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FRONT PAGE NEWS....THEN AND NOW!

By Meghan Malooly

In August of 2007 something amazing happened! This paper was first published with a very special business mentioned on the front page, Mary's Market. Not only can they say they were on the front page of the very first Mountain Views News (nee Observer), but they are also the focus of the newest MV News column "The Sierra Madre Spotlight".

Mary's Market is a little gem tucked away at the base of the mountains. Originally built in 1922 and named "Spartan's Meat and Grocery", it has evolved into a household name with the current owners Jenny and Heather at the captain's seat.



Current owners of Mary's Market, Heather Morrison and Jenny Kay

Mary's Market is the sweetest little restaurant/coffee shop and it's located right in the Sierra Madre Canyon. As a kid growing up in town everyone's favorite activities always involved stopping at Mary's for at least a minute. From the second you see it until the moment you leave Mary's Market has you enthralled. It's also a wonderful place for selfies! (#MarysMarketCanyonCafe) .

Unfortunately, when the pandemic hit Mary's had to temporarily close its doors. But, they made it through 2020 and generously help support efforts to help others during that time. They have re-opened and their hours are 8am-2pm Monday through Friday and 8am-1pm Saturday and Sunday. Stop by and say hello while you grab a delicious snack. There is even a very cool outdoor eating area!

Says Jenny, "Mary's has so many regulars! We feel so lucky to see so many friendly faces every morning. They are like family. We even have some menu items named after some of them " .

Congratulations Heather and Jenny! You survived the real Hunger Games and always remember you have the support of the whole town behind you. As for the rest of us, I don't know about you but I will be making my way over to them as soon as possible to try their B.L.A.S.T. sandwich. Our lovely mayor nominated this delicious meal for L.A.'s best sandwich of the week and I'm pretty sure it will complete my life.

Please try and stop by Mary's Market and show your support! Stay strong, act smart and help one another.

A word from the Author

Hello my Sierra Madre neighbors, it's Meghan! I have morphed from rambling on facebook to rambling in print! (at least for this article, fingers crossed I come back!) I am starting a column once a month focusing on well deserving Sierra Madre community businesses and/or members. In this instance, "community" is not only those that live in town but anyone with strong ties to Sierra Madre (people who work/go to school here, grew up here, volunteer here, etc.).

During the pandemic my heart was set to burst with the amount of generosity and giving spirit our town has shown. So the point of this column is that if you feel that you or someone you know has done something inspiring please nominate them. Send your nominations to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com and in the subject tupe: *Spotlight Nominee*. Or, you can text or call me at 626-348-4940.

Well that's it for me folks! Meghan

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LOCAL BUSINESS SEEKING EMPLOYEES

As Sierra Madre businesses continue their struggle to recuperate from COVID-19, many find themselves in need of new workers. The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Mountain Views News, is assisting these efforts by listing employment opportunities available in town. *Job openings on page 3.*

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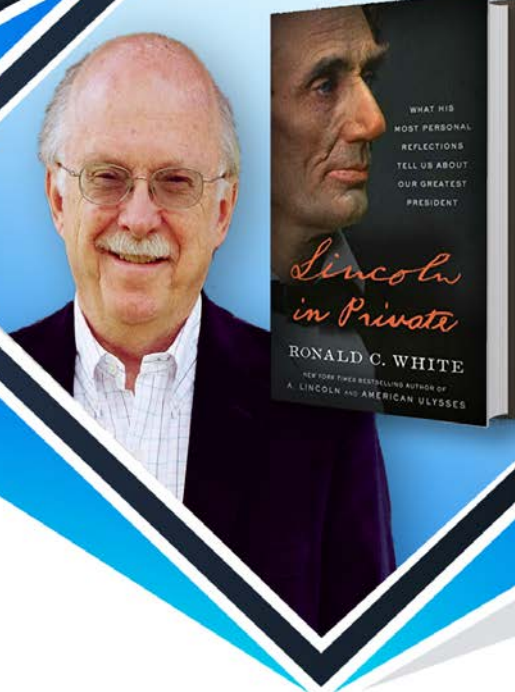
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Ronald C. White, Ph.D.

Dr. White is a graduate of UCLA and Princeton University and currently a Senior Fellow at Trinity Forum in Washington D.C.

Dr. White will speak about his newest book, *Lincoln in Private: What His Most Personal Reflections Tell Us About Our Greatest President* which was published in May 2021. He will be available after the meeting to autograph copies of his book.

The community is invited to attend the meeting on August 24 at the Nano Café in Sierra Madre.

The non-host breakfast begins at 7:15am with the meeting at 7:45am.

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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

We are incredibly grateful to the over **100 people and businesses** that have stepped up and donated to the **Fletcher Fund** to support this community project. Their generosity has put us almost **half way** to our goal of building a new gate at the **Mount Wilson Trail** entrance.

We are especially proud that this project has been **conceived, designed and supported** by members of the greater Sierra Madre community.



If you are able, please help us make the Mount Wilson Trail entrance look like the cover of John Robinson's 2001 book, "Sierra Madre's Old Mount Wilson Trail."

Help us with this project by sending a tax-deductible donation payable to the "Sierra Madre Community Foundation- Fletcher Fund" at P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. If you prefer to make your donation by PayPal, you can just scan the QR Code below:



Thank you for your support to ensure the protection of this important and valuable Sierra Madre community resource and to ensure that the trails in Sierra Madre are safe for public use for many years to come.

Getting Back To Normal!

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, September 18th
7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

in Memorial Park

\$6.00 donation

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Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis 2021-2022 children's programs. Proceeds from the event will help fund the Creative Arts Group "Imagine Art Program" benefiting the students of the Sierra Madre Elementary and Middle Schools.



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REMEMBRANCES

WILLIAM “WILLIE” GERALD ANNAS

William Gerald Annas “Willie” aged 88 years young, passed away after a brief illness on August 6, 2021 in Palm Desert Ca.

Willie was born on September 30, 1932 on Windsor Lane in Sierra Madre Ca. He was the youngest of six children born to William and Anna Annas who had emigrated from Germany to America prior to his birth.

Willie's greatest pride and joy was his family, and he was adored by us all. He loved fam-ily gatherings, traveling, writing letters, sports, and calling friends and family on the phone. He was a beloved husband, father, father in law, grandfather, brother, and friend. Once Willie was your friend, you were his friend for life.

Willie was married to the love of his life, Janet Miller Annas for over 66 years. Together they raised four children. Bill (Carol), Steve (Joan) Gary (Theresa) Debbie (Rod), and grandchil-dren, Shane, Drew, (Denise) and Jason.

In addition to his family, Willie is survived by his sister, Lisette Annas Lawrence, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.



Willie proudly served his country in the Coast Guard, and services are pending at The Riverside National Cemetery.



“It did not soothe my pain, nor help me bear it, to bid a burdened world deplore my lot. But joys multiply when others share them, so take my joys and be my griefs forgot. I give you my strength and not my weakness, the courage of my heart, and not its fears, the glory of my life and not its bleakness, to leave to you my laughter not my tears.” (Author unknown)

Willie will be missed always and forever.

In Loving Memory

Donald Lawrence Patts

Margaret Anne Patts

We invite you to join the Patts family for a celebration of life
at the Riverside National Cemetery on Friday, August Twenty-seventh.

Please arrive by 11:30am for the car line up prior to the 11:45am service. Check
with the attendant at the gate for directions to the procession. A reception will be
held at Corfu restaurant immediately following the ceremony.

Service Riverside National Cemetery <u>22495 Van Buren Blvd.</u> <u>Riverside, CA 92518</u>	Reception Corfu Restaurant <u>48 west Sierra Madre Blvd.</u> <u>Sierra Madre, CA 91024</u>
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Please RSVP by August Twenty-fourth to Mary Margaret Patts Velligan by
leaving a voicemail with your name and number of attendees at 949-742-0455.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“My August poem will be of never-ending love of rains,
My August poem will be of unstoppable need of a cup of coffee,
My August poem will be of unconditional love for my instantly made poems,
My August poem will be of wet, cozy seasons,
My August poem will be full of love, love and love!”
Rimjhim Borah

“Be happy in the moment, that’s enough.
Each moment is all we need, not more.” Mother Teresa

“August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year.
It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms.”
Victoria Erickson

This particular August seems like it has gone on forever. School is back in. We are adjusting to that. Jessie and I made Pumpkin Coffee Cake last Sunday. Breakfast before school is about 7 a.m. Banana, yogurt and coffee cake for Jessie, hard-boiled egg, watermelon and coffee cake for Emily. It amazes me they are able to eat cheerfully that early in the morning

. All I want is a cup of coffee. About 10 a.m. I'd like a Mimosa and Eggs Benedict, but that's not happening! The picture is Jessie with the coffee cake, on which she did most of the work.



Went yesterday to see the new Ryan Reynolds movie, “Free Guy.” It was great! Funny, fast, loud, fanciful, about games and gamers. We enjoyed every minute. Like “Jungle Cruise,” it was so much fun we’re going to go again. Older kids, yes. A little language and tons of make-believe violence. Cameo appearances by all sorts of people. We have now seen two good movies in a row! Looking forward to “Sing 2” (animated) which comes out in December and a new Disney animated, “Encanto,” which should come out in November. Saw previews for a whole bunch of movies we don't want to see but, hey, different strokes for different folks!

Didn't you enjoy that great article by Robert Gjerde on the front page of last week's Mountain Views News about the canon in Memorial Park. I never knew any of that, even though I lived in Sierra Madre starting in 1967. What a history this canon has, dating from the First World War, and how fortunate Sierra Madre is to have been able to hang on to it. Thanks, too, to all the folks along the way who cared enough to keep refurbishing it, protecting it, rebuilding the pedestal time and again and doing the wheels over and over. This was such a great article. Thank you, Robert. I really enjoyed reading it.

Thinking about Robert Gjerde, he is one of Sierra Madre's treasures. Whenever you want to know anything, Robert can help you. He's heavily involved with our Rose Parade float association, and, of course, he is totally committed to CERT. I had an opportunity to talk with Robert a couple of years ago and he arrived at my house and hopped out of this gorgeous CERT van, which sports a communications mast that extends to 48', providing line-of-sight to connect to other communities, city hall and all sorts of places which need to be able to communicate during such time as a severe emergency has shut down all other forms of communications.

Before we got down to Robert's involvement with CERT – Community Emergency Response Team, we chatted about some of his excellent photography. Robert lives up in the canyon with a spectacular view of the entire San Gabriel Valley from his front window. He has posted many pictures of bears cavorting about his hillside, tortoises and deer grazing.

CERT has been a presence in Sierra Madre for over ten years under the auspices of FEMA and is called out by the Fire Department. They are prepared for any sort of major disaster, fire, flood, earthquake, you name it. There are three CERT members on staff at the Fire Department at all times along with two paramedics, should that major disaster occur. They are equipped to deal with search & rescue issues within the city, in addition to fire suppression and triage. Like I said, Robert Gjerde is one of Sierra Madre's treasures and we appreciate what he adds to our community.

Here's that Pumpkin Coffee Cake recipe...

Preheat oven to 350

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 Tb. Pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup nonfat milk

Mix all that together and pour into a greased 9 x 9 pan. Mixture will be very thick. For Streusel topping, blend ¼ cup melted butter, ¼ cup flour, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 TB cinnamon. Spread on top of coffee cake batter. 30-35 minutes later you will be enjoying a fabulous slice of coffeecake with your coffee.

Fall is coming. Pumpkins will abound. There might even be Halloween this year!! Read Mother Teresa's quote again...Be happy in the moment, that's enough!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

August 8, 2021 to August 14, 2021 During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 190 calls for service.

D.U.I

A vehicle was stopped for a vehicle code violation in the area of Auburn Ave. and Grandview Ave. at 1:39AM. The driver was found to be impaired and under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail for booking. The vehicle was moved by officers and left legally parked near the location of the stop. Case to the Pasadena DA's office

Warrant

On 8-8-21, at 12:20PM, officers responded to a call of a male and female arguing in the 600 block of W. Grandview Ave. During the contact it was discovered that the female had a warrant attached to her name out the Monterey Park Police Department. She was cited and released in the field.

Theft

On 8-8-21 sometime between the hours of 3:00AM and 8:30AM, unknown suspect(s) removed the front license plate of the victim's truck parked in the driveway in the 2000 block of Liliano Drive. Case to Detectives

Collision

On 8-10-21 at 11:27AM, a hit and run collision occurred with a vehicle driving the wrong way in the 700 block of Canyon Crest and was involved in a head on collision. The suspect fled the scene without identifying himself or exchanging information at the scene. The victim refused any medical attention. Case to Detectives

Possession

On 8-11-21 at 9:29AM, officers conducted a traffic stop of a driver for vehicle code violations in the 300 block of Auburn Ave. During a field interview it was discovered that the driver was in possession of a controlled substance and for possession of drug paraphernalia. Case to Pasadena DA's office

OnLine

On 8-12-21, a report filed online stated that between 8-11-21 at 10:00PM and 8-12-21- at 7:35AM, an unknown person(s) went inside and ransacked her unlocked vehicle and stole an undisclosed amount of money. Case to Detectives

Collision

On 8-13-21 at 8:28AM, a collision involving two vehicles occurred at the intersection of Sunnyside Ave. and Manzanita Ave. Both of the drivers were treated by the SierraMadre Paramedics for minor injuries at the scene and released.

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Mon:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2021

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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 foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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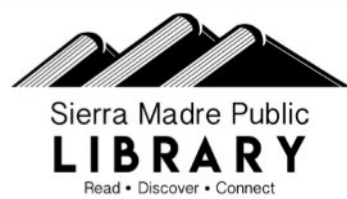
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August 23-28

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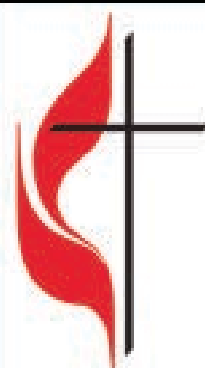


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Council Approves Drought Plan

Watering days will depend on even or odd numbered street addresses.

The Pasadena City Council unanimously approved a proposal Monday to implement the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan under the Pasadena Municipal Code and to establish a voluntary water reduction target of 15 percent which aligns with the state's reduction goal.

According to a statement, as part of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan restricts outdoor watering to two days per week from April to October and one day per week from November to March.

To balance the water demand on the city's water system and to prevent all properties from watering on the same days, the following alternating watering schedule was approved:

Even-numbered street addresses are limited to watering only on Mondays and Thursdays with Odd-numbered street addresses limited to watering only on Tuesdays and Fridays

As the water supply situation throughout the state of California continues to worsen, with less rain forecasted and water sources dwindling, Pasadena is poised to take the necessary steps to preserve its limited water supplies to meet the community's drinking water needs.

"We are not looking for lawns to go brown. Often, over watering occurs when the homeowner does not realize they had a broken sprinkler head or the duration of their watering is too long. We are hoping to educate customers that outdoor water use makes up more the majority of an average household's water use. A good amount of water can be saved by replacing leaks, using efficient sprinkler heads, or installing drip irrigation," said City Manager Steve Mermell. "Having our own water and power utility helps us to understand community needs. The City recently introduced the Water Savers Team, which consists of water conservation specialists who visit locations throughout town where there have been reports of water waste and help evaluate households on how they can improve their outdoor watering situation," Mermell added. In the past three months, the PWP Water Savers have reached more than 3,000 customers.

In addition to educating customers, Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) has plans to collaborate with its largest commercial water irrigation customer to determine if an efficient water use plan can be established to help meet the city's water conservation target.

Approximately 60 percent of Pasadena's water comes from imported water sources supplied by the Metropolitan Water District—which they also declare a Water Supply Alert. The move to "alert" status is a call for the region to safeguard storage reserves and for water agencies to do their part to reduce water use.

For more information and additional water saving tips, visit PWPweb.com/SaveWater.



Ribbon Cutting Celebrates AbilityFirst Merger

Congresswoman Judy Chu, along with other dignitaries, took part Friday morning in a ribbon cutting at AbilityFirst's Community and Supported Employment Office in North West Pasadena to mark their merger with Foothill Vocational Opportunities (FVO). The site hosts the AbilityFirst Manufacturing Program.

"As you can imagine is no easy task, it takes countless hours on behalf of both of the board of directors" said AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi. "There is an incredible opportunity to expand each of our exceptional services while ensuring that people with disabilities and their families have a wider access to a variety of programs that can help to transform their lives."

AbilityFirst will expand its newest programs: ExploreAbility, DiscoverAbility and PossAbility. Now, with FVO Solutions under AbilityFirst, the organization provides its participants with wider access to FVO Solutions' enterprising manufacturing program, which has been renamed to AbilityFirst Manufacturing Program Gangemi said.

"This is going to expand the number of people they

can help to 2,000 and will expand the area of those being helped," Congresswoman Judy Chu said. "You [AbilityFirst] have helped so many people over the decades. That is why I am so glad that the federal government can support this by doing, at least, the purchasing of these hole punches but also providing funding that keep these programs alive."

Gangemi also said that the merger of AbilityFirst and FVO Solutions allows the two organizations to consolidate operations, maximize operational efficiency by reducing duplicate expenses, and increase service to its participants by expanding programs.

"During the pandemic it has been hard on everybody to operate, but you have done so many things, hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics, hosting activities outdoors, hiking, dance and yoga classes, delivering care packages to participants, and operates the annual summer camp," Chu said.

Together, AbilityFirst and FVO Solutions are better positioned to advocate for people with developmental disabilities in the greater Los Angeles community

and support efforts toward diversity, equity and inclusion Gangemi said.

"I would like to thank AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi, AbilityFirst board of directors and the team at FVO Solutions including Director of Facilities Rob Wahlstrom" said Council member John Kennedy before providing a certificate of recognition on behalf of the city.

AbilityFirst remains headquartered at 1300 East Green Street in Pasadena. To learn more about AbilityFirst, visit: abilityfirst.org.

Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

Police Asks Public To Stay Safe Labor Day Weekend

As friends and family plan vacations during the final days of summer, Pasadena Police Department is reminding everyone to stay safe by always choosing a sober way to go.

No matter how you choose to celebrate the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, make sure you do so responsibly. Take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family by buckling up, ditching the distractions, following the speed limit, and never driving impaired.

To help keep our community safe during the busy late summer and Labor Day weekend travel season, Pasadena Police Department will have additional officers on patrol through Labor Day, Sept. 6, looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The increased efforts to address impaired driving are part of the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.

"Driving impaired is risky and puts yourself and others around you in serious danger," Pasadena police Lt. Anthony Russo said. "If you are taking a road trip over the next few weeks, make good choices and drive like your closest friends and family are in the cars around you."

Forty-five people were killed in crashes throughout California over the 2019 Labor Day holiday, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) made more than 1,000 arrests for driving under the influence during the 78-hour Labor Day weekend enforcement period.

Driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and marijuana may also impair your driving. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone who is driving impaired, call 9-1-1.

Tournament and City Host Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses, in partnership with the Pasadena Public Health Department, hosted a COVID-19 walk-up vaccination clinic Thursday. The Rose Parade, Rose Bowl Game and associated events, host people from across the country and around the world, and vaccination remains key to returning to the iconic New Year's Day celebration.

Held at Tournament House, this was one of the first clinics in Pasadena to offer "supplemental" or "third" COVID-19 shots to people with immune conditions. Individuals who were vaccinated on-site were entered for a chance to win tickets to the 2022 Rose Parade presented by Honda on January 1, 2022.

Alongside Pasadena Public Health Department staff, Tournament of Roses members assisted in non-clinical duties adding to the hundreds of volunteer hours they have contributed to the #VaccinatePasadena initiative.

"We want to thank our Tournament members who have made it a priority to serve the people of Pasadena over this past year, including food deliveries and supporting the city through #VaccinatePasadena," said David Eads, Executive Director/CEO of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. "We also want to thank our longtime partner, the city of Pasadena, for their leadership and addressing the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Their determination and

dedication have resulted in more than 83% of Pasadena residents being fully vaccinated. Thank you, Tournament members and city, for your continued commitment to our community."

Tournament of Roses volunteer members and staff are actively planning for the return of the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game here in Pasadena, with public health and safety remaining the top priority.

"The Tournament of Roses has been a great partner throughout our #VaccinatePasadena roll-out, including pop-up clinics at schools and providing volunteers at Pasadena City College and Victory Park dispensing sites," said Lisa Derderian, Pasadena Public Information Officer. "They also assisted with promoting the community-based clinics and dropping off flyers at local businesses."

The Tournament of Roses continues to support #VaccinatePasadena by requiring applicants for the 2022 Royal Court to be fully vaccinated to participate. Applications are now open, and the interview process begins next month.

Together with the City of Pasadena, the Tournament of Roses will bring pride to Pasadena and joy to millions of people around the world on January 1, 2022. For more than 130 years, the Tournament of Roses has welcomed each New Year's Day with the possibilities and optimism for a better year to come.

County Libraries Nixing Fines

Los Angeles County Library staff announced Thursday they have eliminated fines for overdue books and materials. As of this date, past, present, and future overdue fines for materials will no longer be charged.

"The burden of administrative fines and fees can create financial strain for low-income families and can contribute to a cycle of economic hardship," they said in a statement. "Recent actions statewide have

brought to light the concept that administrative fees can have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable individuals, particularly youth, non-citizens, and people of color.

For these reasons, more and many libraries around the country, and the world, are eliminating fines. LA County Library is now a new member of fine free libraries.

For more information or library locations visit: laountylibrary.org/library-locator.

South Pasadena Library Expands Weekend Hours

Starting today, the South Pasadena Library will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

According to city officials, to enter the library building, customers ages 2 and up must wear a covering over their mouth and nose at all times. The Children's Room is following guidelines for youth settings. Capacity is limited and physical distancing is still mandatory. Children's Room visitors should stay with their household members and maintain 6' of distance from others. In other parts of the library, it is recommended that visitors maintain six feet of distance from people not in their household. Customers should not enter the library if they have symptoms of

COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing, fever, or chills). Library hours: Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday closed. For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov.

NEW HOURS STARTING AUGUST 20TH	
MONDAY	1 PM - 7 PM
TUESDAY	1 PM - 7 PM
WEDNESDAY	1 PM - 7 PM
THURSDAY	1 PM - 7 PM
FRIDAY	10 AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY	10 AM - 5 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Labor Day Swing Band Concert at Senior Center

Are you ready to get back in the swing of things? Enjoy a concert by the Great American Swing Band Monday, Sept. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. on the large patio behind the Pasadena Senior Center.

The cost is free for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and only \$5 for nonmembers. Snack boxes and desserts will be included. Everyone will be invited to dance or tap their toes to live music performed by The Great American Swing Band, including standards, jazz and

swing.

To register or for more information visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Events, Clubs and Lectures, then At the Center or call 626-795-4331. Walk-ins will be admitted if space is available.

The center, at 85 E. Holly St., is a nonprofit organization that has served older adults for more than 60 years. During the pandemic, doors are open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required.



PASADENA CRIME BLOTTER

The critical events detailed below are merely a snapshot of the calls received to the Police Communications Center every day. Your police department strives to better serve the Pasadena community. Under Police Chief John Perez, the principles of the “Pasadena Way” will forever have a lasting impact on all employees who serve in the organization, as we continue to police with compassion and best intentions

July 15, 2021 at 12:35am: Pasadena Officers responded to Washington Park in regards to a report of an active fire near the handball courts. The officers were able to put out the fire upon their arrival. The subject was contacted hiding behind a bush near where the fire occurred. The suspect had ash marks on his shirt and was identified by witnesses. The suspect was arrested for arson.

July 15, 2021 at 2:49am: Pasadena Officers responded to the 500 block of N. Marengo Ave. regarding an assault. The victim was working in the field when he was approached by the suspect on a bike. For unknown reasons, the suspect became confrontational with the victim and threatened him with a bat. The suspect charged the victim swinging the bat but never struck the victim. The suspect used the bat to damage a parked vehicle and responding officers located the suspect shortly after. He was arrested for assault and vandalism.

July 15, 2021 at 5:55pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the area of Barthe St. and Manzanita Ave. regarding a parked vehicle whose occupants were believed to have been involved in the theft of gardening equipment. Officers contacted the occupant of the vehicle and it was determined the vehicle contained several stolen items. The officers discovered the vehicle had been stolen and a firearm was located inside of it. The vehicle's occupant was arrested for numerous violations and the stolen items were returned to their respective owners.

July 15, 2021 at 10:59pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the 800 block of N. Raymond Ave. after reports of gunshots heard. Upon arrival, officers found evidence of a shooting. The incident is being investigated but no victims or suspects were identified.

July 17, 2021 at 5:10pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the 900 block of Lake Ave. regarding an armed robbery. Multiple suspects walked into the business and removed the loss. When confronted by employees, one suspect indicated he was in possession of a firearm while threatening the victim. Shortly after leaving the store with the loss, officers arrived and detained one suspect who was on foot and the other in the suspect inside their vehicle. Besides recovering the loss, officer located a handgun and narcotics inside the vehicle. Both suspects were arrested for robbery as well as the gun and narcotic violations.

July 17, 2021 at 10:05pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the 400 block of N. Altadena Dr. regarding armed robbery at a business. The suspects arrived at the location at closing, armed with handguns and were masked. Once the loss was taken, they fled in a vehicle. Responding officers did not located the suspects and no employees were injured.

July 17, 2021 at 10:04pm: Pasadena Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a moving vehicle in the area of Raymond Ave. and Washington Bl. The driver of the vehicle failed to stop and a short pursuit ended at Fair Oaks Ave. and Claremont St. Once stopped, the driver attempted to run from the vehicle but was detained by pursuing officers. The driver was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun and was subsequently arrested for various crimes.

July 20, 2021 at 7:44pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the 1200 block of Sunset Ave. regarding a parked vehicle that had sustained apparent bullet strikes during the night. The vehicle's owner did not hear any gunfire but officers canvassed the area and found evidence of a shooting. This investigation is ongoing.

July 21, 2021 at 2:36pm: Pasadena Officers were in the area of Colorado Bl. and Virginia Ave. looking for a suspect wanted for multiple violations. Officer contacted the suspect standing next to a parked vehicle with the door open. As officers approached the suspect, he reached into the vehicle and quickly closed the door. The suspect was

detained and a loaded firearm was recovered inside the car. The suspect was arrested for the outstanding warrants and firearms violations.

July 21, 2021 at 7:47pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the 100 block of E. Orange Grove Bl. regarding a stolen delivery vehicle that had been stolen while making deliveries. With the assistance of Glendale Police Department's helicopter, the vehicle was located in the City of Azusa. Officers from that agency attempted to stop the vehicle at which time a pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended in the City of El Monte and the suspect was taken into custody for various crimes.

July 27, 2021 at 5:46am: Pasadena Officers responded to the 300 block of E. Washington Bl. regarding and armed robbery. The victim was walking to work when a vehicle pulled alongside of him and the passenger exited the vehicle. The suspect pointed a handgun at the victim and forced him to lay down on the sidewalk. The suspect took the loss. The suspect then entered the passenger side of the suspect vehicle and fled east on Washington Blvd.

July 28, 2021 at 3:12pm: Pasadena Dispatch received a call of an assault in the 1000 block of N. Fair Oaks Ave. Officers responded and discovered the suspect had caused a disturbance at the location and was told to leave. The suspect struck and kicked the victim multiple times. The victim sustained only minor injuries and the suspect was later arrested for the assault.

July 29, 2021 at 3:00pm: Pasadena Officer responded to the 200 block of Pepper St. regarding an assault amongst family members. An associate of the suspect had thrown the victim to the ground while the family member/suspect entered her vehicle and struck the victim while she was on the ground. Both the family member and the suspect left the location prior to Officers arrival. The victim sustained only minor injuries.

July 29, 2021 at 9:42pm: Pasadena Officers observed a vehicle driving in the area of Montana St. and Raymond Ave and conducted a traffic stop for vehicle code violations. The driver of the vehicle had an outstanding arrest warrant and was detained. Additionally, the driver was on active Parole and consented to a search of his vehicle at which time a handgun was located. The driver was arrested for firearms violations.

July 29, 2021 at 10:35pm: Pasadena Officers were dispatched to the area of St. John Ave. and California Bl. regarding a male heard yelling that he had been shot. While officers were searching the area for a victim and/or evidence of a crime, a local hospital called the police department's dispatch center to report a patient had arrived, who had sustained a gunshot wound. The victim was admitted into the hospital with life-threatening injuries and Detectives are conducting additional investigation.

July 29, 2021 at 10:43pm: While Pasadena Officers were at the hospital investigating the previous shooting incident, a stabbing victim walked into hospital's emergency room. The victim was immediately treated and his wounds were non-life threatening. The victim told Officers the suspect was his roommate, but the assault was unprovoked. Officers responded to the 1000 block of Raymond Ave. where the incident occurred and arrested the suspect.

July 30, 2021 at 9:26am: Pasadena Officers responded to the 700 block of S. Arroyo Pkwy. to investigate a report of an armed robbery. Officers contacted the victim and discovered it was an attempt-robbery. The victim informed the officers that after parking his car, the suspect contacted him and accused the victim of a road-rage incident just minutes earlier. The suspect also displayed a handgun and demanded money. The victim simply walked away and the suspect left in a vehicle. The victim did not sustain any injuries.

July 30, 2021 at 3:30pm: Pasadena Officers responded to the 100 block of N. Raymond Ave. on a report of an assault. The victim and suspect had a verbal dispute and the suspect struck the victim with a cane, causing minor injuries. The suspect walked away and the victim called police. Later in the day, the suspect was located by officers in a local park and was arrested for the assault.

Chu Announces Over \$151 Million in Grants for Local Restaurants

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund, created under the Democrats' American Rescue Plan to help restaurants keep their doors open and their staff paid, has provided \$151,922,477.50 to 421 restaurants in California's 27th Congressional District, according to a report by the House Small Business Committee. Over half of these grants – which averaged \$360,860.99 – went to socio-economically disadvantaged businesses. Rep. Judy Chu, a member of the House Small Business Committee, issued the following statement:

“Restaurants are essential to the vitality of our communities, yet were among the businesses most impacted by the pandemic. This threatened to cost thousands of jobs and hurt even more families. That is why, when Congressional Democrats passed the American Rescue Plan to help businesses and families through this crisis we also included billions of dollars in aid specifically for restaurants. So far, over \$28 billion has been given out nationwide, including over \$151 million to 421 restaurants here in our district. This money is keeping workers paid and ensuring more restaurants



can weather this crisis and be ready to reopen once it is safe to do so. It is especially important now as the Delta variant forces more restaurants to again limit their operations. In addition to the over \$6 million in grants for shuttered venues, like theaters and museums, I am proud to have supported so much support directly into our communities. And yesterday, I was proud to talk about this program and the need for more RRF funding with SBA Administrator Isabel Guzman. While we continue to work to contain and defeat this virus, we cannot and will not abandon families and businesses. And the incredible job numbers from August are a testament to the success of the American Rescue Plan and the Restaurant Revitalization Fund at keeping businesses open and encouraging more job growth.”

Chu Introduces Acupuncture for Seniors Act in Medicare

Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27) introduced a bill, late last month, to increase access to acupuncture in our healthcare system, the Acupuncture for Seniors Act. The Acupuncture for Seniors Act ensures that licensed acupuncturists can participate as providers in Medicare so that seniors have another effective treatment option available to them.

“Everyone deserves the ability to take control of their own healthcare, and that should include access to traditional Asian medicine, which has been proven successful at treating a range of health problems for thousands of years,” said Rep. Chu. “And as Americans deal with a chronic pain and opioid epidemic, support for acupuncture as a safe alternative has been increasing over the years. The Affordable Care Act helped to increase access by allowing states to cover acupuncture in plans on state health exchanges, but we must do more. It is my goal to make this treatment available to all Americans, which is why I introduced this bill to help seniors in our Medicare program access acupuncture. Medicare has already acknowledged the value of acupuncture by issuing a National Coverage Determination for chronic lower back pain, but licensed acupuncturists are still prohibited from being Medicare providers. For that, you need an act of Congress, which is exactly what my bill does. This bill will help connect more Americans to the care they need, and ensures we are giving our seniors access to all available treatment options for conditions like chronic pain.”

“This bill solves critical access problems for America's seniors and Medicare recipients as they seek safe, non-pharmacologic options for pain and improved health,” said American Society of Acupuncturists Chair Olivia Hsu Friedman. “We thank Representative Judy Chu and all those who helped craft this visionary, yet common-sense legislation. It will improve healthcare in the United States, decrease health care costs, and is a meaningful step towards solving America's opioid crisis.”

South Pasadena Library Summer Reading Wraps Up

The South Pasadena Public Library's Summer Reading Program concluded last month and was a great success. Together, South Pasadenans read over 8,784 hours this summer, an incredible 1,050 hours more than last year! 541 registered readers submitted 278 book reviews on Beanstack, the library's reading tracking app since 2019.

A total of 2,587 Beanstack badges were earned, which encouraged participants to complete various activities and try out Library resources: 53 participants read an ebook or audiobook on OverDrive or on the Libby App, 52 started language learning on Mango Languages, and 31 streamed a film on Kanopy.

Teen SRP Volunteers provided 1,190 hours of service, writing reviews, writing letters to seniors, chalking SRP messages on sidewalks around town, and assisting at the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library's special book sale.

The Library's Children's Services team presented 9 pre-recorded storytimes, which may still be viewed on the Library's YouTube channel at: southpasadenaca.gov/splyoutube. Families picked up Take & Make Craft kits, giving them the opportunity to complete fun art projects at home. Wonderful Wednesdays programs were

well attended, even though they were presented online. Closed captioning and an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter by request allowed more kids and families to enjoy these special events.

Children's Services Librarian Judy Neeb was pleased with the community's response to the SRP. “Since the start of our Summer Reading Program coincided with the Library's new abridged services, it was a joy to be able to connect and share South Pasadena's passion for literacy and literature with parents, children, and teens both virtually and in-person.”

The Library's Summer Reading Program was made possible thanks to the financial support of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. Kids and teens who logged minutes read will have until the end of August to pick up their prizes. Adult participants were entered into an opportunity drawing for gift cards purchased by the Friends of the Library at local businesses. To learn more about the Friends, visit their website at www.friendsofsofpaslibrary.org.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street. Current hours are available on the library website at: southpasadenaca.gov/library. Or sign up to receive informational emails from the library at: southpasadenaca.gov/librarynews.

Pasadena Symphony Announces 94th Season

Pasadena Symphony announces its 94th season with an exhilarating schedule of seven concerts, running October 16, 2021 through April 30, 2022. Alongside a stellar program of celebrated classical works and guest artists, the symphony introduces seven conductors who will serve as Artistic Partners, each bringing a new and diverse voice to the podium and the Pasadena community. The annual Composers Showcase for the 2021-22 season will feature works by both emerging and established contemporary composers at each concert, including one world premiere by Brett Banducci. Music Director David Lockington will be on a leave of absence for the season. All concerts take place at Pasadena's Ambassador Auditorium with both matinee and evening performances at 2pm and 8pm. The season also includes the annually sold-out Holiday Candlelight Concert on Saturday, December 18, 2021 with both 4pm and 7pm performances at All Saints Church.

“We are excited to finally bring our full orchestra back to work indoors this October to our home at the acoustically exquisite Ambassador Auditorium,” says Lora Unger, CEO adding “we'll be welcoming the community back to indoor concerts safely, ensuring all are vaccinated both in the audience and on stage. This season's lineup of conductors, guest artists and featured composers represents a diversely powerful voice of the future of classical music and we're honored to bring the joy of live music back to the concert hall where it belongs.”

Conductor Joseph Young and violinist Randall Goosby kick off the 2021/22 season on October 16 with Beethoven Symphony No. 7 and Brahms Violin Concerto, and Anna Rakitina leads the orchestra on November 13th with Dvorák's Symphony No. 9 “New World” alongside Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue with pianist Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner. Conductor Jenny Wong will ring in the holidays with the orchestra at its annual Holiday Candlelight Concert on December 18. Performance

specialist Nicholas McGegan returns to lead the orchestra's annual Baroque concert on January 22 with Vivaldi's Gloria and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5; Lidiya Yankovskaya and virtuoso violinist Chee-Yun bring Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Romeo and Juliet to the stage on February 12; Brett Mitchell and pianist Aldo López-Gavilán perform Greig's Piano Concerto and Mozart Symphony No. 40 on March 19; and Keitaro Harada and Valentina Lisitsa close the season on April 30 with Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3 and Beethoven Symphony No. 5.

Fostering the future of classical music is integral to the Pasadena Symphony's mission and the 2021-22 season will usher in the second annual Composers Showcase, featuring the best and brightest contemporary composers on each symphony concert. Jessie Montgomery's Banner opens the season on October 16, with Nkeiru Okoye's Voices Shouting Out on November 13, Gabriella Smith's Brandenburg Interstices on January 22, Gabriela Franks' Elegia Andina on February 12, Adam Shoenberg's Finding Rothko on March 19 and on April 30, the orchestra will perform the world premiere of In Nomine by Brett Banducci.

The Pasadena Symphony provides a quintessential experience specially designed for the music lover, the social butterfly or a date night out, and the inner epicurean in us all. Audiences can enjoy a drink or a bite in the lively outdoor Symphony Lounge, yet another addition to the carefree and elegant concert experience the Pasadena Symphony offers. A posh setting at Ambassador Auditorium's beautiful outdoor plaza, the Lounge offers uniquely prepared menus for both lunch and dinner and a full service bar before the concert and during intermission.

All Symphony series concerts take place at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 S. St. John Avenue, with performances at 2pm and 8pm. Tickets starting at \$35 purchased online at pasadenasympphony-pops.org or by calling (626) 793-7172.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 8th through Saturday, August 14th, the Police Department responded to 1,102 calls for service, of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 8:
1. At 7:33 a.m., an officer responded to the 1600 block of Alta Oaks Drive regarding a package theft report. Surveillance footage captured the suspect exit an orange sedan with tinted windows and black rims to steal the victim's package from her porch. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 30-years-old, 6'2" tall, 180 pounds, and was seen wearing a black t-shirt, black pants, and black shoes.
2. At 3:40 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between 12:00 p.m. and 3:40 p.m., someone stole the victim's wheel from her 2019 Honda Accord.

Monday, August 9:
3. At 12:30 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a weapons incident. The victim, a security guard, stated he was approached by the suspect who flashed a handgun and advised the victim should leave the area. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with a grey ski mask, white shirt, and blue shorts. An area check was conducted but the officers were unable to locate the suspect. 4. At 3:45 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Korean Market, located at 171 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a burglary report. A witness reported hearing a loud crashing sounds before watching three suspects enter through a broken glass door to Arcadia Korean Market. The witness watched as the suspects fled in an older model, silver sedan heading southbound on South Second Avenue. Two of the suspects were captured on surveillance footage and were wearing hooded sweatshirts and face covering. The total loss was \$100.00.

Tuesday, August 10:
5. At 12:29 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Kari Way regarding a vehicle burglary report. The resident witnessed the suspect ransack his vehicle and, upon contacting the suspect, followed the 26-year-old male transient from Fresno until officers arrived. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Pasadena City Jail for booking. A records check revealed the suspect had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
6. At 10:49 a.m., an officer responded to Denny's, located at 7 East Huntington Drive, regarding a drunken subject. The reporting party stated the suspect was smoking inside the restaurant and the officer determined the 52-year-old male transient from Tennessee was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested and transported to the Pasadena City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, August 11:
7. At 1:54 a.m., officers responded to the area of Second Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding a drunk driver. Officers located the vehicle and upon contacting the driver, they smelled a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her person. During a series of tests, it was determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .20%. The 22-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
8. At 6:10 p.m., officers and Arcadia Fire responded to the area of Santa Clara Street and Huntington Drive regarding a vegetation fire. While conducting an area search for an arson suspect, the same suspect lit a second fire. When officers attempted to arrest the 31-year-old male transient from Arcadia, he resisted and injured one of the officers. The suspect was ultimately arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
9. At 8:04 p.m., officers responded to the area of Second Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person. During a Preliminary Alcohol Screening Test, the test resulted in a blood alcohol content level of .338%. The 31-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, August 12:
10. At 4:40 p.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of Joyce Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer discovered an identified suspect(s) stole unsecured copper pipe from the construction site.
11. At 8:54 p.m., an officer responded to the 1200 block of South Golden West Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between August 11th at 4:00 p.m. and August 12th at 8:00 a.m., someone stole the victim's catalytic converter from a rented U-Haul truck.

Friday, August 13:
12. At 12:24 p.m., an officer responded Sephora at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. The loss prevention employee witnessed the suspect steal merchandise from Sephora. Officers located her as she attempted to flee. The 42-year-old female from Los Angeles was cited and released in the field due to medical concerns.
13. At 4:28 p.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of West Live Oak Avenue regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed the suspect was heard banging a skateboard on the ground when the victim asked him to leave the area. The suspect then hit the victim in the head with an unknown object. Officers located a subject in the area that appeared to match the suspect description but, since the victim did not desire prosecution, the officers could not arrest the subject.

Saturday, August 14:
14. At 12:28 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of 8th Avenue and Camino Grove Avenue regarding a hit and run traffic collision. A witness stated the driver lost control of his vehicle, collided with a tree, and then exited the vehicle and started walking north on 8th Avenue. Officers located the suspect and observed impairment associated with driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect, a 31-year-old male from Monrovia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STAY AFLOAT?

Now, more than ever, many are struggling to pay their bills and stay in their homes. The Homelessness Prevention and Diversion program aims to help individuals and families make ends meet, keep a roof over their heads, and maintain essential services.

Resources include:

- Short term rental assistance
- Paying housing application fees
- Paying security deposits
- Paying utility bills
- Moving costs
- Food assistance
- Transportation
- and more

This program is only available for Arcadia residents. For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at 626.734.3971 or edeurmeier@unionstationhs.org



MONROVIA BEAR KIDNAPPED!

Samson, the beloved Monrovia's mascot is missing. Imagine that, someone stole a bear! The good news is that the bear was a ceramic figure. The bad news is, he's missing.

Perhaps Samson has just found a new home since his previous residence, Mt. Sierra College, closed its doors in 2019. Hopefully that is the case and he will soon be spotted somewhere else in Monrovia.

You may be able to spot Samson if you check your back yards as they seem to be a popular place with Samson's living relatives.

According to Jake Flanagan of KNX 1070 radio, Monrovians fell in love with Samson while he was still alive and roving the streets in the 1990s.

"The community fell in love, and essentially adopted him. When he became ill in 1994 and was scheduled to be euthanized, California Gov. Pete Wilson intervened on his behalf, and the residents of Monrovia pulled together \$125,000 in donations to build Samson a sanctuary at the Orange County Zoo.

Samson died in May 2001; but over the years, the city has erected dozens of statues in tribute to the be-loved mascot. The missing rendition was appropriately styled as a scholar, given its home outside Mount Sierra College. It sported a monogrammed cardigan and mortarboard cap.

City employee Kerri Zessau oversees Monrovia's arts program, which installed several statues of Samson around the city in 2011. Since then, she has had a special place in her heart for Samson.

"It really was a cute, little graduate bear," she told The San Gabriel Valley Tribune of the missing Mount Sierra College statue.

Zessau has since spearheaded the search for "Scholar Samson," tracking down former college administrators and even touring the facility post closure, now being used by a mattress company. Photo credit City of Monrovia



MONROVIA CANYON PARK TO REOPEN ON AUGUST 30

Monrovia Canyon Park is excited to welcome you back on Monday, August 30! Since last September when the Bobcat Fire burned hundreds of acres in Monrovia, including Mon-rovia Canyon Park, the facility has been closed to the public. Staff and volunteers have contributed countless hours repairing trails, clearing fallen trees, painting facilities and aiding in regrowth. The community is invited to enjoy all hiking trails, including the Waterfall Trail, Nature Trail, Bill Cull Trail, Cunningham Overlook Trail, and the Ben Overturf Trail!
At this time, Monrovia Canyon Park will be open to visitors by reservations only. Reservations will be open on August 23, and in the upcoming week, we will be sharing information on how to make a reservation. Our park may look different, but it's still a gem in our community!

From Duarte

RAKE IN THE FUN WITH THE CITY OF DUARTE THIS FALL

The City of Duarte is delighted to announce special events coming to our community this fall! Be sure to check back here to learn more about events, classes, and City Hall happenings in the online Fall 2021 issue of Duarte City News when it is published in September. Grab your family, neighbors, and friends for these fall festivities:

September

1. Thursday, September 9, 9-10:30 AM | Starbucks with the Sheriffs (1263 Hun-tington Drive)
Meet your Template Station Deputies over a cup of coffee and conversation.
2. Monday, September 13 | Fall registration for Parks & Recreation classes and events opens online
Register through the Parks and Recreation Department's ActiveNet Portal.
3. Saturday, September 25, 11 AM-3 PM | Duarte's 64th Anniversary City Pic-nic at Royal Oaks Park (2627 Royal Oaks Drive)
Come celebrate the City's incorporation (birthday) with some live music, food and ven-dor booths, a beer and wine garden, carnival games and rides for kids, a mini-car show and much more!
4. Monday, September 27, 1-7 PM | American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Duarte Community Center (1600 E Huntington Drive)
This fall, you can donate blood through the American Red Cross to help save a life. All blood, platelet, and plasma donations will un-dergo testing for COVID-19 antibodies. Schedule an appointment and pre-register for a RapidPass on the American Red Cross website.

DUARTE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS RETURN TO VIRTUAL FORMAT

Given the rise in Delta variant coronavirus cases, Duarte City Council meetings will be held via teleconference for the health and safety of our residents starting on August 24 through the end of September, possibly longer. Although public access to the meeting in-person will not be allowed, the public may wish to watch or lis-ten to the meeting from home.

To be able to speak in the meeting on specific agenda items and/or during oral communications, residents will need to register for a Zoom link to access the meeting. The registration link is in the header of the City Council agenda which is posted no later than the Friday preceding the Tuesday Council meeting. You can find the agenda by visiting the City's website accessduarte.com. All comments are limited to three minutes per topic, per speaker.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

WATER DISTRICT ASKS FOR INCREASED CONSERVATION



Foothill Municipal Water District is asking residents to increase water conservation due to below average precipitation and high temperatures for the second year in a row impacting water supplies.

Foothill's Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution declaring a Stage 2 Water Shortage on Monday, August 16, 2021. "With Stage 2, customers are asked to reduce irrigation. The retail agencies that serve the Foothill area decide based on their distribution system how that irrigation schedule should occur," said General Manager Nina Jazmadarian. Southern California receives imported water from two main sources – the Colorado River and the California State Water Project. On August 16, 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation declared a water shortage for the first time in the Colorado River. Although this declaration does not currently impact California, it is anticipated that by 2024, California will be facing reductions in Colorado River supplies. Additionally, because of the Statewide dry

hydrology, southern California is currently receiving only a 5% allocation from the State Water Project. The 5% allocation is projected to go to 0% allocation by the start of the new year.

"Because of water previously stored in reservoirs and groundwater basins, allocations have not been needed this year. However, that storage is being used and worry of an extended drought has initiated the call for increased conservation," said Richard Atwater, President of Foothill's Board of Directors and Representative on Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board.

The District is asking residential and commercial customers to reduce their water use and implement water efficient practices to help lower the region's water demand. Water conserved now will help with future needs should the drought continue.

Here are some tips to conserve water.

- Efficient Irrigation of Turf: Irrigate your turf after dusk and before dawn. Less sunlight means less water will evaporate.
- Cleaning Paved Surfaces: Save some money and water; hose down paved surfaces only to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards.
- Limits on Washing Vehicles: Use a hand-held bucket or similar container or a hand-held hose equipped with a self-closing water shut-off nozzle.

Be sure to visit BeWaterWise.Com and FMWD.COM for water conservation rebates.

Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Liberty Utilities (formerly Mesa Crest Water Company), Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

PET FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS - DAY 427 COVID 19

First of all, the term "pet friendly" might be considered an oxymoron. The rule of the thumb is that the restaurants have some sort of outdoor (al fresco) patio dining. Each city has its own regulations on laws about bringing Fido to restaurants. Here are a few guidelines that I have come up with.

To keep obliging restaurants happy with their decisions to include pets, here are some etiquette rules you and your pet should follow when dining out:

- Keep your animal leashed at all times.
- No barking
- No begging
- No jumping
- No eating off the table
- No sitting on chairs, tables or benches
- Do not enter the inside of the restaurant.
- Current vaccination tags should be on pet's collar
- Bring your own food dish and water bowl. Health codes prohibit pets from eating and drinking from restaurant dishes and glasses.
- Get your pet to sit under or as close to the table base as possible to reduce the chances of your waiter tripping over your pet

Now that we got that out of the way here is a list of local favorites, did I miss a spot? Please email me!!

The wonderful Raymond Restaurant 1886 is a great place for happy hour and, depending on the weather, a great place for your pooch. I have it on good authority that all three Lucky Baldwin's allow pets and that the Old Pasadena location even has some treats on the menu (beer?). Sierra Madre's Casa Del Rey is very dog friendly and has water bowls for Lil Milo and you can enjoy the tacos!!! One of my favorite Italian restaurants is Mi Piacere - space is limited but they will welcome your puppy with open arms. Looking for some Tex with your Mex? El Portal on Colorado Blvd. has a great patio and is perfect for a meeting of you and your pooch. Porta Via Italian Foods on California tells me that they are dog friendly. Well, the Dog Haus better be dog friendly, right? Check out both locations, but I would suggest the one on Green St. The new True Foods is a great place for a Sunday Mimosa on their patio, and Bella will feel like a champ. If you like Susan Henderson and golfing is your thing take your pug to Brookside Golf Course! Well, I know I missed a few but that's a great list to start with.

Miss your favorite? Follow me on Facebook and mention to me that you read it here in the Mountain Views News diningwithdills@gmail.com



L.A. COUNTY SURPASSES 25,000 COVID-19 DEATHS; PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORS FOR SCHOOL CASES AND OUTBREAKS

Los Angeles County surpassed the grim milestone of losing more than 25,000 residents to COVID-19. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is one of the leading causes of death – surpassing stroke, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. To date, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) identified 1,362,848 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,002 deaths.

The County's 7-day cumulative case rate is now 204.2 new cases per 100,000 residents, which represents a 5% increase from last week.

With many school districts countywide reopening this week and in the near future, Public Health is monitoring school cases in outbreaks among staff and students. There are several types of Public Health teams working with schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. School technical assistance or STAT teams reach out to schools proactively to assess preventive readiness and advise on options for improvement. Exposure management teams follow up on cases reported by schools and help identify possible sources of infection as well as close contacts, while also ensuring that schools provide appropriate isolation guidance to infected staff or students and their parents. And if more than one case is identified at a given school, educational setting outbreak teams will work with the school to determine whether these cases are connected. If evidence of contagion at a school site emerges, this team will take over the investigation and help the school identify steps it can take to reduce risk to the broader school community.

To ensure transparency with school communities, Public Health will launch an online school dashboard in September. The dashboard will include a district map shaded to provide district level information on testing volume, community case rates, and community vaccination rates. The dashboard will also display school level information, including numbers of student and staff cases, details on outbreaks at the school, and the number of students at the school required to quarantine.

Federal officials announced changes to vaccination strategies aimed at increasing the protection afforded to people by vaccines. With emerging data indicating that certain populations will need more support to be protected, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on August 13 recommended a third dose of mRNA vaccines for immunocompromised people, including transplant recipients, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, people actively receiving cancer treatment, and people taking immunosuppressive medications. Third doses have been available to eligible individuals at vaccination sites across the county since Saturday. Additionally, following yesterday's announcement by the CDC that booster doses of mRNA vaccines will be offered to all vaccinated people, Public Health is continuing to work with staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities to prioritize these most vulnerable residents for booster doses to be prepared for administering these as soon as the Food and Drug Administration gives their approval.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN LA COUNTY

LA COUNTY TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED 11,474,822

City of Arcadia	80.6%
City of Bradbury	63.3%
City of Duarte	75.1%
City of Monrovia	74.1%
City of Pasadena	78.7%
City of Sierra Madre	81.3%
Uninc. Altadena	75.0%

LOCAL STATISTICS 08/13/2021 vs. 08/20/2021

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES AS OF 08/13/2021

Cases: 1,342,839
Deaths: 24,872

CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,675	79
Arcadia	57,754	3,089	142
Bradbury	1,069	40	0
Duarte	22,016	2,532	98
Monrovia	38,800	3,561	79
Pasadena	141,371	12,246	353
Sierra Madre	10,989	557	13

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EVERYONE*, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask:

- In all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and public and private businesses in Los Angeles County
- On planes, trains, buses, ferries, taxis and ride-shares, and all other forms of public transport
- In transportation hubs like airports, bus terminals, train stations, marinas, seaports or other ports, subway stations, or any other area that provides transportation
- Healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities)
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers.
- Shelters and cooling centers
- Indoors at any youth-serving facility (such as K-12 schools, childcare, day camps, etc.)
- In any outdoor location where it is the policy of the business or venue

Recommendations

- It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask at private indoor social gatherings with people outside your household, unless everyone at the gathering is fully vaccinated.
- It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask at large outdoor ticketed events when you are not in your seat. For example, while in line to enter, exit, use the bathroom, or buy food, or drinks.
- If you are not fully vaccinated, it is strongly recommended that you wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings.
- If you are in a setting where you are in sustained close contact with other people who may not be fully vaccinated, consider wearing a higher level of protection, such as wearing two masks (double masking) or a respirator (e.g., N95 or KN95). This is especially important if you are not fully vaccinated and are in an indoor or crowded outdoor setting.

Note: You are allowed to take off your mask while you:

- Actively eating or drinking as long as you are sitting or standing in a specific place such as a table or counter.
- Alone in a separate room or office.
- Showering or swimming.
- Performing or receiving personal hygiene or personal care services (like a facial or shave) that cannot be done without removing your mask.



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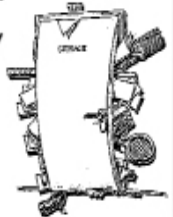
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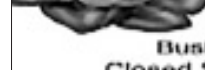
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PUSD COVID 19 UPDATE

From PUSD Superintendent Brian McDonald:

Today’s (August 23, 2021) COVID-19 Dashboard has been posted and reflects the total number of confirmed cases and students and staff placed in quarantine since August 1, 2021 and since the last update on August 19, 2021.

Since August 1, 2021:
Total number of confirmed student cases: 25
Total number of confirmed staff cases: 10

The total number of students and staff in quarantine is 344, reflecting unvaccinated 7th-grade students and a group of 10th-grade students at Marshall, and a group of students at Longfellow Elementary.

The rise in quarantine numbers is due to our aggressive action to quarantine unvaccinated 7th-grade students and prevent the spread of the virus at Marshall when two confirmed cases were linked.

Schools are the fabric of our society and when there is an increase in the rate of COVID-19 cases in the community, it is reflected on our campuses.

We have taken immediate steps to further bolster our District’s strong COVID-19 Safety Plan

Adding three health personnel to every elementary site for weekly testing

All students will be tested with parent consent

Requiring at-risk students groups in grades 6-12 (athletes, band, ROTC) to get tested weekly

Implementing the State public health order and requiring employees to show proof of vaccination or take weekly tests

Masks, ventilation, handwashing, limiting visitors on campus, cleaning and disinfection

Recommendation to the Board of Education that students eligible for the vaccine show proof of vaccination or take a weekly test

Our hard-working health team and school-site staff are collaborating with local health professionals to ensure that we are taking the best approach to keep our students and staff safe.

LA SALLE APPOINTS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



La Salle College Preparatory announced the selection of Mr. Brandon P. Lincoln as the school’s new athletic director, effective August 1, 2021. Lincoln currently serves as Athletic Director and Head Boys Basketball Coach for Providence High School in Los Angeles.

He earned both his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Oregon.

Lincoln’s appointment as La Salle’s athletic director comes after a thorough search, which included input and perspectives from staff, faculty and coaches. Prior to his work at Providence High School, Lincoln served as an assistant coach for Montana State’s Men’s Basketball team from 2014 to 2017. Mr. Lincoln also served on the athletic staff at the University of Oregon and Miami University (Ohio). In addition to his professional staff career, Mr. Lincoln was a stand-out basketball athlete at the high school, collegiate and professional levels, playing for the University of Oregon and continuing his career with the ETB Wohnbau Baskets in Essen, Germany.

“In selecting Brandon to be our next athletic director, we’ll be adding a member to our leadership team with an extensive background in athletics, which includes his experience as a player, coach, and administrator,” said Jamal Adams, La Salle College Preparatory’s principal. “He will be a great addition to our school and administrative team because of his professional-ism, poise, and innovative spirit,” he added.

Serving as athletic director, Lincoln will be responsible for over-seeing over 100 coaches, 24 athletic teams and programs, and over 350 well-rounded student-athletes that excel both in and out of the classroom. Most recently, La Salle’s Girls Tennis Team secured the 2021 CIF-SS Division 5 Championship title, the Girls Water Polo Team captured the 2020 CIF-SS Division 7 Championship title and the school’s Girls Soccer Team took home the 2019 CIF-SS Division 4 Championship title.

“I am honored and excited to join the community at La Salle College Preparatory,” said Lincoln. “I’m looking forward to growing La Salle’s athletic program, while also remaining rooted in the school’s mission and founding values and principles,” added Lincoln.

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chirp!

Insect Checklist!

Does it have (or is it):

- ☐ 3 main **body parts**?
- ☐ six jointed **legs**?
- ☐ two **antennae**?
- ☐ an **exoskeleton**?
- ☐ **cold-blooded**?

If it has all 5 items - it's an insect!

11. live in nests; use antennae to touch and smell; can lift 10 to 50 times their own weight

12. taste with feet; walk upside down; only 2 wings; live 2-4 weeks; carry diseases

Insects Bugging You?

1 dragonflies

2 silkworms

3 butterflies

4 beetles

5 crickets

6 cockroaches

7 grasshoppers

8 honey bees

9 ants

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

HOW TO STORE FOOD FOR EMERGENCIES



[Nyerges has taught self-reliance and survival skills classes and field trips since 1974. A schedule of classes, and information about his various books, is available at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com. A schedule is available by calling 626) 791-3217].

HOW TO STORE FOOD

If you plan to store food for emergencies, don't put all your eggs into one basket. Have a variety of foods that do not require refrigeration. Always store what you already eat, and eat what you store (meaning, always rotate your food supply, and eat the oldest first).

Canned goods last for years, and you can allocate a special place in your garage or cupboard for as much as you need. It is often a good idea to buy large cans in bulk for long term storage, though you should always carefully consider your situation. For example, in large families, or at camps, large cans of food get used up quickly, and refrigeration is not a problem. We have heard from some folks who have told us they purchased large cans because that is what they thought they should do, but when they finally opened the can for a household of two, they found that it took them a very long time to eat it all.

In such cases, small families are much better off with smaller containers.

To save money, you can buy bulk bags of beans, seeds, nuts, dried fruit, and such things as flour, powdered milk, powdered eggs, etc. When you pack these for storage, you are chiefly concerned with preventing mice and rats from getting into the containers, and you want to prevent the growth of any insects inside the containers. There are numerous ways to accomplish this.

Select a cool spot in your home for your food storage. Ideally, this is a cellar, but this all depends on your particular situation. You may have to settle for a closet, or garage.

When we have purchased large bags of grains or seeds, we have packed them into plastic buckets with tight fitting lids. The buckets were purchased, or obtained for free, from bakeries around town. Typically, we had to clean the buckets of syrup or dough, and we had to select only those buckets whose lid made a tight seal.

You can purchase such buckets at numerous food storage companies and survival stores, though you can do just as well with second-hand buckets.

We have stored food in old metal ammo cans which seal very tightly. We have also stored food in one gallon glass or plastic jars. Usually, these have screw-on lids. We look for the jars whose lids have a plastic seal, and then we store the jar in a cupboard where it is dark.

If you are serious about storing food and using your stored food, we strongly recommend that you buy a book dedicated to just this. [WTI Publishing Company sells a little booklet that neatly covers the entire concept. The book, including postage, is only \$7 from WTI Press, 5835 Burwood Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90042].

A creative way to store food so others will not be aware of it is the beanbag chair. You can often buy the fabric for the bean bag at department stores, and then they try to sell you plastic beads for filling the bag. Don't buy the plastic beads – just buy the fabric cover. Then buy a few 100 lb sacks of pinto or other beans, and fill your bag. Beans last a very long time.

DRYING

Drying your own fruits and vegetables is not that difficult. We have a small electric model dehydrator and we are frequently drying something. We have dried bananas, persimmons, cranberries, deer meat, squirrel meat, apples, pears, wild herbs, watercress, etc. etc. Then we just pack the dried food in a quart jar, tightly seal the jar, and store in on a shelf.

Obviously, you can't use an electric dryer if you have no electricity. But people have dried their food for millennia. In fact, perhaps the two primary methods of food storage over the centuries has been drying and pickling. Food left in the sun, and protected from insects, will dry naturally. A few centuries ago, people then had to store their food in ceramic vessels, in animal skins, possibly in woven containers. Today, we have a broad array of glass, metal, and plastic containers that render our food insect and rat-proof (more or less).

You might also learn to can your own foods, though that is beyond the scope of this publication. There are many good cookbooks which teach you to can, such as Rodale's Stocking Up. However, we know how hard it is to learn something new from a book, so if you have the opportunity, work alongside someone who already knows how to can. This is always the best way to learn something new.

LOCAL SURVIVAL EDUCATION

Once a month on a Thursday evening, you can attend a CERT training meeting in Sierra Madre. All of us become acutely aware that emergencies and disaster can and do happen all the time.)

CERT participants learn the basics of emergency communication, first aid, what tools to always carry, and how to work together to restore a semblance of sanity.

You can learn more about Sierra Madre CERT group by checking them out on Facebook, or their web page at www.sierramadreamergency.org. CERT means Civilian Emergency Response Training, so you can learn what to do in emergencies. The training is FEMA-sponsored.

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!

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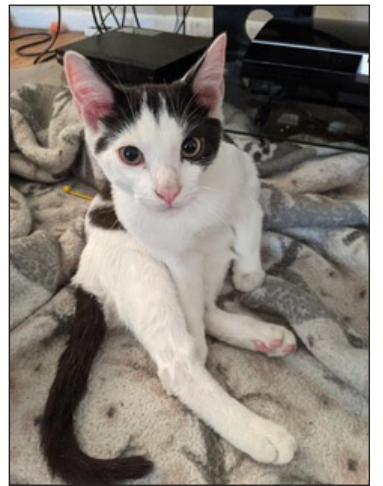
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Katnip News!



Can you COWZER?

Soooo cuuuute!! How can you resist? Cowzer, named for his cow markings, or as his foster parents like to call him, "Little Bruiser," is playful and fun, very active. He's tough, strong, and loves to play wrestle with his fellow kitties and large dog friends.

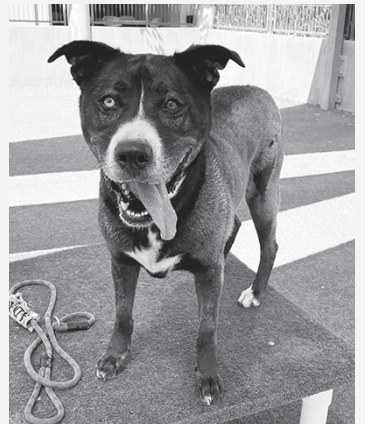


Although he's always ready to play, he takes cute naps with his head laid back and likes being woken up to kisses on his exposed throat/neck. He's a cuddler, but also independent, and so curious about what his humans are up to that he'll follow them around the house until he sees a toy, and then it's back to Play Time! He's also been raised around dogs. He loves other cats, too. He's only 4 months old and will come neutered, chipped, and vetted. Grab him up! Even better if you have another young cat he can play with. If not, we can advise. More pix on our website.

See our Adoption Procedures page to apply. Submit your application now at www.lifeline-forpets.org.

Pet of the Week

When three-year-old Elsa was found as a stray, she was very calm and friendly, giving licks and tail wags. Although she's been more shy at the shelter, our behavior staff has started to see her come out of her shell. Elsa loves learning new things, such as sit and down, and gets so much more relaxed and happy when she's learning! She also loves treats, and is very treat-motivated. Elsa would do best in a home without other dogs, with a patient adopter who can let her go at her own pace. She has lots of love to give!



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

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

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

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.

TEA AND TALK, SENIOR BOOK CLUB—2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:00 am Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, that will meet twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store! This month we will be reading *I Was Anastasia*, Ariel Lawhon's historical novel, Anna Anderson defends her attempt to prove herself to be Anastasia Romanov, a member of the last imperial family to rule in Russia. If you are interested in participating 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 person. 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.

HOW TO FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Are there any resources to help seniors find and pay for senior apartments? My aunt, who's 75 years old, needs to find a new place to live but has very little money. What can you tell me? Searching Sarah

Dear Sarah:

Finding affordable senior housing options can be difficult depending on where your aunt lives. Senior apartments for some retirees are a good option, and you'll be happy to know that there are a number of government programs that can help out financially. Here are some tips that can help you and your aunt find a low-income senior apartment that fits her budget and living preferences.

Start with HUD

There are several different government programs available today that can help individuals who qualify to locate and pay for housing, including:

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8): This program allows you to find the housing you want. The government provides the amount allowed by your voucher to the landlord each month.

Privately owned subsidized housing: HUD helps some apartment owners offer reduced rents to low-income tenants.

Public Housing: These communities are generally apartment buildings or complexes that are overseen by a city or county public housing agency, and are available to low-income families, the elderly and those with disabilities.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit: This program provides housing to low income families and includes rents that don't exceed a fixed amount.

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly: This initiative helps seniors and the disabled. It offers housing for individuals who are able to live mostly on their own but need assistance with certain daily tasks like cleaning and cooking.

For more information about these programs and to locate apartments in your aunt's area that may offer them, visit the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rental assistance page at HUD.gov/topics/rental_assistance.

MYou can also search for low-income housing at se-



nior living sites like After55.com and SeniorHousing-Net.com.

If you or your aunt don't have internet access or have troubling maneuvering the internet, you can also locate nearby affordable housing options by calling your local housing authority – call 800-955-2232 to get your local number. If your aunt lives in a location that spans multiple counties, check with the housing authority in each one to compare.

How to Choose

If you or your aunt find several apartment choices that fall within her budget, she should consider what's important to her. She may want housing that's close to family, religious organizations, senior centers, or places she visits regularly, like grocery stores, parks or gyms.

Or, if she has a disabling condition, it may be especially critical for her to find a living space that has easy access to important services like senior transportation and health care centers.

In your housing search, you may also come across some red flags that indicate a retirement community wouldn't be a good fit for your aunt. Keep an eye out for extra fees that may be applied to everyday items or perks you normally wouldn't think about like laundry service, parking or pets.

You should also make sure the apartment is in good condition and then scout out the neighborhood. Ask yourself if the community is clean and well maintained and if there is any debris or messy landscaping. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, follow up with questions before your aunt signs a rental contract.

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



LEGENDARY RAPPER DMX DIES WITH NO WILL; MILLIONS IN DEBT AND 15 CHILDREN

Legendary hip hop artist DMX—born Earl Simmons—passed away on April 9 at age 50 after suffering a massive heart attack a week earlier at his home in White Plains, New York. The heart attack was reportedly triggered by a cocaine overdose on April 2, which left the rapper hospitalized in a coma. After a week of lingering in a vegetative state, his family made the decision to remove him from life support.

Despite selling more than 74 million albums and enjoying a wildly successful career in both music and movies, DMX, who died without a will, left behind an estate that some estimates report being millions of dollars in debt. Even though DMX likely died deeply in debt, just weeks after his passing, multiple members of his family, which includes 15 children from nine different women, petitioned the court seeking to become administrators of the late rap star's estate.

While DMX's estate may currently be in the red, his loved ones are presumably fighting over the right to control the rap icon's recording and publishing royalties, which will likely be a lucrative source of future income. In fact, following his death, Billboard reported that DMX's total royalties, which include the release of a posthumous album, master recording royalties, and licensing opportunities, are worth an estimated \$17.7 million.

With so much wealth at stake and so many children, DMX's failure to create an estate plan will likely mean his loved ones will be stuck battling each other in court for years to come. And perhaps no one stands to suffer more than DMX's fiancée, Desiree Lindstrom.

DMX and Desiree, who were engaged in 2019, had been together for seven years, and she gave birth to his 15th child, a boy named Exodus Simmons, in 2016. However, because the two were never married and DMX did not create any estate planning providing for her, Desiree will likely inherit nothing from her late fiancé's fortune.

A Common Problem

While DMX's case is certainly tragic, the lack of estate planning is all too common among famous musicians—Prince, Jimi Hendrix, and Bob Marley all died without a will. More recently, the legendary "Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin, who died in 2018, left behind four different handwritten wills, and more than three years after her death, her four adult sons are still fighting each other in court over her estate.

I cover DMX's story and others like it in hopes that they will inspire you to create a proper estate plan. Death comes for us all, often when we're least expecting it. And without any planning in place, you are forcing your loved ones to endure a costly, possibly conflict-filled, and in all cases, an unnecessary legal process resulting in the loss of wealth and assets you've worked so hard to create.

Furthermore, estate planning is crucial even if you have far less wealth than the late rap icon. After all, given DMX's lucrative recording and publishing royalties, his children will likely still receive an inheritance, while similar estate planning failures would almost certainly wipe out a smaller estate.

MARC

A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. 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.CaliLaw.com for more information.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

AND THEN THERE WERE FOUR



Over a year ago, I got out of bed, went to the kitchen for my morning cup of coffee and then I went to the back porch to see if I had any visitors.

I have foxes, possums, cats, and raccoons (who are politically correct and wear masks when they come). I put food out for them, and they help themselves. Every morning the food dishes are empty and waiting to be filled.

It's great at night to look out and see some of these critters coming in for their evening snack.

This morning, as I looked out, I saw a little kitty on the porch. I had no idea where this little kitty came from or how it got to our back porch.

I opened the door, stepped out, and the little kitty ran and hid. She thought she was hiding, but I could see exactly where she was so I left her alone and went and got some food for her. I put it in the dish and stood there waiting for her to come over, instead, she sat there, looked at me, then looked at the dish and then looked back at me.

I knew what she was doing, and so I had to get out of the way so she could come and eat her breakfast.

I tried keeping this information from my wife because she does not like animal pets. At least that's what she says. According to her, all of these animals have fleas, and she hates fleas.

Trying to keep something secret from her is way above my pay scale. She knows exactly what I'm thinking three days before actually thinking it. If I was smart, and I ain't, I would have her pick the winning horse in the next horserace.

In time she became aware of my porch friend, and in no uncertain terms, she wanted it gone.

Contrary to her expectations, I kept feeding the little kitty, and like all little kitties, it grew into an adult, and I noticed that the older she got, the more she attracted other cats. But, of course, at the time, I thought nothing of it and just kept feeding her and her friends as they came.

"We must," my wife said most emphatically, "get rid of that little kitty because it can't stay here."

"Well," I said as patiently as possible, "I'll get rid of it when it's old enough to leave."

"When will that be?"

I couldn't tell her because I didn't have an exit plan for the kitty.

A few months past and I noticed the little kitty was growing, and her belly seemed to be expanding. I just thought she was well fed.

It was my wife who noticed what was happening at the time.

"That kitty better not be pregnant," my wife stated most alarmingly.

She looked at me and said, "Stop that smiling. I can see it."

It was a very exciting day for me to realize that my little kitty would have another little kitty. This meant we could not get rid of the little kitty until she had her little kitties.

In due time Miss Kitty had her little kittens. She had for, only one survived. That one was white and very cute.

"If you are going to keep it, it will have to be neutered. I will make the arrangements."

When my wife makes arrangements, you can be sure those arrangements are made.

We had to wait until this little kitty had grown to the place where she could eat for itself. Then, finally, we found someone who wanted the kitty and so we gave it to them.

The appointment for the neutering had been made.

I went along with it, after all, what else could I do.

Several days before the appointment, I looked at Miss Kitty and noticed that her belly was expanding like before. Of course, I kept this as quiet as possible, but you know how that works.

Looking out onto the porch, my wife said, "Oh, no, it can't be so."

Not knowing what she was talking about, I inquired, and was informed she thought Miss Kitty was pregnant again.

After a few days of observation, she concluded that she was pregnant. Then she had to call the neutering service and cancel the appointment. You can't neuter a pregnant kitty.

She looked at me with a sour grimace and said, "You better not be laughing."

I often laugh on the inside and try to keep it from the outside. So I was, and I wasn't going to tell her, very happy that we will have some more little kitties.

In due time she did have her kitties, and this time she had four kitties, and all of them lived. It must be the same father because one of them was all white.

What we're going to do with all those little kitties, I'm not quite sure. But I'm going to enjoy them while we have them.

As I was watching Miss Kitty nurse her little kitties, I thought of a Bible verse. "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Proverbs 16:7).

Watching Miss Kitty and her little ones brought peace to me. I can forget what's going on out in the world and concentrate on the peace right here with Miss Kitty and her little ones.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON PEOPLE OF EXCELLENCE HOW ABOUT THE REST OF US?

I am a crusader for the public good, at least I like to think of myself that way. Although I have always had criticisms about some specific practices in our modern technological world I have always had a reassuring sense that there existed a sense of mastery over a complex world. Modern life and technology is great; where, for example, would we be without air conditioning? If there are still

problems like racial inequality and unfairly paid service workers and the pandemic and even climate warming, secretly I believed that all of these problems would be solved as progress made things better for everybody in the world. I am just not feeling that way anymore.

It is as if I am waking from a dream and learning that the whole world is in peril and, globally, we are all unable to do much about it. The major reason for elation was that Barak Obama was a Black Man (at least his father was) and his election proved that United States was emerging from centuries of racial discriminatory practices and that now everyone or anyone could become President.

The selection of Barak Obama also had to with a couple of other things, he was a former editor of the Harvard Law Review which generally ensures success in the world at large. It is unfortunate that Barak had to cut down the size of his sixtieth birthday party. The original invitees were almost all people of a similar kind of excellence, perhaps not all Harvard grads or wealthy beautiful actresses but still unquestionably successful in their own world. Those cut from the original party list had to cope with their own disappointments. So sorry! What about the rest of us---all of whom by any definition are pretty ordinary folk with no particular claim to excellence. Yes, an incredibly able articulate Black Man with educational credentials, a beautiful wife also a Harvard Law School Graduate, and a beautiful family can be elected President. Yes, it is a huge step but, at best, it is only a beginning step. What about Black People without the incredible abilities of Barak and Michelle? What about us?

To my mind being a crusader for public good never meant opening the doors and welcoming in people of excellence. These people can usually find a way to open their own doors although in the case of non-White, non-male, non-straight, non-gender questioning the doors have remained closed pretty much throughout American history. As I said in my first paragraph, no matter my criticisms, I always felt that as Americans we had the ability to exercise mastery over the whole world and that in due time most of the world's problems would be lessened if not completely eliminated. Certainly, Donald Trump was a very strong argument against this belief but now Trump is gone, or should be gone; but now I am more depressed than ever before.

Where are our people of excellence who can handle every situation if just given enough time? Have they already received their awards of money, fame, and power? The recent humiliating debacle of the American pull out from Afghanistan unquestionably evidenced incompetence, ignorance, and indifference. The televised pictures of misled and disappointed Afghani people who been promised assistance by Americans for whom they had risked their lives as they attempted to cling to flying departing American military planes should sicken all of us. Right now we are surrounded by awareness of the climate crisis seemingly imperiling the future of all humanity. The Pandemic is or is not getting worse. The scientific news is so confusing it is hard to know what to do. Throw in food shortages, and water shortages, and all around safety issues plus the absolutely crazy attempt at recall of the California governor. I have friends who cannot watch the news. They do not allow me to talk about world or national events with them. Of course talking and writing these article is about all that I do.

I await the proclamation by those people of excellence and ability who have left the mainstream to return to save the rest of us. The open doors should let them back in and I expect to hear the reassuring cry of "Here I come to save the day" but then I remember that that reassuring call was made by a mouse (mighty though he might have been) I am not worried about mice, I am worried about people and we all have a lot to worry about..

DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND PARADISE AND PARKING LOTS



The midnight black SUV swings round, slowly trolling the parking lot filled with rush hour commuters returning home. The theme from Jaws plays over the radio. "Da Dum. Da Dum. Da Dum-Da Dum." From her high perch

she spots an empty space and guns the accelerator. A bandaaid-beige, compact Kia sedan blocks her way as they face off for the identical parking spot. The elderly man in the Kia jiggles the Handicap placard hanging from his rear view mirror. She realizes it's a reserved spot and grudgingly pulls back, letting the Kia slide in. She takes another loop of the lot, ignoring the dozens of empty spaces littered along the back of the shopping plaza, hunting for a space nearest to the Safeway entrance.

The ignoble strip mall parking lot. Under appreciated and taken for granted like WiFi, it's a basic expectation that turns us into stomping, entitled lunatics when we're forced to find street parking or worse, pay for parking in a private lot. I've lived in giant metropolises where free parking was an unknown concept and like my husband's three putt golf rule, that's the maximum tries you got at parallel parking before you had to abandon that spot and escape from all the abusive honking.

You can tell by the shopping carts dotting the parking lot how good the discounts are going to be in that supermarket. The more dented and rusted they are, when you have to manhandle the cart to stop it from turning in a circle, that's the mark of a supermarket with wafer thin markups. If the carts are neatly lined up by the entrance instead of stuck between 2 cars, you've hit the super sale jackpot because those carts are chain linked together by a little locking device requiring a twenty-five cent coin to be released. Now 25 cents won't even buy you a phone call but that coin is a siren call to shoppers to return their cart and get their quarter back. If only they used that method for library books or child care.

Parking lots intertwine with our lives but they do it under the radar. The beginning of life and the last vestiges of it are bookended with reserved parking spots for the pregnant and the elderly. We honor the Employee of the Month by their temporary prestige spot next to the corporate suite executives whose pecking order coincides with the location of their space.

After the shoppers leave and the lots thins out, a whole different crowd moves in. Fearful of their teenagers dingling their neighbor's cars when they practice their left turns, countless parents have depended on the sanctuary of the parking lot to teach their kids and allow their aging Boomer parents who refuse to give up their car keys, a few turns in safety.

And while it's rates a 1 on the 5 most romantic places to take your date, who of us hasn't snogged by the blueish, fluorescent cast of the parking lot light poles? Flea swaps, farmer's markets, ad hoc taco stands, a game of street ball - the strip mall parking lot embraces them all.

Even the more nefarious activities, like the ones shown time and time again on "COPS", the parking lot is the favored location for drug deals, underage drinking, rendezvous between a disgruntled spouse and a hired killer and the most horrible of all - skateboarders.

Parking lots are suburbia's equivalent to the interstate rest stop. It's a place you can always pull over in, get a meal and take a nap in peace. The folk singer Joni Mitchell wrote a song about parking lots and paradise, sometimes they're one and the same.

"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swinging hot spot
Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot" - Joni Mitchell

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AWFULLY GOOD OXYMORONS

A major part of my mission is to equip friends (that means friends) with tools that amaze, delight and distract others. After all, aren't we here improve the quality of each other's lives? Let's im-prove shall we?

First, let me tell you what oxymoron is not. It is not a skin care product. An oxymoron is the combination of two ancient Greek words. Oxs means "sharp," and moronos, means "dull" or "stupid". Hence...oxymoron. Oxymoron also effectively describes my decade long

friendship with former Caltech Professor, Dr. Charles Seitz. Hi Chuck! Moronos here!

An oxymoron is a figure of speech utilizing two self contradicting terms that somehow make sense...or at least seem clever or funny. And I discovered, early on, being clever, and/or funny, can be a very powerful tool in communicating.

Famous quotes below demonstrate how oxymorons and oxymoronic logic are used to communi-cate effectively.

"I've never said most of the things I said." Yogi Berra
"I am a deeply superficial person." Andy Warhol
"Of course I can keep secrets. It's the people I tell them to that can't keep them." Anthony Haden-Guest
"I can resist everything but temptation." Oscar Wilde
"I distinctly remember forgetting that." Clara Barton
"It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech." Mark Twain
"You'd be surprised how much it costs to look this cheap." Dolly Parton
"I hate people, but I love gatherings." Edna St. Vincent Millay
"Always be sincere, even when you don't mean it." Irene Peter
"We must believe in free will. We have no choice." Isaac B. Singer
"Live within your income, even if you have to borrow to do so." Josh Billings
"I'm not going to say, I told you so." Anon

I hope you find the following oxymorons useful in your everyday communications:

Act Naturally, Airline Food, Childproof, Clearly Misunderstood, Congressional Ethics, Crash Landing, Definite Maybe, Express Mail, Found Missing, Genuine Imitation, Government Organ-ization, Intense Apathy, Jumbo Shrimp, Military Intelligence, Militant Pacifist, New Classic, Peace Force, Sanitary Landfill, Terribly Pleased, True Lies.

And how about this one: "Temporary Tax Increase"!

Uh-huh...

By the way, there is one person I don't like...Len Mendoza. Len is a fellow guitarist/singer. Why don't I like him? Easy! He's got a full head of hair, in better shape, and a much better singer than I am. But what I really don't like about him is he puts on a 2-3 hour concert at least once a week at Corfu Restaurant here in town. He sings mostly songs from the 1960s (you'll recognize most all of them) AND HE DOES HIS ENTIRE SHOW FROM MEMORY. Typically plays on Fri-day or Saturday evening starting at 6:00 or 6:30. Great Mediterranean food at Corfu.

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IT WAS ALWAYS GOING TO END THIS WAY IN AFGHANISTAN

Anyone who professes to be shocked by the Taliban victory in Afghanistan has not been paying attention.

It was always bound to happen. It was merely delayed because Uncle Sam kept his trillion-dollar finger in the dike for 20 years. Were we fated to remain forever, in a land that had already proved fatally inhospitable to the British and the Russians and Alexander the Great? The harbingers of failure had long been obvious, but most Americans, benumbed by the war, had long ago stopped paying attention. In 2019, word leaked that the U.S. officials entrusted with propping up the Afghan regime were disgusted with their proteges, saying in memos and private interviews that "after almost two decades of help from Washington, the Afghan army and police are still too weak to fend off the Taliban."

They were weak largely because they were deeply corrupt. In the private words of Ryan Crocker, a former U.S. ambassador, "they're useless as a security force because they are corrupt down to the patrol level." Nevertheless, as another U.S. official admitted to gov-ernment interviewers in 2015, "The less they behaved, the more money we threw at them."

Fairly or not, President Biden will own the humiliating images of retreat – but, in reality, the Afghanistan debacle was authored by American presidents from both political parties. What we're seeing now is a bipartisan clustermuck. It was launched by George W. Bush, who committed us to the impossible task of nation-building. (From his 2005 Inaugural address: "It is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture," even though, he admitted, "our country has accepted obligations that are difficult to fulfill.")

It was sustained by Barack Obama, who approved a troop surge in 2009 and whose mili-tary spokesmen kept saying there was light at the end of the tunnel (Gen. James Mattis to Congress in 2010: "We're on the right track now."). It landed in the capacious lap of Donald Trump, who decided it was time to get out, who invited the Taliban to Camp David in 2019 ("We're getting along very, very well with the Taliban"), and who set a May 1, 2021 withdrawal deadline for U.S. forces.

Nevertheless, Republicans are predictably hammering Biden, conveniently forgetting that antiwar sentiment has long been rampant in their own ranks. Mitt Romney, the Republi-can's presidential nominee in 2012, said of Afghanistan in 2011: "We've learned that our troops shouldn't go off and try and fight a war of independence for another nation."

As recently as last April, Trump endorsed Biden's announced intention to withdraw the troops: "Getting out of Afghanistan is a wonderful and positive thing to do. I planned to withdraw on May 1, and we should keep as close to that schedule as possible."

"Biden understood that the choice was between getting out or being stuck there with no end in sight, and he rightly judged that the former was better for the United States," wrote historian and veteran conservative commentator Daniel Larison. "The fact that the Afghan government has lost so much ground so quickly proves that the U.S. failed in building a functioning state that could fend for itself... Far from showing the folly of Biden's decision, it confirms the wisdom of it. A state as rickety and incapable of protecting itself as this one would not have been saved by delaying withdrawal a few more months or even years."

As Biden said on Saturday, "One more year or five more years of U.S. military presence would not have made a difference if the Afghan military cannot or will not hold its own country. And an endless American presence in the middle of another country's civil con-flict was not acceptable to me."

That view also jibes with the sentiments of the most Americans. He'll likely take a hit in the short run as the images of surrender resonate globally – although that's akin to blaming President Gerald Ford for our chaotic final departure from Vietnam in 1975 – but the fact remains that the current withdrawal is supported by 70 percent of Americans, including 56 percent of Republicans. What most Americans appear to understand – even while mostly tuning out the war – is that leaving Afghanistan is basically the least bad option. There's no point in investing a few more trillion dollars and more American bodies just to keep meeting the definition of insanity, the compulsion to do the same thing over and over again in expectation of a dif-ferent result. It takes wisdom and political courage to face reality.

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If we want to save our state, we must act responsibly and Vote No on this recall effort. The cost of this recall will be between \$200 - \$400 million dollars in a dishonorable attempt to remove our current governor who is up for re-election in 2022 anyway. Much of that money will come from sources outside of California. This recall is a disgrace to the democratic process and a waste of time and money. By now you should have received your ballot in the mail. Please vote and return it as soon as possible. Don't underestimate the importance of each and every vote. By now we should have learned enough lessons about what happens when we don't take our responsibilities as citizens seriously. This election is important. Vote and please vote no! In an unprecedented move for this paper, we refer you to the LA Times Editorial on the subject published on 8/13/2021 who expresses our Vote No position very well.

THE MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS URGES EVERYONE TO **VOTE NO** ON THE RECALL OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

WAKE UP, CALIFORNIA! REMOVING GAVIN NEWSOM WOULD BE A DISASTER

FROM THE LA TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD
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QUESTION 1 [ON YOUR BALLOT]

Ballots for the Sept. 14 special recall election have been mailed to 22 million California voters. The ballot poses two questions. The first is whether Gov. Gavin Newsom should be removed from office.

The correct response is a strong, unequivocal no.

Removing Newsom and replacing him with an untested and unprepared alternative who wouldn't represent the values of most Californians would be a disaster. It would doom the state to months of political and bureaucratic dysfunction and economic uncertainty. And for what purpose?

Newsom, who is 53 years old and 2½ years into his first term as governor, hasn't been perfect — but show us a governor who has. His public communications have been muddled and confusing at times. He has not worked as well with the Legislature as he could. He has occasionally promised more than he could deliver. His prodigious fundraising has raised legitimate concerns about the role of money in politics.

These are things that voters would appropriately consider during a regular reelection campaign, but they do not justify using the extraordinary power of recall to remove a legitimately elected governor in favor of someone who may only have a sliver of support from voters. Indeed, by our reckoning, Newsom's missteps are minor when compared to the good he has done for California as one of the nation's strongest leaders on the COVID-19 pandemic. In our hyperpolarized time, sadly, decisive leadership has also enraged and galvanized the governor's critics.

And while pandemic response has been his top responsibility over the last year and a half, Newsom has also started work on solving some of the state's most intractable problems, using the state's historic budget surplus to fund programs to help individuals and business recover from the pandemic, build more affordable housing, house the state's unsheltered and prevent and fight wildfires.

The 46 candidates vying to replace Newsom — most of them men, most of them Republican, and most of them utterly unqualified — offer an endless litany of grievances that are little more than objections to his liberal policies — policies, we may add, that were clear to everyone when 62%

of voters chose Newsom in the 2018 election. The whole thing would be comical if the stakes weren't so high.

The critics paint a picture of a state teetering on collapse that is wildly irresponsible and in many cases just flat wrong: The streets are overrun with criminals thanks to Newsom! (Nope.) People and businesses are fleeing California in record numbers because of his terrible policies! (Wrong.) Newsom caused the state's massive wildfires because he mismanaged the forest! (Ridiculous.) He kept changing the rules during the pandemic — but he also didn't change them enough! (What?)

The reality is that Newsom took office in January 2019 amid literal and figurative wildfires: Homelessness was rising and reaching a tipping point. The state's largest electric utility, PG&E, was in bankruptcy because of negligence that started infernos like the one that wiped out the town of Paradise. The state's information technology systems were (and still are) hopelessly out of date, leading to one of the first challenges of Newsom's administration, at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Climate change was and still is accelerating, squeezing the state's power grid during its transition to renewable energy sources and straining its water supply.

These crises were years in the making and — let's face it — Newsom inherited them from his Democratic predecessor, Jerry Brown. But Newsom had the misfortune to take office just as they reached the boiling point. And then, the pandemic hit and forced Newsom to pivot into emergency mode and set aside the usual business of governance to focus on addressing the emerging and not fully understood threat of COVID-19.

Newsom's biggest error was a momentary lapse of judgment. As governor, he issued tough public health restrictions intended to limit the spread of COVID-19, including a limit on more than three households gathering. But he didn't always follow his own guidance; in November he and his wife dined unmasked and shoulder to shoulder with 10 other people in a private semi-enclosed outdoor room at the French Laundry, a high-end restaurant in Napa Valley. It was a mistake, for which Newsom apologized — but it was in no way a fireable offense.

Unfortunately for the governor, and for California, the blunder happened at a critical juncture for the latest gubernatorial recall effort (the four filed over the previous year failed to qualify). Not two weeks after the dinner, a judge

granted the recall's proponents an extra four months to gather signatures, reviving it from all-but-certain failure. With the help of Republicans such as former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who saw an opportunity for political disruption in the blue state they love to hate, the recall effort was able to hitch a ride on the inchoate frustration, anger and grief Californians were feeling after months of pandemic restrictions, political divisions and civil unrest.

What's at stake in this election is ultimately not Newsom's political career but California's values and our democracy. A new Republican governor would struggle to get laws passed given a hostile Democratic supermajority in the Legislature, which could override a gubernatorial veto. But he or she could reshape California for decades to come through the use of executive orders to roll back environmental protections, criminal justice reform and the social safety net.

Governors also wield power by appointing judges and regulators, such as those overseeing the state's power utilities and coastal commission, and, in the case of a vacancy, members of Congress. Newsom named successors to Kamala Harris, who left the Senate to become vice president, and Xavier Becerra, who resigned as state attorney general to become President Biden's Health and Human Services secretary. Should Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is 88, retire next year, whoever is governor would have a chance to select her replacement.

And who might that appointment be? House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), who asserted that Donald Trump was the real winner of the 2020 presidential election? Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Bonsall), who used his House seat to hound and harass Presidents Obama and Biden?

If times have seemed tough over the past year — with our lives, our environment and our democracy under grave threat, with political violence simmering just under the surface of every heated debate, and families and neighbors so polarized that they can't hold a civil conversation — remember that they can always get worse.

Gavin Newsom has made his share of mistakes. We're not thrilled with the complacency that characterizes parts of the Democratic power structure in California, or with the outsized power of public-sector unions. There is no doubt that California liberalism hasn't exactly solved soaring homelessness, persistent economic and social inequality, a mediocre education system and, most

pressing of all, a housing crisis that threatens the future of the Golden State as a place of opportunity and growth.

But we are thrilled by California's values. This state has chosen to be a national leader on the environment, criminal justice reform and the social safety net because state leaders and voters have chosen to look forward, not backward. We want a healthier planet, more just communities and opportunity for people to live and love in peace and freedom.

To be sure, Newsom's self-inflicted wounds have dismayed us. We wish, even now, that he would make a more forceful, proactive case for his record, and not simply denounce his recall opponents as Trumpian extremists (though some of them are).

In tough times, citizens may be tempted to throw out the incumbent and try their luck with someone offering shiny new ideas. That rarely works out for the better. Don't gamble with California's future. Vote no on the recall and let Newsom finish his term. If you're not happy, you'll have a chance in next year's election to choose someone else.

QUESTION 2 [ON YOUR BALLOT]

The second question on the ballot asks voters to choose one of 46 people to take over should Newsom be recalled. For Californians who oppose removing Newsom, this answer is not so simple. As an editorial board, we have struggled over our recommendation, because we can say with certainty that none of the people hoping to replace Newsom would be an improvement.

Faced with such terrible choices, it's tempting to skip this difficult question altogether and to recommend leaving this part of the ballot blank, as the Democratic Party has urged. Why dignify this reckless power grab by participating in it in any way?

We have concluded, after searching debate and reflection, that that is a cowardly way out and would hand the decision-making power to others who do vote — and those voters may be uninformed, irrationally angry and looking for someone to take a far-right turn on issues like climate change, environmental protection, civil rights, policing and vaccination. That's too great a gamble.

We're left to conclude that voters who oppose the recall should also vote for a replacement — even if they have to hold their noses to do so.

But who?

It's hard to find much to recommend the front-runners. All oppose to some degree the pandemic actions taken by Newsom, including mask mandates and vaccine requirements. But some are worse than others. Case in point is the man who is polling highest among those who favor recall: the conservative radio host Larry Elder. Not only does he have no experience in elective office, Elder is a Trumpian ideologue who has called climate change a "crock" and said there should be no minimum wage.

Supporting Jenner, the transgender reality TV star, former Olympian and member of the Kardashian clan, might seem as great an advance in LGBTQ representation as Newsom's 2004 decision, when he was San Francisco's mayor, to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples. But she is a clueless lightweight, who demonstrates little knowledge of how the state works or the scope of, and limitations on, the governor's powers. It wouldn't do the LGBTQ community any favors to have her fail spectacularly as leader of the state.

Then there's Republican John Cox, the San Diego businessman and self-funded perpetual candidate who lost to Newsom in the 2018 general election. He was not qualified for the job then, and the only apparent difference in his 2021 campaign is the Kodiak bear and gigantic ball of plastic trash he's been hauling around the state to make a point about ... well, we're not exactly sure.

Angelenos may not know much about Doug Ose, a land developer and former three-term Republican congressman from the Sacramento area. His only distinction from the pack is that he's straightforward about the damage he would do to California, namely abandoning criminal justice reforms, building new prisons and putting the interests of the state's agricultural lobby ahead of its environment and its residents.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) is an impressively knowledgeable young policy wonk with degrees from Harvard and Yale, but also a worrisome ideologue. When we asked Kiley who won the 2020 presidential election, he refused to say whether Biden was legitimately chosen. That's shameful. He reminds us of Republican opportunists like Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, Sens. Josh Hawley of Missouri and Tom Cotton of Arkansas, and Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York, who benefited from Ivy League educations but have veered far right to pander to Trump supporters when they certainly know better.

Democrats and left-leaning independent voters may be inclined to support Kevin Paffrath, a 29-year-old social media influencer who, with his 1.69 million YouTube subscribers, is the closest thing to a prominent Democrat on the ballot. He exudes enthusiasm and idealism, and may share some basic Democratic values with most Californians, but he's not a serious candidate any more than Los Angeles billboard star Angelyne. Besides, some of his proposals — rounding up homeless people and forcing them into shelters, and enacting massive tax cuts — make us question whether he truly stands for anything besides his own fame.

That leaves us with the least terrible of all these bad options: former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, a moderate Republican. He is perhaps the most conventional gubernatorial candidate and has the executive experience and mature temperament that other recall candidates lack.

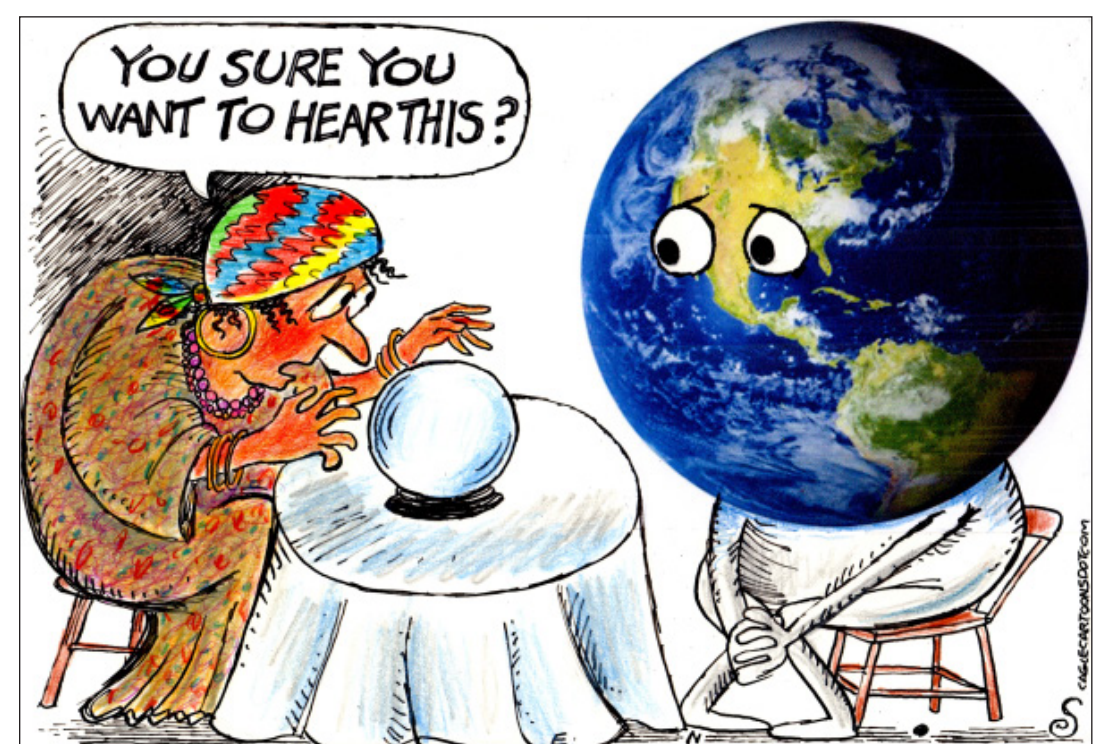
Faulconer is pro-vaccination. He acknowledges Biden's victory. He supports abortion rights and strong efforts to mitigate climate change. He points to his work with a majority-Democratic City Council and his ability to get elected, twice, in a city where only a quarter of voters are registered Republicans as evidence of his bipartisan bona fides.

Faulconer, 54, stands for the kind of traditional Republican values that the GOP espoused during decades of electoral dominance in California. Alas, the party that produced Earl Warren, Richard M. Nixon, Ronald Reagan and other leaders who reshaped postwar American politics has lost serious credibility over the past decade as demagogues and extremists have taken over more of the GOP.

In a normal general election, Faulconer would merit scrutiny. But it's hard to see how he could remain politically viable in this extremist era without tapping into the Trump-dominated national Republican infrastructure. We are also concerned about Faulconer's involvement while San Diego mayor in a sketchy real estate deal in which the city paid more than the assessed value for an office building. He should publicly answer questions about his role in this deal.

We fervently oppose the recall of Gavin Newsom, and we do not support Kevin Faulconer for governor. But for those who care about the stability of California, Faulconer is the least bad option in a recall field that ranges from the merely bad to the utterly catastrophic.

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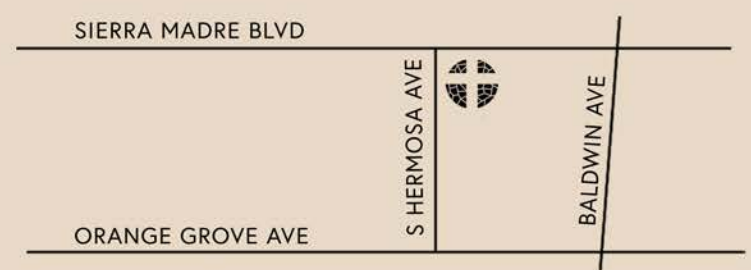


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