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'GABE' ENGELAND CALLS IT QUILTS

As word spread throughout the community that Sierra Madre City Manager Gabriel "Gabe" Engeland had resigned, reactions were to be expected. "Oh No!" "Why". "What Are We Going To Do Now", "He Was So Good For Our Community", and on and on. Even the few that were not particularly fond of some of his decisions during his 4 plus years leading the city, acknowledged that he did an outstanding job overall.

Engeland, City Manager since March, 2017 informed the council of his decision on Tuesday to accept the City Manager's job in the larger Northern California city of Los Altos.

Sierra Madre Mayor Arizmendi said, "The City of Sierra Madre is in a better place because of City Manager Gabe Engeland's contributions. I am extremely thankful for his leadership and ability to create a culture of accountability, collaboration, and transparency. Albeit I wish he'd stay, I am grateful for the imprint Mr. Engeland will leave in our community."

Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss added, "I am deeply appreciative of the years of exemplary service provided by City Manager Engeland."

His positive influence shaping the trajectory of our City government will be felt by Sierra Madreans for many years to come. I wish Gabe and his family the very best in this new chapter in their lives."

The City Council directed staff to identify interim city manager candidates and to solicit bids from recruiters to help select a permanent replacement.

When he was hired Engeland pledged to, "Gabe intends to fully engage with the community..." and he has done just that. Shown above (far right) at the Women's Club Thanksgiving Breakfast with Assemblyman Chris Holden, left, and former Mayor John Capoccia in 2018, he was well known not only for his extraordinary financial management prowess (the city just reported



a \$2 million dollar surplus, (<http://mtnviews-news.com/>), his management style is showcased best by city staff under his direction. Without question the City of Sierra Madre will miss him. Below is the letter that he has written to the citizens of Sierra Madre regarding his tenure here and his departure. S. Henderson/MVNews

RESIDENTS ASK COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS BEFORE MOVING FORWARD WITH PROPOSED DEVELOPEMENT

Citing an national news story on the current drought, (<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather/drought-here-stay-western-u-s-how-will-states-adapt-n1270248>) Sierra Madre residents Matt Bryant, Alex Arrieta, Barbara Velturo of the Protect Sierra Madre - Stop the Housing Project have asked the council to consider the impact of the the Meadows at Bailey Canyon project on the city's water supply. In a letter submitted to the council earlier this week the group writes: "Every article paints a more dire picture!! This is expected to be a long term serious drought - the City Council MUST plan past this year and next year and consider how the City will manage in the future, for it's citizens. if these prognostications become reality. It seems inevitable that increases in the price of the water we pay for, and/or restrictions on the purchase of that water WILL happen if the drought lasts for years, as is expected."

When a serious threat is likely, or even possible, it is incumbent upon our leaders to consider all possible ramifications and plan for them. As soon as they know that the threat exists! There is NO threat to our way of life more dangerous than the possibility that our residents will not have enough quality, reasonably priced water in the future. And NO threat is more likely.

In early June, 2014, Sierra Madre still had almost a year's water in reserve and the MWD, which supplies water to us through the SGVWMD, had 2 years water in reserve, yet those City leaders, which included two of our present City Council members, recognized that a Moratorium on anything that took more of the areas depleted water supplies than needed for our citizens would be the only reasonable solution.

At that June 2014 City Council meeting, then Councilwoman Denise Delmar supported a building moratorium saying "We are irresponsible as citizens, as a City Council, as the human race, if we don't take everything we could do right now to put in place holding off on any new water hookups to our water system"

At its next 2014 meeting the Sierra Madre City Council enacted the Water Moratorium that was just lifted in early 2020. The drought situation is already, in June 2021, worse than it was when the 2014 moratorium was enacted.

We do not know what other construction projects are already pending that will add to Sierra Ma-dre's Water usage in the next few years, but we DO know that the New Urban West project, which would add 42 very large homes and an unknown number of ADUs, is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission and the City Council sometime in the fall.

We also know (according to the City Manager) that the project is suggesting it will meet its require-ment of "Net Zero Water" by pre-buying all the water that those 42 homes will use in 50 years and using it to recharge our reservoirs. We do not know whether there is any agreement in place to buy that amount of water from the MWD which has already had it's annual allotment cut to 5% and is now buying water to add to its reserve at 3 times the going rate. But even IF it were possible to buy hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of water, it would be morally bankrupt for our City to deliberately take more than our fair share, necessary for our citizens, from the region and the State, when the future supply of that precious commodity is imperiled.

The 42 large homes project proposed by New Urban West is scheduled to be fully built and occu-pied in 2025. Is the City Council willing to gamble on what the Drought will be 4 years from now - and what the cost of water will be by then, if available?? If all the predictions are wrong and our City and the State have plenty of water, at any time in the future, the moratorium can always be lifted." MVNews

From Gabe Engeland To the residents of Sierra Madre:

It has been a great pleasure to serve this exceptional community as your City Manager. Over the past four years I have gotten to meet, work, collaborate, and laugh with so many of you. When I moved here from Colorado with my wife, our daughter was only six weeks old. We were coming to a new city, in a new state, for a new job, and we didn't know anyone. As a first time father, and still trying to figure out exactly what that meant, the transition could have been overwhelming. But that's not really how it goes in Sierra Madre. This village immediately embraced me and my family and made us feel at home.

Everywhere we went, people would greet us with smiles and they made sure to welcome us to town. The comfort of knowing we lived in a friendly and caring community meant the world to me, and helped ease the stress of everything that was happening.

My first weekend in Sierra Madre was the Wistaria Festival, and by attending, I was able to immediately learn many of the things that make our town wonderful. Perhaps it is fitting, that the last event I will attend as City Manager will be our 4th of July parade. Of all the things my daughter has done here, from attending school at Bethany, to the many programs and books at the Library, running rampant through Memorial Park, horse rides and sledding at the Winter Festival, and walks to see Blaze the pig, her favorite is the 4th of July parade. It is part of our annual tradition to go down Sunnyside and say "hi" to everyone before the parade starts. We then walk down the Boulevard to wave to the cars and celebrate with our friends. I am happy that this tradition can be extended one last time.

As I leave to accept a similar position in Los Altos, I am proud of all that we have accomplished during my time here. Sierra Madre is the premiere community in the San Gabriel Valley and the best place to live in Southern California. The community endures and remains special—and will continue to do so, because of the way all of us love this little village. I am happy to have been a small part of a great town and I look forward to watching Sierra Madre as it continues to thrive.

I will forever be thankful to the City Council for trusting me to lead the government as City Manager and I am grateful for all of the residents that allowed me to serve them. The employees in Sierra Madre are the most committed and hardest working in the State. I feel very fortunate that I can count so many as friends. It is with sincere and deep gratitude that I say goodbye to Sierra Madre, but I also understand, as many people have learned before me, Sierra Madre remains in the heart of the people who have been fortunate enough to call this place home. Even if it was only home for a short time.

My last day of regular office hours will be Friday, July 9th. I will remain in town the following week and will continue to wind down projects, work with the interim City Manager, and be available to the City Council and City Attorney, until Friday, July 16th, which will be my last day of employment. After this date I will, of course, remain available for anything that is needed and I will continue to support theminterim City Manager, and do all that I can to ensure a smooth transition.

Respectfully, Gabriel L. Engeland

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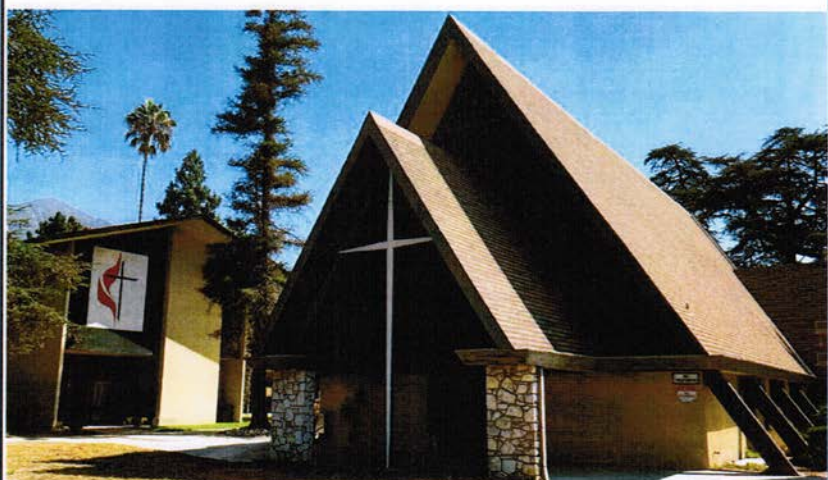
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**SIERRA MADRE 4TH OF JULY EVENTS 2021**

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SATURDAY, JULY 3RD**MADRE STARS & STRIPES BLOCK PARTY** ▶ 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Come celebrate Sierra Madre! Join us in downtown Sierra Madre for a family friendly event walking along the Blvd. and BYOC (bring your own chair). Featuring food and beverages from all of our local restaurants and bars.

Live Entertainment! GROOVY LEMON PIE

Kick-off ceremony starts at 5:15 pm in the newly remodeled Kersting Court followed by a live musical performance by Groovy Lemon Pie.

Shops & Restaurants

Non-Profit Booths

Kids Activities

Bubble Wrap Fireworks

Movie in the Street: American Tail

MONDAY, JULY 5TH

7:30 am

Sierra Madre Community Foundation
5K Fun Run

8:00 am

Woman's Club
Pre-Parade Open House

8 am - 10 am

Live Music
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10:00 am

Independence Day Parade

For more information visit www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.comLOOKING TO WORK IN A NICE, FRIENDLY,
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Come to our Job Fair! It will be taking place on Tuesday, June 29 from 4-6PM at 245 W. Sierra Ma-dre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. Available positions include, Concierge, Care-giver, Dishwasher, Dining Room Server, LVN, and Wellness Nurse.

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Letter To The Citizens of Sierra Madre

I am Viken Satamian and my family and I own Corfu Restaurant at 48 West Sierra Madre Blvd.

The dark clouds of COVID-19 are now giving way to blue skies and sunshine. And we are all so very thankful for those who helped closed the door on this Pandemic.

As a business owner for 15 years here in Sierra Madre, I am particularly thankful to the city officials, including the Mayors, John Capoccia and Rachel Arizmendi, the past and current City Council, city manager and staff, police, fire and many others who rose to help us local business owners survive this last year and a half. Without their support many of our local business owners would no longer be in business.

In particular, I want to publicly thank our City Manager, Gabe Engeland. Under his leadership, mountains were moved and miracles performed. One such miracle was the sudden appearance of outdoor patios, magically appearing in front of many of our restaurants. This permitted us to dramatically increase our business while complying with the necessary health safeguards required. Thank you Mr. Engeland and city staff.

City Clerk and Administrative Services Manager Laura Aguilar made herself available to all of us local business owners, answering questions and offering guidance practically 24/7.

Police Chief Rodrick Armalin, Fire Chief Brett Bartlett, Paramedic Coordinator Karen Bustillos and their respective departments made us business owners operate in confidence knowing our safety and success was the city's highest priority. We even saw Police Chief Armalin handing out meals.

The Chamber of Commerce was also invaluable in their support of us both financially and confidently and working with the city to help businesses.

Other organizations such as Mike and Sierra Madre Thrives came alongside us, putting their entrepreneurial minds together creating crazy innovative opportunities to help us restaurateurs generate much needed income. Sierra Madre Thrives and their dozen or so volunteer helped local restaurants sell over 10,000 meals during the critical period of the coronavirus.

Thank you, thank you!

And finally, and certainly not least of all, thank you from all of us to all of you wonderful citizens of our little oasis nestled up against the San Gabriel Mountains.

Had it not been your above and beyond support of our struggling restaurants, we simply would not be here today. You made the trek down to the restaurants picking up food to go when that was yours and our only option.

When dining outside was permitted, many of you came regularly. A good number of you came for breakfast and then ordered your lunch to go. Left generous tips to our hardworking servers.

It is truly wonderful to be a part of this unbelievably gracious and generous community.

On behalf of my family and I, and the entire community of restaurants thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

HEAT ALERT: HIGH TEMPERATURES FORECAST FOR PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued a Heat Alert as high temperatures have been forecast for the following areas:

- West San Fernando Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- East San Fernando Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- East San Gabriel Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- Santa Clarita Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- Antelope Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- San Gabriel Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16

Public Health reminds everyone to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness, especially older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and people with a chronic medical condition who are especially sensitive to negative health impacts from extreme heat. Public Health offers the following recommendations during high temperature days:

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day.
- If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Cars get very hot. Never leave children or pets in cars and call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone.
- Beware of heat-related illness, like heat stroke and call 911 if you see these symptoms: high body temperature, vomiting, and pale and clammy skin.
- Check on those at risk, like those who are sick, older adults, pregnant women, and children, and those who live alone.
- If you are wearing a mask, avoid strenuous workouts wearing face coverings or masks not intended for athletic purposes..
- Visit your power company's website or contact them by phone to determine if you are scheduled for a rolling power outage.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

June 6, 2021 to June 12, 2021

During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 199 calls for service.



D.U.I.

On 6-6-21 officers were dispatched to a traffic collision at 12:42AM on N. Michillinda Ave. with unknown injuries. The caller and witnesses said they saw a black Ford Mustang flee the area after it collided into a vehicle. After an area search, officers located a vehicle that matched the description with damage in the 200 block of N. Lima St. Officers located an individual in the area who matched the description of the driver. After further investigation, the driver was arrested for hit and run, and for driving under the influence of alcohol. No injuries were reported. Case to DA's office for filing.

Vandalism

On 6-11-21 at 8:45 AM, officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Crestvale Dr. for a report of vandalism. The victim discovered that white spray was used on his vehicle sometime between, 6-10-21 at 9:00PM and 6-11-21 at 8:00AM by unknown person(s). Case to Detectives

Theft

A report filed on-line stated that unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unsecured vehicle on 6-11-21 at 3:07PM in the 100 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. and stole a purse from the vehicle. Suspect(s) fled in unknown direction. Case to Detectives

Battery

On 6-12-21 at 11:08PM, officers responded to a call of a disturbance in the 200 block of N. Lima St. Following interviews by officers, one person was arrested for battery and taken to the Pasadena Jail. Case to DA's office

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, But a guiding light whose love shows us the way." Unknown

"The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature." Antoine Francois Prevost

"I've said it before, but it's absolutely true: My mother gave me my drive, but my father gave me my dreams. Thanks to him I could see a future." Liza Minnelli

Here's what Wikipedia says about Father's Day: "Father's Day is a holiday of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19th as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood." Father's Day is tomorrow, and if you still have a father, by all means celebrate him. It's not too late to get a card if you haven't already. But at least make a phone call to tell him you love him and now that the world has opened up a little bit, maybe you could think of such a thing as enjoying a visit together! BBQ comes to mind.



I am fortunate to have married an exceptional man who was a fantastic father. As I grew up without one, I had no clue how this worked, but John showed me that a father is patient, he is kind, he isn't proud, doesn't dishonor the children or his wife, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. A good father rejoices with the truth. Always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. That means explaining the same algebra problem for the nineteenth time without throwing the book or the child on the floor. It means going to get a daughter and bring her home from a bad situation. It means staying awake at night when someone isn't home who should be, and gently grounding them for a year or till they're 30. It means being proud of every achievement, no matter how minor. This sounds a whole lot like that 1 Corinthians 13 in the Bible thing, doesn't it. I have frequently said, and totally mean it, that John raised all five of us: Leah, Patti, John, Crissy and me! I'm writing this column on Wednesday, June 16th, which would have been John's birthday. He is celebrating in heaven but his legacy of being a loving husband and father lives on in his children. We see his example through the behavior of all the men in our family. How blessed we all are and so grateful for his influence.

Our son, the aforementioned John, is an excellent father, dealing simultaneously with adult children, an eight-year old and a six-year old. He may not have the energy of younger dads, but he's ready to take his little guys on all sorts of excursions and be active in whatever they are doing, want to do, or are involved with, like Cub Scout camping! John's oldest daughter, Ashley, is a registered nurse and she and her husband, Trevor, are the parents of two adorable little girls. Trevor, too, is an amazing dad, taking care of Addie and Charlotte when Ashley is working.

My son-in-law, Patti's, husband, Dave, is a splendid father. He and Patti have raised four exceptional people: David, who lives in Germany and is a wonderful father to his little girl, Erin, and his son, Jamison; Nicole, who is living her dream as an Orca whale trainer at Sea World in San Diego. She is also a newlywed and the young man she married will, I'm sure, one day be an incredible father, too. Blake, who has graduated from Biola and USC with Engineering degrees galore now lives in Colorado using those degrees, and Luke, who is talented, charming, bright, graduated from USC will surely star on Broadway one day. Dave is unfailingly available to his family and to his children. Seeing his joy as he walked Nicole down the aisle just a couple of weeks ago was the highlight of my year.

My Arizona son-in-law, Chris, is the father of two little girls, Jessie who is 13 and Emily who is 10. These girls are adopted foster children, born of drug addicted mothers. These are not easy little people, but Chris and Crissy will keep on keeping on, being the best parents possible, rejoicing in these girls' accomplishments and the neat people they are becoming.

I don't know about you, but I have a mental image of Jesus, who loved hanging around with little kids, in addition to tax collectors and ladies of questionable virtue, laughing heartily at "Cheez-its loves me, this I know." One of my favorite memories is of the first year Jessie and Emily went to Vacation Bible School. They were both so little that the VBS t-shirts fell to their knees but they had a great time and came home singing Cheez-its loves me!

Take a look at the guys around you who are fathers, and remind them they are God's appointed and anointed men and you appreciate them. I got to tell my Dad I loved him many times before he died, we missed that father-daughter thing, but I've seen the best at work in my family. I hope you have, too. Happy Father's Day!

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He did what dads are supposed to do – Be There." Max Lucado

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS June 22, 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).

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

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

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

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

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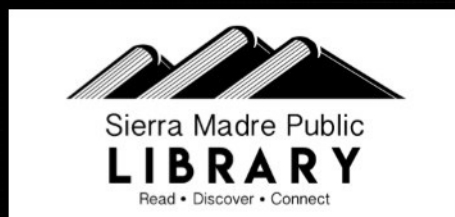
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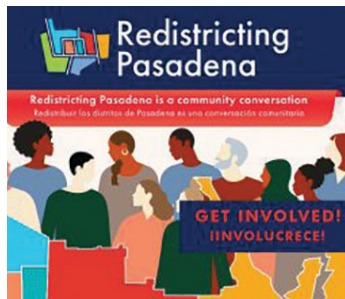
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Community Redistricting Workshops



The City of Pasadena invites residents and community members to learn about redistricting and share their ideas about how shifts in population might affect the borders of the seven City Council districts.

Seven community workshops are planned in the coming weeks, starting with the first workshop on Saturday, June 26, in District 2 and concluding with a workshop on Thursday, August 5, in District 5. These seven identical workshops will be held in each district to ensure the process comes to every corner of the community and allow residents to choose a date and location that is most convenient. Residents are highly encouraged to participate, and each workshop is open to all residents in the city. Each workshop will be available via Zoom, giving residents a choice to attend in person or participate online. Details about the schedule of upcoming workshops can be found on the City's website at cityofpasadena.net/redistricting.

"The redistricting process takes place every ten years in Pasadena. As part of this current cycle, there are new rules in place set forth by the State of California, and we want to ensure the public is properly informed and engaged," said Vince Farhat, Redistricting Task Force Chair. "A primary emphasis of the task force is on public input, transparency and education. District elections affect how we elect our representatives on the City Council, so the process is foundational to representative democracy. It is an important effort and a unique civic engagement experience."

Each meeting will last two hours. The content shared will include a history of redistricting in Pasadena, a review of the current laws that govern the process, an overview of the timeline to complete redistricting, an explanation of communities of interest, and a demonstration of mapping tools the public can utilize to define communities of interest and eventually submit redistricting plans for the task force to consider.

The task force is composed of 12 members appointed by the City Council.

Residents are encouraged to visit cityofpasadena.net/redistricting to stay informed and sign up for email alerts as new information and events come available.

PCC Accepts Record \$30 Million Donation



Pasadena City College announced Tuesday that they received a \$30 million donation, the largest single philanthropic gift in its nearly 100-year history.

According to officials, the landmark investment from author and philanthropist Mackenzie Scott (pictured right) will dramatically expand PCC's efforts to enhance the equity and diversity of the students and communities it serves.

"This is the kind of moment that takes your breath away," said Dr. Erika Endrijonas, superintendent/president of Pasadena City College. "Everyone here does what we do because we believe in the ability of PCC to change lives for the better. We don't expect to receive this kind of recognition, but today, it's our lives that have been changed."

"I cannot wait to put this investment to work," she added.

The unrestricted gift is remarkable in the world of American two-year colleges. The PCC Foundation's recently completed major gifts campaign netted an impressive \$16 million in philanthropic support from local donors, and today's donation more than doubles the assets of the Foundation.

"This gift creates an unparalleled momentum for the PCC Foundation to fulfill its mission of enhancing teaching and learning at the college," said Gloria Pitzer, president of the PCC Foundation. "The PCC Foundation is thrilled to be part of this exciting moment and to be trusted as custodians for this gift."

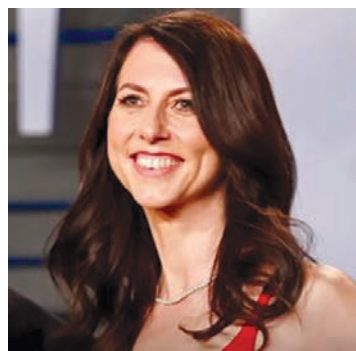
Scott's philanthropy has touched more than 780 institutions around the country, including many colleges and universities, as she pursues a pledge made last July to "give the majority of [her] wealth back to the society that helped generate it."

Plans for the donation are still being finalized, but Dr. Endrijonas said the funding will be targeted toward populations that could benefit the most from the donation. "We need to make sure this transformational opportunity reaches as many of our students as we can manage," she said. "We will be making investments in programs and services that increase student equity, drive completion rates across student demographics, and ensure student success at scale."

California's community colleges are hurrying to reach a goal to eliminate persistent gaps in success and graduation rates. In 2019, the same year she was appointed the college's first LGBTQ superintendent/president, Dr. Endrijonas made a bold challenge for PCC to be the first college in the system to hit this mark by 2027.

PCC has earned national recognition for its efforts to transform a community college education, with a particular focus on equity and pathways to economic mobility. The Aspen Institute has selected it three times as one of the top 10 two-year institutions in the nation, and in 2020 the California Community Colleges chose PCC as the winner of the John W. Rice Award for Student Success.

PCC is a state leader in transfers to the University of



Scott

California and California State University systems. Its First-Year Experience Pathways and Ujima programs help students prepare for a successful college career, and satellite campuses in Rosemead and Northwest Pasadena bring PCC's programs and services to the community.

Reopening Of Allendale And Villa-Parke Library Branches

Pasadena Public Library reopened two additional library sites for in-person service. Allendale Branch Library reopened on Tuesday. Villa-Parke Branch Library will reopen on Monday, June 28.

Patrons will be able to browse the collections check out materials, reserve and use public computers, and access Wi-Fi as well as printing and copying services. They will still be able to attend virtual programs; contact library staff via phone at (626) 744-4066, option 7, email at ask@cityofpasadena.email, libanswers.com or live chat at <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/live-chat/> and pick up materials on hold.

With the addition of these two branch reopening's, Pasadena Public Library will now have eight branch libraries offering in-person service for Pasadena residents. Our ninth site, Hill Avenue Branch Library will continue to offer curbside service for library holds. Central Library remains closed due to seismic safety concerns.

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Allendale Branch Library (In-person service)
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Villa Parke Branch Library (In-person service offered as of June 28)
363 E. Villa St.
(626) 744-6510
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To learn more, visit: pasadenapubliclibrary.net, or call (626) 744-4066.

Tournament and Cal Poly Launch Rose STEM



Middle and high school students introduced to STEM concepts used to create a Rose Parade float

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses, in partnership with Cal Poly Rose Float, announced Thursday the launch of Rose STEM presented by Verizon. The series of virtual programs will introduce middle and high school students to STEM concepts used to create a Rose Parade float, with a goal to reach more than 500 students from the greater Los Angeles area.

Over the summer, Cal Poly Rose Float, a group of college students, will share their expertise in float construction, design and decoration. Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo have continuously participated in the parade since 1949 and their floats have led in introducing technology to the parade, including the first use of hydraulics for animation in 1968 and the first use of computer-controlled animation in 1978.

"I am lucky to be part of this program," shares Cal Poly Rose Float President Christopher Nares. "Everyone in this program is an extraordinary individual that has great commitment."

Throughout the series, there will be Tournament of Roses members and representatives from Verizon who will also bring their knowledge to the program.

"As part of our Citizen Verizon

program, we have committed to improving the planet and the lives of the people who inhabit it. This includes a pledge to provide digital skills and education opportunities for 10 million youth," said Erica Jacquez, Executive Director of External and Government Affairs. "Verizon is proud to partner with Tournament of Roses and Cal Poly Rose Float to expand equitable access to high-quality, out-of-school STEM enrichment through programs like Rose STEM."

The Tournament of Roses is a long-standing supporter of regional and national education initiatives through partnerships with local school districts, statewide institutions and universities and corporate sponsors. By supporting students and teachers, they provide needed resources and valuable opportunities for educational growth.

"I'm passionate about student success, access and equity to education. We're quite proud of all the things we've done with both universities over the years, they are great examples of learn-by-doing institutions," said 2022 Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller. "Additionally, with the generous support of Verizon, we were able to provide an outdoor wireless learning space for Pasadena area students at no cost."

Additional virtual sessions will be held during the summer months. For more information on Rose STEM, please contact the Tournament of Roses at CR@tournamentofroses.com.

Library Celebrates 100 Years of Summer Reading

A century ago, Pasadena Public Library began offering a summer reading program for local children introducing them to the magic of words, love of reading and discovery of new worlds and adventures. Started in 1921 as the Vacation Reading Club, this program has brought the joy of reading to thousands of boys and girls during the summer months. We're proud to continue this long and rich tradition that has made summertime fun and exciting for children and teens—and more recently for adults.

This year's theme is Reading Colors Your World. Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate and sign up online at: pasadena.beanstack.com/reader365 or stop by the Allendale, Hastings, Hill Avenue, Lamanda Park, La Pintoresca, Linda Vista, San Rafael, or Santa Catalina branch libraries to sign up in person. You'll receive a free book when you register (while supplies last).

The program is sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. For more information, call (626) 744-4066.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 6th through Saturday, June 12th, the Police Department responded to 1,136 calls for service, of which 95 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 6:

1. At 7:58 a.m., officers responded to Bargain Box Thrift Shop, located at 64 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding an alarm activation. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect forced open the front door, ransacked the business, was able to drag the safe into the parking lot, but fled without being able to open the safe. It is unknown if the suspect fled with any additional property. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, between the ages of 30 and 40-years-old, with an average build, short, dark-colored hair, and was seen wearing dark-colored clothing.

2. At 3:58 p.m., an officer responded to the 2200 block of El Monte Avenue regarding a vandalism report. The victim stated that sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on June 6th, someone smashed the driver's side rear window of his vehicle for no apparent reason.

Monday, June 7:

3. At 8:32 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Santa Ynez Road regarding an incident of forgery. The victim stated he mailed a check and after checking his bank account days later, he discovered someone had altered the "pay to" name and amount.

4. At 9:39 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1800 block of Wilson Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) broke a second story window to enter the home, and once inside, they ransacked the master bedroom, pried open two safes, and fled with a watch. The suspects fled through the back door.

Tuesday, June 8:

5. At 8:43 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of Eighth Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Surveillance footage captured a Hispanic male, between the ages of 25 and 30-years-old, opening the victim's unlocked car door and fleeing with cash. The suspect fled in a red Saturn Vue.

6. At 10:56 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Kaitlyn Place regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed two male suspects exited a silver Infiniti sedan and stole gardening equipment from the victim's truck. A third suspect remained inside the suspect's vehicle. A similar incident, involving the same vehicle, occurred moments later in the 1200 block of Magnolia Court.

7. At 1:37 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Las Tunas Drive, regarding a domestic dispute. The

officer discovered an argument between an elderly husband and wife resulted in the male hitting the female. Arcadia Fire responded and provided treatment. The 80-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, June 9:

8. At 9:14 a.m., an officer responded to Ironmaya Pet Grooming, located at 1314 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed an unidentified suspect forcibly removed the door lock and ransacked the business. The suspect fled with cash and grooming tools.

9. At 11:50 a.m., an officer responded to Motel 6, located at 225 West Colorado Place, regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime during the previous night, unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's 2015 Kia Sorrento containing various tools and a hydraulic jack.

Thursday, June 10:

10. At 1:53 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of West Duarte Road regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage captured the suspect, the victim's ex-boyfriend, entering her home and leaving with her stolen property. The suspect, a 33-year-old male from Ontario, is outstanding as of June 15th.

11. At 2:41 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a battery investigation. A nanny reported witnessing her employer, the mother, hit her daughter with a hanger. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, June 11:

12. At 2:49 p.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of West Le Roy Avenue regarding a mail theft report. The victim discovered she had paychecks and other pieces of mail stolen from her mailbox on June 8th.

13. At 4:05 p.m., officers and Arcadia Fire responded to a fire to the rear of 253 East Foothill Boulevard. An investigation revealed a local transient was responsible for the fire. Another fire was set earlier that day in the same area. A 31-year-old male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, June 12:

14. At 1:46 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Live Oak Avenue and Hempstead Avenue regarding a hit and run incident. An investigation revealed a vehicle collided into a phone pole and fled the scene. The vehicle was located nearby, and the officer discovered the driver, a 44-year-old male from Arcadia, was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4th of July

CONCERT & FIREWORKS SHOW

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021
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All programs are subject to the guidelines as established by the LA County Department of Public Health including things such as maintaining physical distancing and wearing a face covering. Additional restrictions and / or cancellations may apply.

For more information on the summer programs, please call the Monrovia Community Center at (626) 256-8246, visit www.cityofmonrovia.org, "Like" City of Monrovia on Facebook and follow the City on Instagram @cityofmonrovia.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The City of Monrovia will also host a 4th of July Home Decorating Contest and an Old Town Monrovia Window Decorating Contest for those looking to show their community pride. All Monrovia residents are encouraged to break out their bunting, American flags, banners and balloons and show they are Monrovia Strong! To register for the competition, please visit the City of Monrovia's website. Judging for the competition will take place on June 30 and July 1, with the winners announced and maps made available on July 2.

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Pasadena Recognizes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The City of Pasadena and WISE & Healthy Aging Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program recognizes Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2021. The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations (UN) launched the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2006 in an effort to unite communities around the world in raising awareness about elder abuse. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for our communities to raise awareness about abuse, neglect and exploitation of elders, and reaffirm our country's commitment to the principle of justice for all.

Each year, an estimated 5 million older adults are abused, neglected or exploited. Elder abuse can lead to serious physical injuries and long-term psychological consequences or can result in serious financial loss. Older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion or more annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation—funds that could be used to pay for basic needs such as housing, food, and medical care. Unfortunately, it occurs in every demographic and can happen to anyone—a family member, a neighbor, even you. Experts believe that elder abuse is significantly under-reported, in part because so many of our communities lack the social supports that would make it easier for those who experience abuse to report it. Research suggests that as few as 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse come to the attention of authorities.

The good news is that we can prevent and address the issue of elder abuse. There are many ways to strengthen our social supports through policies, services and programs that keep us integrated in our communities as we age.

People can help protect themselves and their loved ones from elder abuse by reporting it to the authorities as soon as it is suspected. Physical injury, neglect, and/or emotional or behavioral changes are all telltale signs of abuse that could be exhibited by a loved one and should compel you to take immediate action. This also includes reporting any suspected abuse pertaining to nursing homes and residential care facilities.

In regards to financial abuse, there are specific steps you can take before it occurs to reduce your risk, they include:

Sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry.

When no longer needed, shred junk mail, old bills, bank statements, and any other documents that have personal identifying information.

Don't give out personal information over the phone unless you originated the call and you know with whom you are talking. Particularly safeguard your social security number.

It is ok to be rude. If a salesperson calls you or comes to your door who does not seem to be taking no for an answer, it is ok to terminate the conversation. Hang up the phone or close the door. You don't have to let yourself be pressured into anything.

Never sign something that you don't understand. Have a trusted and unbiased professional assist you when entering contracts or signing legal documents.

If you hire someone for personal assistance services, in-home care services, etc., ensure that they have been properly screened, with criminal background checks completed.

Learn about scams and stay informed

Sign up for AARP's Fraud Watch.

Check out AARP's interactive national fraud map.

Review FBI Common Scams and Crimes.

To report elder abuse in Pasadena, call the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

FIVE ACRES RESIDENT RECEIVES \$48,000 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Five Acres resident Josiah Boyd, 18, who has been in foster care since he was nine years old, has received a \$48,000 scholarship to Lakeland University in Wisconsin. Boyd came to Five Acres in 2016 as a resident of its residential program on the main campus in Altadena.

"I was surprised and happy," said Boyd about when he received a letter in the mail from the university notifying him of his acceptance and scholarship.

June is typically a month where youth who are 18 years old or are graduating from high school are emancipated from the foster care system. The month of June can oftentimes be scary to young adults navigating their way through life, but Five Acres prepares teens in foster care by offering extended support in its group home, Solita, which is part of its Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

Serving children who cannot be served at home or in a suitable family setting, Five Acres' residential program provides intensive, temporary out-of-home care and therapeutic services for children and their families. The charity's residential cottages provide a safe, supervised space to restore balance to children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Having experienced problems with his family, Boyd was moved to Five Acres. Early on, Boyd set his sights on moving to Five Acres group home, Solita. Residential staff focus on independent living for the teen boys, aged 13 to 18, who live in the home to develop skills for when they leave the foster care system.

Boyd worked hard to attend John Muir High School and achieved his goal once he transitioned to Solita. Boyd's plan was never to remain at Solita during his high school years, but after several unsuccessful attempts to return to family members and stay local to remain at his high school, Boyd made the decision to remain in Pasadena. He focused on playing offensive and defensive line on the football team at John Muir High School and graduating.

"[Five Acres] helped me become more responsible. They helped me to take accountability for my actions and taught me to control my anger," said Boyd, who is happy to move on to the next stepping stone to get a higher education.

Having learned about Lakeland University in Wisconsin from his football coach, Boyd applied. To his surprise, he earned a \$48,000 scholarship to the university. Boyd will be attending Lakeland University in the Fall where he will play for the university's football team and major in psychology.

"I always wanted to learn about the human brain and how we make our decisions," said Boyd, who will get an opportunity to explore this topic at the university.

While Boyd will be emancipating this month, he can be assured that Five Acres will continue to be a part of his extended family as he goes to college. To learn more about Five Acres, visit: 5acres.org.



MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY ANNOUNCES RE-OPENING

Accompanied by First-Ever History Showcase "Discovering Mount Wilson."

Officials at the Mount Wilson Observatory, Southern California's historic home to over 100 years of groundbreaking astronomical discovery, announced it will re-open to the public on Tuesday.

Located on a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains of the Angeles National Forest, near Pasadena, the Observatory closed in early 2020 in accordance with the US Forest Service's observance of Covid-19 and pandemic safety guidelines they said. The gates to Mount Wilson's acreage will open at 10 a.m. every day the remainder of the summer and close at sunset. Parking will be available, and visitors can hike the grounds, gaze at the telescope domes that dot the landscape, and browse through the Historic Museum in the Lecture Hall.

To accompany the reopening, the Observatory also announces the creation of an expansive multi-platform campaign to celebrate its history, "Discovering Mount Wilson." Starting also on Tuesday, Mount Wilson "Chapters" – brief stories about the Mountain's

history – will pop up on the Mount Wilson website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, donor newsletters and other platforms to showcase a rich legacy of astronomy narrative in the 20th century. The Chapters will utilize stunning archival images captured by the telescopes, and pictures of the physical evolution of the mountain facility itself, which hosts two historically important telescopes: the 100-inch Hooker telescope, (featuring the world's largest aperture from 1917 to 1949), and the 60-inch telescope (world's largest operational telescope from 1908 to 1917).

Founded by George Ellery Hale in 1904, Mount Wilson Observatory has played host to a who's who of important figures in 20th century astronomy, including Edwin Hubble, Albert Einstein, Harlow Shapley, Milton Humason and many others. The Chapters will lead readers to a better understanding of why Mount Wilson is "Where we Discovered Our Place in the Universe."

As part of the complete re-opening, Mount Wilson Observatory has now released a

limited number of reservations for night sky viewing on the 60-inch and 100-inch telescopes. These can be booked for evenings throughout the summer. Information about fees, available viewing dates, and reservation forms for private observation can be found at: mtwilson.edu/60-telescope and at: mtwilson.edu/100-telescope.

"We're excited to announce the "Discovering Mount Wilson" campaign in celebration of our history, just as we can now welcome guests from all over the world, back to the mountain top," said Sam Hale, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mount Wilson Institute. "Mount Wilson is unlike any place in the world from both an astronomical viewing and historical standpoint. We're hoping this campaign will help even more people discover both the rich impact and significant discoveries of this beautiful and important place."

Sam Hale is the grandson of founder George Ellery Hale.

For more information visit: mtwilson.edu.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

It has been said, that there is no substitute for time. Only through its passage can many of life's experiences be fully understood. This Fathers Day I reflect back on a lesson of life and a Father that has ceased to teach and comfort me. I would like to invite you along for a single night with a man that has left this Earthy place but dwells eternally within my heart. The article below was written and published before his passing.

My Evening with a Restaurant Critic.

My entire life has been an eight course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite, dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but I have come to realize that I was wrong. For some in life it is the famous baseball player; or possibly a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or the profound artist. How many times in life, if ever do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire and challenge life with a depth of wisdom? For most they will never get the opportunity. I can claim one prize in this life; I have had the opportunity to observe, speak with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that place for me. They have been labeled "The greatest generation" for a reason. Each day another from that stratum of America, "slowly goes into the night."

Many of you know that my Father Elmer Dills was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but as a fine wine, wisdom increases in its depth and flavor as it ages. On this night our adventure took us to Madeleine's (since closed) in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madelienes.

"Table for three, please," on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (the budding Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well behaved children; I know their parents are invariably going to be respectful people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment, I know it goes beyond just me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention and gratification, just a smooth easy in being in his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right in this business. My Dad the legendary restaurant critic doesn't even ask what the ingredients of the dishes are as he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just as natural as going to dinner with a group of friends, I think.

The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit, just like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," just like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two training thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other. She will discover soon enough why I wear running shoes and a sport coat. I order the Spencer Steak, of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked, it vanishes quickly.

Back to Dad, the waiter asks, "How was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked would give the response, "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!!" "And the dessert was?" A shrugged of the shoulders told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today, I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure he will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

Happy Fathers Day – I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything.

This was a re-print and may just run it every year at this time just to remind you and all to hold these special days near your heart.

My Radio Show is back on AM 830 KLAAs Sundays at 5 PM



L.A. COUNTY UPDATE

COVID-19 TRANSMISSION REMAINS LOW AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY RE-OPENS; 56% OF RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED

L.A. County is in a better place than any other metro area of similar size in the entire nation. Each day, on average, only 1.5 cases per 100,000 people are diagnosed in L.A. County, compared with 2.8 cases in the same population in the New York City metro area, 2.9 cases in Chicago, 3.5 cases in Atlanta, 5.3 cases in Houston, and 9.1 cases in Miami. Only 0.4% of COVID-19 tests in L.A. County are positive, compared with 0.8% in New York, 1.3% in Chicago, 1.7% in Atlanta, 3.3% in Houston, and 3.7% in Miami.

Over the past six months, the tremendous effort to get the vaccine into the arms of residents has gotten the County to a place where as of June 11, more than 5,490,637 (66%) of eligible L.A. County residents have received one dose of the vaccine and 4,668,783 (56%) are fully vaccinated.

"I know so many of us will forever grieve the family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors we've lost. We share in your heartbreak, and we know that the path to recovery will be a very difficult one for so many," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "After 16 months of enormous upheaval and loss, we can now move forward with a genuine sense of hope. We can and should feel joy while recognizing and honoring the immense collective effort that brought us to the point where we can fully reopen. We remain committed to protecting your health and to closing gaps in health outcomes associated with COVID-19. Case counts and transmission are low because of our shared efforts to implement a layered approach to preventing transmission. As we reopen, we are mindful that for those not yet vaccinated, protection is highly dependent on our continued actions to take care of each other. Sensible protections for our essential workforce will be instrumental in keeping transmission of COVID-19 in check."

As of today, workplaces remain under the current Cal/OSHA standards which continue to require distancing and masking for all employees. The Cal/OSHA standards board may vote on proposed modifications to the current standards on Thursday. Masks are also required for everyone regardless of vaccination status on public transit and in transportation hubs; indoors in K-12 schools, child care and other youth settings; healthcare settings, including long term care facilities; state and local correctional facilities and detention centers; and homeless shelters, emergency shelters, and cooling centers.

People who are not fully vaccinated, including all children between the ages of 2 and 12, are required to wear masks at all indoor public settings and businesses; this includes retail, restaurants, theatres, family entertainment centers, meetings, and state and local government offices serving the public.

Everyone can remove their masks outdoors, except people who are not fully vaccinated attending large outdoor events – they should stay masked. Additionally, everyone has a right to wear a mask; a person may not be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation/entry into a business.

To stay in this good place with low COVID-19 transmission after reopening, we need to continue to get vaccines and high-quality information to people who aren't yet vaccinated. Public Health is partnering with businesses and community-based and faith-based organizations countywide, with mobile vaccination teams making nearly 270 visits each week to the places where people shop, worship, and gather.

Unvaccinated people need to remain very careful and wear masks when they are around people outside their household, and if in close contact with others, including at work-sites, they should consider upgrading their masks to a respirator, such as an N95, or a KN95. These masks do a much better job protecting the wearer from other people's germs.

For anyone that gets sick, you need to take the right steps to prevent further spreading the virus. That means getting tested if you have symptoms, staying home and keeping a distance from people in your households, especially unvaccinated people, and working with the County's contact tracers to help protect others.

Public Health continues to urge unvaccinated people to get vaccinated. Through Thursday, June 17 at County-run vaccination sites, participating LA city and mobile sites, and St. John's Well Child and Family Center sites, everyone 18 and older coming to get their first vaccine or who brings a first-time vaccine recipient with them to their second dose appointment, will have an opportunity to win a pair of season tickets to the 2021-2022 home season of the Clippers, the Rams, or the Chargers. Official rules and participating site locations are posted online on the Los Angeles County Vaccination Sweepstakes page. Winners will be contacted by phone and/or email.

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 web-site, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

LOCAL STATISTICS AS OF 06/18/2021 TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES

Cases:	1,247,216		
Deaths:	24,435		
CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,356	76
Arcadia	57,754	2,739	137
Bradbury	1,069	38	0
Duarte	22,016	2,323	98
Monrovia	38,800	3,193	78
Pasadena	141,371	11,317	349
Sierra Madre	10,989	473	13

Directors Anthony Fellow and Jennifer Santana of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District present

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MARANATHA HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES RAND HOLDREN AS NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

PASADENA - Maranatha High School has named Rand Holdren as their new head football coach. Most recently, Holdren spent two seasons as the head coach at John Burroughs High School. In 2019, he led them to their first winning season in three years. Prior to being the head coach at JBHS, Holdren was an assistant coach for nine seasons at Harvard-Westlake School, as well as Bishop Alemany High School.



Holdren is the founder of Underground Football in Los Angeles, which teaches football fundamentals to kids, utilizing former NFL players as coaches. Additionally, he was responsible for the Quarterbacks NFL Draft prep at the Sports Academy (2018) and has built The Team Room on Substack which aims at helping parents and kids increase their knowledge in football.

As a player, Holdren had a notable high school career where he broke 12 school passing records at Bishop Diego High School ('96) and went on to earn a football scholarship at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Coach Holdren shared, "My family and I are excited to join the Maranatha community and we are blessed with this opportunity to build the football program. After unprecedented times, I am looking forward to being back on the field with the kids playing the greatest game on earth."

Maranatha Athletic Director Sammy Skinner commented, "Rand will be an outstanding addition to our coaching family. He has experience building football programs and will be a man who can lead our team spiritually on and off the field."

After meeting Coach Holdren and getting to know him, Head of School John Rouse remarked "I was struck by his sincerity and desire to make a difference with his life. I am excited to have such a wonderful role model on our staff. Not only does he have a passion for football, but for Christ and impacting young lives through athletics."

Located in Pasadena, California, Maranatha High School is a Christ-centered, evangelical college preparatory school that celebrates the whole student by equipping hearts and minds to reflect God's glory through academics, as well as the arts, athletics, and service.

For more information, visit www.maranathahighschool.org.

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Thanks, Dad, For...

Dads do so much for us! Father's Day is a great time to do something special for our Dads. I've been saving my money to take Dad for a game of mini-golf.

Dad and I are going to wash and wax the car.

1. First, fill in the blanks below with the word that makes sense.

2. Next, match each sentence's beginning to its ending.

3. Last, put each word in the crossword puzzle!

(Be a sport – let Dad help you! The first one is done.)

Thanks, Dad, for . . .

- closing my bedroom windows
- whipping up your special _____ and letting me
- taking me to _____ at the lake
- sledding in the _____
- teaching me how to ride my _____
- showing me how to _____ in the pool

1. helping me to study my _____

2. playing a _____

3. setting up the family _____

4. telling me some of your favorite _____

5. taking me where I need to go in the _____

6. letting me stay up late to study the _____

I'm designing and sewing a new tie for my father.

television game jokes car fish

A. and putting the worms on the hook for me.

B. lick the spoon.

C. then getting me a band-aid for my small scrape!

D. and teaching me water safety.

E. and keeping out thunderous storms.

F. and later giving me warm, dry clothes.

A. and cheering for me when I understand the lessons.

B. and making me laugh so hard.

C. and helping to pick up the pieces.

D. and making sure I've buckled up.

E. and showing me the constellations.

F. and untangling all the wires.

CHRISTOPHER Nyergeres



REMEMBERING MY FATHER

[Nyergeres is the author of "Til Death Do Us Part?", a series of stories describing how he and his wife attempted to deal with death in an uplifting manner. The book is available on Kindle, or from School of Self-reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041 or www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

When my father's 80th birthday coincided with Father's Day some years ago, I wrote and illustrated a pictorial booklet for my father which outlined key aspects of our life together. It was my way of thanking my father. My wife Dolores and I went to his home after the wild cacophonous family gathering had ended. We didn't want an audience in an atmosphere of laughter, sarcasm, and possibly ridicule. I only wanted to share the thank you story with my father in a somewhat serious atmosphere.

Dolores and I brought some special foods, put on some music, and I began my short presentation beginning with my earliest significant memories. I shared with him my memories of how he told me I would be an artist when I grew up. He always told me to put my bike and toys away, so "the boogeyman" wouldn't steal them. As I grew older, I learned that the world was indeed full of very real "boogeymen" and my father attempted to provide me with ways to protect myself against these unsavory elements of life.

I recalled to my father, while my mother and Dolores listened on, the birthday party adventures, getting hair cuts in the garage, and how my father tolerated my interest in mycology and wild edibles.

Everyone found the recounting amusing, even funny, but there were also tears mixed with the laughter. As with most memories, some things my father recalled quite differently from me, and some he didn't recall at all. Some things that I saw as life-and-death serious, he saw as humorous, and vice versa.

But above it all, I felt I'd finally "connected" with him at age 80 in a way that I'd never managed to do before. My "fathers day card" wasn't pre-made by a card company, but consisted of my own private and secret memories that I shared with him. I managed to thank him for doing all the things that I took for granted – a roof over my head, meals, an education, a relatively stable home.

Of course, all our family members – "insiders" – knew that my father was no saint. But I was at least acknowledging the good, and sincerely thanking him for it.

My mother died two years later, and we all knew my father would be lost without her. They'd been married over 50 years. His health and activities declined and he finally passed away on the Ides of March a few years later.

Though his death did not come as a surprise – I was nevertheless left feeling his absence. That early Saturday morning when I learned of his death, I even felt parent-less. My view of the world changed and I was forced to acknowledge the limits of life and the futility of pursuing solely a material existence.

After I learned of his death via a phone call, I walked out into the morning rain, in shock, crying, thinking, remembering. I was not feeling cold or wet, and somehow I was protected by that unique state of mind that enshrouded me.

During the next three days, I did as I had done with my mother when she died. I spent the next three days reviewing my life with my father.

At first I allowed the random memories and pain to wash over me. I talked to Frank constantly during those three days, inviting and allowing him to be with me as we did the life review together. I felt his pain, his frustration, his emptiness and loneliness in his last few years of life. I did nothing to stop the pain of this – I allowed myself to feel it all.

I spoke to Frank as I'd speak to anyone living. I felt his presence and even his responses. I did this for myself as much as for Frank and his on-going journey.

I began to see him as a young man, who met, fell in love, and married my mother. Somehow, this was a major revelation to me. I had never seen my own father in that light before. He had simply been "my father." Suddenly, he was a unique individual, with his own dreams, aspirations, and goals. Amazingly, I'd never viewed him in this way during our life together.

And then, after perhaps 12 hours of this, and miles of walking, I began a more chronological review of my life with my father, point by point by significant point. I saw his weaknesses and strengths, as well as my own. As I did this review, I looked for all the things that I'd done right with my father, all the things I'd done wrong, and all the things that I could have done better. I wrote these down, and the "wrong" list was shockingly long. The "right" list only contained a few items!

I asked my father to forgive me, and I resolved to do certain things differently in order to change and improve my character. I know I would not have imposed such a rigor upon myself had it not been for the death of my father.

A week later, when there was the funeral at the church, I felt that I'd come to know my father more than I ever was able to do in life. I briefly shared to the congregation my three days of "being with" my father, and learning what it was like to be Frank, in his shoes, and how we forgave one another.

More importantly, I shared to family and friends gathered that day the importance of constantly finding the time to tell your living loved ones that you indeed love them, not waiting until they die to say the things that you should be saying all along.

I remember Frank now on Father's Day, and continue to express my heart-felt thanks for all that he – and my mother – gave to me.

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If you love the intelligent Siamese, you will love this big boy with stunning blue eyes! He's a 5 yr. old Seal Point. Bye-Bye had loving owners who passed away. We don't know exactly how he got his name, but the owners used to name all their cats Bye-Bye. He's actually Bye-Bye III. This gorgeous boy is a sweetie! He was used to a predictable, quiet life, so he may be a little cautious at first, but he is curious and is willing to sniff your hand and will probably warm up fast. He would prefer a home with no young children, and he has never been around dogs. Bye-Bye would probably do okay with another cat, if properly and patiently introduced. He is healthy, and will come fully vetted and neutered. More pictures, adoption information and application on our website at the Teen/Adult Cats page at www.lifelineforpets.org.



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Pet of the Week

Ron Swanson is five years old and looks a lot like his namesake! He can be a little choosy about who he likes, but he's warmed up to several volunteers with the help of some delicious crunchy treats. This handsome guy would love to go home with someone who's patient and kind, who can give him the time he needs to come out of his shell. With some crunchy treats, you too can be Ron's best friend!



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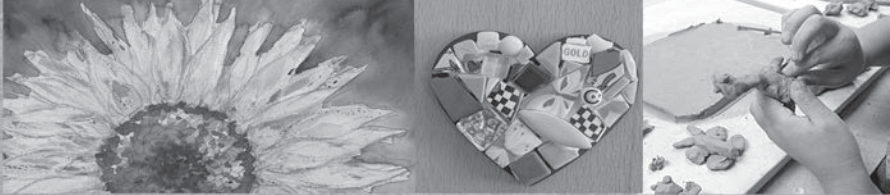
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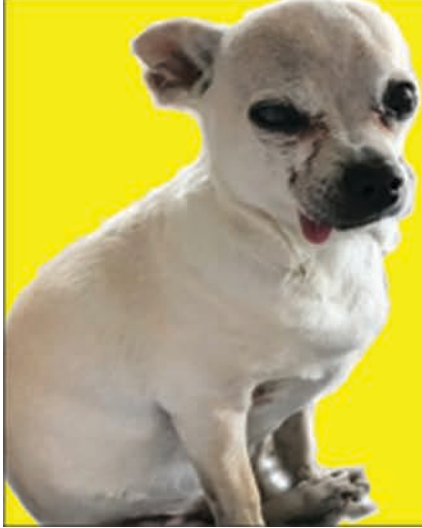


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HOW TO DOWNSIZE YOUR HOME FOR A MOVE

Dear Savvy Senior:

What tips can you offer for downsizing? My husband and I would like to relocate from our house into a retirement community condo near our daughter but need to get rid of a lot of personal possessions before we can move. Overwhelmed Willa



Dear Willa:

The process of weeding through a house full of stuff and parting with old possessions is difficult and overwhelming for most people. A good place to start is to see if your kids, grandkids or other family members would like any of your unused possessions. Whatever they don't want, here are a few tips and services that may help you downsize.

Sell It

Selling your stuff is one way to get rid of your possessions and pad your pocketbook at the same time. Selling options may include consignment shops, a garage sale, estate sale and selling online.

Consignment shops are good for selling old clothing, household furnishings and decorative items – they typically get 30 to 40 percent of the sale price. A good old-fashion garage sale is another option, or for large-scale downsizing you could hire an estate sale company to come in and sell your items. See EstateSales.net and EstateSales.org to locate options in your area. Some estate companies will even pick up your stuff and sell it at their own location – they typically take about 35 percent of the profits.

Selling online is also a great option and opens you up to a wider audience. The OfferUp app (OfferUp.com), Facebook Marketplace (Facebook.com/marketplace), Craigslist (Craigslist.org) and the CPlus for Craigslist app (Yanflex.com) are great options for selling locally, which can eliminate the packing and shipping costs and hassle. These websites and apps also don't take a cut of your sales, but you're responsible for connecting with your buyer and making the exchange of money and goods.

Donate It

If you itemize on your tax returns, donating your belongings to charitable organizations is another way to downsize and get a tax deduction. The Salvation Army (SATruck.org, 800-728-7825) will actually come to your house and pick up a variety of household items, including furnishings and clothing. Goodwill (Goodwill.org) is another good option to donate to but they don't offer pickup services.

If your deductions exceed \$500, you'll need to file Form 8283, "Noncash Charitable Contributions" (IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8283.pdf). You'll also need a receipt from the organization for every batch of items you donate and will need to create an itemized list of the items donated. To calculate fair market value for your stuff, use the Salvation Army's donation guide at SATruck.org/home/donationvalueguide.

Toss It

If you have a lot of junk you want to get rid of, contact your municipal trash service to see if they provide bulk curbside pickup services. Or, depending on where you live, you could hire a company like 1-800-Got-Junk (1800gotjunk.com, 800-468-5865) or Junk-King (Junk-King.com, 888-888-5865) to come in and haul it off for a moderate fee.

Another disposal option is Bagster (TheBagster.com, 877-789-2247) by Waste Management. This is a dumpster bag that you purchase for around \$30, fill it to a limit of 3,300 pounds and schedule a pickup, which costs anywhere between \$100 and \$300 depending on your area.

Get Help

If you want or need some help, consider hiring a senior move manager. These are professional organizers who help older adults and their families with the daunting process of downsizing and moving to a new residence. To locate one in your area, visit the National Association of Senior Move Managers at NASMM.org or call 877-606-2766. You can also search at Caring Transitions (CaringTransitions.com), which is a large senior relocation and transition services franchise company that has more than 200 franchises nationwide.

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



THE PERFECT "REVERSE" FATHER'S DAY GIFT

When you're a dad, you don't expect a new set of golf clubs or a shiny new grill for a Father's Day gift, although that would be nice (hint, hint). In fact, even the basic necktie or socks is just fine. After all, we don't do what we do so our kids will give us "stuff."

If you're like me, the greatest gift is seeing your child exhibiting the values and principals you've taught him or her.

When we think of estate planning, often the highest effort is put toward protecting and passing on our family's financial wealth. And that's certainly important. But not as many parents take the time to document, much less preserve, their family's legacy – which is about so much more than just financial wealth.

Legacy is about the stories, values, insights, and life lessons of our parents, grandparents, and those who came before them. And that legacy is all too often lost soon after those people pass away. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Adding Your Story to Your Family's Legacy

This Father's Day, I encourage all you dads out there to take some time to be intentional about preserving that intangible part of your legacy. Record – by video or audio – highlights of your life, important values, lessons learned, insights gained. You can talk about parenthood, education, work and career, love and marriage, religion and spirituality, or anything else which strikes your fancy.

If you're a writer, pen (or type) a letter, make a card, or detail some of your life's experiences. Collect photos, home videos, and other mementos so your loved ones know where to find them. Take pictures of important keepsakes and family heirlooms and write – on the back of the picture – the history of that item and why it's significant to you.

This will all be an incredible gift you give to your children, their children, and generations yet to come whom you will never meet but will know your story and appreciate your legacy. And I'm betting it will also be one of the best gifts you've ever given yourself, too. Preserving your legacy is grounding, and empowering, and uplifting.

In the end, your family's most precious wealth is not money, but the memories you make, the values you instill, and the insights and lessons you hand down. If left to chance, these assets are likely to be lost forever.

Set aside some time to do this for yourself and for your family. By intentionally preserving your thread in the story of your family, you will cement your legacy and create a bridge from the past to the future. What's better than that?

Happy Father's Day, fellow dads.

MARC

Dedicated to empowering your family, building your wealth and defining your legacy,

A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 55 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...June Birthdays*



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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

WHY DO I HAVE SO MANY TOES?



I must confess that I'm not always obvious to everything that is before me. I admit I miss a lot of things set before me. I don't do this intentionally.

For example, sometimes, when I come home from the church office, I pass the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and she is waving at me, but I don't see her.

When I get home, she confronts me about it. I know it happened because, well, she told me it hap-pened. I wasn't very obvious of the situation at the time.

Some things I see, some things I don't see. And I'm not sure the difference between either one. I don't know why I miss some things and not others. But I do, and I guess that's part of my personali-ty.

I know I have ten toes, five on each foot, and one on each foot is a big toe. I have known that since I could recognize things. I will not tell you how long that is because my calculator doesn't go up that high.

In the morning, when I get up, I stumble to the kitchen to get my morning cup of coffee. Without that cup of coffee, I have no idea what I'm doing or where I'm going. That's the reason God gave us coffee. I don't plan anything before my coffee.

Several times I have to go to the doctor to get blood work done. I have to fast before I go, and that means no coffee. I told the nurse that was extracting my blood, "Are you sure you want me here before I have my coffee?"

Looking at me, she smiled and said, "It's okay. Remember, I have the needle."

I did remember. There are times when she can extract blood without any pain whatsoever. Then there are those other times that I will not talk about right now.

Before my coffee in the morning, I'm not exactly sure what I'm doing.

Being oblivious to things around me can catch up when I least expect it.

The other day when I got up, I think my eyes were open, but I'm not sure. I stumbled out into the kitchen to get my morning coffee.

On the way there, I heard a loud scream like a Comanche on the warpath and found myself danc-ing, and I don't dance. After a few seconds, I felt a pain coming from several of my toes up to the top of my head.

I had no idea what happened. I looked down and saw blood squirting out, I saw several toenails splintered, and two of my toes were black and blue.

Before I could end my screaming and dancing, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into the room and asked, "What in the world did you do?"

Of course, when anything happens in our house, it's always my fault. But I wasn't in the mood at that time to debate whose fault it was. At the time, I didn't care whose fault it was; it was the pain in my toes that captured all of my attention. I couldn't answer her. I simply pointed down to my toes and let out another Comanche scream. Somehow in walking down to the hallway, I smashed my toes into something that resisted them completely. To this day, I don't know what in the world my toes ran into. They've never revealed that secret to me.

Fortunately, the Gracious Nurse of the Parsonage was able to take care of my toe's situation. If I can break it, she can fix it.

Up to this point, I never paid any attention to my toes. Since that time, every time I walk, my toes remind me of the incident. I try not to limp because I'm not going to give those toes any credit at all. I'm going to walk despite their aggravation. I've had some time to think about that little incident, and I began wondering how many other things in my life have I been oblivious to? What am I not paying attention to?

I have the opinion that when something bad happens, use it as a lesson. What is the lesson here?

The lesson here is to pay attention to everything around you. That is quite a chore for me, and I'm working on it, but I'm not quite there yet.

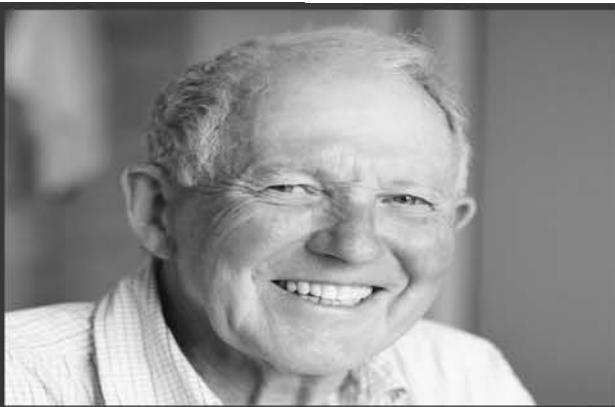
I almost got in a traffic scrape the other day. Now when I'm out driving, I'm always looking to see if the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is driving by waving at me.

I do have one gripe, but I don't want to make it known to everybody. But every morning when I get up and come to the kitchen for my coffee, someone who shall remain anonymous always says, "How's your toes this morning?" Usually, I will mumble back, "Fine; they're all fine."

During this whole time, I had some serious thought about why I have to have ten toes? What is the purpose of all those toes?

I've been given a lot of thought to this, and in my devotions the other morning, this verse of Scripture was present. "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee" (Proverbs 4:25).

I'm not sure why I have ten toes, but after this experience, I will give attention to my toes, but I'm going to give more attention to my eyes.



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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON TALKING BASEBALL

As I drove home yesterday from the golf course, exhausted from walking alone on the course in the midst of hundred degree heat, I passed the field on Grandview, and observed many tiny children. They were standing in the field seemingly doing nothing but I realized that they were learning to play baseball. I am very confused at this time in my life about knowing what it is I am supposed to be doing to save the world, which definitely seems to need my help. Now that it seems almost safe to leave the house I find myself playing golf alone and still feeling that there is something important that I should be doing but I haven't a clue what it is.

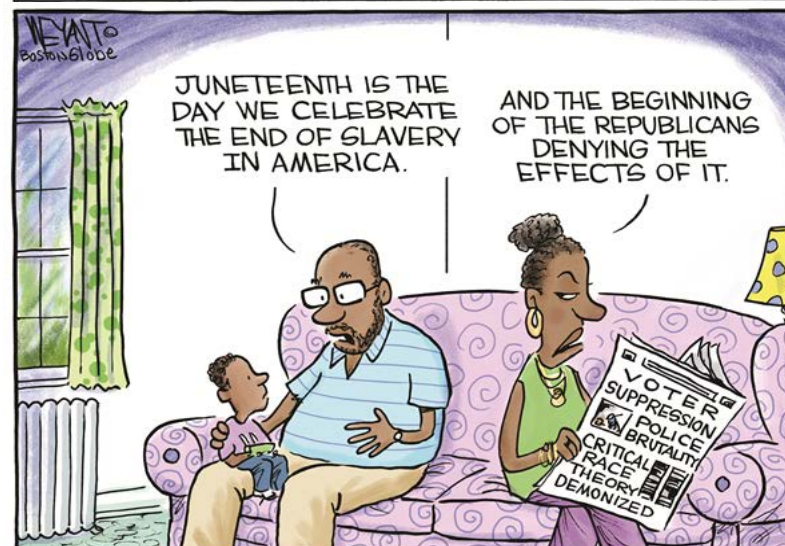
As I passed the field watching the kids, seemingly doing nothing, it hit me. What a wonderful game baseball is or was. Standing around is the major element of the game. No special ability is needed and something called a "walk" when the batter does nothing but watch poorly thrown balls go by is an honorable achievement. How simple this was in complicated times when in school we had been instructed to hide under our desk as a part of drop drills which would allow us to be safe in case atomic bombs fell on us.

This all sounds pretty scary and I must have found some safety in just sitting in front of the radio and playing with my baseball cards. These cards came in packs of five along with a piece of bubble gum. Early on I learned to read the players' names and to look at their cards as I heard the names on the radio. I developed a great fascination with numbers and kind of remembering the current averages of players and figuring out for myself how their batting average would change depending on the outcome of the game. This may sound pretty strange but I was a pretty isolated kid and speculating about batting averages kind of reminds me of the way kids stay at home today and play video games. In fact it's probably similar to the way adults spend hours looking at stock market quotes and speculate about the future. Too bad I never got interested in that.

The game of baseball was composed of elements that were accessible to anyone with an imagination. I played a game by myself which I called three outs. It was composed of me standing alone and throwing the ball against the tenement (what ever happened to that word) steps and trying to catch the ball on the fly. If there was someone around to play with we would play catch, just throwing the ball back and forth. If there was a third person around we could play "pickle" or "running bases". Two people would stand some distance apart at their respective "bases" and just throw a ball back and forth. The third person, the "runner" would stand on one base and daringly take off toward the other base while the ball was in the air or even perhaps return to his original base if the ball was dropped or thrown badly. This was the "pickle" I still miss those games and probably enjoyed them even more than golf.

Today, I find the game of baseball boring and filled with arcane technological calculations like spin velocity and altitude angle and other stuff that does not interest me. The way the game is played today with a high number of strikeouts and little strategy in base running (where are the pickles) is extremely annoying and non-involving. That is not the point. At one time baseball allowed me to feel included in the world and pretty certain that I was doing the right thing and that, no matter what, there would be another game tomorrow. Today I am not even certain that there are many tomorrows left.

Please enjoy Father's day while we still can.



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND MY BFF - BEST FATHER FOREVER



big talker, no - he's a loud talker. And being a teenager, this was the first time I ran towards his loudness rather than away from it.

It turned out years later when I went to "the motherland", that it wasn't only my dad, half the people there were loud talkers. Whole villages of loud talkers proliferated in my ancestral country, I guess that's what happens when you have wide-open spaces but no phones.

My father is a first-generation immigrant, taking the slow boat to Canada when he was 16. He met and married my mother there and they assimilated into the life of politely frozen Canucks. He took us skiing, skating, sledding, and looking back, had a surprising period of musical experimentation, buying vinyls of Led Zeppelin, the Beatles, Joni Mitchell, and the Tribal Rock Love musical "Hair" before returning comfortably to his first loves, Puccini and Verdi.

Somehow during "the times are a-changing" period of paisley prints, psychedelics, and home perms, my dad stuck to skinny ties, scotch, and untreated hair. I couldn't say the same for me, I twisted my hair in curling rods and let the ammonia-heavy chemicals fry it up. The result? A frightening cross between Shirley Temple and the Bride of Frankenstein.

My dad is a connoisseur of wine, cigars, and slapstick. He took us to see Charlie Chaplin's City Lights and Mel Brooks's Blazing Saddles. We saw Bill Cosby live and when my dad thought he was alone, listened to George Carlin's "7 Words You Can't Say on TV" in stereo.

One of my clearest memories of my dad could have been a scene taken out of a Charlie Chaplin movie. It was the middle of a Canadian winter - in other words June - and my parents hosted a dinner party, my dad prepared a Chinese fondue. The cooking pot was a bronze ring-shaped vessel with a vertical chimney, fueled by white-hot charcoal briquettes in the base. My dad fired up the charcoal pot in our hobbit-height basement and as the flames licked towards the ceiling, he grabbed it and quickly walked upstairs. At that precise moment I opened the back door, mere steps away from where my dad stood, and a huge gust of wind stoked the flames inches from his face. With his outstretched hands shielded from the blazing embers by a pair of smoldering oven mittens, he did a quick Chaplin-like waddle to the dining table and laid the boiling pot down, the majority of his eyebrows still intact. We applauded, I think more in anticipation of the feast than his fireside feat.

Being grandparents are indeed, the better gig. My parents, not really fans of The Mouse, generously offered to take their grandson and me to DisneyWorld. My dad was retired, my son was 3, we were ok to go as long as we synchronized their nap times. After a long, hot day waiting in line to ride Dumbo's ears, we returned to our family suite at the Disney Fort Wilderness Resort. Exhausted, we all fell into a deep sleep, no pixie dust required. Minutes later, my dad began to snore. The flimsy drywall separating the bedrooms shook. It was as if the whole clan of the Country Bear Jamboree - bears and hill folk alike, guzzled down a dozen barrels of white lightning and together snored a staccato symphony. The next morning I changed our rental stroller to a twin and bleary-eyed, let my parents push me too. So, thanks and love to you George - and Josephine too - and to fathers everywhere - Happy Father's Day!

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DICK POLMAN



IN THE WAR ON AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, JOURNALISTS CAN'T BE NEUTRAL

On a podcast the other day, national political reporter Thomas Edsall analyzed the mounting threat of Republican authoritarianism and posed a great question: "Trump and the Republican party have created a real dilemma for the me-dia... A party of sedition is trying to (enact) rules that even when it loses, it wins... We have a different animal in the ballgame now. One side is dominated by a party that is willing to accept lies, that is delusional... a party that is on the verge of becoming something unseen in America, beyond the point of no return... When you have a party that is moving in this ex-treme fashion, how do we in the media describe it?" Easy answer: Describe reality.

The old days of both sides false-balance journalism, the old days of writing "on the one hand, on the other hand," the old days when both parties honored democracy by accepting the election results - those days are over. When one party openly declares that it no longer believes in democracy, when indeed it is working non-stop to destroy it, journalists can no longer take refuge in "neutrality."

Richard Tofel, founder of the investigative journalism website ProPublica, wrote recently that neutrality is an "attractive value" only "if you view public life as an endless series of fights between two sides distinguishable most importantly by the primary colors of their uniforms." But all too often - and especially now - neutrality is merely "an appropriate pose for the uninformed." Any journalist who's remotely informed about what's going on in 2021 should be compelled to point it out in plain language. If arsonists are torching a house, and it's burning in front of your eyes, you report it and identify the arsonists. It's not enough to say "Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell hopes to win the chamber in 2022." It's factually accurate to simply say, "Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, after voting to exonerate a president who inspired an anti-democratic coup attempt, hopes to win the chamber in 2022 and strengthen Republican vote-suppression efforts in 2024."

In a national civic emergency, the mainstream media needs to be pro-democracy and pro-truth. That is not "bias." That is patriotism. The problem, however, is that too many journalists (especially the older, more seasoned ones) are stuck in the old paradigm. Jay Rosen, a media critic at New York University, said it well last week: The press is still too invested in "the game - who are the winners and losers, who's ahead, what's the strategy?" You can keep doing that right up until the point when democracy disintegrates.

I agree. So does Tom Edsall: "In times of big change, reporters have a harder time finding ways to describe it and to deal with it. Reporters are usually fixed in a language that they've (long) been using to describe political competition." Nevertheless, "you have to look at the truth... The press has been reluctant to look at the truth adequately... That is what the press is supposed to do. I'm personally against mincing words," whereas, at too many mainstream outlets, "the pressure is to mince words."

Granted, the word authoritarian upsets a lot of people. But what more empirical evidence do we need that the GOP wants to turn America into Turkey, Hungary, or worse? In plain sight, its state-level lawmakers are working to sabotage future free elections - ensuring that Republican state legislatures have the power to invalidate Democratic wins, installing local election officials who can refuse to certify Democratic wins, enacting a string of new voter suppression laws that are designed to protect their white minorities. Meanwhile, the GOP's national leaders remain in thrall to the loser who thinks the 2020 election was stolen, and they continue to pretend that the insurrectionist coup attempt was a mirage. As Edsall says, "stuffing things down the memory hole is precisely what authoritarianism does." If we journalists don't point that out, we're not doing our jobs. James Madison, who championed the Bill of Rights, warned more than two centuries ago that a free country starved of accurate knowledge "is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy; or perhaps both."

Both indeed. The clock is ticking.

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