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TEN YEARS LATER.....AFTER THE WINDSTORM

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 will mark the 10th anniversary that a devastating windstorm hit Sierra Madre and surrounding cities. The storm also wrecked havoc in Pasadena, Altadena, Arcadia and several other neighboring cities.

In Sierra Madre, hundreds of trees were uprooted, homes and cars were damaged, and tons of debris was scattered throughout the city. Trees and debris also damaged Edison equipment and scores of downed power lines throughout the town.

That evening, Sierra Madre officials opened the Emergency Operations Center to monitor the Windstorm and its impact. City staff and volunteers provided 24 staffing for the center and coordinated disaster relief operations with other local, county, state and federal agencies since the impact of the storm was so widespread.

In the edition of the Mountain Views News that was published two days later, (p1, v5.49 — Home Page — Mountain Views News (mtnviewsnews.com)), it was reported that more than 30 homes had been badly damaged. Seven of those homes were Red Tagged and deemed uninhabitable. Six were Yellow Tagged because of extensive damage. Fortunately, there were no reports of residents being injured.

The town lost power on December 1st and a week later, there were still 43 locations in Sierra Madre operating in darkness.

Without electricity, many telephones, landlines and cell, were non-functioning and television/cable/internet service was interrupted. Those who survived learned valuable lessons the hard way, about emergency preparedness. (See related story below reprinted from Mountain Views News, December 20, 2011.)

Ten years ago the wind changed Sierra Madre in many ways, forever.



The photo above shows the tree in front of the property on the corner of Auburn and Highland. The property was red tagged and deemed uninhabitable. On the right is the rebuilt property today, with sans the tree that had inhabited that parkway for decades.

SIERRA MADRE CERT CONTINUES TO URGE RESIDENTS TO PREPARE

Reprinted from 2011

In light of the recent wind storm, many of us now realize how very vulnerable we all are in our usually calm Sierra Madre. Trees came down causing structural damage and a full electrical outage for up to 5 days in some areas. Residents were diligent about taking their kids and elderly parents to family or friends' houses. The City of Sierra Madre, the Sierra Madre Police Department and the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department did an extraordinary job ensuring all residents were safe, the streets cleared as soon as possible and provided continual updates and information to residents. Southern California Edison crews worked around the clock to restore service within an incredibly short amount of time given amount of damage.

Luckily, it wasn't "The Big One" where we could lose water, gas, electricity, telephones (including cell phones) and could be weeks without help!

With that being said, the Sierra Madre Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) would like to continue to encourage residents to prepare for a large-scale natural disaster. The level of personal preparedness will determine the quality of life for families in

- the event of an emergency. Just a few simple steps can dramatically reduce the dependence on emergency services in the event of a disaster:
- Water: one gallon per person per day for three weeks
 - Food: at least a three week supply of non-perishable food, plus a can opener
 - Extra water and food for pets
 - Prescription medications
 - Blankets, clothing and sturdy shoes for each family member
 - Baby items, such as extra formula and diapers
 - Special items for seniors or people with disabilities (generators with enough fuel to run heat and medical equipment for at least one week. 5 gallons per day for 7 days = 35 gallons of fuel)
 - Small hygiene kits, including toothbrush and toothpaste
 - List of allergies to any drug or food (especially antibiotics)
 - Battery powered or hand-crank radio
 - Flashlights and extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
 - Pocket knife
 - Emergency cash in small denominations; quarters for public pay phones
 - Paper cups, paper plates, plastic utensils and paper towels
 - Copies of important documents such as birth certificates, insurance policies, pass-ports, etc.
 - Photos of family members and pets for identification purposes
 - List of emergency point-of-contact phone numbers (out of state preferable)
 - Extra keys to your house
 - Extra toilet paper, shovel for digging a latrine

Sierra Madre is also equipped with its own radio station at 1630 am to provide con-tinual updates in the event of an emergency. Remember: Don't become a victim! Be empowered! Be prepared!"

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SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER'S WINTER VILLAGE PRESENTS:

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THE LATEST FROM THE CITY

The November 13 Mountain Views News front page article was: 'Housing Element Update Adopted! City Council Vote Unanimously Despite Citizen Opposition'. We at Preserve Sierra Madre find this disturbing for several reasons. In adopting the Housing Element, the General Plan (dubbed by a former Mayor as "The Constitution of the City") needed to be amended. That included two major amendments – one was to add a religious overlay zone so that potential housing units could be built on religious properties, namely the Old North Church, and the Methodist Church (other churches refused). The second amendment was the Safety element, adding Hz.5b under Fire Safety – "Avoid construction of new development in natural open space areas in Very High Fire Severity Zones." This appears to have been done to ease the way for the building of 42 high income homes proposed by New Urban West on the Monastery property. Our town has been tasked by the state to find locations to build 204 new housing units. These potential new homes "may or may not be included" in this number when attempting to come up with new housing. We keep getting confusing statements as City Council has said that the Meadows project is under the rules of the old general plan, the Meadows EIR, and the MOU.

It took the General Plan Update Steering Committee five years, which included hundreds of volunteer hours, among approximately 100 volunteers, several town hall meetings and a city-wide survey of what residents considered important to our town. The City had planned on hiring a consultant for different aspects of what needed to be updated to the original General Plan of 1996. Instead, using volunteers, the City was saved over \$25,000.

This time, in 2021, the City paid the Consultant nearly \$250,000, to come up with this year's Housing Element and General Plan Update. Unlike the extensive work by many volunteers on the 2015 General Plan, this revision was updated by a consultant with only one public scoping meeting held in July of this year, two weeks before the Draft SEIR was circulated. Only 25 residents attended. Expecting and counting on volunteers to contribute to Sierra Madre, but then not soliciting and welcoming their input on critical city issues is disconcerting.

Ironically, the Supplemental Impact Report with its



huge implications was produced for public view at the same time as the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Meadows housing project. We, the public who will be impacted forever by these decisions, had 49 overlapping days to study and comment on these two 4,000 page reports and 11 days additional days to comment on the DEIR. What is so disturbing is the lack of transparency in the process. We have been told that the Environmental Impact Report will have residents' comments included, with responses. However, if these responses are similar to those for the SEIR, they will be rather meaningless. Preserve Sierra Madre submitted a 28 page analysis of the DEIR, with questions. We were told by the Planning Director that at least 70 emails were received. Will we be able to voice our concerns? Will they be heard? We, as well as other concerned residents, have stated frequently that responding to City Council discussions cannot adequately fit into a three minute time frame. The Planning Commission allows five minutes, but at the last meeting, Chair Pevsner, switched to three minutes.

By now you have received post cards and a brochure from New Urban West regarding this housing development. You will see that NUW is projecting "Open Space Area," north of the Monastery and "Residential Area" on the south end. This looks suspiciously like an attempt to thwart the General Plan change in the definition of open space in a Very Severe High Fire Zone. The Passionist Fathers certainly have the right to sell their property, to whomever they please. The Passionist Fathers will make a lot of money from the sale of the property. As will the developer. As this housing project goes through the required review process, we are asking for transparency by our City Hall and by our elected officials – the City Council.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLE BOOKS

Now through Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Stop by the library's Display Case to view them. Bids can be placed in the Friends notebook at the checkout counter. All proceeds will be used for Library programs, services, and acquisitions.



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

November 7-13, 2021 During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 150 calls for service.

Monday, November 8

An unknown suspect entered unlocked vehicles at a residence in the 600 block of Auburn Ave. While inside both vehicles, the suspect stole several items, including the victim's wallet. The suspect later used the victim's credit cards to illegally purchase items at local stores in the area. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident for leads.

Friday, November 12

Officers responded to a residence regarding a domestic disturbance. Through the Officers investigation, it was determined no battery occurred, and all parties were counseled. Officers kept the peace while one party gathered personal items and left the residence.

Saturday, November 13

From November 12, 2021, at 10:30 pm to November 13, 2021, at 7:00 am, an unknown suspect forced entry into two vehicles at a residence in the 00block of N. Canon Ave and stole several items, including a driver's license. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident for leads.

Saturday, November 13

At about 12:00 am, an officer observed a vehicle code violation and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. During the contact, the juvenile driver was found to be impaired and under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The juvenile driver was arrested, cited, and later released to a parent.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"An optimist is someone who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day!"

"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not a coincidence." Erma Bombeck
"I came from a family where gravy is considered a beverage." Erma Bombeck

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."
Henry David Thoreau

Thanksgiving is behind us, friends and neighbors, and there are now only 28 days till Christmas. I'm hoping you won't be eating turkey forever, everything you prepared was a masterpiece and your guests are still shouting your praises. Hoping also you had moments of joy, laughter and wonderful memories. I thought this week I'd just pass along a bunch of thoughts loaded with hope and encouragement.



"What are our dreams? Can we dream a mighty impossible dream? We can, you know, and God can make it come true. If we can just begin to love as He has loved us, He will change the color of our world. He will change the color from the grey of lonely, the dark blue of disappointment to the bright yellow and orange of joy. If we start to paint with the brush of joy, right where we are, and start to teach others how to paint, we will be busy till Jesus comes; for painting is slow work...a stroke here...a stroke there. But if we just keep filling in our world, we will find that we can cover up a lot of grey with our yellow and orange of joy. We want to meet our Lord with our hands full of fruit. We want to occupy till he comes and, you know, a good tenant makes improvements wherever he or she is!"

"We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day." Henri J.M. Nouwen

"Every moment one lives is different from the other. The good, the bad, hardship, joy, the tragedy, love and happiness are all interwoven into one single, indescribable whole that is called life. You cannot separate the good from the bad. And perhaps there is no need to do so, either." Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

"One regret that I am determined not to have is that I did not kiss you enough." Daniel Ladinsky

"It came to me that reform should begin at home. And since that day I have not had time to remake the world." Will Durant, Historian

A Christmas Wish for You: I wish for you...comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, gentle hugs when spirits sag, friendships to brighten your being, beauty for your eyes to see, confidence for when you doubt, faith so that you can believe, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, and love to complete your life.

Lord, if you put the dream in my heart and if it's not to be, change me so I can relinquish it.

"I thank Thee first because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third because although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth because it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed." Matthew Henry, Minister (1662-1714)

"We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it." Charles Swindoll

"Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily tasks, go and sleep in peace. God is awake!" Victor Hugo

"There is no such thing as the 'whole truth.' Everything is shades of grey. I see you with the eyes of my heart and you are perfect."

"Friendship is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of one another." Eustace Budgell

"Do one thing every day that scares you. Sing. Don't be reckless with other people's hearts. Don't put up with people who are reckless with yours. Floss. Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long and, in the end, it's only with yourself. Remember compliments you receive. Forget the insults. (If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.) Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements. Accept certain inalienable truths: prices will rise. Politicians will philander. You, too, will get old. And when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young, prices were reasonable, politicians were noble, and children respected their elders." Mary Schmich's column in the Chicago Tribune

One last thing...if someone brought you home a turkey anything like this, covered with pink feathers, or a pinecone with construction paper tail feathers, put it carefully away in a safe place so you can put it on your table again next year. If all goes well in your life, you will receive these precious turkeys for several years, until the turkey artists grow too wise, sophisticated and worldly to create these little masterpieces anymore. But you can keep them forever and the time will come when the turkey artists will appreciate that you kept them safe.

"That First Noel's come 'round again,
Just like it does each year!
To tell us it's Christmas, a very Merry Christmas!
The best time of the year, the best time of the year!"

At long last, the new Emma Gainsworth novelette is out!
 "Hurricane: An Emma Gainsworth Adventure
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VOLUNTEER FOR SMRFA DECO WEEK

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association has opened the online sign up program for decorating the Sierra Madre Rose Float during Deco Week (December 26th to December 31st).

Please sign up for this year's float entitled "Nature's Classroom" and join us preparing our beautiful Amazon rainforest.

Sign up through our website at <https://sierramadrerosefloat.org/getinvolved/volunteer/decorate/> to get involved, then volunteer, then decorate!

Our Volunteer Guidelines have changed this year, and we have some new restrictions and Covid-19 protocols, so it is important to read our guidelines BEFORE you sign up through iVolunteer. If you have difficulty signing up or have questions, please email us at info2021@sierramadrerosefloat.org.



If you have a group of 8 or more, you need to schedule a time that would be convenient for your group to work. Please complete the Application for Group of Volunteers form and return it to volunteer@sierramadrerosefloat.org.

We may be able to open up more spots when it gets closer to Deco Week, so if you don't find your preferred shift or the shifts are full, please check back in December.

Thank you for participating and we'll see you at the barn!

SIERRA MADRE HONORS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

This year marks the 5th Annual City of Sierra Madre and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce joint event honoring those organizations and individuals that work tirelessly to make Sierra Madre a wonderful place to live, work and play!

In 2020, the event was held virtually due to the pandemic. This year, the event will once again be held in person, with all the pomp and circumstance due to the honorees.

The Awards ceremony will be held on January 19, 2022. Nominations will be accepted for the following recognitions:

SIERRA MADRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR for residents who have benefited the city during 2019 as a volunteer.

SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR for an outstanding business existing in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years that has been an active supporter of the community.

GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

THE WISTARIA AWARD recognizing a City/Community Partnership that assists with providing community wide programs and services

THE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre.

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE AWARD presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply email your candidates with the reasons why you feel this person or organization is deserving to by 5:00 pm December 15th, 2021 to either smadrecc@gmail.com or HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com.

You can also mail your nomination to:

Honors Dinner Nomination
 c/o Sierra Madre City Hall
 232 W Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15, 2021.

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2021

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transparency efforts and 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 meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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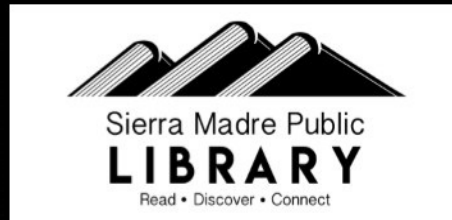
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Minecraft Monday: Creative—In-person or online at 4:00pm

Wednesday

Board Library Teens—In-person at 4:00pm

Thursday

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Saturday

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City Offering Reward after Teen's Murder

The City of Pasadena Announced Tuesday they are offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s) responsible for the shooting death of 13-year old Iran Moreno.

“As your Mayor, I want you to know that the safety of our city is my top priority”, Pasadena Mayor Victor Godo said. “I am working with my City Council colleagues, our City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City staff and community leaders to address this violence as well as assist with the immediate needs of our community members who are deeply impacted. I ask all of you to keep our victims in your prayers as we work to stop this violence.”

According to police, on Sunday at approximately 6:12 p.m., officers from the Pasadena Police Department responded to a residence in the 900 block of N. Raymond Avenue regarding a person who had been struck by gunfire. Officers located Moreno, a resident of Pasadena, suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was unresponsive and officers immediately began providing emergency, lifesaving medical care. Moreno died at a nearby hospital.

Investigators said they do not think Moreno was the intended target. Reports said he was playing video games at the time gunfire come though the widow.

“The suspect(s) and motive are unknown at this time and investigators are attempting to determine the identity of the intended target.”

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Pasadena Police at (626)- 744-4241 or to report information anonymously call “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

70-year-old Victim's Name Released

Officials released the name of a man in his 70s who was shot to death by a suspect Tuesday afternoon before being shot himself during a gun battle with Pasadena police

According to police on Tuesday, at approximately 2:30 pm., the Pasadena Police Department received several calls of shots fired in the area of Orange Grove Blvd. and Sunnyslope Ave. Officers arrived on scene and located Gevork Minissian, who had been struck several times by gunfire. Witnesses told officers there was a male suspect running from the scene armed with a firearm. In his attempt at escape, the suspect carjacked a vehicle from a female, but ultimately fled on foot once officers arrived. Officers gave chase, made contact with the suspect, and an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) occurred. At one point during the incident, the suspect took a second female hostage at gunpoint. The hostage was ultimately rescued, unharmed.

Minissian was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and the suspect is deceased within the crime scene. The unnamed suspect was a male in his 20's.

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Erewhon Market Coming to South Lake

Pasadena city officials announced Wednesday that the upscale organic grocer Erewhon has plans to open a new location at the former I. Magnin department store, Borders Books, after the building has set empty for over nine years.

A local investment group aligned with Erewhon, the Los Angeles-based upscale organic grocery store chain, has closed escrow on the historic retail building at 475 South Lake Avenue officials said.

Erewhon Market's food offering include a combination of organic, gluten-free, biodynamic, free-range, and vegan, tailored to the local community.

According to a statement, Yuval Chiprut, Chief Development Officer for Erewhon, lead the efforts over many months to overcome many obstacles resulting from nearly a decade of vacancy. He was immediately struck by the classic lines of

the original I. Magnin and Bullock's buildings created over 70 years ago. Yuval and Tony Antoci, Erewhon's CEO, envisioned the ground floor refurbished and built out for Erewhon, including a makeover of the outdoor common area, landscaping, rooftop and patios surrounding the building for shoppers to eat and hangout.

“We are very excited to have a new use at a long-vacated site. Erewhon will bring new vibrancy to our South Lake area while creating new jobs for area residents,” Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell said.

The 41,760 square foot historic and iconic building is spread over a basement level and magnificent first and second floors. It was successfully marketed by CBRE beginning in the spring of 2020, following nine years of vacancy,

The majority of second floor will be occupied by Brella, a new model of app-enabled

child care center that offers full-time, flexible, and on-demand infant care and preschool, along with parent education classes and family events.

The new ownership is engaged in negotiations with a specialty medical and wellness tenant, for the final portion of second floor of the building and is also contemplating a built-out wine storage facility for residents in the basement space of the building according to the statement.

Tournament's Statement on Waukesha Tragedy



Pasadena Tournament of Roses Issued condolences and support Monday for Waukesha Wisconsin, following the tragedy that left six people dead and injured another 60 after a red Ford Escape plowed through parade goers at an annual Christmas celebration November 21.

“Our hearts go out to the people of Waukesha and all who have been affected by the horrific tragedy that took place during yesterday's [Sunday] Christmas parade. Parades, both large and small, are meant to bring people together in joy and celebration. We join the Waukesha community in mourning the loss of life; and extend our support and wishes for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

As we prepare for our parade, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses remains grateful to have the partnership and support of the City of Pasadena, the Pasadena Police Department, the Pasadena Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, L.A. County Sheriff's Department and other public safety and law enforcement agencies –all of whom work tirelessly to ensure that the Rose Parade and all activities associated with America's New Year Celebration are safe for all who enjoy them.”

City Looks to Voters for Central Library Repairs



By Dean Lee

With an estimated cost of over \$100 million, for seismic retrofit and restoration of the Pasadena Central Library, the city council is set Monday night to discuss asking voters to possibly extend the current parcel tax past its February 2023 deadline.

The discussion is for information only. The council is not expected to take any action Monday night.

“In order to finance a project of such magnitude, some form of voter approved financing will be necessary,” Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell stated in the council's staff report. “Staff had originally hoped that it might be possible to go to the voters as early as November 2022 with a proposed financing method, either in the form of a General Obligation Bond, or a renewal of the existing parcel tax adjusted upward to cover debt service on the retrofit project.”

Mermell added that the city would seek voter approval for the full cost of the seismic retrofit, most likely, during the June 2024 primary election or the November 2024 general election.

He said, in the meantime, staff would continue to pursue grant opportunities through the office of the state library and other sources, to assist with financing the retrofit.

Mermell also said that the engineering firm KPFF had completed a seismic evaluation outlining the retrofit needs of the building's structural system, along with a rough cost estimate of approximately \$111 million for the retrofit and the restoration of the building's systems including mechanical, electrical, plumbing and roofing. It was also revealed that most of the building is comprised of unreinforced masonry, widely recognized as a hazard, with the potential to collapse during an earthquake.

City staff recently issued a Request for Proposals to select a design team for both the seismic retrofit and historic preservation.

Mermell, in the report, believes the council should assemble a project oversight committee. He suggested representatives from Pasadena Heritage, Caltech, the Library Commission, the local chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA) and others to review the analysis and make a final recommendation.

He also said that the Central Library has almost 300,000 items in its collection making it impossible to house the materials at other library branches.

“Current thinking also includes the use of the city-owned Rose Palace on Raymond Avenue to store a large amount of the collection, where it would be accessible to Library staff to retrieve and deliver to the branches as needed, and the lease of vacant Jefferson School from the Pasadena Unified School District,” Mermell said.

In 2025 the Central Library will turn 100; the year 1925 is carved in Roman numerals over the front entrance of the building.

Today the Central Library serves as a destination for those who need access to computers, Wi-Fi, or high-speed internet, as well as a variety of productivity software for job searching, research, or personal use. Central Library has housed the iLab for the last two years - an innovative space that provides the community with access to maker equipment like 3-D printers, Carvey machines, sewing machines, and more, Mermell stated.

Once a design team is selected, the project is expected to be completed in two years.

The city council meets at 4:30 p.m. A livestream with captioning is available at: [Pasadenamedia.org](https://www.pasadenamedia.org).

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Senator Portantino Makes Emotional Trip to Artsakh

The First Elected Official from the United States to Visit the Region since the End of the 44-Day War

California State Senator Anthony Portantino recently returned from an emotional trip to Artsakh Armenia, during which he toured the countryside and broke bread with heroes. It is believed that this is the first time a state or federal elected official has visited the region since the end of the 44-day war.

"I was honored to have been asked to go to Artsakh and deeply affected by my time there," stated Senator Portantino. "In particular, in the village of Taghavard, I encountered the most resilient and strong people I have ever met. Their pride and determination to live peacefully on their lands was both inspiring and emotional. At the Lady Cox Rehabilitation Center, I observed a classroom of autistic children receiving loving care and spent time with war heroes who are dealing with the significant personal consequences of the war. Government officials and residents made ardent pleas to the international community to recognize the sovereignty of Artsakh and to advocate for human rights and dignity," Portantino added.

While in Artsakh, the Senator met with President Arayik Harutyunyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs David Babayan, Minister of Education, Science and Culture Lusine Gharakhanyan and leaders of the Artsakh Parliament. In addition, he visited the frontlines during a tour of Taghavard village in the Martuni region. In Taghavard, he had the opportunity to witness the consequences of the unprovoked war. He assessed destroyed homes and a prominent church that was leveled by Azeri shelling. Additionally, he was privileged to have met with local village leaders, soldiers and survivors of the war. At



the Lady Cox Rehabilitation Center, he was able to spend time and share a caring voice with veterans suffering from the aftereffects of the tragic conflict.

Senator Portantino was also able to tour a school damaged by bullets and bombs but later revitalized by the Armenia Fund. At a church, he was shown remnants of missiles and was sadly taken to a cemetery where family members proudly and emotionally mourn the loss of young men and women who bravely fought for their country.

"This was by far the most emotional visit I've taken to Artsakh. The personal stories and first-hand accounts of the war were both inspiring and sad. Walking through the rubble of a once thriving home with the grandson of the owner was quite emotional. And seeing the harsh reality of adjacent Azeri military camps and infrastructure advances were imminent and concerning. Standing below the deserted city of Shushi was particularly disturbing, as I have such fond memories of my last visit there. And seeing the proximity to danger school children face every day when they go outside to play was unsettling and all too real," added Senator Portantino. "Given the recent and continued aggression in Syunik and the unprovoked actions on the Shushi-Berdzor road, we know that the international community needs to act with humanitarian passion and dedicated support for the Armenian people who are facing a well-funded military with destructive intent," concluded the Senator.

Friends of the Pasadena Library Book Sale Dec. 4

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library will offer another segment of its great bookstore inventory sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Central Library parking lot. "The Friends' sales are more fun—and a better bargain—than shopping online."

While you browse, you will likely have the post-pandemic pleasure of greeting book-loving acquaintances again. Fill a grocery bag for just \$5, or

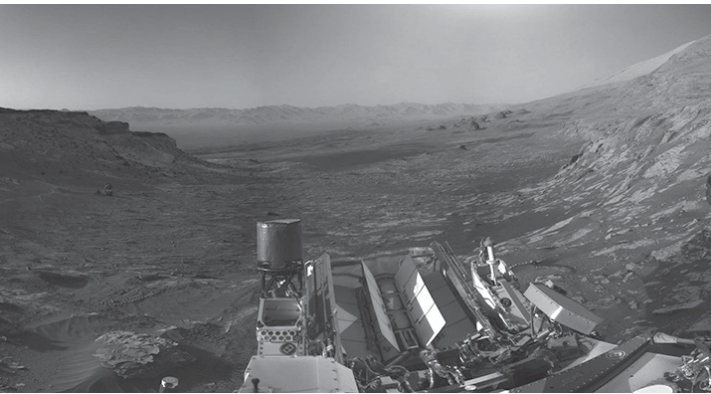
make individual purchases at a table featuring premium books. Among the latter: titles donated to The Friends' Bookstore by the USC Pacific Museum.

The event runs from 11 a.m. 10 2 p.m. Cash or checks only. All proceeds help The Friends finance programs in all of the city's library branches.

The Central Library is located 285 E. Walnut St.

For more information visit: <https://friendsppl.org>.

Curiosity Rover Sends a Picture Postcard from Mars



An artistic interpretation of Curiosity's view high up on a Martian mountain was created by mission team members who were stunned by the sweeping landscape.

NASA's Curiosity rover captured a remarkable image from its most recent perch on the side of Mars' Mount Sharp. The mission team was so inspired by the beauty of the landscape, they combined two versions of the black-and-white images from different times of the day and added colors to create a rare postcard from the Red Planet.

Curiosity captures a 360-degree view of its surroundings with its black-and-white navigation cameras each time it completes a drive. To make the resulting panorama easier to send to Earth, the rover keeps it in a compressed, low-quality format. But when the rover team saw the view from Curiosity's most recent stopping point, the scene was just too pretty not to capture it in the highest quality that the navigation cameras are capable of.

Many of the rover's most stunning panoramas are from the color Mastcam instrument, which has far higher resolution than the navigation cameras. That's why the team added colors of their own to this latest image. The blue, orange, and green tints are not what the human eye would see; instead, they represent the scene as viewed at different times of day.

On Nov. 16, 2021 (the 3,299th Martian day, or sol, of the mission), engineers commanded Curiosity to take two sets of mosaics, or composite images, capturing the scene at 8:30 a.m. and

again at 4:10 p.m. local Mars time. The two times of day provided contrasting lighting conditions that brought out a variety of landscape details. The team then combined the two scenes in an artistic re-creation that includes elements from the morning scene in blue, the afternoon scene in orange, and a combination of both in green.

At the center of the image is the view back down Mount Sharp, the 3-mile-tall (5-kilometer-tall) mountain that Curiosity has been driving up since 2014. Rounded hills can be seen in the distance at center-right; Curiosity got a closer view of these back in July, when the rover started to see intriguing changes in the landscape. A field of sand ripples known as the "Sands of Forvie" stretches a quarter- to a half-mile (400 to 800 meters) away.

At the far right of the panorama is the craggy "Rafael Navarro Mountain," named after a Curiosity team scientist who passed away earlier this year. Poking up behind it is the upper part of Mount Sharp, far above the area Curiosity is exploring. Mount Sharp lies inside Gale Crater, a 96-mile-wide (154-kilometer-wide) basin formed by an ancient impact; Gale Crater's distant rim stands 7,500 feet tall (2.3 kilometers), and is visible on the horizon about 18 to 25 miles away (30 to 40 kilometers).

The Curiosity mission is led by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is managed by Caltech in Pasadena, California. For more information: mars.nasa.gov/msl/home and: mars.nasa.gov/mission_pages/msl/index.html.

Pasadena Library Author Talk

Author Dr. Steven W. Hackel: Children of Coyote, Missionaries of Saint Francis, Indian-Spanish Relations in Colonial California 1760-1850 Tuesday, Nov. 30 • 5-6 p.m. • Zoom

Recovering lost voices and exploring issues intimate and institutional, this sweeping examination of Spanish California illuminates

the enormous challenges Indians confronted, weaving together analyses of disease and depopulation, marriage and sexuality, crime and punishment, and religious, economic and political change. As colonization reduced their numbers and remade California, Indians congregated in missions, where they forged communities under Franciscan oversight. Yet missions proved disastrously unhealthful and coercive, as Franciscans sought control over Indians' beliefs and instituted unfamiliar systems of labor and punishment. Even so, remnants of Indian groups still survived when Mexican officials ended Franciscan rule in the 1830s. Many regained land and found strength in ancestral cultures that predated the Spaniards' arrival. At this study's heart are the dynamic interactions in and around Mission San Carlos Borromeo Indians (the Children of Coyote) and Spanish missionaries, soldiers and settlers, with an epilogue that carries the story of their survival to the present day. Born and raised in California, author Dr. Steven W. Hackel earned his B.A. at Stanford University and Ph.D. in American History from Cornell University, with specializations in early America and the American West. Within the larger field of American history, his research specializes in the Spanish Borderlands and the California Missions. His other publications include Father Junípero Serra: California's Founding Father, numerous essays on Native California, an American history textbook, and two edited volumes on early California. Dr. Hackel is a professor of history at University of California, Riverside. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5068>. For more information visit: PasadenaPublicLibrary.net.

Chu Announces Tax Cuts for 69,000 Low Income Children

Rep. Judy Chu released new information Monday from the Joint Economic Committee showing over \$25 million in advanced Child Tax Credit payments went to families in the 27th Congressional District. The tax cuts, totaling \$25.2 million helped cover 69,000 low income children in the district. Rep. Chu issued the following statement:

"Through no fault of their own, families are struggling. We have seen the way stimulus checks helped save so many families from losing their home or going without meals, but since the pandemic has not ended, neither can our support for families. This is especially important as we approach Thanksgiving and the holiday season. That is why I fought to expand the Child Tax Credit earlier this year in the American Rescue Plan, and why I am thrilled to see it helping so many families! Out of the 99,000



eligible in our district, almost 70,000 children have been covered by this tax credit, which provides up to \$300 each month per child! That is an enormous help for parents worried about high gas prices or keeping food on the table this winter. And it is why we must fight to keep this tax credit available to families in advance of their annual tax returns in the Build Back Better Act."

For more information visit: chu.house.gov.

SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 14 through Saturday, November 20 the Police Department responded to 385 calls for service. Three residential burglaries, zero commercial burglaries, and zero attempt commercial burglaries occurred during the reporting week. The following is a summary report of the key incidents handled by the Department during this reporting period.

Sunday, November 14

No incidents to report for this date.

Monday, November 15

No incidents to report for this date.

Tuesday, November 16

No incidents to report for this date.

Wednesday, November 17

10:29 A.M. / H&S 11364 – Possession of Paraphernalia / H&S 11377 – Possession of Controlled Substance / H&S 11350 Possession of Narcotic - Controlled Substance / PC 484 – Petty Theft / PC 666 – Petty Theft with Prior Conviction

2600 Block of Tura Lane Officers responded to a call for service in regards to a theft-in-progress. Officers located the reported vehicle and subject that were seen taking items from the reported location and made contact. Officers made contact with the suspect, Vivian De La Torre (DOB 12/28/1993 | Monterey Park, CA) who was found to be in possession of various substances and had a prior conviction for theft. De La Torre was arrested and transported to Pasadena City Jail.

2:08 P.M. / Fall on City Property

2400 Block of Mission Street Officers responded to a medical assist call for service. Victim was transported to a hospital for treatment.

5:16 P.M. / 901T – Traffic Collision with Injury

Virginia Road Officers were dispatched to a call for service regarding a traffic collision with injuries.

5:33 P.M. / VC 10851 – Theft of Vehicle 1500 Block of Virginia Road

Unknown suspect(s) took victim's parked vehicle and fled in unknown direction.

9:53 P.M. / PC 484 – Petty Theft

1400 Block of Kensington Road

Victim reported that their package was stolen off their front porch by unknown suspect(s).

Thursday, November 18

8:30 A.M. / Recovery of Stolen Vehicle

Relation to incident on 11/17 – VC 10851 at 5:33 P.M.

1700 Block of Ramiro Road Officers were dispatched to a call for service in regards to an unoccupied vehicle. The vehicle was located and matched the description of the vehicle that was stolen the day prior. The vehicle was recovered and returned to the owner.

12:25 P.M. / Non-injury Traffic Collision

1700 Block of Virginia Road Two vehicles collided with each other. No injuries were reported at the scene.

2:41 P.M. / PC 484R – Petty Theft Report

1800 Block of South El Molino Avenue

Victim reported that a package was stolen off their porch.

6:57 P.M. / PC 459 – Residential Burglary

600 Block of Plymouth Road Victim came home to suspect burglarizing residence. Suspect fled in unknown direction.

8:48 P.M. / Adult Protective Services Assist

2800 Block of Shakespeare Drive

Officers were dispatched to a call for service in regards to adult protective services.

Friday, November 19

12:31 A.M. / CVC 20002 – Hit and Run

South San Gabriel Boulevard and Shakespeare Drive

Officers were dispatched to a call regarding a hit and run.

5:48 A.M. / Death Report

1300 Block of Virginia Road Officers responded to an emergency call regarding an individual lying face down in the middle of the street. The fire department responded to assist and determined the individual to be deceased at the scene. Investigation is being handled by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Saturday, November 20

12:37 P.M. / Fall on City Property

Monterey Road and South Oak Knoll Avenue

Officers spotted an individual with visible injuries. Officers requested fire department assistance for the injured individual for medical treatment.

12:50 P.M. / Multiple Offenses – See Below

2500 Block of Huntington Drive

Officers were dispatched to a call for service regarding a female subject attempting to cash a fraudulent check.

The female subject was not at the scene prior to the officers' arrival to the location. Officers were given a description of the suspect's vehicle. Officers were able to locate the vehicle, which led to the officers' initiating a traffic stop. Within the suspect's vehicle, there were two other subjects. Upon further investigation of the officers, all subjects within the vehicle were charged with numerous crimes.

4:12 P.M. / PC 459 – Residential Burglary

900 Block of Roanoke Road

Unknown suspect(s) used unknown tool(s) to break into victim's residence.

7:33 P.M. / PC 459 – Residential Burglary

1500 Block of Avonrea Road

Officers were dispatched to a burglary alarm. No suspect(s) were located at the residence.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 14th through Saturday, November 20th, the Police Department responded to 944 calls for service, of which 109 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 14:

1. At 3:28 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his body. A breath test revealed the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08%. The 38-year-old male from Whittier was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 3:55 p.m., an officer responded to 99 Ranch Market, located at 1300 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a grand theft from person report. The victim stated he was approached by three suspects who attempted to give him \$100 bill and jewelry claiming they were gifts for Ramadan. When the victim declined their advances and returned to his car, one of the suspects opened the car door, forcefully applied the jewelry to the victim and ended up stealing the victim's Rolex watch from his wrist. Suspect 1, the driver, is described as an east Indian male, approximately 35-years-old, about 180 pounds, with dark hair and eyes. Suspect 2 is described as a 30-year-old east Indian female. Suspect 3 is described as an east Indian female around the age of 19.

Monday, November 15:

3. At 12:26 p.m., an officer responded to Kingston Realty, located at 20 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed an unidentified suspect cashed four fraudulently issued checks resulting in a total loss of more than \$16,000.00. It is unknown how the suspect obtained the business's routing and account information.

4. At 9:15 p.m., an officer responded to Ralphs, located at 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a trespassing report. A local transient failed to leave the store after being asked to leave. Ralphs personnel stated they had asked the suspect to leave on multiple prior occasions. A 39-year-old male transient from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check also revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Tuesday, November 16:

5. At 7:52 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Community Center, located at 375 Campus Drive, regarding a subject in possession of stolen property. An investigation revealed the suspect was seen walking around near the Community Center with a speaker that was later discovered to be stolen from Arcadia Methodist Hospital. A records check revealed the 45-year-old male from Covina had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. At 8:38 a.m., an officer responded to State Farm, located at 111 East Huntington Drive, regarding a theft of a cell phone. The officer discovered that while an employee was away from the front desk, an unknown suspect walked into the business and stole the employee's cell phone. The suspect is described as a Black male in his 30's, wearing casual business attire.

7. At 9:26 a.m., an officer responded to the 2600 block of South Second Avenue regarding a suspicious person yelling. The officer located the subject and, during a consensual search, discovered the man was in possession of a pipe to smoke methamphetamine. The 33-year-old male transient was arrested and issued a citation.

Wednesday, November 17:

8. At 12:46 a.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita parking lot, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime after November 16th at 7:45 p.m., someone smashed the driver's window of the vehicle. The loss is unknown at this time.

9. At 8:56 a.m., an officer responded to Kee Wah Bakery, located at 1010 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. Between Monday, November 15th and Wednesday, November 17th, someone stole the catalytic converter from the company's delivery truck.

Thursday, November 18:

10. At 7:39 a.m., an officer responded to World Bookstore, located at 1234 Golden West Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed an unidentified male suspect smashed the front glass door and stole a large number of lottery tickets. The suspect was seen wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and white shoes.

11. At 11:20 a.m., an officer responded to the 2300 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated he parked his vehicle in front of the location, with the engine running, for approximately 20 minutes. When he returned, he discovered it had been stolen.

Friday, November 19:

12. At 2:28 a.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a suspiciously parked vehicle. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the driver had a blood alcohol content of 0.250%. The 44-year-old male from Studio City was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

13. At 9:56 a.m., an officer responded to Grocery Outlet, located at 140 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. Surveillance footage revealed two male suspects attempted to cut a lock to an area storing wooden pallets. They failed to enter the storage area and returned to their older model, flat bed green Ford truck and fled empty-handed. The investigation is ongoing.

14. At 2:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Orlando Drive regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed someone smashed the rear sliding glass door and ransacked the home. The victim discovered an undisclosed amount of cash had been stolen.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

Crime Blotter for the Week of November 14 - November 20, 2021

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of November 14, 2021 - November 20, 2021.

November 14, 2021

Grand Theft:

1470 Mountain Avenue (Best Buy). While reviewing store surveillance video, the location observed 3 male Hispanic adults enter the location on 11/14/21 at 7:36 pm and proceed to the cellphone display case. As two of the suspects provided concealment and acted as lookouts, the third suspect cut the security cables of two "Iphone" 13's and placed them into the pockets of the suspects providing concealment. The three suspects exited the store without making an attempt at purchasing the stolen phones. Suspects entered a white convertible Mercedes E class with a black soft top and fled the location. Suspect one was described as a male Hispanic adult wearing a white "Puma" windbreaker, black shorts, black satchel purse and white shoes. Suspect two was described as a male Hispanic adult wearing a black short sleeved shirt, light colored shorts, and black shoes. Suspect three was described as a male Hispanic adult wearing a dark colored jacket and blue jeans. Surveillance video available. Loss was approximately \$2,100.

Holiday Safety tips

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared

While many will choose to stay home this year, if you do travel, be sure your vehicle is in good running condition, get plenty of rest and be prepared for any emergency. Traveling by car during the holidays has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation based on fatalities per passenger mile.

STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS OVER THE HOLIDAYS — AND EVERY DAY:

- Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving.
- Leave early, planning ahead for heavy traffic.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled.
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit.
- Practice defensive driving.
- Designate a sober driver to make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol and drugs (prescription and illegal) can cause impairment.

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DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP WITH PAYING RENT OR UTILITY BILLS?

Do you, or someone you know need financial assistance to stay afloat? Now, more than ever, many are struggling to pay bills and stay in their homes.

The City of Arcadia received a grant for Prevention and Diversion, to help individuals stay in their homes to help them from becoming homeless. The City of Arcadia is partnering with Union Station Homeless Services to initiate and facilitate problem solving conversations with clients in order to identify actions needed to ensure they remain in housing or move them quickly into housing.

Union Station will determine the client's eligibility for the program. This program is targeted towards individuals at-risk of becoming homeless or those who are recently homeless. Potential outcomes based on problem solving conversations would include resolving conflicts with roommates, providing short-term rental assistance to prevent eviction, and helping a client reunite with family members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, or housing application fees in order to prevent homelessness.

This program is only available for Arcadia residents. For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at Union Station Homeless Services at 626.734.3971, edeurmeier@unionstationhs.org or Sara Somogyi, at the City of Arcadia at 626.821.4369 or ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov.

MONROVIA

Advent Market and Yard Sale at St. Luke Episcopal Church Monrovia on Saturday, December 4

A wide range of items including furniture, clothing and holiday goods will be offered at the Advent Market and Yard Sale at Saint Luke Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 4. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the St. Luke grounds, 122 South California Avenue at Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia. Proceeds will support the church's ministry and outreach programs.

FREE FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Arcadia Senior Services in partnership with Methodist Hospital is offering free flu vaccines on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 9:30am to 11:30am. The flu vaccine being offered to individuals age 50 and over. The flu vaccine will be administered at the Arcadia Community Center, located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007. Appointments are required as there are limited number of vaccines. To book an appointment call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.



MONROVIA ROUTE 66 MARKINGS

Our street maintenance department has begun painting roadway markings along the City stretch of the historic U.S. Route 66! Staff began their work on Fifth Avenue and will work their way west to Mountain Avenue over the next couple of days.

The route was established November of 1926 as the first all-weather highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles! Unlike other highways, Route 66 was the shortest highway that reduced the distance between the Midwest and the Pacific Coast. Many of our Foothill cities are part of the historical route including our very own Monrovia!



BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HOSTS GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Bethany Christian School held a special Grandparents and Special Friends Day on November 19. The purpose of the event was to honor and give thanks to our students' grandparents and special friends for the important role they play in their lives.

Over 200 guests traveled from as far as Boston, MA and Miami, FL to attend the event. The morning began with Bethany's unique "Morning Muster" at which the entire school gathered to pledge allegiance to our country and our faith, and listen to a performance by Bethany Lions Choir. This was followed by breakfast in the courtyard with photo booth opportunities and then a program in the gym in which all of the Bethany classes performed numbers to honor their guests.

Students were then dismissed to pray with their grandparents and show them their classrooms. As a special feature, many Sierra Madre restaurants offered special discounts so that grandparents could take their grandchildren out to lunch in town following the event. These restaurants included The Only Place in Town, Casa Del Ray, Corfu, Lemon Zest, Lucky Baldwin's and Mother Moo Creamery.

Grandparents and special friends had a wonderful time as expressed by one of the Bethany grandparents who said, "The whole event was extraordinary! All your collective hard work really paid off as the Lord truly blessed us all." For more information on Bethany Christian School visit www.bcsclions.org or call 626-355-3527.



SIERRA MADRE GYMNAST QUALIFIES FOR TOPS (TALENT OPPORTUNITY) PROGRAM



Annabel Melnyk is a 10-year-old gymnast who lives with her family in Sierra Madre. She is an aspiring elite hopeful and recently qualified to the National A Team for USA Gymnastics. This is the most prestigious training group of the top 8-10 year old gymnasts from around the country. The process of qualifying involves testing at the state level, qualifying to nationals, and then qualifying in the top 45 to make A Camp.

Annabel is a 5th grade student at Rancho Learning Center in Arcadia. She trains 25 hours a week at West Coast Elite Gymnastics in Arcadia under Fernando Villa, Kristine Stepanovich, Antoaneta Ivanova Angelova, Elizabeth Yu and Thomasina Wallace.

Annabel is heading off to Indianapolis in the beginning of December for the National TOPS camp training and is thrilled to be given the opportunity to improve her gymnastics, and to meet new friends! Good Luck Annabel, and keep us posted on your progress!

CITRUS COLLEGE FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTED

Jorge Razo shared information on the Citrus College Foster/Kinship Care Education Program and resources. This program is provided for former foster care youth and adults as well as youths on probation. There is no age limit for the Guardian Scholars Program. Students coming into this program are provided resources to minimize barriers to their success.

Many students may lack stable housing, or may be single parents themselves. Jorge's program works to build trust with these students and expand the program through "word of mouth".

One example of the community partners with the program is the "church ladies". This group of women come together to celebrate birthdays for students in the program - making them a blanking and bringing cupcakes. Most of the students share that prior to entering this program, no one ever celebrated their birthdays.

Jorge shared a sample success story of one former participant who had graduated from Citrus. She was accepted at UC Berkeley, became very active in city government and at age 22 is now running for City Council.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.



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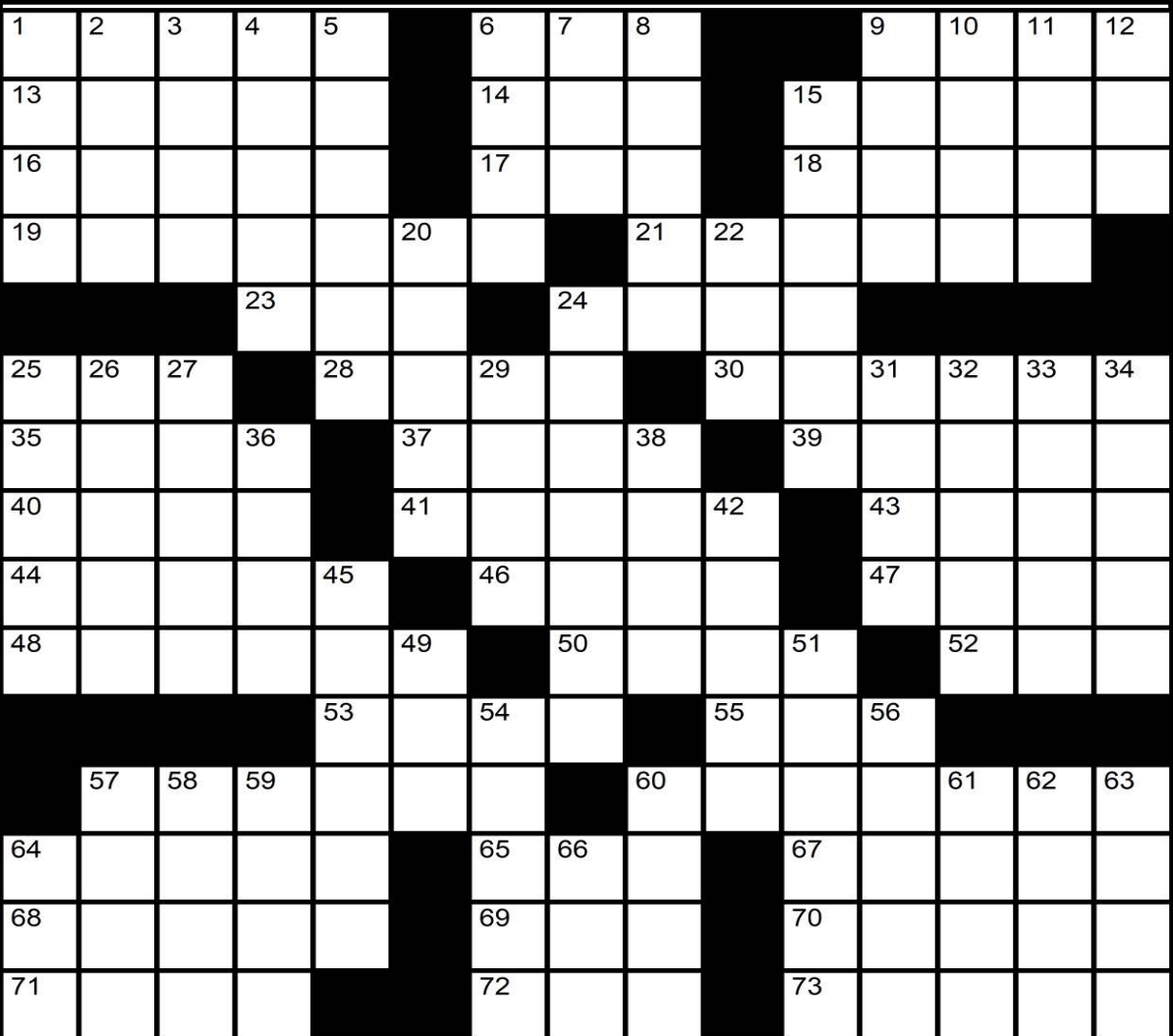
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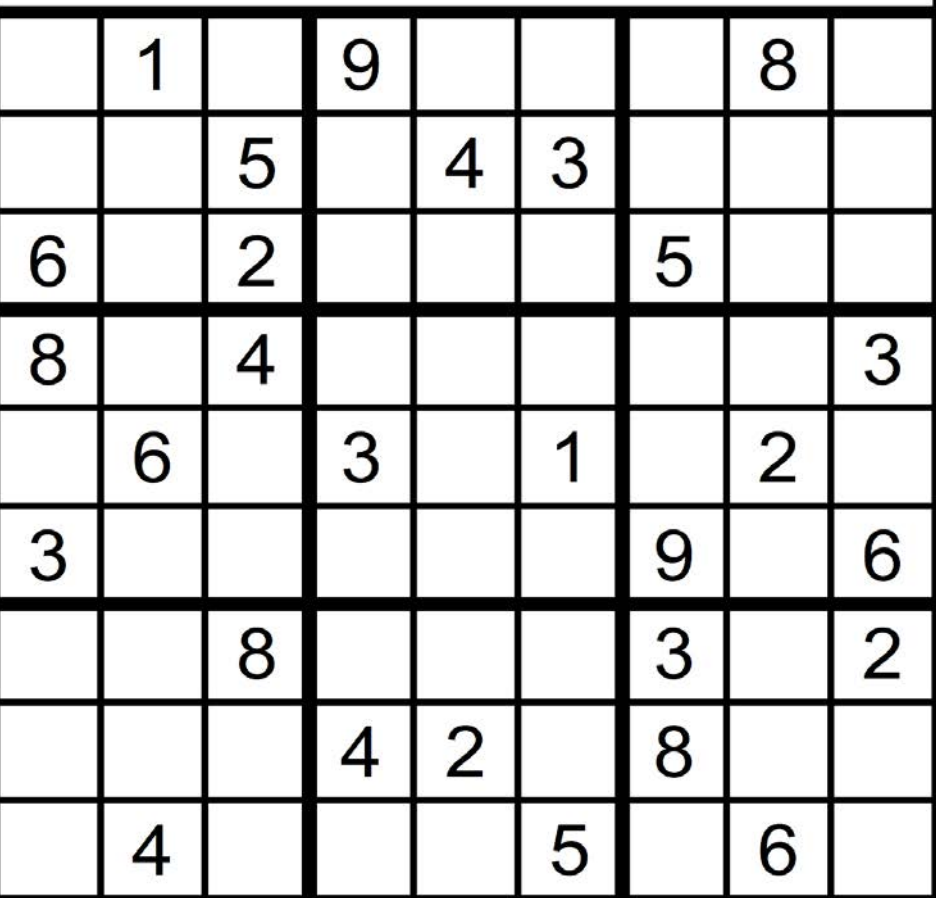
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THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

ACROSS

- Pilgrim's destination
- Make a scene
- Rubik's puzzle
- Hawaii environs
- Toothy fish
- Cone-shaped dwelling
- White Swan in "Swan Lake" ballerina
- ____-Wan Kenobi
- *Decorate with wreaths and holly, e.g.
- *Either dessert or source of heat (2 words)
- *____ Day, or second day of Christmastide
- Land parcel
- Strauss of denim fame
- Broadband access overseer, acr.
- Clarified butter
- Acute one and obtuse one
- Southeastern Asian country
- Jousting's breastplate
- Shrewdness

DOWN

- Caspian basin river
- *Pasadena's Tournament of ____
- Tel ____ Israel
- Native American emblem
- "Why not?"
- Hitchhiker's quest
- Omits when speaking
- Hard to find
- Bear's winter quarters
- Hoodwink
- Scepter's partner
- *Number of days in Christmastide
- *"Ugly" holiday party garb?
- Prepare a letter
- "Bingo!"
- Hunger for
- Pass-the-baton race
- *Cranberry sauce sometimes comes from it
- Same as tori
- Raise the roof
- German river
- Stall sound

DOWN

- Whiny and miserable
- Shade of beige
- Finish a ceiling, to a plasterer
- Marlboro alternative
- Not digital
- Bug-eyed
- Not Uber
- Social group
- Ghana monetary unit
- Second word of many fairytales
- Cause of Titanic's demise
- Poetic "even"
- Burdensome
- Not this or that
- Lab eggs
- Time off
- *Champagne holder
- *Wassailing composition
- Raccoon's South American cousin
- Feeling of superiority, pl.
- ____ gum, food additive

DOWN

- Furiously angry
- Exclude or omit
- *Number of candles in kinara, Kwanzaa
- *Troika vehicle
- "Will be," according to Doris
- Asian goat antelope
- Potpourri
- Chevy Suburban, e.g.
- Builds
- *Popular holiday wish
- Munchausen's title
- *Bedecked arbor
- Shakespeare, to his friends?
- And others, for short
- Minus
- Tropical edible root
- Anon's partner
- Take a load off
- Like some humor
- *Traditional main holiday dish

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Ready for Winter?

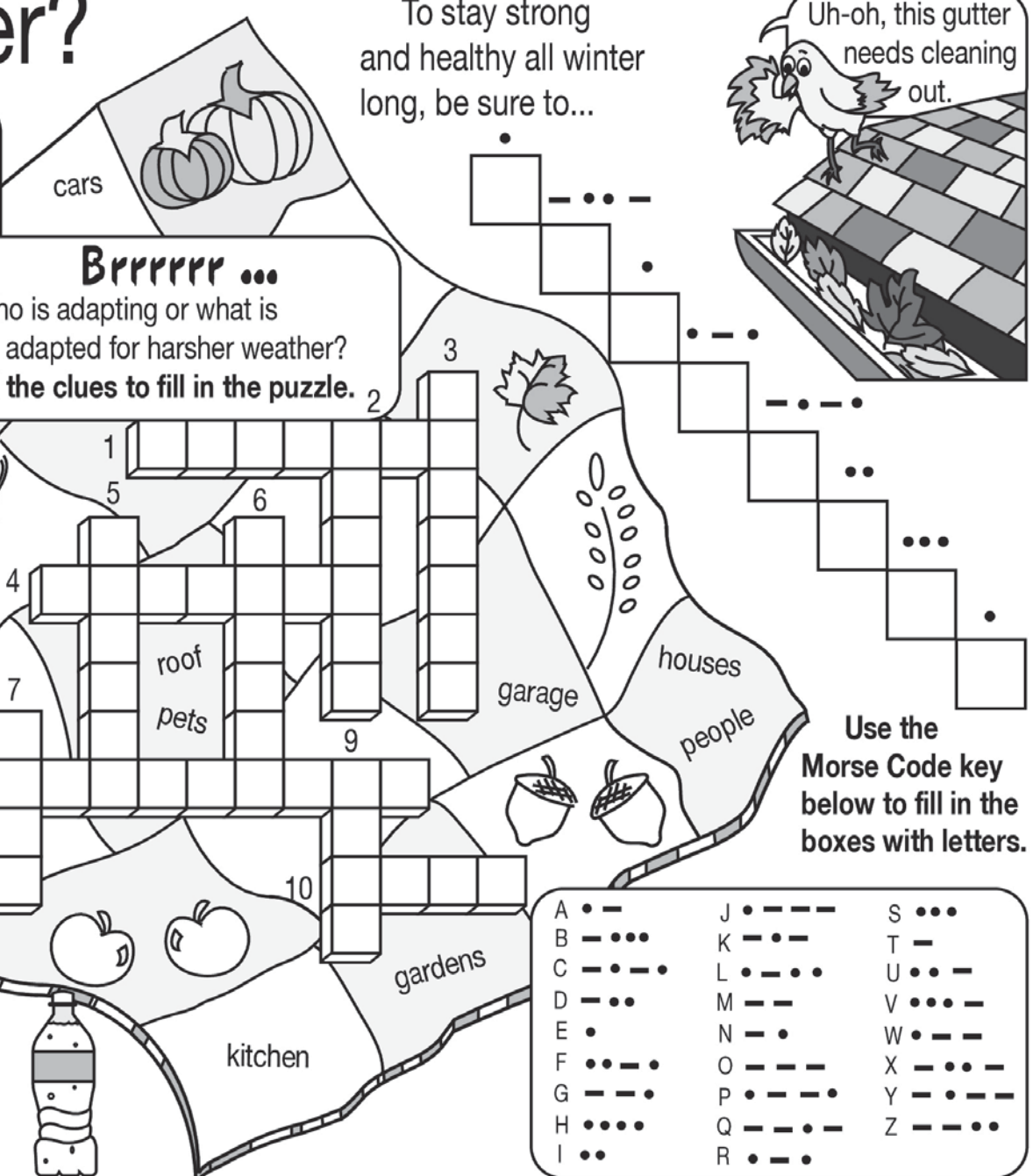


Winter is coming. Most areas of the country will have cold temperatures, snow and ice. Families prepare their houses, cars and clothes to adapt to the changes that winter will bring.

- stock spices for winter recipes
 - store more in the freezer or stock some items in case of bad weather
 - dust off the slow cooker!
- furnace and chimney checked
 - storm windows put up
 - insulation put in attics
- store food in their nests
 - fur may change color
 - feathers may blend into the snow
- harvest the crops
 - plant spring bulbs
 - save seeds
- clear out space to be able to park the car
 - check the shovels
- warmer clothes
 - blankets, quilts, comforters
 - enjoy more hot drinks
- grow thicker fur coats
 - brought inside in cold weather
 - may need more food in their bowls

Brrrrrr ...
Who is adapting or what is being adapted for harsher weather?
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

- batteries
 - flashlights
 - water and food
- snow tires
 - sand
 - antifreeze for radiator
- no missing roof shingles
 - gutters in good repair
 - drains flowing freely



To stay strong and healthy all winter long, be sure to...



Uh-oh, this gutter needs cleaning out.

Use the Morse Code key below to fill in the boxes with letters.

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SENIOR ALERT: YOUR OLD CELLPHONE MAY NOT WORK IN 2022

Dear Savvy Senior:

My 80-year-old father has an old flip phone he carries around with him for emergency purposes, but I've heard that these devices will soon be phased out. Is this true? If so, how can we know if his phone will be affected, and where can I find him a simple new one that he can operate. Searching Daughter

Dear Searching:

Yes, it's true! If your dad's mobile phone is more than a few years old, he will probably need to upgrade it the very near future. Why?

Because all of the major cell phone carriers – AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile – are shutting down their old-3G networks in 2022 to free up airwaves for 5G and other advanced services. So, if your dad is using an old 3G phone, like millions of other older Americans, he'll need to get a new device if he wants to make calls, text or reach 911.

But you should also know that it's not just older cellphones that will be obsolete. Older home security systems, medical devices and personal emergency response systems that still harness 3G will also be affected. Adding to the confusion, older 4G phones that don't support modern cellular voice technologies, such as Voice Over LTE or HD Voice, are impacted, too. Those customers may need a software upgrade or a new phone.

Here are the timelines for the 3G shutdowns: AT&T - Feb. 2022; T-Mobile - July 1, 2022; Verizon - Dec. 31, 2022; Sprint (which is owned by T-Mobile) - March 31, 2022; and Sprint LTE - June 30, 2022. Other smaller carriers like T-Mobile, Cricket, Boost and Straight Talk, will also be affected, because they rely on airwaves from the big three.

Is Your Phone Affected?

Cellphone carriers say they have been alerting customers who use older phones that services are ending, sending a combination of texts, letters, phone calls and emails. If you're not sure about your dad's phone, contact his carrier or check their website for a list of affected devices.

Another way to see if your dad's phone is 3G is to look up his international mobile equipment identity number which can be found by pressing *#06# on his keypad. Once you have it, go to www.imei.info and type it in the search bar to get the phone's details. If his phone has a frequency of 900 megahertz (MHz) or 2100 MHz, it's 3G. You can also look for a "3G" icon at the top corner of his phone, but not all 3G phones have that icon.

How to Upgrade

If you find that you do need to upgrade your dad's cellphone, carriers are offering discounts and special promotions on replacement devices. If you're worried about your dad having to learn your way around a new device, you'll be happy to know that there are plenty of modern new flip phones available that work on the next-generation networks.

Or, if your dad decides that he would rather forge ahead without a phone than upgrade, then he will need to cancel the service. Most carriers will let you cancel your plan without any penalty. However, if he forgets to cancel his phone plan and doesn't upgrade to a working device, the company won't automatically stop charging him just because he isn't able to access their network.

How to Recycle

If your dad does have to replace his old cellphone, the best way to dispose of it is to recycle it. Large retailers, such as Best Buy, offer recycling programs for old electronics. Or you can search for local recycling programs on websites like Call2Recycle.org and Earth911.com.

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

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LIVING WILLS

When it comes to estate planning, you've most likely heard people mention a couple of different types of wills. The most common is a "last will and testament," which is also known simply as a "will." But you may have also heard people talk about what's called a "living will."

Both terms describe important legal documents used in estate planning, but their purpose and the way in which they work is very different. Here we are going to discuss some of the most critical things you should know about living wills, and explain why having one is an essential part of every adult's estate plan and how to get yours created or updated.

1. What Is a Living Will?

A living will, often called an "advance healthcare directive," is a legal document that tells your loved ones and doctors how you would want decisions related to your medical care handled in the event you become incapacitated and are unable to make such decisions yourself, particularly at the end of life. Specifically, a living will outlines the procedures, medications, and treatments you would want—or would not want—to prolong your life if you become unable to discuss such matters with doctors yourself.

2. Living Will vs Last Will & Testament

A last will and testament is used to ensure your assets are divided upon your death in the way you choose. Note that your will only deals with your assets, and it only operates upon your death. In contrast, a living will is about you, not your assets, and operates in the event of your incapacity, not your death.

3. What Is an Advance Directive and How Is It the Same or Different Than a Living Will?

An "advanced directive" or "advance healthcare directive" are both general terms that describe legal documents that are related to your healthcare needs. Typically, an advance healthcare directive will include a living will (with instructions for how you want your medical care handled), and a medical power of attorney (naming the people you want making decisions for you, and giving them authority to talk with your medical team).

4. Living Will vs Medical Power of Attorney

A medical power of attorney is the part of an advance healthcare directive that allows you to name a person, known as your "agent," to make healthcare decisions for you if you're incapacitated and unable to make those decisions yourself. While medical power of attorney is an advance directive that names who can make healthcare decisions in the event of your incapacity, a living will explains how your medical care should be handled.

5. Why Is a Living Will So Important?

A living will is a vital part of every adult's estate plan, as it can ensure your medical treatment is handled exactly the way you want in the event you become unable to communicate your needs and wishes yourself. Additionally, a living will can prevent your family from undergoing needless stress and conflict during an already trying time.

6. Even Young People Need a Living Will

Although you may think that a living will is something that only the elderly or older people need, the fact is, you can experience a serious accident or illness at any age, which would leave you incapacitated and unable to communicate your wishes for medical care. For this reason, all adults over age 18 should have both a living will and a medical power of attorney in place.

7. Decisions and Scenarios Addressed in A Living Will

A few of the most common types of decisions, treatments, and scenarios typically addressed in a living will include the following: tube feeding, resuscitation (CPR & DNR), Intubation & mechanical ventilation, pain management & palliative care, organ/tissue donation.

8. Should You Do It Yourself with an Online Living Will?

While you'll find a wide selection of generic living wills, medical power of attorney, and other advance directive documents online, you may not want to trust these do-it-yourself solutions to adequately address such critical decisions. When it comes to your medical treatment and end-of-life care, you have unique needs and wishes that just can't be anticipated by fill-in-the-blank documents.

9. Communication is Vital

Even if you have the most well-thought-out and professionally prepared living will around, it won't be worth the paper it's printed on if nobody knows about it. Both living wills and medical power of attorney go into effect the second you sign them, so you should immediately inform your agent, your alternate agents, your primary care physician, and any other medical specialists you're seeing.

10. Don't Wait Until It's Too Late

Your living will and medical power of attorney must be created well before you become incapacitated and unable to make your own decisions. You must be able to clearly express your wishes and consent for these planning documents to be valid, as even slight levels of dementia or confusion could get them thrown out of court. Not to mention, an unforeseen illness or injury could strike at any time, at any age, so don't wait.

A Comprehensive Plan for Incapacity

A living will and medical power of attorney are just two of the legal documents you need as part of your overall plan for incapacity. You will also likely need other estate planning tools, such as a durable financial power of attorney and a revocable living trust, to have a truly comprehensive incapacity plan.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...November Birthdays* Flo Mankin, Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Kathy Wood, Lena Zate, Joe Pergola, Janice Kacer, Valerie Howard, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau, Pat Krok, Irene Nakagawa, Anna Ross, Mary Steinberg, Mary Bowser, Susan Clifton, Mary Higgins, Kim Buchanan, Leigh Thach and Sue Quinn, Jill Girod, Pat Krok, Jeanne Martin.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

City Hall and the Hart Park House will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans Day and Wednesday, November 24– Friday, November 26, 2021 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

THE HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN!!!!

In house lunch dining service will not resume at this time. Access to the computer/classroom is temporarily unavailable. All Classes and programs will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and additionally needed supplies for each class. Please call the Community Services Department at 355-7394 with any questions or concerns.

DOMINOES TRAIN GAME

Wednesday, 11/17, 11:00 am— 12:30 pm Hart Park House The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or "station". Call Lawren with questions that you may have. Led by volunteer Loni.

PAINT PALS

Tuesday, 11/16, 10:00 am—Hart Park House If you enjoy painting, sketching, water color, or making some other form of artistic creation please join our new program, PAINT PALS!!! Bring a project that you are working on to the HPH and enjoy some quality art time with other artists looking to paint with a new pal.

TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, 11/10 & 11/23— 9:00 am Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

FIBER FRIENDS

Tuesday, 11/9 & 11/23—10:00 am If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, a nonalcoholic beverage, then sit and chat with like-minded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House

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Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation with Paul. Classes are ongoing and held in the Memorial Park Covered Pavilion.

HULA AND POLYNESIAN DANCE

Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Bring a lei, your flower skirt or just your desire to dance! Hula in the Park is back and waiting for you to join in on all the fun! Memorial Park Pavilion.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

EATING HEALTHY IS FOR THE WEAK

As a youngster, I often heard my father say things that later turned out not to be on the true side of the table. So I guess that is a father's prerogative, and I probably have done the same thing many times. But I don't want to research that aspect of my life right now.

One that he said quite often was, "Eating healthy is for sissies."

At the time, I had no idea what he was talking about, but I did know that good old mom worked very hard to make sure he had healthy food to consume. So she did her job, but he did not fare well with that. He always ate in the opposite of healthy, and that just was the way he was.

Later in life, he had diabetes, high blood pressure, clogged arteries and finally, several heart attacks. Then he died.

According to him, these things had nothing whatsoever to do with his eating. They were just things that happened and he had no control over them.

No matter how sick he was at any given time, he always found it in himself to enjoy a dessert with lots of sugar in it. His favorite dessert was the one he was eating at the time.

I had not remembered that for the longest period until several weeks ago, when I had my first heart attack. Who knew I even had a heart! And, what did my heart have against me that it wanted to attack me?

My main artery was 90% clogged, and the doctors called it the "widow maker." That was something relatively new to me.

I spent about half a week in the hospital having a stent put in to help the main artery. The nurses took more blood out of me than I knew I had. Count Dracula would have been jealous.

One nurse, I called Nurse Porcupine because she had more needles than a porcupine had quills. It took half a dozen attempts to find an artery that had blood in it. Both my arms are black and blue and have the appropriate needle marks in them.

My stay in the hospital was only three days, but felt like an eternity. Its experiences like that make you appreciate your own home and bed and lazy chair. I was so happy to get home.

Then I again thought about my father. He spent most of his time in the hospital during the last few years of his life. I am not quite sure how he made it through those experiences, but he did. Then I thought about his healthy diet remarks.

According to him, a diet consisted of what he wanted at the time. All this cautious eating was far beyond his modus operandi.

I remember once he spent two weeks in a hospital to have his arteries cleansed and purged, or whatever they call it, and when he came home, his idea was, "I'm healthy now so I can eat whatever I want to eat."

It did not take long until he was back where he was before he went into the hospital.

Thinking about this, I had a dire option before me.

I could take things as my father did in a very hap-hazardous way and not take my dietary routine seriously.

On the other hand, I could take my health and my eating habits seriously.

My first impression is to go along with my dad. After all, dads are never wrong, right?

Not to criticize my father, who has been gone for over a decade, but he did not really take his health seriously. He assumed it was just a given that he could eat whatever he wanted with no consequences involved.

As the situation is, the biggest obstacle in my decision concerning my health and eating habits is the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. For some reason, she has taken my diet quite seriously as though it was hers.

The quandary I am in is that she is the one who supervises the culinary activities in the house. I have been barred from the kitchen for years because of an incident that happened a few years back, which I am not comfortable getting into right now.

Being in a health-challenging situation right now, I do not have many choices. It's either eat what the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has produced or starve. Starving is not the particular exercise that I enjoy.

I must admit my wife is a marvelous cook and makes very delicious meals, which I am assured, are most healthy. From my point of view, if it does not have broccoli, then it is delicious.

Her healthy array of desserts is mouthwatering.

Therefore, I can do my own thing and be in a lot of trouble or allow the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to do her thing and be in charge of the dietary activities in our home.

In pondering this quandary that I am in, I realized a wonderful verse in the Bible. "And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 3:13).

Instead of getting all caught up in some ritualistic eating habits, I believe from God's perspective he would want me to enjoy my life. But, of course, as I realize now, enjoying life means that I take care of my eating habits to the glory of God.

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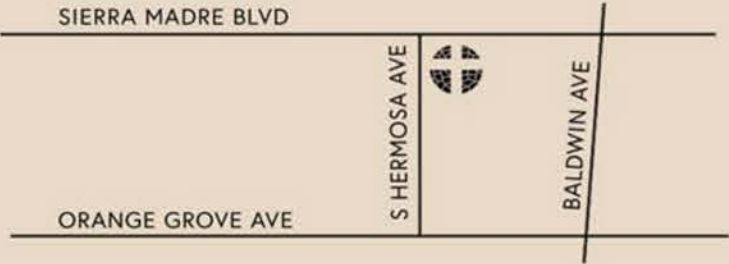


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SECTION B

5 HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

The holiday season is here so please be mindful about how to keep your pets safe. Here are 5 holiday tips from Pasadena Humane on how to keep your pets safe during celebrations.



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"As the winter holidays approach, your home may be filled with festive food, decor, and more. Keep these tips in mind to make sure your pets stay safe during your holiday celebrations:

1. Avoid giving your pets "people food"

Food is a huge part of the holidays, but so much of it isn't good for our furry friends. Onions and garlic are toxic to pets, so make sure you keep ingredients out of reach when cooking Thanksgiving dinner. Alcohol is also hazardous to cats and dogs, so don't leave your glass or wine or egg-nog unattended. Cooked turkey bones can be a serious danger, as they can easily splinter in an animal's digestive tract. If you want your pet to indulge with you for the holidays, only purchase treats and chews made specifically for them.

2. Pet-proof your Christmas trees

Pine needles are mildly toxic to pets and can potentially puncture the intestines, so if you catch your cat or dog trying to eat them, move the tree to a room you can close off or stick to an artificial tree. If you have a live tree, the tree water can contain preservatives that can upset your pet's stomach, so cover your tree stand to prevent pets from having access to the water. If your cat is climbing your tree, make sure it's securely anchored so it won't tip over.

3. Be vigilant with decorations

Keep breakable ornaments up high on the tree where curious pets can't reach. The same is true for Christmas lights, which can pose an electrocution risk if bitten. Always unplug Christmas lights when you're not actively supervising your pet. Tinsel can be tempting for cats to play with but can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed. Opt for artificial holly and mistletoe, since the real thing can cause vomiting. And if you have a menorah, don't leave a lit flame unattended, or opt for flameless candles to be extra safe.

4. Keep an eye on gift wrapping supplies

Wrapping paper, string, and ribbon are tempting for pets to play with but can be dangerous if swallowed. Use caution when keeping wrapped presents under the tree, or better yet, keep them out of reach until it's time to open them.

5. Create a sanctuary space

New Year's Eve fireworks, Christmas poppers, and even holiday carolers can make noise that may frighten your pet. And if you're entertaining guests, your pet may feel stressed by new people in the home. Always make sure they have a safe, soothing space to go to – like a closed-off room – if they need to get away from scary sounds or strangers.

Have a fun and safe holiday season!"

FROM LA COUNTY HEALTH:

Public Health Encourages Everyone to Celebrate Safely

28 New Deaths and 1,081 New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

With substantial community transmission of COVID-19 continuing in Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) encourages everyone to enjoy Thanksgiving safely. Unvaccinated people are at higher risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 to others, creating additional risk for holiday gatherings where not all attendees are fully vaccinated.

Public Health recommends if you're gathering with anyone at higher risk of severe illness or who is not fully vaccinated, celebrate safely outdoors as much as possible, wear masks when indoors and keep your distance while eating/drinking, or even consider getting together virtually. In addition to gathering safely, avoid crowded places and wear your mask when in crowded outdoor settings. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, follow all local and national public health vaccination, testing, and quarantine guidelines.

If you are not fully vaccinated and planning to visit family or friends this Thanksgiving or during this winter season, here are ways to layer on protection for yourself and your family and friends:

- Get vaccinated now or as soon as possible. (For all COVID-19 vaccines, you are only considered fully protected two weeks after all doses are complete.)
- Avoid crowded or poorly ventilated areas.
- Wear a well-fitting mask over your nose and mouth when gathering with others, especially if you or they are not fully vaccinated or are at increased risk of severe illness if they get infected (elderly or have underlying health conditions).
- Keep distance while eating unless everyone is fully vaccinated.
- Take a COVID-19 viral test before joining others if you have symptoms of COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, or have been in crowded indoor places in the past two weeks.
- Stay home if you are sick, have symptoms, or test positive.

Of the 28 new deaths reported today, 11 people who passed away were over the age of 80, six people who passed were between the ages of 65 and 79, eight people who passed were between the ages of 50 and 64, and two people who passed were between the ages of 30 and 49. One death was reported by the City of Pasadena. To date, Public Health has identified 1,522,240 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 27,074 deaths.

There are 551 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are in the ICU. Test-ing results are available for nearly 9,370,000 individuals, with 15% of people testing positive. Today's test positivity rate is 1.4%.

"Our hearts go out to everyone grieving the loss of a family member or friend to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "As we all take some much-needed time to rest and gather with loved ones, please remember the risk of COVID-19 transmission continues to be substantial, and unvaccinated people continue to be at higher risk for severe health outcomes. Taking a common sense approach to the holiday can limit risks: Please remember to gather outdoors for as much of your Thanksgiving festivities as is feasible, get tested if you are unvaccinated or have high-risk guests, and mask up when indoors if anyone attending is unvaccinated and/or high risk. And when you're out shopping or at community events, mask up and avoid large crowds. We wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy holiday."

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 5 years old and older to help protect against COVID-19. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites and many community sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

To find a vaccination site near you, or to make an appointment, please visit:

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For more information regarding COVID-19 in LA County you can also visit the Public Health website at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov here you will find information on:

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COVID 19 ONE YEAR LATER: WHERE WE ARE NOW 11/26/21 VERSUS (THEN) Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Location	Cases 2021 (2020)		Deaths	% Vaccinations
LA County	1,524,294	(N/A)	27,102 (N/A)	82.2% Seniors 95.7%
Arcadia	3,508	(595)	148 (39)	85.3%
Altadena	4,188	(796)	81 (18)	81.2%
Bradbury	42	(19)	0 (0)	68.6%
Duarte	2,841	(626)	102 (31)	82.5%
Monrovia	4,163	(848)	85 (42)	80.4%
Pasadena	13,833	(2,819)	364 (129)	84.8%
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The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

BUBBLES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Reader Ken Fuller loves Christmas the pride of Altadena dresses his house up like no other in his neighborhood asked my opinion on a decent Prosecco, I hope I come through for this holiday loving neighbor.

I have found a light and refreshing wine with enough bubbles to enjoy and flavor that even a splash of orange juice won't kill. Ruffino Prosecco has been produced from grapes grown in the hilly area of Valdobbiadene, which is the most historically vocationed region for the production of Prosecco. Bright straw yellow with fine bubbles, the bouquet is fragrant and intensely fruity. It shows clean notes of apples, pears and citrus. I found it crisp, clean and yet delicate - a perfect wine for a toast at a celebration. Intense sensations of apples and peaches drive a pleasant aftertaste that is reminiscent of fruity and floral aromas.

Ideal as an aperitif, it is very versatile as a food companion. What to pair it with? Ruffino Prosecco matches well with fish and shellfish dishes as well as white meat dishes. I enjoyed this sparkler just this past weekend with a thin crust BBQ Chicken pizza. Others in this category would include Sofia Sparkling Wine and the previously written about Domain Carneros. I do recommend the Ruffino Prosecco for the toast and depending on the wedding or celebration menu at around \$14(Vons Pasadena) you can't go wrong. Again a touch of OJ or a sweet strawberry added and I won't call party foul. Enjoy!!

Dills Score 89

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

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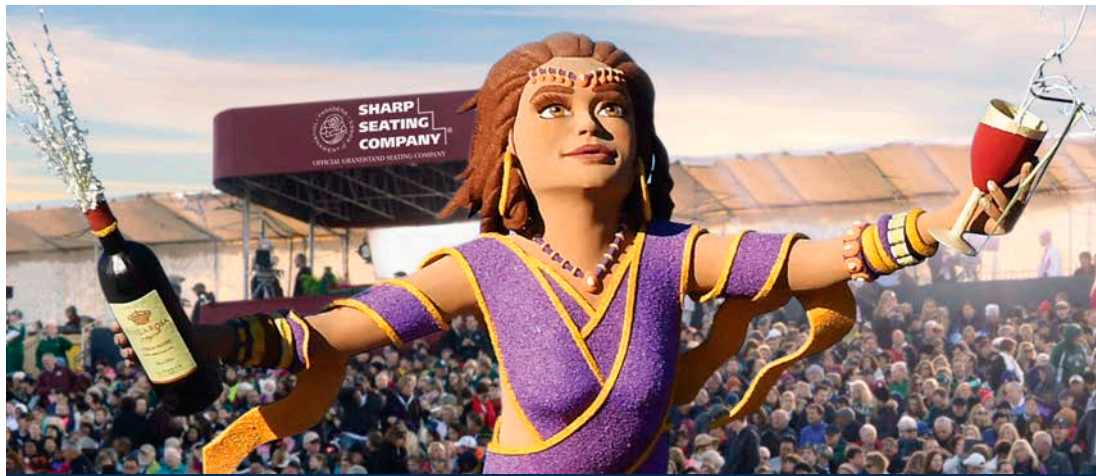




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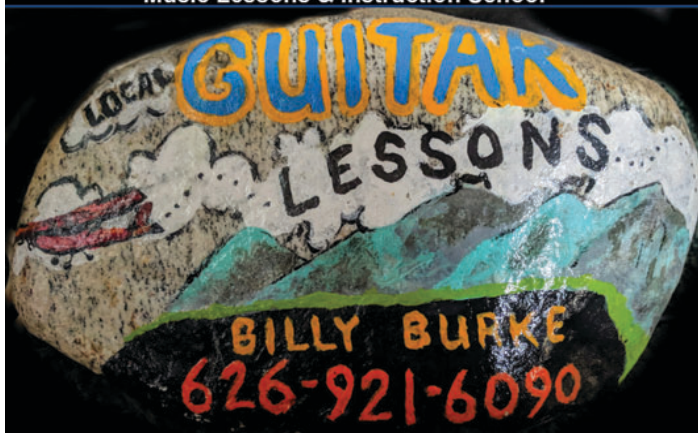


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I met a man who began to discuss with me the column I wrote for this paper last week, about the historical origins of Thanksgiving, and what happened, and what didn’t happen.

“I was a little puzzled after I read it,” Burt told me. “I wanted to know more. I understand that the first historical Thanksgiving may have not happened the way we are told as children,” he told me, “but how did we get to where we are today? What I understood from your column was that there are historical roots, and that we today remember those roots and try to be very thankful, but the connection was unclear.” Burt and I then had a very long conversation.

A newspaper column is typically not long enough to provide the “big picture” of the entire foundation of such a commemoration, as well as all the twists and turns that have occurred along the way. But here is the condensed version of what I told my new friend Burt.

First, try reading any of the many books that are available that describe the first so-called “first Thanksgiving” at the Plymouth colony that at least attempts to also show the Indigenous perspective. You will quickly see that this was not simply the European pilgrims and the native people sitting down to a great meal and giving thanks to their respective Gods, though that probably did occur. In fact, the indigenous peoples and the newcomers had thanksgiving days on a pretty regular basis.

As you take the time to explore the motives of the many key players of our so-called “first Thanksgiving,” in the context of that time, you will see that though the Europeans were now increasingly flowing into the eastern seaboard, their long-term presence had not been allowed – until this point. Massasoit was the political-military leader of the Wampanoag confederation, which was the stronger native group in the area. However, after disease had wiped out many of the native people, Massasoit was worried about the neighboring long-time enemies – the Narragansett -- to the west. The gathering of the European leaders of the Plimouth Colony and Massasoit and entourage had been more-or-less brokered by Tisquantum (aka Squanto) who spoke English.

Yes, there had been much interaction between the new colonists and native people for some time, and this gathering of 3 days in 1621 was intended to seal the deal between the colonists aligning with Massasoit. The exact date is unknown, but it was sometime between September 21 and November 9.

Yes, historians say that a grand meal followed, including mostly meat. The colony remained and there was relative peace for the next 10 to 50 years, depending on which historians were correct in their reading of the meager notes. The historical record indicates that the new colonists learned how to hunt, forage, practice medicine, make canoes and moccasins, and much more, from the indigenous people. Even Tisquantum taught the colonists how to farm using fish scraps, ironically, a bit of farming detail he picked up during his few years in Europe.

Politicians and religious leaders continued to practice the giving of thanks, in their churches and in their communities, and that is a good thing. They would hearken back to what gradually became known as the “first Thanksgiving” in order to give thanks for all the bounty they found and created in this new world, always giving thanks to God! But clearly, the indigenous people would have a very different view of the consequences of this 1621 pact, which gradually and inevitably meant the loss of their lands and further decimation of their peoples from disease. Of course, there was not yet a “United States of America,” and it was with a bit of nostalgia and selective memory that we refer to this semi-obscure gathering of two peoples as some sort of foundational event in the development of the United States. And it is understandable from the perspective of a national mythology that the native people were forgotten and the “gifts from God” remembered.

My new friend Burt was nodding his head, beginning to see that there was much under the surface of this holiday. I recommended that he read such books as “1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus” by Mann, “Native American History: Idiot’s Guide” by Fleming, and others.

As I still believe, giving thanks is a good thing – good for the soul and good for the society. Just be sure to always give thanks where it is due!

Eventually, in the centuries that followed, Thanksgiving was celebrated on various days in various places. George Washington declared it an official Thanksgiving in 1789. However, the day did not become standardized as the final Thursday each November until 1863 with a proclamation by Abraham Lincoln.

The gross commercialization of Thanksgiving is a somewhat recent manifestation of the way in which we have tried to extract money from just about anything. One way to break that cycle is to just choose to do something different.

When I used to visit my parents’ home for annual Thanksgiving gatherings, I disliked the loud arguing and banter, the loud TV in the background, and the way everyone (including me) ate so much that we had stomach aches! I felt that Thanksgiving should be about something more than all that. I changed that by simply no longer attending, and then visiting my parents the following day with a quiet meal. It took my parents a few years to get used to my changes, but eventually they did.

This year, before the actual Thanksgiving day, I enjoyed a home-made meal with neighbors and friends. Before we sat down to eat, everyone stated the things they are thankful-for before the meal. Nearly everyone cited “friends and family,” among other things. It was quiet, intimate, and the way that I have long felt this day should be observed. Yes, like most holidays we have a whole host of diverse symbols, and Thanksgiving is no different. And like most modern holidays, their real meanings are now nearly-hopelessly obscured by the massive commercialism. Nevertheless, despite the tide that is against us, we can always choose to do something different. Holidays are our holy days where we ought to take the time to reflect upon the deeper meanings. By so doing, we are not necessarily “saving” the holiday, but we are saving ourselves. As we work to discover the original history and meanings of each holiday, we wake up our minds and discover a neglected world hidden in plain sight.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT’S RICH



RICH CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

(Editor’s Note: While contemplating things that happened 10 years ago in the Mountain Views News, I decided to share with you what was on Rich Johnson’s mind ten years ago, so here is the reprint of his column from 12/3/2011)

At a loss as to what to give that special someone? Well, in the spirit of “being a renaissance man” I will attempt to offer some last minute shopping suggestions. Perfect gifts for the guy or gal who has everything.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON

STEPS----FORWARDS OR BACKWORD

Which way are we going? A friend presented me with a book entitled Technopoly subtitled The Surrender of Culture to Technology. I read most of the Introduction in which the author, Neil Postman, first describes the benefits of technology as a friend of humanity which makes life easier, cleaner, and longer. After this brief tribute Postman asserts there is a dark side to this friend. "Its gifts are not without a heavy cost. Stated in the most dramatic terms the accusation can be made that the uncontrolled growth of technology destroys the vital sources of our humanity. It creates a culture without a moral foundation. It undermines certain mental processes and social relations that make human life worth living. Technology is both a friend and an enemy." Any seeming step forward may in time lead to generally unforeseen potentially catastrophic negative results.

I am writing this article on November 24, 2021 the day before Thanksgiving. My reading of Postman and the approaching holiday lead me to a desire to call friends and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving. I first called my friend Gene, a friend since elementary School. As Gene answered my call I said "Happy Thanksgiving" to which he replied "Don't you know this is a day of mourning for me." He explained that his "mourning" was the proper recognition of the first Thanksgiving when the indigenous people extended their welcome to the immigrant Europeans. This welcome included food (perhaps not the legendary wild turkeys) fish, and vegetables together with subsequent instruction on how to best survive in this New World (at least for the Europeans.) As ignorant as most of us are about American History, we all know that the way the Europeans thanked their benefactors was by distributing blankets containing the smallpox virus and eventually commencing a policy of genocide almost completely eliminating cultures that had existed for centuries. The newly landed "Americans" had access to technological advancements, which would eventually change the face of our whole continent. This is called by many "progress." Probably few of us would agree with Gene's characterization; nevertheless, as most of us worry about the increasingly uninhabitable conditions of our planet related to technological advancements it is something to think about.

After speaking with Gene I spoke with another friend to fearlessly extend another Thanksgiving greeting. I spoke with him about his family and wondered how the younger generations of his extended family were getting along. The conversation moved to the subject of how intergenerational conversations have changed during our lifetimes. Both of us remembered the times when our entire family would sit down to dinner talk to each other and recount in an entertaining and interesting way the incidents of our day. Believe it or not; there was no television playing, no video games existing in our separate rooms---really nothing to do but talk to one another. "Cultural annihilation" occurred as television crept into our lives. Soon we all no longer sat around the table but were being entertained and distracted and the subjects of conversation changed as we became spectators. Gradually a great deal of what was "family culture" has disappeared similar to what became of the lost Native American culture. Really this is not that much of an exaggeration. Postman writes that we have become "tools of our tools." I believe there is a connection to why a great many couples have stated that they see no reason to bring another person into this world. This saddens me greatly because, at least for me, there is no greater pleasure than growing up and being a part of one's own family. I believe every person has an interesting story to tell but no one today has the time to listen. Technology provides entertainment and information that makes it seem unnecessary to ever talk to other people.

I think that if you have taken the time to read this whole article it's a good sign. Remember for every positive step that Progress takes us there well maybe a step or two or three negative consequences. Altering the name of Columbus Day and renaming it as Indigenous People's Day is a reflection of my friend Gene's concern. Progress is not our most important product. How about trying instead to lead a good and meaningful life.

DICK POLMAN



CHRIS CHRISTIE'S REHABILITATION HUMILIATION

If Bill Murray were to star in a sequel to Groundhog Day, he'd wake up to the Sonny and Cher alarm clock, take the cold shower, step in the puddle, parry the insurance agent, trudge to the gazebo... and see Chris Christie doing his same old song and dance.

Seriously, him again?

Didn't this guy end his gubernatorial tenure with a 15 percent approval rating, then crash and burn as a 2016 presidential candidate? Wasn't it Christie who morphed from Trump foe to toadying manservant, then con-tribute to write a spin memoir and launch a rehabilitation tour just two short years ago? Didn't Christie hit the road with a media blitz in 2019, sort of praising Trump ("he has many of the qualities that define America's lead-ers") while sort of knocking Trump (it was a "tragedy" that he was so ill-served by his aides), in the hopes of grabbing a piece of the action?

Apparently it's time to rinse and repeat. Christie has a new book out now about how Republicans should reboot themselves by flushing all the lying sewage of recent years and rediscover the virtues of truth. Which is fine as far as it goes.

Naturally, he thinks of himself as the 2024 nominee who can lead the par-ty back to sanity, and you can't blame him for salivating at the prospect. But because Christie is always trying to keep all his options open, he still can't explain why in 2016 he endorsed the con artist most responsible for the lying sewage... or why he's unwilling to rule out endorsing exactly the same con in 2024.

Christie still seems to think Trump is capable of being a better person. If only Trump would stop obsessing about his re-election defeat, things would be just ducky. In Christie's words the other day, "If he wants to be a positive force in the future, he's got to let this other stuff go." Right. And if dog poop tasted like ice cream, it would be on dessert menus.

Christie's game is obvious. He's trying to stuff himself through the eye of a needle, damning Trump with faint praise and praising Trump with faint damns in order to (theoretically) woo the Republicans who are discomfit-ed by Trump's fascist excesses – without quite alienating the MAGAts who still march in lockstep.

I guess we should give him points for trying. But good grief, it sure gets embarrassing.

Take, for instance, what happened on MSNBC this week when he ran into the buzzsaw best known as Nicole Wallace. As my dear departed mother would have said, "It was a scream!"

Christie's new book laments about all the lies and disinformation that circulates in the media. But somehow, he just plumb forgot to mention the ceaseless contributions of Fox News. Wallace, the former Republican aide, decided to ask him why so-called media bias is more dangerous than con-spiracy theories spouted by the likes of Tucker Carlson.

Wallace: "I don't think it's an intellectually honest case to make against con-spiracy theorists without taking on Fox News."

Christie: "Well, then listen, you can write that in your book."

Wallace: "I'm not the one trying to 'rescue' the Republican party."

She continued:

Wallace: "So you may or may not support Donald Trump in 2024, you may or may not run for president, and a book about liars and conspiracy theorists doesn't have anything to say about Fox News."

Christie: "No, the book – you're conflating it."

Wallace: "If you want to solve the proliferation of conspiracy theorists with-out dealing with Fox News – it's like solving terrorists, without dealing with the terrorists."

Suffice it to say Christie's dumbo act with respect to Tucker Carlson – who has the highest rated show on Fox News – is more than a tad disingenu-ous. And suffice it to say that he omitted Fox News from his book because as a perpetual Republican candidate he can ill afford to alienate fans of the infauxtainment network. His whole shtick is quite tiresome.

Only fans of The Sopranos will get this closing reference, but so be it: I wish Bobby Bacala would just go away and play with his trains.

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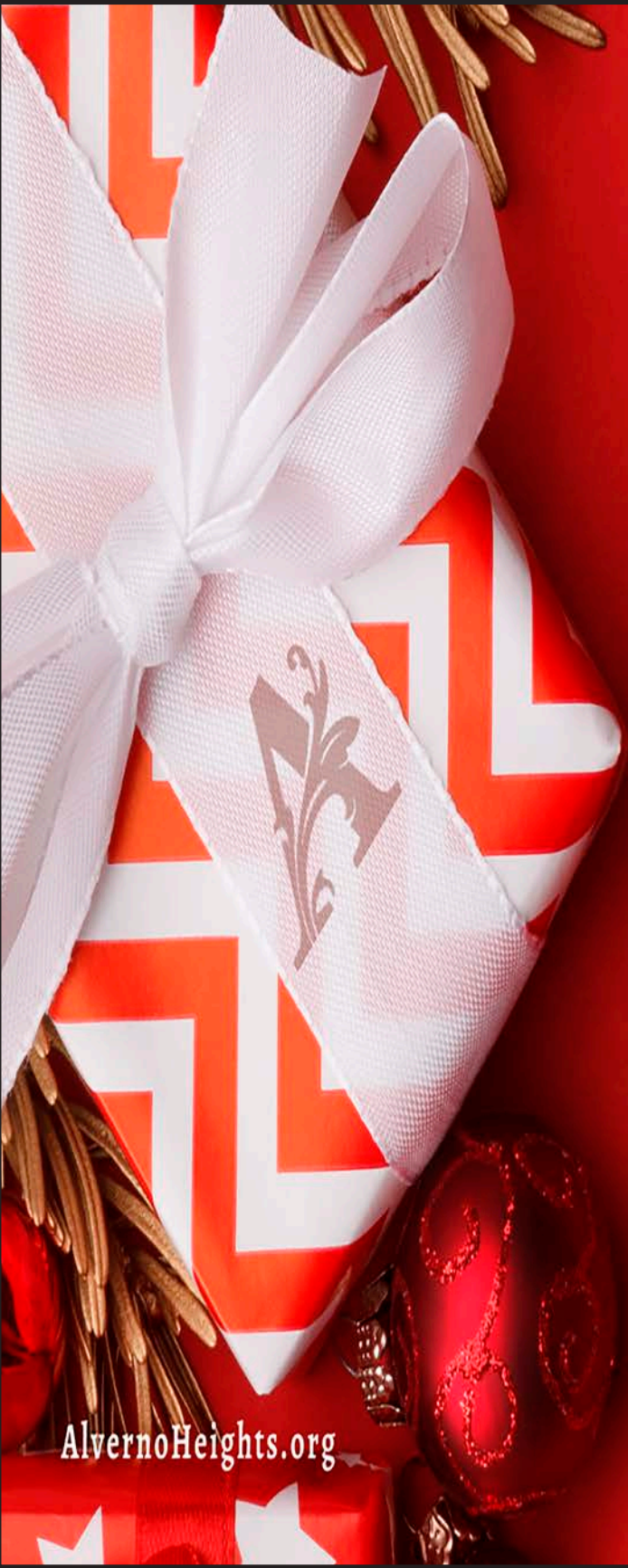
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