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THANKS GABE!



At Tuesday's city council meeting the community had the opportunity to wish 'Gabe' Engeland farewell. Presenting him with a few Sierra Madre momentos are, left to right, Mayor Rachele Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, Councilwoman Kelly Krieb, "Gabe", and Councilmen Robert Parkhurst and Edward Garcia. Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre

Friday, June 16, 2021 was a sad day for many in Sierra Madre. It was the day that popular City Manager Gabriel 'Gabe' Engeland turned in his keys. He resigned his position with the city and has been appointed City Manager of Los Altos, California, a town that is about three times larger than Sierra Madre.

During his tenure in our town, he has accomplished a great deal. Since his arrival in 2017 the city has (partial listing):

Hired a great new Fire Chief, Brent Bartlett;
Hired a great new Police Chief, Rodrick Armalin;

Transitioned the SM Fire Department from a volunteer department to a fully paid department;
Managed the certification of the SM Fire Department as a part of the Verdugo Mutual Aid group, something that the city had aspired to be for more than a decade;

Sierra Madre's Water Department has reduced it's water losses, made Investments in the city's Water Infrastructure Funding and improved the City's Water Department Credit Rating under his watch.

For his team of city employees, he improved employee retention by finding ways of making compensation competitive with other cities.

He encouraged promotions from within where possible; and he implemented a Pension Stabilization Plan to protect their futures.

As for his fiscal prowess, he managed to keep a balanced budget. In fact, he is leaving the city with a \$2 million dollar surplus.

Gabe also was a master at handling the unique character of the town as residents and business owners alike, while they may not have always agreed with him, respected his efforts at transparency and his professional demeanor. t

The most frequently asked question by residents is: *Why did we let him leave!* because Gabriel Engeland has left the City of Sierra Madre in a much better position, physically, financially and emotionally than it was when he took the job.

Thanks Gabe for a job well done and good luck. We will miss you!
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Read Gabe's Farewell To The City on page B5

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS UTILITIES DIRECTOR JOSE REYNOSO TO SERVE AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER



At their July 13, 2021 meeting the Sierra Madre City Council voted unanimously to appoint the City's Director of Utilities, Jose Reynoso to serve as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Reynoso will take over for City Manager Gabe Engeland who's final day in Sierra Madre will be July 16, 2021. Mr. Engeland announced his resignation in a City Council closed session on June 15, 2021 after serving 4.5 years at Sierra Madre's helm.

Mayor Arizmendi said, "The City Council is proud to appoint Jose Reynoso to serve as Sierra Madre's Interim City Manager. As the Director of Utilities, his leadership and ability to manage the department has proved to be exceptional over the years. Because of his high level of understanding of local government, his strong relationships with external stakeholders, and the respect he garners from the staff - he is well poised to take on this role."

Mr. Reynoso has served 25 years in public service with various cities, including the cities of El Monte, Alhambra, Monterey Park and Sierra Madre. Mr. Reynoso joined Sierra Madre in 2010.

"Jose Reynoso is an excellent choice to lead Sierra Madre as the Interim City Manager," said departing City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "He has established himself as a leader in the organization and on the City's Executive Team."

Director Reynoso holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of La Verne and is pursuing his Master's Degree in Management from the University of Illinois. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Raymond Basin Management Board, as well as being the City's Liaison Representative on the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Mr. Reynoso has been married to his high-school sweetheart Lourdes for 28 years. They have three adult children.

WITH DROUGHT CONDITIONS INCREASING SIERRA MADRE PLANS AHEAD

By Kevin McGuire

The City of Sierra Madre is expected to implement an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as California, once again, is faced with drought conditions and hot temperatures in the midst of the 2021 summer season.

The law, signed in 1987, requires cities that have 3,000 or more water source connections to have a UWMP in place and to present an updated plan every five years, which will then be sent off to the California Department of Water Resources.

City Council was back in session at their City Hall Chambers to consider two resolutions allowing for the filing and implementation of both proposed plans from 2020, but the consultant on the matter was unable to attend and so the vote was pushed back to Tuesday, July 27. Miles Prince, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Director and Jose Reynoso, Director of Utilities, did give a presentation at the public hearing on Tuesday, July 13.

The UWMP describes the current and historical status for water supplies in the city and provides statistics on supply and demand. It also looks toward the future and the long-term goals to make sure adequate water supplies will be available and looks at opportunities to expand water sources. The WSCP explains how and when conservation measures will be taken and provides a path for establishing regulations to limit water usage. You can see the full final UWMP report on the city website at cityofsierramadre.com in the July 13 staff reports listed as item #10.

Sierra Madre has become more self-reliant over the past five years, measurably reducing its dependency on imported water supplies. The city has also made strides in infrastructure repairs which it plans to continue into 2022 at least. Those repairs included an upgrade to one of the city's water wells and the replacement of water mains. The goal is to replace two-miles of pipes over the next fiscal year as the water loss through leakage is at 14%. The city repairs approximately 400 leaks per year on average.

Local rainfall in the San Gabriel was 35% below normal for 2020-21. Right now, Governor Gavin Newsom is calling for a 15% voluntary reduction in water use. There are no mandatory restrictions in place at this time.

Overall, the Sierra Madre water supply situation is in good shape. In fact, the city made a deal earlier this year to enter into a purchase agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District in the amount of \$2,376,592. In addition, the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre are expecting the completion of a joint well this year. Sierra Madre currently depends highly on the Raymond Basin and the main San Gabriel Valley Basins for a good portion of their water supply. Once the new joint well is up and running, it's expected to pump 1,000 gallons per minute.

Sierra Madre currently supplies water to 10,731 residents, a number that is expected to be on the rise in years to come. Though the city is not expected to be in any danger with their water supply over the next five years, residents are expected to do their part to conserve water whenever possible.

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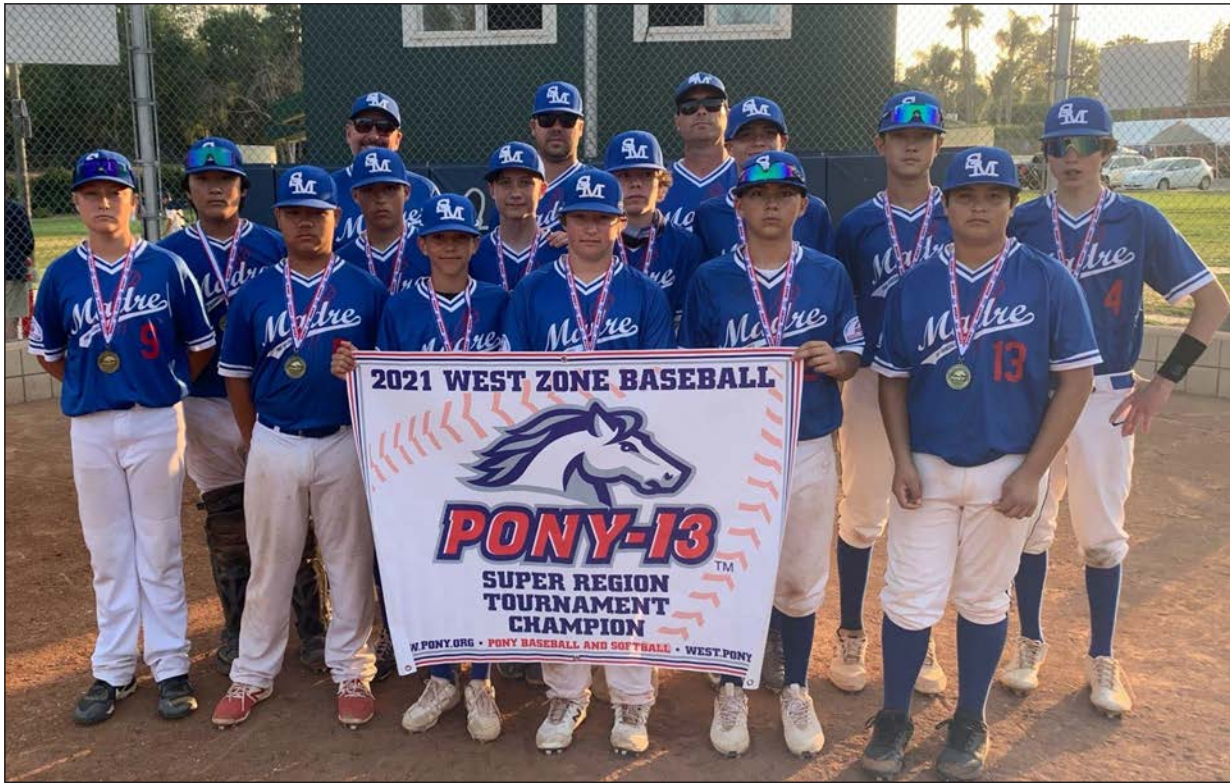
HISTORIC WORLD SERIES RUNS UNDERWAY FOR BOTH SIERRA MADRE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

July 16, 2021 – This is a story of sweet vindication for two special groups of local kids. Back in March 2020, the COVID shutdowns prematurely halted their spring seasons, just as they were getting started. As pandemic conditions improved with time, Sierra Madre's baseball and softball leagues did an outstanding job of implementing safety plans to get the kids back on the fields for limited outdoor play, but there still could be no playoffs, no All Stars tournaments, and no hope of that magic run to the world series.

Now in the summer of 2021, life is getting back to normal for these kids. Sierra Madre Girls Softball's 10U "Madre Mayhem" All Stars team (aged 10 or younger) (right) has qualified to play in the USA Softball Junior Olympics tournament in Santee, CA. They got this far by placing 2nd in the C Districts tournament in Beaumont, CA in June and finishing in the top tier of teams at the C States tournament over the 4th of July weekend in Lancaster, CA. Mayhem is powered by talented pitchers, Havana Pagan and Carly Polanco; fierce catchers Saija Baldrice, Emily Cash and Layla Loya; and a strong and fast offense driven by Mary Kalea Buchan, Aria Davis, Maya Dixon, Kiley Liang, Emily Lencioni, Camila Reyes-Chacon and Mikayla West. In both tournaments, the girls battled in back-to-back games in triple digit desert heat, playing with heart, grit and deep skills. For the past decade, SMGSA teams have made a name for Sierra Madre on a national level, and Madre Mayhem continues this tradition.



On the boys' side, (left) the story could not be more special and promising for the Sierra Madre Pony 13 year-olds. These are the boys whose final little league season (as 12 year-olds) was stolen away by the COVID pandemic shutdown. Their special talent is finally on full display.



Last week, these "Madre 13U" Pony All Stars crushed all competition in the Southern California "Super Region" tournament, and have now proceeded into the Western US "Zone" tournament now in progress at the West Hills baseball complex at 7001 Valley Circle Boulevard.

Sierra Madre's first game was a 14-4 thrashing of Long Beach, who was allowed to advance from the super region tournament as one of that event's top teams. Madre broke ahead with 9 runs in the first, highlighted by a majestic lead-off home run by Bradley Loiacono. Later in that same inning, he returned to the plate again and hit an almost identical, mammoth shot – this was a bases-loaded grand slam. Talented catcher Quinn Imasaki added a deep bomb to center field later in the game, while Dylan Hoang, Andrew Klien, and Tyler Charvat have also been batting leaders in a lineup that continues to pound the ball throughout this post-season run.

But this Madre 13U team is not only blessed by great offense – they also pack an unusually deep collection of pitching talent. Aiden Mahoney, Bradley Loiacono, and Dylan Hoang have anchored the staff as starters. Thus far they have held opponents down in dominant fashion, which has allowed the Coaching Staff to quickly transfer these responsibilities over to the very competent relievers, including Zeke Rodriguez, Josh Morales, Tyler Charvat and Andrew Klien. Manager Anthony Loiacono shared, "For good reason, pitch-counts are heavily regulated to limit stress on each of the boys' growing arms. If you throw more than 20 pitches, you can't pitch the next day. More than 35, and you are pretty much done for the tournament. It is a great advantage that we've been able to keep all arms fresh while maintaining comfortable leads."

To support the All Stars in this special year, a few local businesses stepped up to help cover tournament and family travel costs, without hesitation. Among them were the Pevsner family of Splinter Medical Group, and Sandy Duvall of Sierra Fitness and the Shabby Dog, Ixora Flora Design, Andy Bencosme Century 21 Realtors, and more to come. Sandy Duvall shared, "It is so special to be able to support our youth again, and restore some of what they lost last year!" Russ MEEK, SM Girls Softball President / Coach, SM Pony 13U All Stars

TRAFFIC MISHAP ON SIERRA MADRE BLVD.



Breaking News:

At approximately 10:52 this morning a solo-vehicle accident occurred at 110 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A sedan traveling eastbound on West Sierra Madre Blvd. collided with the safety bollards protecting the outdoor dining area of The Only Place In Town Restaurant. The safety bollards worked as expected, preventing any damage to the dining area or to any diners.

Paramedics were called out to an incident nearby and were able to respond immediately to the incident. The driver of the vehicle was treated at the scene but not transported to any hospital. SMPD was dispatched to the incident; the cause of the incident remains under investigation.

As a result of the collision, Public Works removed 6 bollards for the most western section of the dining area. Concurrently, Public Works crews worked to measure and identify K-rail barriers to temporarily replace the bollards that were removed. This quick thinking by Director Cimino and the Public Works crews allowed for very minimal financial impact to the affected restaurant.

The owner of the restaurant and explained that diners could not be seated in the outdoor patio until the temporary barriers could be installed. Mr. Kefalas was very understanding and grateful of the City's quick response.

Traffic control was done by SMPD Officers Ascano and Jaramillo.

As always, the quick response by City staff is impressive and commendable. I am grateful for their professionalism and expertise.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 27, 2021 4:00 pm

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As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 trans-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 Foothills Media website at foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Tournament Lawsuit Against City Dismissed



A federal judge on Monday dismissed the Pasadena Tournament of Roses lawsuit against the city of Pasadena, noting that the city's acknowledgment that the Tournament owns the Rose Bowl Game trademark rendered much of the lawsuit moot.

According to a statement by the Tournament, the court left undecided a disagreement over contract language governing the right of the Tournament of Roses to relocate the game in an emergency, a provision known as "force majeure." The court noted that with no current plans to move the game, there was no reason to rule on the disagreement now.

Through the confirmation of the Tournament's trademark rights and the preservation of its force majeure rights, "the suit's main goals were achieved," Tournament of Roses CEO David Eads said.

According to Tournament officials they felt compelled to file the suit after city officials contended that the emergency move of the 2021 Rose Bowl Game had violated the Tournament's contractual obligations. In addition, the city had been wrongly insisting that it co-owns the trademark to the Rose Bowl Game.

In their our statement, the city of Pasadena called the lawsuit's claims that the city misused or misappropriated the Tournament's trademarks related to the Rose Bowl Game "frivolous."

"This lawsuit should have never been filed in the first place," said Gordo. "The City of Pasadena has been a tremendous partner to the Tournament, and it is appalling that the Tournament took such a significant step over nothing. We are pleased that the judge wasted little time in dismissing the claims made entirely."

The city will now seek to recover the taxpayer dollars the City was forced to needlessly, albeit successfully, spend on defending itself in this litigation. The City expects to request an award that the Tournament of Roses Association reimburse the City's taxpayers for the hundreds of thousands of dollars incurred in having to defend against these frivolous claims, the statement reads.

"Despite all of the legal wrangling, it is my sincere hope that now we can collectively return our focus to New Year's Day, with an iconic parade and a game that puts Pasadena in the world's spotlight once again," said Gordo. "The Rose Bowl Game is a part of the fabric of Pasadena. As Judge Birotte Jr. recognized in his judgment: 'The Court agrees with [the City] that [the Tournament] cannot reasonably dispute that, separate and apart from intellectual property ownership, the heart and soul of the Rose Bowl Game belongs to the people of Pasadena.'"



GM to Move into New Pasadena Campus

General Motors announced plans Thursday to establish a new \$71 million campus in East Pasadena, for their Advanced Design Center operations, a move that they said would substantially increase the center's capacity and create more jobs in the area.

"We are very enthusiastic about General Motor's decision to locate their Advanced Design Center here," Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderain said. "Pasadena's Art Center College of Design continues to produce top tier transportation designers. With the new location, GM will be in immediate proximity to both Art Center, Caltech and other top technology-based and design firms."

The new campus, which sits on eight acres near Rosemead Blvd. and Sierra Madre Villa Ave., will expand GM's capacity to support emerging business opportunities

in areas of advanced technology, software integration and future mobility solutions GM officials said in a statement.

"Having a physical presence in Southern California's technology epicenter is an integral part of our global design operations and this new innovation campus will not only expand our operations twofold, but offers access to the rich cultural diversity and talent in the region," said Michael Simcoe, GM vice president of Global Design. "Our positioning will allow us to attract dynamic candidates in fields that will bolster GM's proven design capabilities and challenge conventional thinking of what our future portfolio of connected products and services can encompass."

GM Design facilities in the area include the current North Hollywood Studio, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2020. The North Hollywood

Design Center will continue to be utilized for advanced design operations as work on the new facility is completed through the second half of 2022 they said.

Pasadena Sees First COVID-19 Delta Variant

The Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) has received the first confirmed reports Wednesday of the COVID-19 Delta variant infection in six Pasadena residents. The Delta variant was identified in laboratory specimens from these residents through genomic sequence testing. The households infected in Pasadena included a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Through contact tracing, PPHD has linked all of the cases to household exposures. This SARS-CoV-2 virus variant was first identified in India, spreads more easily and quickly than other variants, and likely causes more severe disease based on hospitalizations and case fatality rates. In the state of California, 1,085 cases of the Delta variant have been reported, and as of June 2021, 42.9% percent of all sequenced variant of concern cases are Delta. To protect the privacy of the individuals, no further information will be released.

"Now is the time for anyone who is not yet vaccinated to get fully vaccinated. Help connect friends and family who are not yet vaccinated to a vaccine opportunity as soon as possible. Current vaccines are effective in protecting against the Delta variant that spreads much more easily than prior variants and is more likely to cause serious disease," said Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, health officer and director of the Pasadena Public Health Department.

COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be highly effective at preventing hospitalizations and death from COVID-19, and people who are fully vaccinated are also much less likely to be contagious or transmit the virus to someone else. The longer you wait to get vaccinated, the greater the risk of contracting COVID-19 and infecting a friend, loved one, or coworker.

COVID-19 vaccines are available through the Pasadena Public Health Department at no cost. People age 12 years and over are eligible to receive the vaccine. For more information and to register for an appointment, visit MyTurn.ca.gov. Get vaccinated at a PPHD clinic and receive a \$20 gift card to a local retailer while supplies last

Boys & Girls Club Welcomes Three New Board Members

The Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena announced Wednesday that three new members have been added to its Board of Directors this month: Christina Altmayer, Corey Castillo, and Lola Osborne. Each brings unique work and volunteer experience that will complement the talents of BGCP's Board, and they all share a passion for the Club's work with kids and families in the community.

"We're delighted to welcome Christina, Corey, and Lola to our Board, and look forward to working with them to further the Club's post-Covid reawakening," says Lisa Cavelier, CEO of BGCP. "Each brings a unique set of skills and talents to our work."

strategic development, and revenue enhancement across multiple industries. From Health & Fitness to Corporate Philanthropy, Professional Services, Healthcare, Legal Services, and a variety of other fields, Corey has taken a multi-industry approach to aligning people, process, and product to deliver value-based, scalable, and sustainable results. Corey currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Lagerlof, LLP, now the largest law firm in Pasadena.



Christina Altmayer is a senior executive with deep experience and success leading public agencies dedicated to early childhood. Her work has focused on policy and system changes to better serve the needs of children in both the healthcare and early education spaces. She recently joined Health Management Associates after leading high-impact efforts to implement and expand maternal and pediatric early intervention services as the Senior Vice President of the Center for Children and Family Impact for First LA. A long-time resident of Pasadena, Christina and her husband Tom have raised three kids who are now twenty-somethings.



Lola Osborne began her career with the City of Pasadena in 1986 in the Planning Department. During her 35-year career with the City, she has held the positions of City Inspector, Planner, Northwest Manager, and Deputy Director. In these various positions, Lola has acted as the City liaison with a variety of community groups, developers, and local businesses. In her current position in the Parks Recreation and Community Services Department, she oversees community services programs at various community centers. An added benefit to her current position is a program for local high school students where she found her passion for working with youth through the City's "Youth Ambassador Program" - giving 32 high school students and over 300 alumnae basic, hands-on employment training through participation at City and local events.



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Pasadena Police Community Reinvestment Grant Program

Applications must be received no later than August 31 at 4:00 p.m.

The Pasadena Police Department announced Thursday they are again committed to providing the availability of asset forfeiture funds for appropriation to community based non-profit organizations (501(c) (3) or (4)) whose stated missions are supportive of and consistent with a law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative.

The purpose of the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program allows law enforcement agencies to provide support to neighborhood safety, promote crime prevention, and provide drug abuse education and offer drug abuse prevention services.

This is accomplished by offering funding to non-profit organizations which have developed specific projects to address these areas of concern. The Pasadena Police Department Asset Forfeiture Community Reinvestment Grant program is a critical component of the police department's support for the neighborhoods that we protect and serve. The maximum funds allowed is \$25,000. This year, they are committed to award 2 qualifying recipients in the amount of \$12,500 each.

All applications that meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be reviewed



Chief John Perez

by the Funding Approval Committee, which is comprised of the Chief of Police, administrative staff, and community member(s). Upon reviewing the applications, the Chief of Police will make the final determination of awards in accordance with the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program guidelines and the recommendations of the committee. Prior to awarding the funds the department must ensure the recipient is a qualified entity.

Applications must be received by the Pasadena Police Department no later than August 31 at 4:00 p.m. Applications received after 4:00 p.m. will not be considered for funding.

For additional information, eligibility requirements and access to the Community Reinvestment Grant application at: cityofpasadena.net/police.

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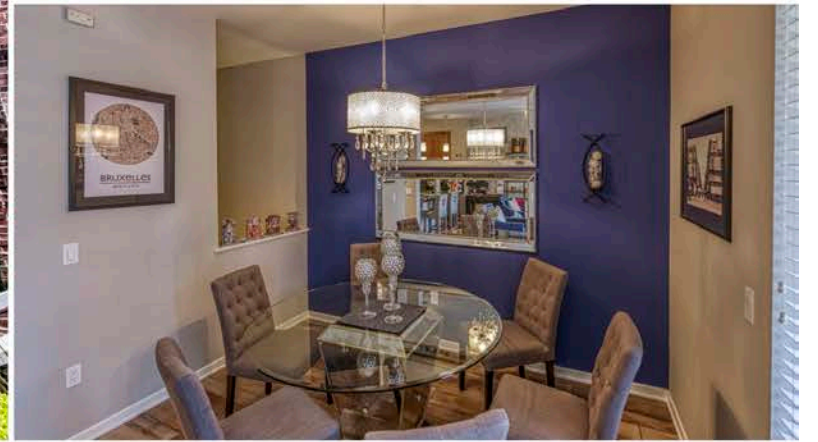
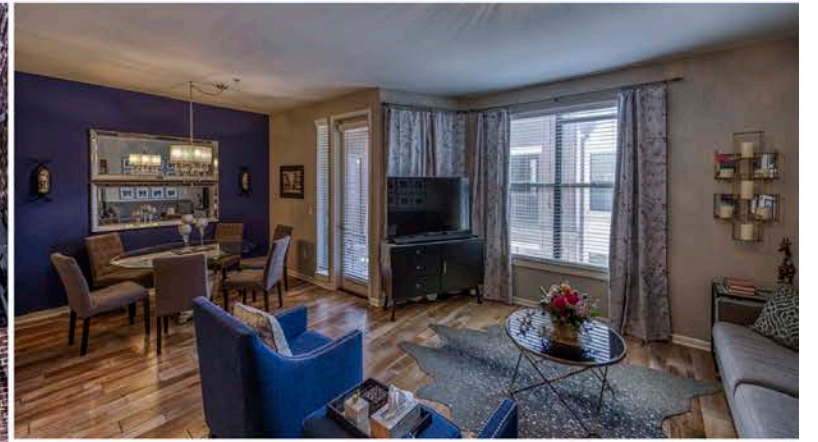
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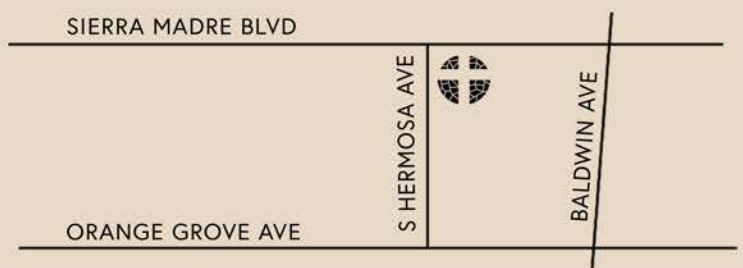


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BOARD APPROVES BARGER MOTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 219 TO WAIVE PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES RESULTING FROM COVID-19 ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY —The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis to support SB 219 (McGuire) which would enable the local auditor or tax collector to cancel any penalties or costs resulting from property tax delinquency due to a documented hardship arising from the COVID-19 "Safer-at-Home" orders.

"The Safer-at-Home orders impacted every single resident and business throughout Los Angeles County, and it is imperative for the County to partner with the State to support our tax-payers who suffered financially," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "SB 219 is one opportunity to provide much-needed relief and assistance for those negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Support for SB 219 aligns with the County's approach to ensuring an equitable recovery for all, especially among our hardest hit residents who are still reeling from the economic, social and psychological impacts of the pandemic," shared Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair, Hilda L. Solis. "The economic recovery of our residents is dependent on how well we support them, which is why I authored a motion last year with Supervisor Barger directing the Treasurer and Tax Collector to consider the impact of COVID-19 on delinquent property owners and cancel any late penalty. SB 219 reinforces our authority and empowers counties statewide to provide the same support to their residents who may face economic hardships brought on by COVID-19."

If passed by the State Legislature, SB 219 would codify the County tax collector's ability to cancel tax delinquent penalties when failure to make the payment is due to a documented financial hardship arising from a shelter-in-place order, and if the principal amount of tax due is paid no later than June 30 of the fiscal year in which the payment first became delinquent. This bill would change the enforcement of late payment penalties to individuals who have been impacted through no fault of their own. SB 219 is supported by the California State Association of Counties, the Urban Counties of California, and the Rural County Representatives of California as a much-needed tool for County tax collectors that can maintain predictability of critical revenue support for local agencies. A copy of their support letter can be found here.

As a result of today's board action, Los Angeles County legislative advocates will actively support SB 219 for passage in Sacramento

L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 INCREASES FROM MODERATE TO SUBSTANTIAL; REINSTATING MASKING INDOORS FOR EVERYONE

Community transmission of COVID-19 has rapidly increased from Moderate to Substantial, based on the trend in daily new cases of COVID-19. The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will be modified to require masking for everyone while indoors, regardless of vaccination status, as Los Angeles County sees more than a seven-times increase in new cases since the June 15 reopening. Wearing a mask when indoors reduces the risk of both getting and transmitting the virus. This additional layer of protection can help to slow the spread and does not limit business occupancy and operations.

The L.A. County indoor masking requirements for everyone will be effective Saturday, July 17 at 11:59 p.m. Some exceptions will apply, similar to masking requirements that were in place prior to the June 15 reopening. The modified Health Officer Order will be posted online by Friday, July 16 and will become effective at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, July 17.

On June 15, the day of the full reopening, the County saw 210 new cases and today the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirms the highest number of new COVID-19 cases since mid-March with 1,537 new cases. Today's test positivity rate is 3.7%; on June 15, the test positivity rate was around 0.5%

Because of this rapid rise, as well as the increasing presence of the more easily transmitted Delta variant of the virus, and the millions of people potentially at risk of infection, together we must reduce our risk of infection and our risk for potentially infecting others.

Tracking the proliferation of the Delta variant is a priority because the Delta variant is more easily spread between people - more than other variants of concern. And while emerging data affirms that fully vaccinated people are well protected from severe infections with Delta variants, people with only one vaccine are not as well-protected, and there is evidence that a very small number of fully vaccinated individuals can become infected and may be able to infect others. From June 27 to July 3, the number of sequenced Delta variants was 124, 71% of all sequences collected that week. Given that slightly under 4 million residents in L.A. County are not yet vaccinated, the risk of increased spread of this variant within the County remains high.

"We share our deepest condolences with those of you who have lost friends, loved ones, and family during this difficult time," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "We expect to keep masking requirements in place until we begin to see improvements in our community transmission of COVID-19. But waiting for us to be at high community transmission level before making a change would be too late. Masking indoors must again become a normal practice by all, regardless of vaccination status, so that we can stop the trends and level of transmission we are currently seeing. We continue to urge all eligible residents to get vaccinated in order to protect themselves and their family and friends. Becoming fully vaccinated against COVID-19 remains the best protective action that people can take if they are eligible for it. Although not at 100%, it significantly reduces the risk of infection and, for the small number of people that get infected, it reduces the risk of hospitalization and death once you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19."

While requiring masks in schools is an excellent way to prevent transmission among children, now is a great time to plan on vaccinating your children who are 12 and older against COVID-19 before the school year starts. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for use in children aged 12 and older. If your child begins their two-dose series for the Pfizer vaccine today, they would be able to get their second dose of the vaccine on August 5 and would be fully vaccinated as of August 19. As a reminder the first and second doses of this vaccine need to be given three weeks apart, and a person is not considered fully vaccinated until two weeks after the second vaccine.

Beginning Friday, July 17 through next Thursday, July 22 at County-run vaccination sites, LA City sites, and St. John's Well Child and Family Center sites, everyone 18 and older coming to get a vaccine will have an opportunity to win one of seven packages of tickets to family fun at the Staples Center, including performances by the Harlem Globetrotters, Disney on Ice, and the Gold Over America tour starring Simone Biles. The Celine Dion, Grupo Firma, Kane Brown, Luke Bryan, and Dan and Shay at Staples Center tickets, and box seats to four classical concerts at the Hollywood Bowl sweepstakes is in effect through today.

Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated against COVID-19. To find a vaccination site near you, make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateloSanAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

COVID-19 Sector Protocols, Best Practices, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com



MR. MANNERS

Must admit with all the past political non-sense (I said it) and trivial trivia, I almost missed out on National Nachos Day and National Cappuccino Day, and what type of foodie would I be, but fear not friends, I did partake in a Margarita and a plate of Nachos. I have to take my Andy Rooney Card out again and give you my fellow diners the rules of Etiquette 101. I love my daughter, and some of my friends kids. But here goes.

I am asked frequently asked about etiquette and table manners, so I compiled this simple list based on the most common questions.

Your napkin goes in your lap, folded in half, as soon as you sit down. Many people wait until the food arrives, but the proper form is to be prepared.

If you leave the table, place the napkin to the left of your plate, loosely draped.

A napkin is never for blowing your nose or wiping your mouth. Use it to dab at the corners of your mouth or your fingertips. If you need to cleanse further, leave the table and use the appropriate products in the restroom.

In formal dining, a charger will be under the place setting. It remains there during the starter course and is removed at the main course.

Your eating utensils go in the order of use, starting from the outside (furthest from the plate) and working their way in. Forks go on the left; knives and spoons on the right, as you face the plate. Dessert utensils are placed at the top of

the plate, sideways.

The bread and butter plate goes to the left, above the forks.

The water glass goes above the knives (behind the wine goblet, if there is one).

Food should be passed counter-clockwise.

It is considered impolite to start eating before everyone is seated and served, including your host.

Only the meal settings and food belong on the table. Do not place your elbows, eyeglasses, notebook, pen or other objects on the table.

Cut no more than two bites of any item at a time. When it comes to bread, tear off one bite at a time and butter it, rather than buttering a whole roll.

Do not season your food until you have tasted it.

It is permissible to use a piece of bread to wipe up excess gravy, as long as you use your fork and not your fingers.

If you need to leave the table, place your utensils on the edge of your plate so that the tips point to the plate's center, in a V-shape. To signal when you are finished, lay your utensils side by side diagonally on the plate.

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TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES AS OF 07/09/2021

Cases: 1,253,536
Deaths: 24,514

CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,378	76
Arcadia	57,754	2,772	137
Bradbury	1,069	39	0
Duarte	22,016	2,333	97
Monrovia	38,800	3,227	79
Pasadena	141,371	11,388	350
Sierra Madre	10,989	481	13

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES AS OF 07/16/2021

Cases: 1,262,578
Deaths: 24,566

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On behalf of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation's Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund, the Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee, and the many volunteers who maintain the historic Mount Wilson Trail (located in Sierra Madre), we are reaching out to the public for support.

This is what the Mount Wilson entrance, or "trailhead" looks like now. If you look closely to your left, you will note a trail map, but you might miss it. Otherwise you will go right past it and hope you are on the right trail. Or alternatively, you go up the private road to the right, which its residents do not want to happen.

This is what the entrance to the trail looks like today



This structure will be made of high grade steel by the Affordable Fence Company, based in Corona. When it rusts it will look like the old wooden arch originally constructed over the trailhead and shown on the cover of John Robinson's book *Old Mount Wilson Trail*, right down to the curious period after the words Mt. Wilson Trail. Arcadia Sign Company will provide the signage portion of the arch.

A related project already completed is the sign board installed just to the right of where the arch will go. It was conceived of and built as an Eagle Scout project by Alex Comer, son of Mike.

The sign board will allow us to consolidate the various signs that were up around the trailhead and remove the clutter from that area. We now will be able to put all the messages to the public in one place, including ones for:

- Trail use etiquette
- No camping restrictions
- Cleaning up after one's dog
- Promoting the Mt. Wilson Trail Race
- Information on the Fletcher Fund
- Promoting other city events

This is how we would like it to look



Please be assured that any funds you are able to provide will be used solely towards the installation of a new Mount Wilson Trailhead gate, sign, and wrought iron fencing.

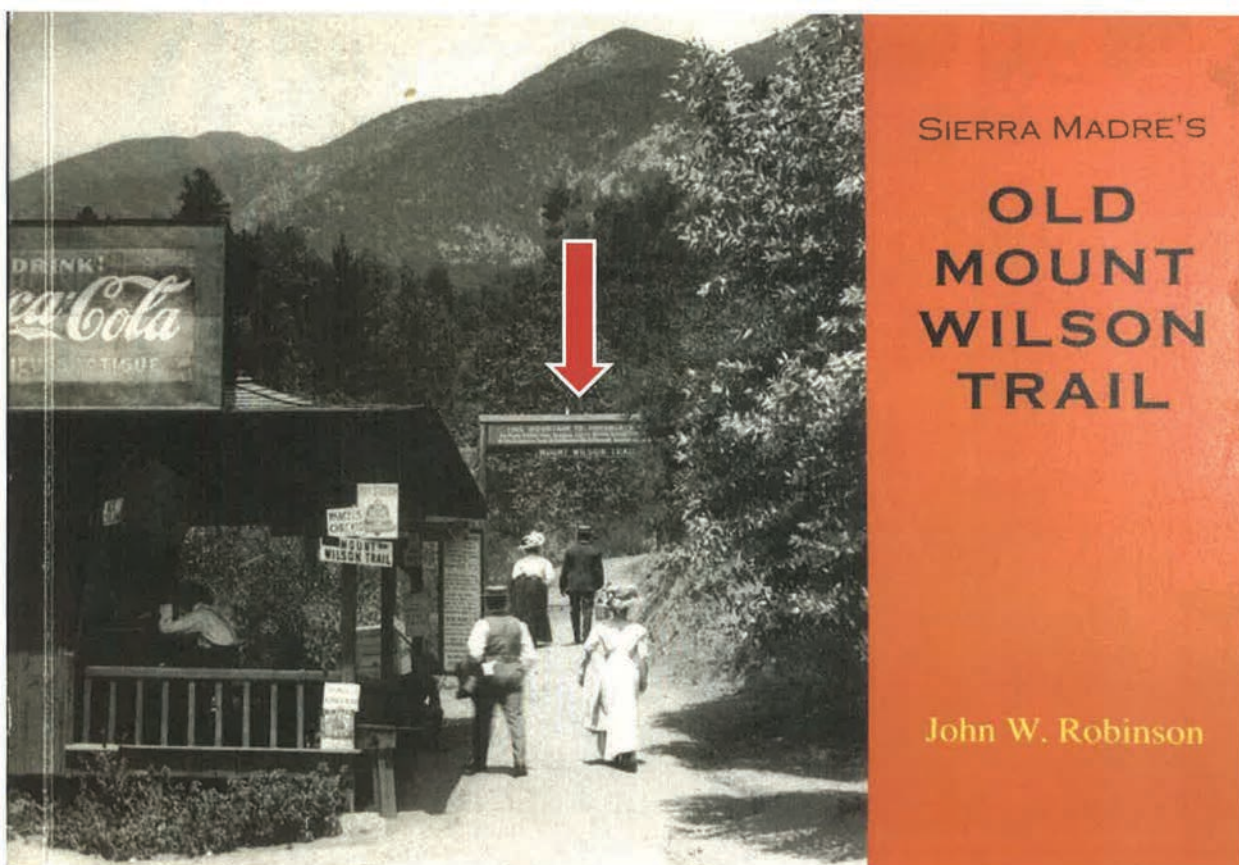
The total cost of the project is \$45,000 and the City of Sierra Madre has already committed half of the money required to complete this design.

The remaining balance of \$22,500 that we need must be raised from Sierra Madre community residents and other donors. The trailhead gate will be made out of steel to ensure that it will stand up to the elements for a long time.

Having a solid and imposing structure will allow the Mount Wilson Trail to be closed to protect the public in the event of an emergency, fire or flood.

The current chain link fencing at the beginning of the Mt. Wilson Trail did little to keep the public off the trail when it had to be closed, first during COVID and then during the Bobcat Fire. It is also quite unsightly and not a structure that Sierra Madre residents can be proud of. While protecting public safety, the new gate will also honor its historical significance to the City of Sierra Madre. The gate has been designed by local architect and former Sierra Madre Firefighter, Karen Moran, to match the 1910 picture on the cover of John Robinson's 2001 book, "Sierra Madre's Old Mount Wilson Trail."

Inspired by the picture on the cover of John Robinson's book



The new gateway will become an iconic structure in Sierra Madre to complement Lizzie's Trail Inn and the Richardson Museum.

Please be assured that we will publicize and recognize all donors to this worthwhile effort to support the protection of this important and valuable Sierra Madre community resource.

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STUART TOLCHIN

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

I ALMOST LOST IT ON THE GOLF COURSE



A couple of days ago I met a friend at a golf course. My friend and I are both retirees in our late seventies and both suffer the terrifying and inevitable medical conditions typical of our geriatric compatriots. Nevertheless, we are very different individuals. He is a conservative businessman responsible for creating company which employs hundreds of people. He tells me that he only hires people that he likes and I believe him. He is a person who has never tasted alcohol, or smoked a cigarette, or used recreational drugs. He has one marriage lasting over fifty years and in total has over sixty children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren which regularly gather together for annual celebrations.

I could go on pointing out the virtues of this man, but he is not the intended subject. My point is that he is a pleasant, honorable man possessing many admirable qualities. My golfing companion is a Republican nevertheless we have always enjoyed playing together and I respect him. We never compete largely because of my perpetual ineptitude until this particular time wherein I devised a scoring system that seemed fair. Now I, very uncharacteristically, paid close attention and actually CARED about our results

Now we reach the point of the article. My friend and I had been joined by two other retirees, probably more than a decade younger than us. They too were entrepreneurs, conservatives, and proud Republicans. The heat of the afternoon was extreme but somewhere on the back nine I completely lost my composure. Inadvertently we had begun talking politics and these men all agreed that Biden had done absolutely nothing worthwhile and that Democrats were trying to take away everything that made life worthwhile. The seemed to believe in the "Big Steal" and took pleasure in the chaos that was overtaking America as the Texas State Democratic Legislators had fled to Washington to prevent a quorum which paralyzed the Texas legislature and made them subject to later arrest. Frankly, I don't remember who said what but suddenly there I was screaming at the three of them at the top of my lungs accusing them of being stupid, racist and any other insult I could think of. They laughed it off with the attitude of "what else can you expect from a Democrat"; but I was shocked at my own behavior.

Thinking about it now I think my explosion was connected to the Pandemic and what I believe to be the environmental crisis that may well affect the entire human habitability of this planet. Meanwhile the billionaire boys' club race into space perhaps looking for a place where they and their friends can relocate. Anyway everything, including caring about my golf score was enough to engender my feelings of anger and outright fear. What was wrong with these people as they willingly stepped on my most important values?

Today it strikes me that I was experiencing an existential threat much the same as the antebellum South considered the emancipation of the slave; or how many experienced the horror of Darwinian evolution which contended that humans were mere animals; or the oppressors of Galileo threatened by his discovery that our planet was not the center of the universe; or how present day Whitefolk and Trumpists are threatened by the very idea of "racial equality"; or Catholics threatened by abortions that are the willful taking of a human life. I now better understand the reaction to threat of ideas which make a mockery of one's most cherished basic personal, special, and religious values. Such conflicts, especially when encountered in people one would expect to respect, will often lead to anger, violence and even out of control yelling at strangers on the fifteenth hole.

Is the inevitable result for most humans to court indifference and ignorance, retain civility and expect that things will work out better at some future time? I hope not. Truthfully, I believe it is better to risk anger and outbursts and actually to CARE even if you have to play alone.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND

A TIGHT SITUATION



I've got PHAS - Panty Hose Aversion Syndrome. It began when my mother made me wear extra-long, chunky, woven tights in grade school. They were itchy, hot, spun from an oil-based polyester blend, and squeezed my baby fat like farmer link sausages. The gorilla strength waist band strangled the middle of my emerging pot belly, and the frayed threads from the elastic waist-band poked constantly.

The surplus fabric from the extra long size slumped sadly in front, giving me old man knees. I tried to get rid of the tights; I threw them behind the dryer, tossed them in the trash, drew cartoons on them with permanent marker, but my mom was more than resourceful and every laundry day, they landed in my drawer nice and neat. The tights were seemingly indestructible, until the evening of our annual school pageant.

It was a huge honor to get the role of the Narrator in our third grade class play. Not only did I escape wearing JoAnne's mom's life-size vegetable costumes but my role had me onstage the whole time, dressed in a pinafore frock and tights. My mom checked my outfit minutes before the show and returned to her seat. Before the curtain rose, I grabbed my prop, a giant 3 foot wide storybook and waited by the wings. On the other side of the stage, my teacher waved madly at me.

"Dinah! No shoes on stage!" she whispered.

She mimicked taking the shoes off so I quickly unbuckled my Buster Browns and kicked them away. The music started, the curtain rose and I strode to the front of the stage and began to read out loud.

"Once upon a time..."

My adrenaline was pumping, I was assured, confident, my mastery of enunciation was a wondrous thing to behold. Silently, I gave kudos to my teacher for being smart enough to bestow on me this critical role. And though the audience was filled with parents coming to see their sons and daughters, ultimately, they would be rewarded by my acting prowess. Three pages in, I could hear a couple of soft giggles from the audience. I glanced over at my parents whose faces were a mix of fluster and mortification. My mom was wiggling her thumb to me. Giving me a "thumbs up"?

A little confused, I remember my dad telling me not to mumble so I began to speak louder and took a couple steps closer to the edge of the stage. My mom hid her face in her hands. A couple more giggles lofted up from the audience. My dad finally caught my eye and jabbed his finger down. I looked, nothing was amiss. He jabbed the air again, and mouthed words I didn't understand. Slowly I tilted the enormous storybook towards my chest and saw underneath my big toe on my right foot - laying there naked and unsheathed from the rest of my piggies. My holey chili-red tights showcased my massive pale toe.

My face felt warm and flushed, I stammered but continued the narration quickly, too quickly. The children in the play tried to keep up with my faster pace. They jumped, they hopped, they crashed into each other, their cues and marks so painstakingly arranged by my teacher now in the wind.

It was supposed to be my night of glory and instead became a family classic, the tale to be dredged up at every Christmas and gathering. I would like to say my mom never forced me to wear tights again but she did make a point to check for holes after that.

When I look back on that fateful day, with my naked toe for all to see, I imagine if I could do one thing over, I would've had a pedicure.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH!

WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT



I know we are three years away from the next presidential election in 2024.

Nevertheless, we should pay close attention to electing our next President based upon his OR HER ability to interact with the media.

Imagine if the commander in chief could turn the tables and dish it out to the media. Take that... Jim Acosta! Bravo. What scintillating press conferences

we could have.

First up is Mark Twain. Imagine President Twain during a press conference in the White House: (All of my candidates responses are their actual quotes.)

Reporter: "Mr. President, Should we go into Iran?"
President Twain: "It's easier to stay out than get out."

Reporter: "Mr. President, what do you think of the gridlock in Congress?"
President Twain: "Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

My second choice is Humorist Will Rogers.

Reporter: "Mr. President, Your prediction for the future of our country?"
President Rogers: "Things will get better-despite our efforts to improve them."

Reporter: "Mr. President, What is your political affiliation?"
President Rogers: "I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a democrat."

Alright my personal favorite would have been Julius Henry Marx, aka Groucho Marx.

Reporter: "Mr. President, how would you define the political process?"
President Marx: "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies."

Reporter: "Mr. President, Care to comment on your recent budget proposal?"
President Marx: "A four-year-old child could understand this report. Run out and find me a four-year-old child. I can't make heads or tails out of it."

Reporter: "Finally Mr. President, how are you and the first lady doing?"
President Marx: "I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury."

And finally, our greatest and only (so far) female President, President Mae West.

Reporter: Madam President, your first world summit is next week. Do you think President Putin and Chairman Xi Jinping will find you shocking?
President West: Those who are easily shocked should be shocked more often.

Reporter: Madam President, You are the first truly beautiful President. Does that bother you at these summit meetings?
President West: I believe it's better to be looked over than it is to be overlooked.

Nano Café, who lets my band, JJ Jukebox make noise, is having real good musicians next week. Thursday night, uber guitarist, Eric Byak is playing. The right dinner, the perfect wine, a wonderful companion and Eric's guitar playing could be very positive. 6:30, Thursday night. And Saturday night the 24th, its 80s rock and roll with Skinny Ties. Dining, drinking, dancing and ??? 6:30 to 9:30. Make reservations (626) 325-3334.

JOHN MICEK

BIDEN THREW DOWN THE GAUNTLET IN THE BATTLE OVER VOTING RIGHTS



It was hard to miss the challenge that President Joe Biden posed to Americans as he burned through a fiery speech at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia this week.

Led by "bullies and peddlers of lies," Republicans in Congress and state legislatures around the country are engaged in an historical assault on the right to

vote that poses the most serious threat to "the American experiment" since the Civil War.

"Hear me clearly, there is an unfolding assault taking place in America today to subvert the right to vote in free and fair elections. An assault on liberty, an assault on who we are," Biden said. "Bullies and peddlers of lies are threatening the very foundation of our country ... We're facing the most significant threat to our democracy since the Civil War. That's not hyperbole. Since the Civil War — the Confederates never breached the Capitol as the insurrectionists did on Jan. 6. I'm not saying this to alarm you, I'm saying it because you should be alarmed."

And in a sentence, Biden nailed it. You should be alarmed. And if you're not, you're either not paying attention, or you've bought the myth. And both are equally destructive.

Egged on by the Florida retiree who is still actively perpetuating the myth of the stolen election, Republicans at the state and national level have engaged in a wholesale rewriting of the events of Jan. 6.

They've downplayed the carnage of that day and have worked feverishly to block a badly needed comprehensive inquiry of the worst violence in the nation's capital since the War of 1812.

At the same time, they've conducted a systematic attack on access to the ballot box, passing laws and pushing legislation — including in Pennsylvania where Biden spoke — that would deny the franchise to millions of Americans, most of them Black and voters of color.

This isn't academic. It's not up for debate. Biden's speech came on the same day that Democrats fled the Texas Capitol to deny Republicans the quorum they needed to push through a voter suppression bill in the Lone Star State. And remember — this can't be said loudly enough — they're doing it in response to an absolute fiction, one that was put to rest by dozens of state and federal judges, and the U.S. Supreme Court not once, but twice.

"In America, you lose, you accept the results, you follow the Constitution, you try again," Biden said, inveighing against his predecessor without ever mentioning him by name. "You don't call facts 'fake' and try to bring down the American experiment just because you're unhappy. That's not statesmanship, that's selfishness. That's not democracy, it's the denial of the right to vote."

And that is precisely what is unfolding, in real time.

And the challenge that Biden issued, not only to policymakers and activists, but to all Americans is a real one, and the test of our times: To stand against attacks on voting rights and to work together to rebut the culture of untruths that have sprung up around our what's been billed as the most secure election in history.

Biden called for the passage of two sweeping pieces of voting rights legislation that have hit a brick wall in the narrowly divided U.S. Senate. The consequences of failing to do so are high, he warned, adding that the world was watching.

"Time and again, we've weathered threats to the right to vote, and each time, we've overcome. That's what we must do today," Biden said. "We have to ask, are you on the side of truth or lies, fact or fiction, just a true injustice, democracy or autocracy?" he asked. "That's what it's coming down to."

This is the challenge of our times. And we cannot fail to meet it.

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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 the interim City Manager, and do all that I can to ensure a smooth transition.

Respectfully,
Gabriel L. Engeland

METRO MICRO NIGHTMARE

Dear Editor,

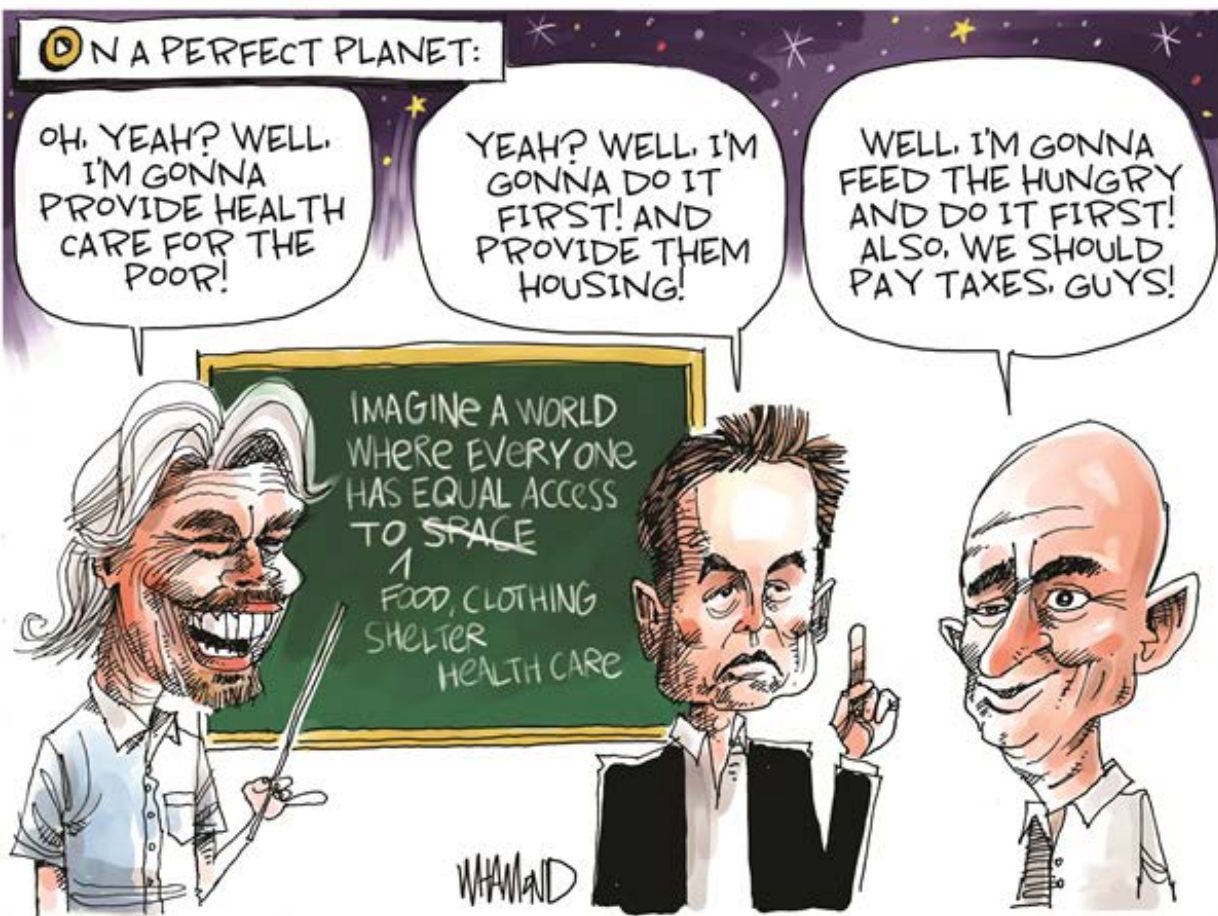
Metro has eliminated bus service to Sierra Madre. A report from this user's perspective.

I rely on the bus and light rail. And have certainly observed the decline in ridership. The concept of MetroMicro may be good in some form (one of these vans can carry 6 or 8 people), and I believe it could work if it was a regularly scheduled service that covered the gap that 268 and 487 left. Friday afternoon I waited two hours for a Micro that I had reserved at the Sierra Madre Villa Station, it never showed up.

How does this work with the ADA? A disability is why I don't drive. I know another local woman, older than I, who rode the 268 to work on lower Michillinda. Last time I saw her she said that she would probably have to walk now. And there are quite a few people who come to work in Sierra Madre, without driving.

I know that making transit more difficult to use won't improve ridership. Public transit should function for the public. And LA is challenging because it is a low density large area. I wrote to our City Council, and I hope they will work on it.

Renée Cossutta



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANA MARIA ALONSO OROZCO, this statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/18/2021.

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No. 2021-141958
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARCO A. JAVIER MONDRAGON, 6230 ALBANY ST, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, 90255.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

No. 2021-141959
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: RELOADED BARBERSHOP, CALLOS MZT, CARNICERIA MAZATLAN, 15332 PARAMOUNT BLVD B, PARAMOUNT, CA, 90723.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-141916 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE VUALT CALIFORNIA, 14335 1/2 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-141914 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRENDY GIFTS, 2134 MONTEBELLO TOWN CENTER, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-139039 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TROPICAL DRY CLEANERS, 3504 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-139041 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TU TACOS RESTAURANT, 13694 TELEGRAPH RD, WHITTIER, CA 90604...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-132896 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YUNI'S THRIFT, 2719 N BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021-141924 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WYNWOOD LIMITED, 15629 SEAFORTH AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650...

FILE NO. 2021-137181 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) JOSUE ARREDONDO, 3127 NORELLE DR, MIRA LOMA, CA 91752...

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FILE NO. 2021-141955 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) PEDERSEN GLASS LLC, 16 S FAIR OAKS AVENUE, PASADENA, CA 91105...

FILE NO. 2021-141954 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) PEDERSEN PARADISE LLC, 415 S MYRTLE AVE UNIT A, MONROVIA, CA 91016...

FILE NO. 2021-141953 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) PARADISE DANISH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, 2323 HONOLULU AVE, MONTEROSE, CA 91020...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021135366 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SCS GLASS SERVICE 1232 LODI PLACE APT 2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021136995 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MR CHRONOGRAPH 1406 W MAGNOLIA BLVD, BURBANK, CA 91506...

No. 2021138777 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PINK DONUT 2006 W 6TH ST SUITE A, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021136997 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAROLE FRANCK SPA 325 E GLENOAKS BLVD, GLENDALE, CA 91027...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021137820 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LAW OF ATTRACTION 7733 SATSUMA AVE SUN VALLEY, CA 91352...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021136995 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SO CAL FRESH 7316 VERNA AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021138775 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CRAFTED DONUT 1433 LINCOLN BLVD SUITE F, VENICE, CA 90291...

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CELIA ALVAREZ CASE NO. 21NW00230 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: CELIA ALVAREZ HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/30/2021 at 10:30AM in Dept. C Room 312 located at 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, Ca. 90650. THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUDOLPH M. LOPEZ CASE NO. 21STPB05371 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of RUDOLPH M. LOPEZ.

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