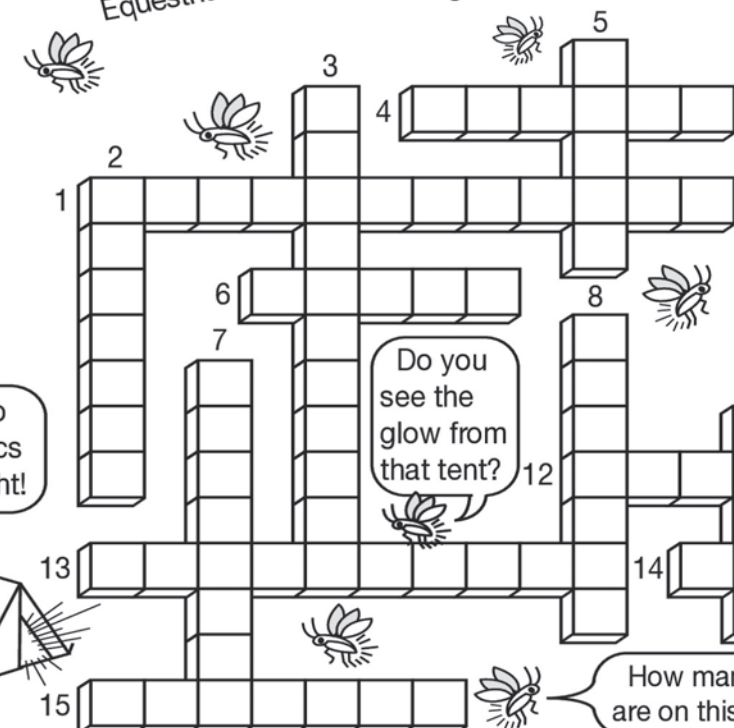
Bible
Cooking
Dance

I love to read comics by flashlight!

Cheerleading
Martial Arts
Equestrian

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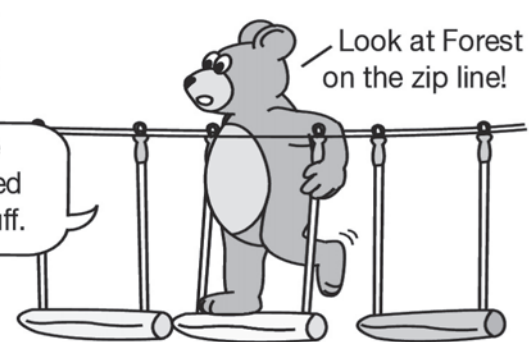
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Chitter and Chatter are going to go to day camp. Forest and I are going to overnight camp for two weeks. Chitter and Chatter only need to bring their lunches each day, but Forest and I must pack more stuff.

Do you see the glow from that tent?

How many fireflies are on this page?



Look at Forest on the zip line!

Fill in the blanks below to help Forest and Glade make their list of things to bring to camp:

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2. sh __ __ ts
3. fla __ __ ight
4. hair __ __ __ __
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7. pill __ __
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What?
I can do the dog paddle, but this is fun.



I'm trying something new!

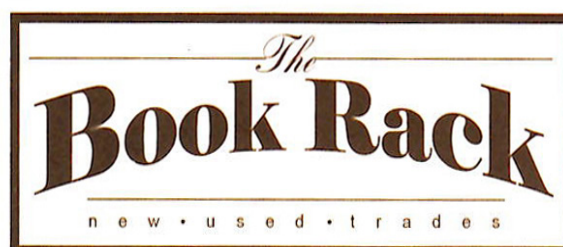
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What can you tell me about lung cancer screenings? I was a big smoker but quit years ago, so I'm wondering if I should be checked out. Former Smoker



Dear Former Smoker:

Lung cancer screening is used to detect the presence of lung cancer in otherwise healthy people with a high risk of lung cancer. Should you be screened? It depends on your age and your smoking history. Here's what you should know.

Screening Recommendations

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force – an independent panel of medical experts that advises the government on health policies – recently expanded their recommendations for lung cancer screenings. They are now recommending annual screenings for high-risk adults between the ages of 50 and 80 who have at least a 20-pack year history who currently smoke or who have quit within the past 15 years. This is a change from the 2013 recommendation that referred to patients ages 55 to 80 with 30-year pack histories.

A 20-pack year history is the equivalent of smoking one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years.

In 2020, lung cancer killed more than 135,000 Americans making it the deadliest of all possible cancers. In fact, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined.

Lung cancer also occurs predominantly in older adults. About two out of every three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older.

You'll also be happy to know that most health insurance plans cover lung cancer screenings to high-risk patients, as does Medicare up to age 77.

Screening Pros and Cons

Doctors use a low-dose computed tomography scan (also called a low-dose CT scan, or LDCT) of the lungs to look for lung cancer. If lung cancer is detected at an early stage, it's more likely to be cured with treatment. But a LDCT isn't recommended for every high-risk patient.

LDCT scans have a high rate of false positives, which means that many will undergo additional (and unnecessary) screening or medical procedures, such as another scan three, six, or even 12 months later to check for changes in the shape or size of the suspicious area (an indication of tumor growth). For some patients, the anxiety or worry that goes along with waiting can be a real issue.

Or you may need a biopsy (removal of a small amount of lung tissue), which has risks, especially for those with underlying health conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema. For example, in people with emphysema, there's a chance of a lung collapsing during the procedure.

If you meet the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria for high-risk lung cancer, the University of Michigan offers a free online tool (see ShouldIScreen.com) to help you decide if you should get an LDCT. It's also important to discuss the benefits and risks with your primary care doctor before making a decision.

Tips for Testing

If you and your doctor determine that you should be screened, look for an imaging facility whose staff follows American College of Radiology requirements when performing low-dose CT scans. You can find accredited facilities at ACRaccreditation.org.

This can help to ensure an accurate read of your scans by a highly trained, board-certified or board-eligible radiologist.

You may need a referral from your primary care provider. Most insurance companies, including Medicare require this before they'll cover the cost of screening.

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

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



Almost Three Years After Her Death, Aretha Franklin's Poor Estate Planning Continues to Haunt Her Family—Part 2

Aretha Franklin passed away due to pancreatic cancer in her Detroit home on August 16, 2018. At the time, it was widely believed she didn't have a will. As a result, Michigan law stipulated her assets would be divided equally among her four adult sons, and they agreed to designate their cousin—Franklin's niece, Sabrina Owens—as the estate's executor.

Three Wills, a Sofa, and a Spiral Notebook
But in May 2019, nine months after Aretha's death, Sabrina discovered three different handwritten wills while cleaning out the late singer's home. According to reports, the three documents—two of which were dated from 2010 and found in a locked cabinet and one dated from 2014 which was scribbled in a spiral notebook found under her sofa cushions—contain conflicting instructions for how the singer wanted her assets divided and whom she wanted as her executor.

Family Unity Falls Apart

In addition to causing infighting between the brothers, the resulting court battle between them also led Sabrina to quit as executor. In January 2020, Sabrina filed her resignation with the court, noting that the family feud "is not what [Aretha] would have wanted for us." With Sabrina gone, in March 2020, Oakland County Probate Court Judge Jennifer Callaghan appointed an attorney as temporary personal representative for the estate and scheduled a hearing for June 2020 to determine whether any of the three handwritten wills can be deemed valid.

A Fourth Will Appears

The ensuing pandemic caused the 2020 trail to be delayed—and in the interim, yet another will was uncovered. This latest version of her will, which was filed in probate court in March 2021, provides yet more conflicting from Aretha but is stamped as "draft" and unsigned.

It remains unclear exactly how this document was obtained and why it took so long to come to light. And although the fourth will was not signed by Aretha, Michigan law allows a deceased person's "intent to be recognized even if the documents are defective in execution." As such, the judge scheduled a trial for August 2021 to determine whether any of the documents that have been found can be deemed a valid will and therefore govern the Queen of Soul's estate.

An Incomplete and Inadequate Plan

Based on all the different versions of her will, it's clear that Aretha cared deeply about her four sons and other family members, and she wanted her loved ones to benefit from her wealth and other assets. However, she didn't take her estate planning as seriously as she should have.

What's more, regardless of which - if any - of Aretha's wills are ruled valid, her estate is still on the hook for millions in back taxes and enormous legal fees. Add to that her sons' hostility towards each other since she died, and it becomes all too clear that Aretha could have done a much better job at estate planning.

With the proper planning, the legendary singer's loved ones would have had immediate access to her assets upon her death, avoiding the need for court involvement altogether and she would have kept the contents and terms of her estate totally private.

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IDEAS

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SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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

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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

I MAY BE A KNUCKLEHEAD, BUT I'M NOT INSANE



Nobody is perfect except maybe the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage comes close.

I've never caught her in some imperfection, or if I had, nobody would know it from me.

There is such an obsession today for people to be perfect. And, of course, their definition of perfect is what they are. They judge everybody by themselves, which is insane in itself.

Often my wife will catch me in something and say, "Are you acting like a knucklehead?"

If only she knew I wasn't acting. The simple fact is, I don't know everything I'm supposed to know. I don't know what I'm not supposed to know. It gets rather confusing after a while, and it slips over into the area of knuckleheadhood.

When it comes to fixing things, I am the classic knucklehead. If something is broken, I can make it more broken in just a few minutes.

If the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sees something broken, she can fix it in the twinkling of an eye. I married her because of that twinkle in her eye. At the time I didn't know what it really meant.

On occasion, I've been with her when she took her van to the repair shop. It is the most delightful experience I could ever have.

When the repair person sees my wife coming in, he thinks she is just a woman. Boy, is he in for a surprise.

She takes the repair person to her vehicle and explains, in detail, what is wrong with the vehicle and how to fix it.

She will say to him, "I can fix it; I just don't have the time today."

He will look at her; rubbing his chin as he looks at me. Then he will explain to my wife what needs to be done and how he's going to do it.

Wrong step.

Again, she will tell him exactly what's wrong and exactly what he needs to do to fix it. Then she will say, "If it's not fixed the way I tell you, I am not going to pay for it."

Fortunately, for him, he fixes it precisely the way she wants it. Another life saved.

Where she got all that knowledge about a vehicle, I do not know. I never question; I always go along. After all, she has saved me a lot of money by fixing things herself.

One time there was something wrong with our air conditioning, and the repairman came to fix it. Again, she told him exactly what was wrong with it.

Then she walked away. In a few moments, he came back and said, "I'm going to have to go to my garage and get a tool I need to fix this."

She looked at him and said, "What tool do you need?"

"Oh, you would not know what it is. It's something special for my work."

"Tell me what it is; maybe I have it."

He laughed a hearty chuckle and then told her the tool he needs.

"I have that tool. Let me go to my garage and get it and bring it to you, and you won't have to leave; you can fix it right away."

He looked at her, rubbed his chin, looked at me, and then took the tool she brought to him. He walked to where he was doing his repair work, shaking his head every step of the way.

When it comes to work like this, I am a professional knucklehead for sure. I wouldn't know one tool from another, which can get me into trouble.

We are closing in on the 50th anniversary of our wedding. I have yet to find something she can't fix. And believe me, I have broken a lot of things throughout our life.

One time, the front bumper on my truck was broken and sagging. I told my wife that I would take it to the repair shop to get it fixed.

"No," she said as she walked back into the house, "let me fix it for you."

Well, in a few minutes, she came out with several very large paperclips, and in a few moments, she had the bumper clipped to the truck.

"There," she said, "it's fixed; you don't have to take it to the repair shop."

I left very heartily, knowing that the paperclips did not fix the problem, but I did not want to tell her in front of her. I thought I would play out the game until the paperclips fell off.

That was three years ago, and they're still in place.

I still don't know how that works. But, as a knucklehead, I'm not going to pursue it and end up in a swamp of insanity. If it works, it works.

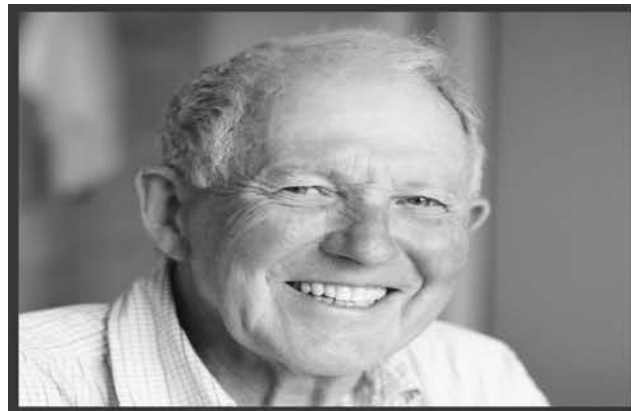
The other week I tripped and fell and thankfully did not break any bones. My fear is if I break my arm, she will want to fix it right away. I'm not saying she can't fix it, but I don't want to go there.

Perhaps this is why our marriage is so good. She has fixed everything that was broken, and I think she has done most of them behind my back.

As I thought of this, I was reminded of one of my favorite Bible verses. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

To "walk together in agreement" is probably the most wonderful thing about a marriage.




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CITY OF PASADENA PLANS TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR SUICIDE -PROOFING COLORADO STREET BRIDGE

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The City of Pasadena has spent about \$160,000 for three samples of new proposed fencing that is now installed on the iconic Colorado Street bridge, available to be inspected by the interested public; depending on what style is ultimately chosen of three current de-signs, the total cost could be as much as \$4+ million.

In 2017, the City installed 10 foot tall chain link fences along the entire inside of the bridge in order to prevent suicides. That fencing was expected to be temporary, and there have been no suicides since then, though two attempted suicides were stopped last year.

Interested parties can go to the bridge and examine sections of each of the three pro-posed designs, one of which will replace the chain link fencing. The City will be open for comments from citizens until May 31. You can also see the 3 proposed designs here: <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-works/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/Colorado-Street-Bridge-Barrier-Mock-Up.pdf>.

As evidence that area residents have many opinions about the look and safety of the Colo-rado Street bridge, there have been many articles and radio programs devoted to this top-ic.

Larry Mantle of KPCC recently devoted an entire program to discuss the three fencing de-signs, with the challenge of balancing public safety with preserving the historical appear-ance of the bridge.

Brad Hanson, president of the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, has pointed out that net-ting has been used under other bridges where suicides have occurred, such as San Fran-cisco's Golden Gate bridge. "The San Francisco Golden Gate model is a much better op-tion" than the current fencing of the Colorado Street bridge. "The nets do not disturb the view of the bridge," says Hanson, and anecdotal comments suggest that nets do indeed deter jumpers.

KPCC Radio talkshow host Larry Mantle has suggested actually locking the Colorado Street bridge to all traffic during the night hours when presumably most suicides oc-cur. This would require some sort of gates, and personnel to open and close the gates each night and morning.

Another option to thwart suicides is to hire staff or have volunteers who monitor the bridge 24 hours around the clock. One suggestion was to have a Pasadena police officer park there. The cost to benefit ratio of this one is so imbalanced that it is not seriously considered; plus, even with volunteers, this would be a hard-sell to get the volunteers to spend the night there, especially considering that the rate of suicide, historically, is less than one per year.

On some bridges, cameras were used to observe likely suicides. According to Isaac Haqq, former councilman in Pasadena, cameras and monitors could be installed to watch for likely suicides. Haqq points out that "Colorado Street bridge is not that long. No one jumps right away. They take their time and mill around." Haqq believes that, if the bridge were watched this way, an officer or therapist could be dispatched immediately to the dis-traught person.



DO A LOT OF SUICIDES OCCUR ON "SUICIDE BRIDGE"?

The Colorado Street bridge is locally called "suicide bridge." That's because since it was built, about 150 people have jumped to their deaths.

Colorado Street bridge was opened in 1913 so that people could get across the river of the Arroyo Seco, which would seasonally flood. From 1919 (the first recorded suicide) through 1937, there have been 95 reported suicides. Fifty of those suicides occurred from 1933 through 1937 – the Depression era. Since then --from 1937 to the present, there have been 55 known suicides. That means that in the last 80+ years, there has been less than one suicide a year.

Brad Hanson suggests a telephone hotline that you can pick up and call. Currently, there is a suicide hot line number that you can call, but no actual phone that you can pick up. For the record, the national suicide hot line number is 800-273-8255. When you call that number, they give you a Spanish option. Then, based on your area code, you are routed to a local dispatcher. This takes about a minute. When I called, they could not tell me whether or not anyone has ever called from Colorado Street bridge. They respond-ed "Thank you for reaching out to us at the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Unfortunately, due to our agreement to confidentiality with all of our callers, the Lifeline is not able to provide information about or records of any phone calls made to the hotline. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this may present."

Katnip News!

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Pet of the Week

Nine-year-old Papa is multi-faceted – he loves people and gets so excited around other dogs, but he also has a mellow side. He enjoys being outdoors, but his calm demeanor is well-suited for an apartment. This well-rounded pup has been described by his foster parent as "sweet and well-behaved". He's also extremely photogenic – Papa has it all!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule a virtual adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every day at 5:00 p.m. for the following day.

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1) Towels. When we do Spay/Neuter clinics we put towels in every metal cage to make it more comfy. We also clean up with them. So if you have used towels you don't need, we need 'em! They can be stained, frayed, even a small hole here or there, just as long as they are clean. Put them in a plastic trash bag, and drop them under the mailboxes at 70 E. Montecito Ave... we cannot get enough towels! Love 'em!!

2) Portable canopies. Our big canopy got destroyed in the windstorm. We have a small one, but we could use one or two more. It's to shade our staff and clients when they come to the Spay/Neuter clinic and have to stand outside. Got one you don't use? We'll use it every 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 wanna help. Let me know, again, comment and I will arrange for us to get in touch. THANKS!!

EATON CANYON
INFORMATION MEETING

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation invites you to a meeting to hear about operational changes to be implemented at Eaton Canyon and ask questions of parks staff.

Wednesday, May 19
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Login:
bit.ly/eatoncanyon1
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Link and password are case-sensitive. For best results, join via web browser (not an app) from your smartphone or computer. You can pre-register for the meeting ahead of time to receive a reminder for the meeting.

Call-in option: 213-306-3065
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Pets in need
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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



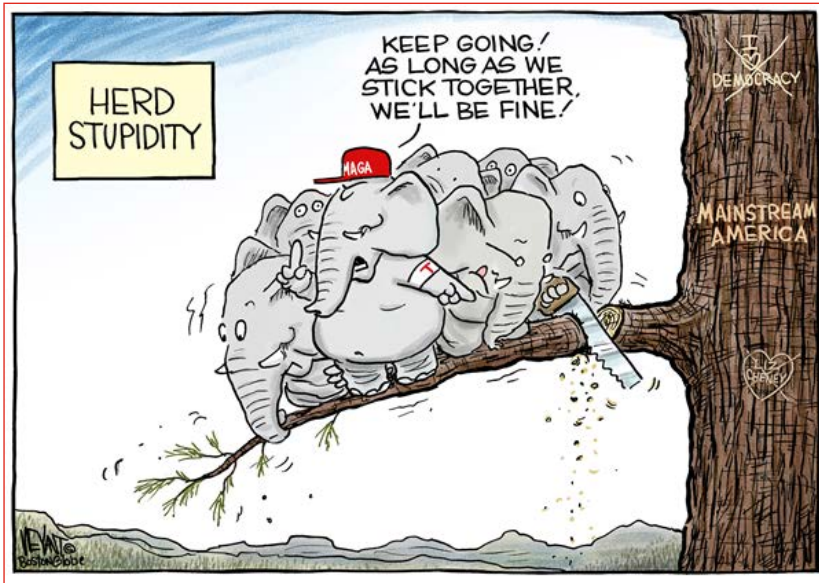
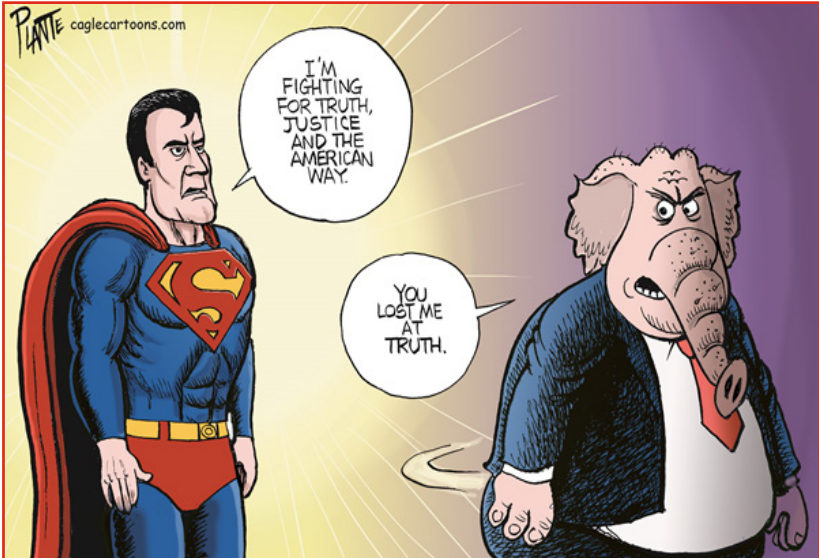
Yesterday, the editor of this newspaper asked me to create a title for my weekly columns. I have been writing and submitting the columns to the paper, on and off, for fourteen years and have managed quite well to survive without requiring a title but times change. All right; “Put The Lights On” will be the heading above all of my future articles unless I am asked again to make a change. Like everything else I have little control over what changes may be required but I will do what I must in order that my column will survive. The first question you might have is why do I write these columns in the first place? Good question—I wish I could answer it. Let me say at the outset that I have no intent to convince anyone of anything. I am not an advocate of any particular position---okay I take that back. I do advocate in favor of reason, in favor of independent thinking, in favor of educating myself about present day happenings and sharing what I have learned, or what I have thought I have learned with others.

I admit that writing these articles does meet some very personal needs. After I write the articles I do my best, together with my wife, at proofreading them. Anyone who has followed these articles will realize straight away that we are not experts at this task. Really, why should she have to participate at all in the submission of these articles which frequently contain opinions and conclusions with which she disagrees; or even worse, when she finds the entire column disorganized, difficult to understand, and perhaps banal.

So why does she help? I think I know the answer. She helps because we have been married twenty five years and without ever discussing it she deeply understands that the writing and submission of the columns are deeply important to me and the unwritten and unstated rule of our marriage is that when something is very important to one of the partners the other partner will do his or her best to go along. Perhaps that is the secret of all good marriages and one of the main secrets to survival of our entire specie. I read recently that 99% of all species of animal life that have ever walked, crawled, flew, or swam across this planet have now become extinct. Since the dropping by this country of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki almost seventy five years ago it has become indisputably clear that Science and Technology have progressed to the extent that a number of countries have the capability of initiating the process whereby the whole specie destroys itself.

Stop and think about it! How has humankind managed to maintain a kind of overall global saving peace while there continues every day to be local wars, inequalities, continuing religious differences, and a deep distrust of every other country often including one's own. Really our survival, just like the survival of a long marriage is a remarkable achievement that seems to get much more difficult each day. My wife knows how important these articles are to me and she is willing to do what is necessary to make peace. That, I believe, is how world peace has been maintained through understanding the most important needs of our allies and enemies. It is maintained by tolerating differences, agreeing to disagree but keeping these disagreements within limits and uniting together when global cooperation is necessary. Today of course the pandemic, the continual global warming, and the stockpiling of nuclear weapons threaten all of our survival. Nevertheless, I choose to believe that this specie will continue to survive for a very long time. I assert that one of the ways each of us can assist in this survival is by maintaining happy marriages, having good caring relations with our extended families and friends and even strangers and to do our best to understand our own motivations and actions. I would like to think that my writing and your reading my articles contributes to the saving of the world. Probably not—but if it's okay with you I still want to consider that as a possibility.

If anything that I write motivates you to contact me please email at stuarttolchin@gmail.com



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DINAH CHONG WATKINS
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND
GREEN ACRES



It wasn't the Welcome Wagon I had hoped for. A week after we moved in, a flicker of movement in our backyard caught my eye. There he was, lounging in our hot tub, buck naked. I froze. We were new transplants to the West Coast, was this what people meant when they described Californians as liberal and laid back? Our eyes locked. He yawned and submerged into the bubbling froth. Inside, my dog barked furiously, specks of white foam dotted her whiskers. He took the hint and clumsily lumbered out. Shoulders high, he swaggered to the rear of the yard, his jiggly bits leaving a trail of chlorinated water. I yelled an unneighborly epithet at him. He let loose with an unprintable response and hopped the fence. That afternoon I ringed the backyard with a dozen cans of bear spray.

I've spent most of my life in mega cities. Skyscrapers full of buildings commonly topping 100 stories or more. Mega cities where the population count exceeds 75% of all nations. Where “personal space” is something you read about in travel magazines. There are no sounds of silence in the city. When I lived in Shanghai, thick rubber earplugs designed for heavy metal stage managers were essential sleep gear. Most nights, drunken revelers bumped into the parked cars lining the street, setting off a calvacade of car alarms below my apartment window. But though these cities had an over abundance of people, undomesticated animals - not so much. Even Pizza Rat was AWOL.

My first impression of living up in the foothills was the stillness of it. No car horns, police sirens, wild romantic altercations. It was jarringly quiet. Then came the birds. Gabby parrots. Flocks of green and red splotched motormouths. Camouflaged in the tree canopies, they start squawking hours before roosters even see sunrise. We tried blaring recordings of their predator, a red tailed hawk. The parrots chattered - I think laughed actually - even louder.

Then weird poop showed up in the backyard. Right away I knew it wasn't my dog's because she doesn't like acorns, especially whole and unshelled. One evening at dusk, a blood-curdling howl pierced the house, was my husband trying to sing “Midnight Train to Georgia” again? Nope, it had to be coyotes. Sure enough, photos of coyote packs popped up in the neighborhood Facebook feed the next day.

My dog, an urbanite through and through, was ecstatic upon our move here, to discover “SQUIRRELS!” Her current arch nemesis, a gray tree squirrel, lives far above her reach in our backyard. Their life goals are symbiotic. My dog's is to catch and eat it. The squirrel's is to drive my dog crazy, teasingly keeping a few inches away from her salivating chompers. Together they're boisterous like the comedy duo Laurel and Hardy, that is, if Hardy wanted to eat Laurel.

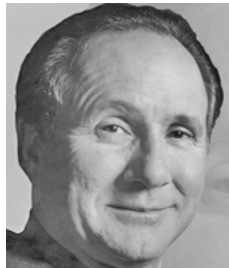
But then I came upon the most dangerous animals in town. Weekend mornings, mobs of cyclists flew through the village streets - stop signs be damned. They stuffed themselves in neon hued spandex tube shorts. Their jiggly bits all tightly packed in. They would congregate at the corner Starbucks, hoarding the few outdoor seats our local seniors hoarded the rest of the week. The cyclist with his caramel-half-shot-oatmeal-milk Frappuccino and the senior with her chipped “Best Grandma Ever” mug of Folgers squared off over the last empty chair. It looked like a beat down was coming but then a bear plodded by and there were empty chairs as far as you could see.

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MAKING SENSE By MICHAEL REAGAN
THE GOP HAS TO GET SMART,
WITH OR WITHOUT TRUMP



Decades ago my sister Maureen often used to call the Republican Party “The Stupid Party.” Today, the Party of Lincoln – the Party of Reagan – is again proving her right.

Instead of concentrating on retaking the House next year and regaining control of the Senate, the GOP is looking backwards and engaging in in-tra-party squabbles.

Instead of uniting to attack – and stop – President Biden's plans to turn the U.S. into the United Socialist States of America, the GOP is still fighting over the results of the 2020 election.

The party's leaders aren't able to take advantage of Biden's early blunders because of one man – Donald Trump.

By refusing to shut up about how he was cheated in 2020, and teasing everyone about whether he'll run in 2024, Trump is not just splintering and distracting the Republican Party. He's also giving the lazy national media an excuse to focus on him every day, instead of covering the Biden-created crisis at the southern border and other Biden fiascos-in-the-making.

I agree with Rep. Liz Cheney when she says Trump has to get over Nov. 3. He lost. It's over. It's history. He has to face it and stop branding it “The Big Lie.” Given his ego and need to make headlines every day, I don't think he'll be able to shut up about the past and look to the future.

But Republicans in federal and state office have to stop buying in to “The Big Lie” to make Trump happy with them.

The best thing they can do is ignore Trump, forget about primaries, get unified and figure out how to win the general elections next year.

Republicans also have to figure out how to stay at the top of the news, talking about what our view of America is, what we are doing and how we're going to do it – as a party.

We should leave Cheney in her position as House GOP conference chair, the No. 3 spot in the party. (It's not like she's a maverick. She voted with Trump 92 percent of the time.)

In any case, I don't want a 100 percent party of conservative robots.

We are always going to have people on the fringes of the party who are going to agree or disagree on certain issues.

We can't say if you don't agree 100 percent with the Republican majority or the leadership we're going to kick you out of the party.

Cheney simply got tired of Trump talking about Nov. 3.

She spoke out because she doesn't want “The Big Lie” to be used against the party in the 2022 elections.

I'm tired of “The Big Lie” too. So are lots of other people.

Cheney wants the party to move on and work on winning back the House and Senate. So do I.

The GOP will never win back Congress or block the socialist visions of Biden if the focus continues to be about Donald Trump and his vision for America.

It's got to be about the Republican Party's vision, and it's up to GOP leaders in Washington to lead – so please lead.

Trump can be a supporter of the party or even its leader, but he has to behave like a leader.

By teasing about running in 2024 or hinting that he'd choose Florida Gov. DeSantis as his VP, he's hurting other Republicans.

He prevents other potential presidential candidates like DeSantis from fundraising and doing what they need to do to prepare for 2024.

Trump can make the party stronger if he does what my dad did and puts the party and the country above himself and works with others to get things done.

What Biden and the progressive Democrats are trying to pull off is a huge gift to Republicans. Biden is going to be Jimmy Carter 2.0.

But to take advantage of the mistakes of the power-hungry Democrats, the Party of Reagan has to stop being stupid and start being smart.

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

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