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GENE GOSS TAKES REIGNS AS MAYOR; EDWARD GARCIA AS PRO TEM AS CITY REORGANIZES FOR NEW YEAR



2022 Leadership from left to right: Councilperson Kelly Kriebs, Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Garcia, Mayor Gene Goss, Former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi and Councilperson Robert Parkhurst. Photo Courtesy City of Sierra Madre

By Kevin McGuire

It's that special time of year again, but before searching the sky for eight flying reindeer and before we toast to a better year in 2022, the annual reorganization process takes place in Sierra Madre.

City Council met on December 14 before a small handful of people for the year's final meeting and announced the leadership changes to take us into the New Year.

City Manager

First on the docket was the approval of an employment agreement for a new City Manager. In July 2021, City Manager Gabe Engeland resigned to seek a new venture in Los Altos. Since then, Jose Reynoso has served as interim City Manager. On November 2, 2021, after reviewing potential candidates in a closed session with City Council, Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi recommended City Attorney Aleks Giragosian draft an employment agreement for Reynoso.

City Council unanimously approved the employment agreement for the new City Manager, Jose Reynoso. It is an indefinite term and one of only two positions appointed by the City Council, the other being City Attorney.

Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Arizmendi, along with the other Council Members, honored Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, for his continued service this past year as he heads into his final year as part of the Council. Goss previously served as Mayor in 2016 and has been on the Council since 2014. In addition, Mayor Arizmendi was also honored for her service this past year, which included facing a pandemic in California, the epicenter. There were shutdowns causing businesses to struggle as a result. The mayor's first challenges included conducting City business over Zoom and later in sometimes cold, rainy, outdoor settings. She approved for permit-free extended, outdoor dining for restaurants and awarded funds to help businesses crippled by COVID shutdowns. The mayor was honored by Senator Anthony

Portantino, Assembly Member Chris Holden, and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.

After all the commemorations were over, it was time to look toward 2022. Not two minutes after receiving great praise for her term, Mayor Arizmendi rose from her center seat, and Gene Goss took the oath and became the next Mayor of Sierra Madre. Council Member Edward Garcia, who is new to the Council this year, followed suit and took his oath to become mayor Pro Tem.

The Mayoral roles are ceremonial and change every year. These appointments directly impact the City's liaison appointment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District as the City's primary and secondary voting delegate, respectively.

Mayor Gene Goss then ended the meeting and the year for City Council. Copies of his report can be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!



On December 11, 2021 the city officially celebrated the remodeling of Kersting Court. Pictured above are members of every city department involved, including Public Works and Planning, The SMPD and SMFD, Community Services, Administrative Services, Finance and the Office of the City Manager. Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR SIERRA MADRE HONORS NOMINATIONS.....Pg. 2



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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVES BACK



During this week's City Council meeting, Bob and Sue Spears presented the City with a donation from the Sierra Madre Community Foundation (Fletcher Fund) from fundraising efforts for the Mt. Wilson Trail Gate. Donations made to the Fletcher Fund were made by Sierra Madre residents and local hikers that visit Mt. Wilson Trail. The City is thankful for this donation and greatly appreciates the continued support from the Sierra Madre Community Foundation. Bob Spears, is holding the check and former City Clerk Sue Spears is next to him. They are surrounded by the city council. *Courtesy City of Sierra Madre*

SIERRA MADRE HONORS NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

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 by 5:00 pm December 31st, 2021 to either smadrec@gmail.com or HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com.

You can also mail your nomination to:

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 200 calls for service. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Sunday, December 5, VANDALISM

From December 4, 2021, at 5:00 pm to December 5, 2021, at 10:00 am, an unknown suspect forced entry into the mailbox at the residence in the 300 block of Mariposa Ave to steal the mail from inside the mailbox, but the mailbox was empty. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident for leads.

Tuesday, December 7, THEFT FROM A VEHICLE

From December 6, 2021, at 9:00 pm to December 7, 2021, at 8:00 am, an unknown suspect gained entry into an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of San Gabriel Ct and stole several items. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident for leads.

Tuesday, December 7, BURGLARY FROM A VEHICLE

On December 7, 2021, between 2:10 pm to 2:20 pm, an unknown suspect forced entry into the victim's trailer in the 500 block of N. Sunnyside Ave and stole gardening equipment. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident for leads.

Wednesday, December 8, ARREST FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

At about 1:00 am, an officer observed a vehicle code violation and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. During the contact, the driver was found to be impaired and under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and was arrested. The driver was booked at the Pasadena PD jail.

Friday, December 10, THEFT FROM A VEHICLE

On December 10, 2021, between 12:25 pm to 12:45 pm, an unknown suspect entered the victim's unsecured trailer in the 200 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd and stole gardening equipment. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident for leads.



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MICHAEL “MICKEY” DENNIS MARQUARDT

Michael “Mickey” Dennis Marquardt passed away suddenly at home December 7th, 2021. Born September 7th, 1982 at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California,

Mickey was the son of Dennis L. Marquardt and Clare Collins Marquardt. He was a graduate of St. Francis High School in La Canada Flintridge, where he ran cross country and track.

After attending Pasadena City College, he received his BFA in Studio Art from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Mickey was an admirer and lover of animals, nature, and all things horticulture. He could always find the details and the beauty in each, which was evident in his art and in his succulent creations. He was able to render anything into a work of art. Mickey was a loyal friend and left a lasting impression on all those he would meet. He always thought of others and his empathy surpassed the normal confines of friendship.

He is predeceased by his mother, Clare Collins Marquardt. Mickey is survived by his father, “Coach” Dennis Marquardt, his twin brother, Martin Marquardt (Mary), younger brother, Andrew Marquardt (Karen), older sister, Katherine Marquardt; nephews, Calvin and Kennan and niece, Camille, and his dog, Roxie. The family is working on plans for a memorial at the end of January. The family is making plans for a memorial celebration at the end of January. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pasadena Humane Society and The Source www.thesourcelgbt.org



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“Christmas magic is silent. You don’t hear it – you feel it. You know it – you believe it!”
Kevin Alan Milne

*“Lessons from a Christmas Tree...
Twinkle,
Share your gifts,
Bring joy to others,
Be a light in the darkness,
You were born to sparkle...even if your garland’s a little droopy,
It’s OK to be a little tilted.”*
Jane Lee Logan



*“It’s not what’s under the Christmas Tree that matters...
It’s who’s around it.”* Charlie Brown

Christmas is just a week away. Can you believe that? A week!! By now you’ve got most of your shopping done...thank you Amazon.com! Christmas cards in the mail. It’s OK if they don’t arrive till after Christmas. You still get points for having done them at all. Your house is beautiful and maybe now you can just stop for a while. Take a little time to just enjoy all you’ve accomplished and the beauty you’ve created. It’s time for a moment of holiday cheer. Here’s a recipe that won’t fail you:

1. Buy a carton of prepared low-fat eggnog right out of the dairy case at your favorite market.
2. Put a tray of ice cubes in your blender.
3. Fill the blender two thirds full of that low-fat eggnog.
4. Add a half cup of rum, brandy, or a little of both to the blender (or more, or less, depending on how tired, annoyed or happy you are).
5. Blend until ice is pleasantly crunchified.
6. Pour into a large, beautiful, stemmed glass. Grate fresh nutmeg on top.
7. Sit down, admire your tree and enjoy your eggnog.
8. Realize that peace reigns.
9. Put on the Christmas CD that YOU like, the one that has “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer” on it. Or maybe Handel’s Messiah.
10. Allow joy to flood your heart, soul and mind.
11. Admire your lights and think about that first Christmas night, that first Light.
12. Rejoice! Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!
13. Know in your heart this year’s Christmas will be the most wonderful one ever.

That First Noel’s come ‘round again, just like it does each year.
To tell us it’s Christmas, finally it’s Christmas, joyfully it’s Christmas,
The best time of the year!
The tree is in the window, the wreath is on the door.
About a million ornaments, were scattered on the floor.
Presents piled each place you look, bikes and dolls and lots of books.
Candles red and holly green, warm and light this Christmas scene.

But that’s not the reason we celebrate this season...
No, it’s that baby in the manger, Christ Child in the manger,
Mary kneeling by his side, Joseph beaming down with pride.
Peace on earth, good will to men, we celebrate that night again!

Hope was born that Christmas, Joy was born that Christmas.
Angels filled the sky with light, that first silent night, holy night.

I’m hoping you’ll be able to join in the Candlelight Walk Sunday night starting at St. Rita’s at 7 p.m. This is such a beautiful time. John and I did it for many years and it warmed our hearts. We saw so many friends and it was such a great way to start the last week before Christmas. Give yourself this gift.

The picture is my manger scene. I broke Joseph’s hand several years ago and despite my best attempts to repair it, he still is missing several fingers.

Merry Almost Christmas, dear friends and neighbors. Rejoice!

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given,
And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

For those who have never had the occasion to attend a City Council meeting or a Planning Commission meeting, I share with you what was discussed at the last PC meeting. On the agenda was a request from the family that recently purchased the Wistaria property. They wanted to add on to the small house to accommodate their family and make it safer from the heavy weight of the Wistaria Vine. Part of the request was to cut down and remove one of the 5 trunks of the Vine. To the gasp of those in attendance, it was obvious to everyone in the room that something was wrong and it was not all the homeowners fault. It was interesting that the Planning Commissioners stated: ‘hold on here, we don’t want to be responsible for any damage to the Vine’.

From that point, we all learned that in the last 40 years the previous owners cared for the Wistaria Vine and graciously allowed local organizations and the city to host the Wistaria Festival every year, allowing thousands of visitors to walk through their property to view the vine, all at the pleasure of the owners of the house and the vine. The new homeowner, who was aware of the celebrity of the vine, had an arborist at the meeting but the City wanted them to get a second or third opinion at the homeowner’s expense.

The City has not done anything to officially protect the vine by designating it a ‘protected’ plant or ‘historical’ treasure in the municipal code, maybe that was because the Wistaria Festival was put on by the Chamber of Commerce with the help of other local organizations and the community at large.

The next day I found out that “Gabe”, the City Manager at that time, had looked at the property when it was up for sale to consider purchase of the property and the vine by the city. Apparently he had Council take no action.

Taking no action meant the new owners could totally cut the vine down or, if they kept the vine, they were under no agreement to allow the public on the property to view the vine for the annual Wistaria Festival.

Learning of the failure at City Hall to protect one of the Treasures of Sierra Madre, I quickly sent an email to one of our trusted council members explaining the problem that required some quick action and communication with the new owners. The reply I got back was, “I spoke to the owner today, I hope the community understands that their actions and words make the home owner feel unsafe and unhappy about our City.”

WOW!--the community got scolded for a problem created by City Hall for not taking action in the past!

The council member was referring to a Saturday in October or November when there was a truck in front of the Wistaria property being loaded with cuttings from the Wistaria vine. Uncertain what was going on, neighbors contacted the City. Word spread quickly and a few residents showed up to see what was going on. There was no arborist present and there were concerns about the health of the vine. A city employee halted the work until they could review the problem during normal business hours. Ironically, had the vine been damaged irreparably, the same folks at city hall would probably be asking why no one did anything?

Sure makes you wonder how many other times City Hall hasn’t acted in the best interest of the community?

Editor’s Note: For more information on the event mentioned above, go to: <http://mtnviews-news.com/v15/htm/n38/index.htm>

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2022

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.

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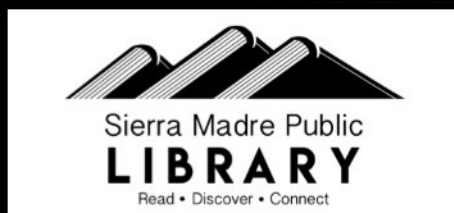
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Omicron Variant found in Pasadena

The Pasadena Public Health Department announced Tuesday that they have received the first laboratory-confirmed report of COVID-19 with mutations consistent with the new Omicron variant in a Pasadena resident.

The Omicron variant was identified in a laboratory specimen from this resident through genomic sequence testing. The person did not recently travel internationally and is believed to have acquired the infection locally in early December. The person, who was fully vaccinated and had a booster dose, has recovered from a mild illness that did not require hospitalization. Close contacts are self-isolating.

The Omicron variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus was first identified in Africa and has been designated by the World Health Organization as a variant of concern. As of Dec. 8, 13 cases of the Omicron variant have been reported in the state of California.

"Now is the time for anyone who is not yet vaccinated to get fully vaccinated, and for everyone 16 years and older to get a booster dose. Getting vaccinated, including a booster, remains your best defense against COVID-19 variants," said Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, health officer and director of Pasadena Public Health Department.

COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death from COVID-19, and people who are fully vaccinated and received booster doses are much less likely to be infected and transmit the virus to someone else. The longer you wait to get vaccinated, the greater the risk of contracting COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are available through the Pasadena Public Health Department at no cost. People age 5 and older are eligible to receive vaccine. For more information and to register for an appointment, visit MyTurn.ca.gov.

Pasadena PD Steps up DUI Enforcement

From now through New Year's Day, the Pasadena Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The extra enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, with the goal of stopping suspected impaired drivers who put others on the road at risk.

"When it comes to consuming drugs and/or alcohol and driving, there is a right and wrong choice," Lieutenant Anthony Russo said. "Make the right choice by not driving impaired so everyone is able to enjoy the holidays."



Spectators Not Allowed at Float Decorating

By Dean Lee

Without much explanation, Tournament of Roses officials have canceled this year's public viewing at Decorating Places in Pasadena and Irwindale as the final preparations and floral elements will be put onto the parade floats. This behind-the-scenes look at how floats are made has been a Rose Parade tradition for decades.

"Viewing at the pavilions is an indoor activity," said Tournament of Roses Executive Director/CEO David Eads. "We decided not to have that this year. We want to keep everybody safe."

In light of the Tournament's decision to cancel viewing at the main pavilions, many of the self-built floats will still have pre-parade decorating viewing, including in the city of Sierra Madre and the city of South Pasadena. Sierra Madre Rose Float Association officials said proof of full Covid vaccination is required to enter the float barn.

As for other pre-parade events,

Eads said, both Equestfest, December 29 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and the Tournament of Roses's Bandfest December 29 and December 30 at Pasadena City College will take place. As for Covid, he said there are no requirements, "Those are not considered mega events, those are outdoor events but don't have more than 10,000 people in attendance, we are obviously encouraging everyone to be vaccinated but it is not a requirement."

Eads said, for the Rose Parade (at TV-Corner), the Rose Bowl football game and post-parade viewing, proof of vaccination or negative test, valid ID and mask wearing are required by all attendees and participants.

He also said all Tournament volunteers and all volunteers building and decorating floats must have proof of vaccination or negative test.

As for the estimated 800,000 spectators along the over five miles of the Rose Parade route along Colorado Blvd., outside of TV-Corner, city officials

are encouraging vaccination and mask wearing but it is not required.

Pasadena police chief John Perez said parade goers will be allowed to camp out along the route the night of Friday, Dec. 31. He encouraged people to stay within their groups.

"We think attendance will be strong this year, because there was no parade last year," Eads said. "People want to get out, they want to come back to celebrate and they want to continue a family tradition."

For a list of what you can and cannot do, visit: cityofpasadena.net, search "Rose Parade Safety Tips."

San Marino House Watch Program Available

Are you going out of town for the holidays? Take advantage of SMPD's House Watch program.

San Marino Residents who request to be placed on House Watch will have officers drive by your house several times a day, check the location for any unusual activity, and walk the location to check doors and windows while looking for any unauthorized activity.

The program costs \$5 per day. To sign up, call (626) 300-0720.

Any resident requesting a House Watch is encouraged to provide any and all information related to anyone who will be responsible for the property while away. It is important for the department to have this on file in case of an emergency.

San Marino Overnight Parking Information

To accommodate for holiday guests, residents and visitors will not have to obtain overnight parking permits for vehicles parked on the San Marino city streets from Sunday night, December 19, through Sunday morning, January 2, 2022.

Overnight parking enforcement will resume at 2 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022. For questions regarding holiday parking, please call (626) 300-0720.

Rose Parade Grand Finale to Feature Jimmie Allen



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Friday that the highly anticipated Grand Finale of its 133rd Rose Parade presented by Honda on January 1, will feature GRAMMY nominee artist Jimmie Allen (pictured left).

As the two-hour mark approaches and the final float begins its trip down Colorado Blvd., four members of the Golden Knights – the United States Army Parachute team – will drop out of the sky and onto the street to do a live football toss from the Parade route to the Rose Bowl Stadium. Their descent will be accompanied by Timothy Fletcher (pictured right), the drummer who has been making waves on Instagram and TikTok with magical beats.

Following the landing of the Golden Knights, Best New Artist GRAMMY nominee, CMA New Artist of the Year & ACM New Male Artist of the Year Jimmie Allen will perform his hit song "Good Times Roll," from his Bettie

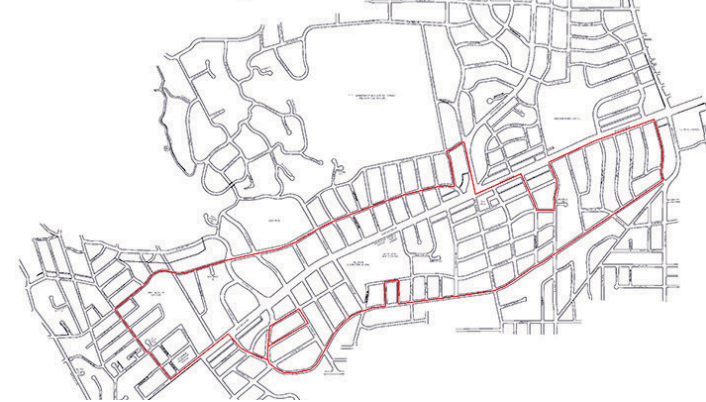
James Gold Edition album. Allen will be accompanied by his four-piece band, Rose Parade Dancers, the Mark Keppel Dance Company and the Rose Parade Flag Bearers.

Traveling from Nashville, Tennessee to Pasadena, California and into the hearts of millions, Allen made history as the first Black artist to launch a career with two consecutive No. 1 hits off his 2018 debut album, Mercury Lane. His 2x platinum debut single "Best Shot" claimed the number one spot on Country radio for three weeks. Allen is nominated for Best New Artist at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards in 2022, has been hailed by GRAMMY.com as one of "5 Black Artists Rewriting Country Music" and has amassed more than 1 billion on-demand streams.

For millions of viewers around the world, the Rose Parade is an iconic New Year's Day tradition to experience the floats, bands and equestrians as they parade down Colorado Blvd.

San Marino Holiday Drive with Santa December 25

Christmas Morning Route



The San Marino Fire Department is assisting the North Pole Fire Department in transporting their most influential citizen, Santa Claus, at 9:00 AM on December 25. Members of the Fire Department will be driving Santa around town to spread merriment and good cheer in San Marino's Old No. 1 engine. Listen for sleigh bells or sirens and be sure to catch Santa! Check out the map of Santa's route on

It is rumored that Santa will begin at the Fire Station, travel

east on Huntington Drive, south on Belhaven Road and west on Lorain Road. From there he will wind his way north on Chelsea Road, and travel around the west side of the city. He will then go east on Monterey Road and Euston Road before making his way back to the fire station for a well-deserved nap.

Santa's helpers will be handing out candy canes to good girls and boys of all ages who are able to make it up and out of the house. For more information Visit: cityofsanmarino.org.

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SOUTH PASADENA HIRES TWO NEW PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS

The City of South Pasadena is announced Thursday the appointment of Ted Gerber as the City's permanent Public Works Director and Arpy Kasparian as our new Environmental Sustainability Manager (effective immediately).



Gerber (left) is a licensed professional engineer, with over 17 years of experience in the utility industry. He has worked in both the private and public sectors throughout the Southwest U.S. in the areas of engineering planning, construction, project and asset management, and environmental compliance. Ted has a bachelor's degree

in mechanical engineering and a bachelor's degree in computer science from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and holds multiple professional accreditations including certifications with the State Water Board and the Association for Materials Protection and Performance. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in environmental law and policy at the University of Arizona. Ted lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Deborah, and their rescue dog. He is excited to continue collaborating with the community of South Pasadena

Kasparian (right) has served as the City's Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst since 2019. She hit the ground running as soon as she started and managed the development of the City's first Climate Action Plan and created the South Pasadena Green Action Plan. In addition to implementing these plans, she is the NREC staff liaison, manages the City's water conservation rebate program, and is working on the gas-powered leaf blower ban, as well as the new organic waste recycling requirements. Arpy holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with minors in Global Sustainability and Management from UC Irvine and a Master of Science in Regenerative Studies from Cal Poly Pomona.

She is excited to continue to push the City towards carbon neutrality and zero waste, and to foster a community that cares for their environment.



SAN MARINO EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED



Every year, the City of San Marino recognizes an employee that has gone above and beyond in serving the community. This year, we had not one, but three employees that we felt were deserving.

Community Services Director, Cathi Johnson, shared: "This immensely talented trio of recreation professionals – Angie Padilla, Eddie Covarrubias, and Victoria Marshall, are well-deserving of the 2021 City of San Marino Employees of the Year Award. Their professionalism and commitment to community-driven programming is second to none. Most importantly, our residents/families are reaping the benefits of this team's ability to consistently deliver safe, creative, quality-of-life programming and events for all ages."

San Marino FD Responds to Significant Traffic Incident



On Sunday, December 12 the San Marino Fire Department responded to a traffic collision/rescue at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Westhaven Road. A solo vehicle rollover had occurred, and the occupants

required extrication by San Marino firefighter personnel. San Marino paramedics assessed the car's occupants for injuries. One patient was transported to a local area hospital for further treatment.

Man Pleads Guilty to Fraud Charge for \$8.3 Million Scam

Co-founder of, Pasadena Based, The Minerals Acquisition Company claimed precious metals could be extracted from 'Ancient Slag.'

A Pasadena business owner and resident of Eagle Rock pleaded guilty Thursday to defrauding more than 100 investors out of approximately \$8.3 million through a scheme that sold "ancient slag," a mining waste byproduct that supposedly contained precious metals.

Michael Godfree, 80, pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud.

According to his plea agreement, from 2011 to November 2017, Godfree schemed to defraud victim-purchasers of material he identified as "ancient slag and "gold ore."

Godfree was co-founder of The Minerals Acquisition Company (TMAC), a Pasadena-based outfit that offered to sell slag to victims who were told the company would be able to extract precious metals from this slag, which was generated from copper mining. TMAC sold ton-quantities of the slag with promises of refining the material and recovering precious metals. TMAC provided victims with supposedly attorney-certified "Certificates of Title" that purported to transfer ownership of the

slag to victims.

Godfree fraudulently induced the victims to buy the "ancient slag" by falsely representing and promising that the "ancient slag" TMAC was selling was valuable because it contained precious metals and a process would soon be finalized and available that could extract the precious metals supposedly in the slag.

According to officials, Godfree and TMAC did not actually own most of the slag they sold, there was not a commercially viable process for extracting precious metals from the slag, and the business operation had not been endorsed by a lawyer.

Acting on Godfree's false promises, victims sent the company money by mailing checks to the TMAC offices in Pasadena and by wiring money to accounts that Godfree controlled. Godfree used the funds to pay for his personal expenses.

In total, Godfree caused losses of approximately \$8,336,965 to his victims.

TMAC was dissolved in 2015, but its operations were largely taken over by Precious Metals of North America Inc., another of Godfree's companies.

United States District Judge John A. Kronstadt has scheduled a May 12, 2022 sentencing hearing, at which time Godfree will face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

The FBI investigated this matter according to the Department of Justice.

ARCADIA/MONROVIA-DUARTE

DUARTE CITY COUNCIL FILLS DISTRICT 6 VACANCY AND SELECTS NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM



Caption: Oath of Office: Mr. Garcia (Left) is Sworn in By City Manager Dan Jordan (Right)

At a Special Meeting of the Duarte City Council on Tuesday, December 14, the Council interviewed and appointed a new Councilmember for District 6, then at their Regular meeting on the same night, hosted its annual reorganization to select a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

The City Council selected Margaret Finlay, District 4, to represent Duarte as Mayor and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, District 1, as Mayor Pro Tem. Margaret Finlay previously served six terms as Mayor.

"As we approach the end of 2021, we must acknowledge how far we've come as a community weathering two years of uncertainties," stated Mayor Finlay. "It is my honor to again serve Duarte as mayor. I'm hopeful for an exciting 2022 and some light at the end of the COVID-19 pandemic tunnel."

The Council unanimously appointed Cesar Garcia to fill the vacant District 6 City Council seat. He was sworn into office immediately after the appointment. The position was left vacant following the unexpected passing of Councilmember Bryan Urias. The City held an open application process for any registered voter in Duarte to apply for the District 6 seat.

"Cesar Garcia is a longtime Duarte resident who is deeply committed to our community," said Mayor Pro Tem Paras-Caracci. "His appointment ensures residents are well represented through the November 2022 election."

Cesar Garcia and his family have called Duarte home for over 27 years. Garcia attended Duarte schools from kindergarten through high school. As a proud Duarte Falcon, Garcia's experience inspired him to give back to his community through public service.

"Although I am joining the City Council during a solemn time for Duarte with the loss of Councilmember Urias, I hope to uplift my community through City programs that have given so much to me and my family," said Councilmember Garcia. "My focus is strengthening City partnerships and increasing programs and resources for Duarte residents."

Councilmember Garcia highlights Measure D as an example of the Duarte community coming together to responsibly budget and develop the City's infrastructure and public resources through the unprecedented events of the COVID-19 pandemic. His 2018 campaign slogan, "We are all one community," rings true today as the Councilmember commits to serving his hometown through his new role. His initial goals include supporting youth and family programs, of which he is a direct product, as well as public safety initiatives and local businesses.

At the reorganization meeting, City Manager Dan Jordan administered the Oath of Office to the incoming Councilmember.

For additional information about the Duarte City Council, please visit the Duarte City website or contact the Office of the City Manager at (626) 357-7931.

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HOME ENTRIES

Best Viewed at Night

1. 2400 Block of Rochelle Ave.	Children's Choice Award:
2. 1510 Pilgrim Way	15. 221 Grand Ave.
3. 135 S. Madison Ave.	16. 333 Norumbega Drive
4. 132 N. Madison Ave.	17. 541 Valmont Drive
5. 209 S. Sunset Place	Best Neighborhood Effort:
6. 519 W. Colorado Blvd.	18. Valmont Drive & Valmont Place
7. 612 W. Palm Ave.	19. 308 Oakcliff Road
Best Outdoor Display:	20. 705 Valley View Ave.
8. 214 S. Alta Vista Ave.	Best Still Display:
9. 301 N. Mayflower Ave.	21. 752 Valley View Ave.
10. 342 W. Hillcrest Blvd.	22. 824 Ocean View Ave.
Judges Award:	Holiday Spirit Award:
11. 300 Block of North Alta Vista Ave.	23. 826 Ocean View Ave.
12. 420 Stedman Place	24. 742 Wildrose Ave.
13. 355 May Ave.	25. 328 E. Palm Ave.
14. 247 May Ave.	26. 410 S. Canyon Blvd.
	27. 303 E. Colorado Blvd.
	Santa's Workshop Award:
	28. 1128 Carmelita Circle

OLD TOWN MONROVIA BUSINESS ENTRIES

Best Viewed During the Day

1. Most Spectacular: Civiltec Engineering - 118 W. Line Avenue
2. Judges Award: Dream Décor - 505 S. Myrtle Avenue
3. Douglas Elliman Real Estate - 517 S. Myrtle Avenue
4. Most Creative: Mark Houston Associates, Inc. - 517 S. Myrtle Avenue
5. Monrovia Chamber of Commerce - 620 S. Myrtle Avenue
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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!!!

I hope that you were able to spend valuable time during Christmas with your family and friends. Next up on the calendar, The New Year! I think time is speeding up on me.



One of my favorite subjects is joyfully known as “Bubbly.” I do not wish to be a referee with zebra stripes, but I think it is important to discover some of the more intriguing historical elements of the liquid that tingles within our glass upon the stroke of midnight. There is a difference between “Champagne” and “Sparkling Wine.” Champagne is a distinct region in France and by strict French Law, only grapes grown and produced in the region can be called Champagne. Many states and countries produce a sparkling wine using very similar methods as the French. In California the procedure is called, “Champion Method.” In Spain they call it Cava, and South Africa uses Cap classique. An Italian sparkling wine is called Asti. In Germany, Sekt is a common sparkling wine. Other French wine regions cannot use the name Champagne, i.e. Burgundy and Alsace produce Crémant. Sparkling wines mislabeled Champagne can be and are often seized and destroyed by legal authorities.

How did this wonderful bottle of Bubbly come into our world? Most believe that the monks of France developed and began the process some four hundred years ago. It appears that these guys have a lot of free time on their hands. Like some many of our greatest discoveries, Champagne was actually a mistake. Can you believe that! Most wines were drunk very early, but some were transported long distances and through the journey, the casks would warm and set off a secondary fermentation. A strange bubbling would be noticed when these casks were opened. Dom Perignon gets the credit for one of the first successful deliberate capture of the “mousse” in a bottle. Since then many a ship has set sail and many weddings have started and ended with Champagne. Here are a few of the funnier quotes I found...

"I only drink Champagne when I'm happy, and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I am not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it - unless I'm thirsty." (Lily Bollinger)

I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate . . . and I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself." (Napoleon Bonaparte)

"In victory we deserve it, in defeat we need it." (Winston Churchill)

"Champagne makes you feel like it's Sunday and better days are just around the corner." (Marlene Dietrich)

"My only regret in life is that I did not drink more Champagne." (John Maynard Keynes)

"Champagne is the only wine that leaves a woman beautiful after drinking it." (Madame De Pompadour)

"Three be the things I shall never attain: envy, content and sufficient Champagne." (Dorothy Parker)

So, if this has got you in the mood for bubbly, I can't blame you. In fact, I toast you!! Drink responsibly! Wear eye protection if you insist on letting the kiddies rocket the cork with a bottle opening!

Come join me this Tuesday at Pop Champagne Bar for a night of Bubbly!! Reservations required. Email me thechefknows@yahoo.com for further information. Thanks to Google for helping me research this.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CONFIRMS 8 ADDITIONAL CASES OF THE OMICRON VARIANT

- 8 new confirmed cases reported today, for a total of 15 confirmed cases in Los Angeles County
- Available information to date indicates:
- 7 were symptomatic, none required hospitalization
- The 8th case has unknown symptoms status
- 5 of the 8 were fully vaccinated and none have received a booster
- 1 reported international travel and 2 reported travel outside CA
- 2 of the 8 had previous SARS-CoV-2 infections
- 2 cases live in the same household

Preliminary data indicates that the Omicron variant is highly infectious and that being fully vaccinated might not provide adequate protection against infection. Public Health encourages everyone who is eligible for a booster to get one as soon as possible and to continue wearing a mask when in crowded public spaces

HIGH COMPLIANCE WITH MASKING REQUIREMENTS KEEPS L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS SAFE AND HEALTHY; CDC RECOMMENDS MRNA VACCINES OVER JOHNSON AND JOHNSON

Public Health data suggests that public mask wearing is one of the most effective strategies at reducing the spread of the virus when compliance is high.

In L.A. County schools, where mask wearing is mandatory indoors, this practice (in combination with other mitigation strategies and outbreak management) has kept transmission low. This protective effect was demonstrable even in elementary schools before 5-11 year old were eligible for vaccines. With more than 1.55 million students across 3,000 L.A. County schools, Public Health is routinely seeing less than a dozen outbreaks each week. Public and business sector masking compliance is high, indicating the broad understanding that this small behavior change adds a layer of protection that enables us to engage in our customary activities without endangering ourselves or others. Public Health regularly conducts site visits to assess mask compliance across a variety of L.A. County businesses, during which we determine compliance among customers, employees and their staff, and overall safety requirements. Out of more than 1500 site visits conducted between December 4th-10th, the vast majority of businesses and industries, including restaurants, bars, food markets and hair salons, had masking compliance rates above 95%.

Public Health notes yesterday's endorsement by the Centers for Disease Control of updated recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the prevention of COVID-19, expressing clinical preference for adults 18+ to receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine over Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. As of December 12th, over 530,000 residents in L.A. County have received a dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine. We remind residents that L.A. County's supply of mRNA vaccines is abundant and that when it is time to get a booster dose, individuals previously vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should consider boosters with Pfizer or Moderna.

"Masking requirements reduce transmission without much disruption to people's routines and allow businesses to reduce risk for their customers, and workers," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the business community of L.A. County for leading by example on masking as champions for public health. The take home message is clear: masking creates safety for employees and customers, reduces COVID transmission in our communities and helps everyone stay safe here in L.A. County."

Ferrer continued, "We appreciate the CDC's guidance on vaccine choice. While any vaccine is better than no vaccine, we urge those who have received Johnson and Johnson vaccines to obtain booster doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines to ensure they are well protected from both suffering severe Covid outcomes and transmitting infection to others." Public Health has identified a total 1,556,685 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today's positivity rate is 1.6%.

Public Health would like to remind residents that getting vaccinated or boosted remains critical as holiday traveling and gatherings begin.

Additionally, all residents across L.A. County should continue:

- Getting tested to help reduce the spread, especially if you traveled for the holidays, have had a possible exposure, or have symptoms, or are gathering with people not in your household.
- Adhering to masking requirements when indoors or at large outdoor mega events, regardless of vaccination status.

Residents are also reminded that they are legally required to be isolated if they have a positive COVID test result and that vaccinated close contacts with symptoms and unvaccinated close contacts need to be quarantined.

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: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) or www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish).

COVID 19 ONE YEAR LATER:

WHERE WE ARE NOW 12/17/21 VERSUS (THEN-12/18/20)
Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Cases	2021	(2020)	Deaths	2021	(2020)
LA County	1,556,685	(501,635)		27,208	(8,199)

LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 12/17/2021			
	Adults 82.2%	Seniors 96.8%	
	Cases	Deaths	Fully Vaccinated
Arcadia	3,617 (1165)	149 (44)	85.4%
Altadena	4,345 (3459)	81 (23)	81.2%
Bradbury	42 (30)	0 (0)	67.4%
Duarte	2,884 (1093)	102 (41)	79.3%
Monrovia	4,233 (1513)	87 (41)	76.7%
Pasadena	14,151 (4536)	368 (138)	80.9%
Sierra Madre	719 (223)	13 (5)	85.5%
So.Pasadena	1833 (614)	49 (28)	89.8%

PASADENA UNIFIED HEALTH PROGRAM VACCINATION SITES

Health Program is conducting two vaccination clinics on Monday December 20, 2021 in the South Parking Lot of Oak Knoll. Appointments are limited. We would like everyone to use the links below to make an appointment prior to coming to the site to get vaccinated. It is important they come according to their appointment time.

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JONATHON HAWES NEW BETHANY CHRISTIAN HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is with excitement and a thankful spirit that we, the Bethany Christian School Board, announce the hiring of Jonathan Hawes to be the Head of School beginning August 2022.

After much prayer, ongoing interviews and observation, and thorough consideration, we are convinced Mr. Hawes is the candidate that best meets the needs of Bethany Christian School. In January, 2022, Jonathan will become our full-time vice principal allowing enough time for a smooth transition after our current Head of School, Dr. Walner retires in June 2022.

It is exciting to know we have God's choice for this special time in the life of our school. Jonathan is also a graduate of Bethany Christian School. He was a Bethany student through most of his elementary grades and all of his middle school years. He, his wife Amy and daughter Ella reside in Sierra Madre.



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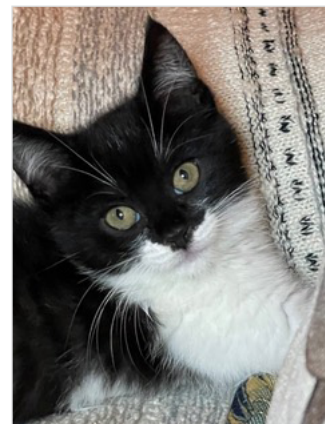


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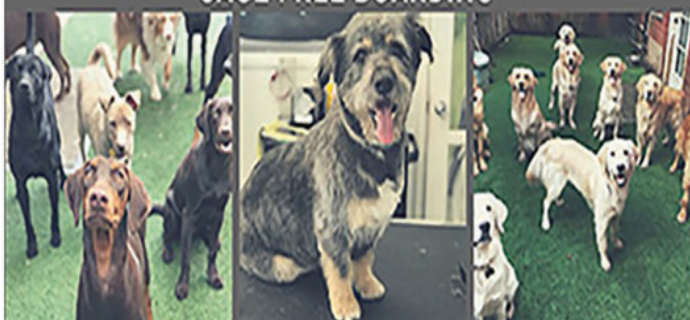
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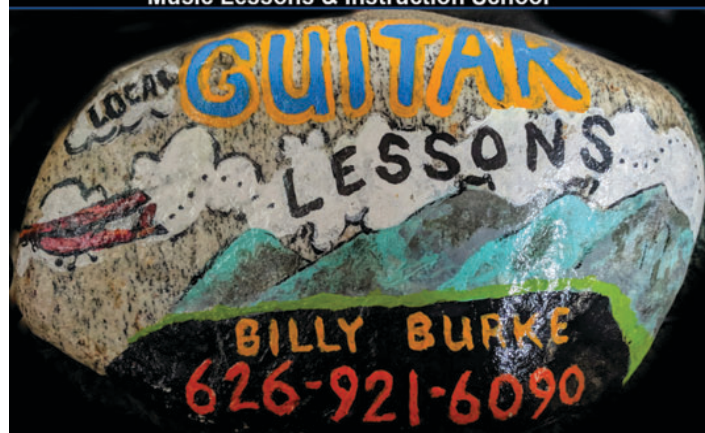
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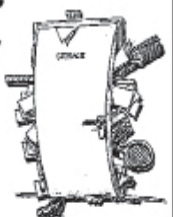


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HOW OLDER DRIVERS CAN SAVE ON INSURANCE

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you provide any tips to help seniors reduce their auto insurance premiums? I just got hit with a 15 percent increase on my car insurance and am looking for ways to save. Fixed Income Frank

Dear Frank:

Unfortunately, auto insurance rates went up significantly over the past year as the pandemic eased and more Americans got back on the roads. But there are plenty of ways to cut your premium. To find out what discounts may be available to you, contact your auto insurer and inquire about these options, and any others that may benefit you.

Low mileage discount: Most insurers offer discounts to customers who drive limited miles each year, which is usually beneficial to retirees who drive less because they don't commute to work every day. These discounts usually kick in when your annual mileage drops below 7,000 or 7,500, which is significantly less than the typical 12,000 miles most Americans drive a year.

Drivers Ed discount: Many states require insurance companies to offer defensive driving discounts – between 5 and 15 percent – to drivers who take a refresher course to brush up on their safety skills. These courses, offered by AAA (aaa.driver.online/register/roadwise) and AARP (aarpdriversafety.org), cost \$20 to \$30 and can be taken online.

Monitored driving discount: Many insurance providers offer discounts based on how and when you use your car. To get this, the insurer would provide a small monitoring device that you would place in your car to track things like your acceleration, braking habits, driving speeds, phone use and when you drive. Drivers are rewarded between 10 and 50 percent for safe driving and for not driving late at night.

In addition, many insurance providers also offer discounts to drivers who do not have any violations or accidents for three or more years.

Membership discounts: Organizations that you belong to can also lower your insurance premium. Insurers offer discounts through professional associations, workers' unions, large employers or membership organizations such as AAA, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, AARP, etc. You could even qualify for savings based on the college you attended or the fraternity or sorority you belonged to decades ago.

Bundle policies: If your auto policy is issued by a different company from the one insuring your life or home, call each insurer and ask if bundling the policies would be cheaper.

Improve your credit: You may be able to lower your car insurance premium by paying your bills on time and reducing the amount of debt you carry. Insurers look at how their customers manage credit to get an idea of risk and to price policies. Better rates are given to those with good credit scores, typically 700 or above.

Increase your deductible: While it's not right for everyone, paying a higher deductible could save you big on premiums. For example, raising your deductible from \$200 to \$500 could reduce the cost of your collision and comprehensive coverage by 15 to 30 percent. Going to a \$1,000 deductible could save you 40 percent or more.

Consider your car model: If you're shopping for a new vehicle, call for an insurance quote before you decide what to buy. Some vehicles are safer and cost less to repair than others. Insurance companies collect data about each make and model and use it to determine how much to charge customers.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

WHY PUTTING YOUR FAMILY HOME IN A TRUST IS A SMART MOVE

If you are like many homeowners, your home is likely your family's most valuable and treasured asset. In light of this, you want to plan wisely to ensure your home will pass to your heirs in the most efficient and safe manner possible when you die or in the event you become incapacitated by illness or injury.

Indeed, proper estate planning is as much a part of responsible homeownership as having homeowners insurance or keeping your home's roof well maintained. When it comes to including your home in your estate plan, you have a variety of different planning vehicles to choose from, but for many reasons, putting your home in a trust is often the smartest choice.

Avoiding Probate

One of the primary advantages of using a trust to pass on your home to your heirs is the avoidance of the court process known as probate. Unlike a will, assets held in trust do not have to go through probate. During probate, the court oversees the will's administration, ensuring your assets are distributed according to your wishes, with automatic supervision to handle any disputes.

However, probate can be a long and expensive process, which can be emotionally draining for your loved ones. Depending on the complexity of your estate, probate proceedings can drag out for years, and your family will likely have to hire an attorney to represent them, which can result in costly legal fees that drain your estate. Plus, probate is open to the public, which makes things risky for those you leave behind, especially if the wrong people take an interest in your family's affairs.

Control Over Asset Distribution

Because you can include specific instructions in a trust's terms for how and when the assets held by the trust are distributed to a beneficiary, a trust can offer greater control over how your assets are distributed compared to a will. For example, you could stipulate in the trust's terms that the assets can only be distributed upon certain life events, such as the completion of college or marriage, or when the beneficiary reaches a certain age.

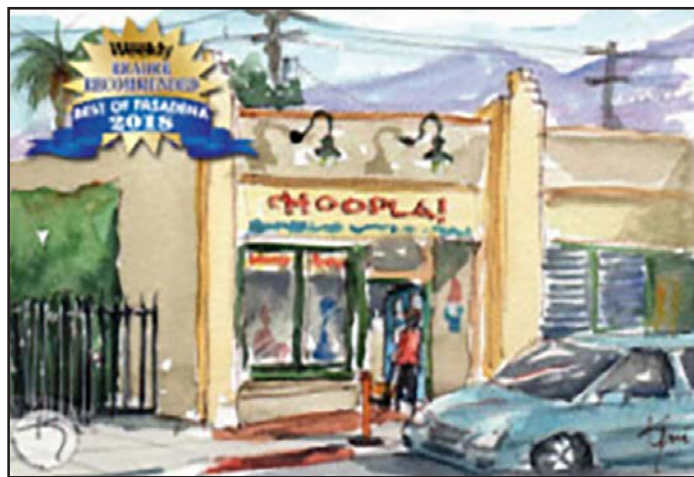
In this way, you can help prevent your beneficiaries from blowing through their inheritance all at once, and offer incentives for them to demonstrate responsible behavior. And as long as the assets are passed in trust, they're protected from the beneficiaries' creditors, lawsuits, and divorce, which is something else wills don't provide.

Avoiding Family Conflict

If you leave your home to your loved ones using a will and you designate more than one person to inherit the property, there's a potential for conflict because each individual gets an undivided interest in the home. Given this, these individuals must agree on what to do with the home—keep it or sell it—and they may not see eye-to-eye, which can create unnecessary family drama.

Find The Solution That's Right For Your Family

Although putting your home in a living trust can be an ideal way to pass your home to your loved ones, each family's circumstances are different. You should consult with an experienced estate planning attorney about what you actually need, and what will be the most affordable solution for you and your family—both now and in the future—based on your family dynamics, assets, and desires.



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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY ONGOING GRUDGE WITH SANTA



I've had sort of a grudge with old Mr. Santa Claus. I was introduced to Santa Claus by my parents, who informed me that he was the one that brought all of my Christmas presents on Christmas day. And I believe my parents.

I remember on Christmas Eve we had to go to bed early to give Santa Claus time to deliver our presents under the tree. It was hard to sleep that early on Christmas Eve knowing that Santa was coming with Christmas presents. Finally, we did fall asleep only to wake up Christmas day with the tree filled with our Christmas presents.

I did not know the real identity of Santa Claus until many years later.

I was six years old when my parents first took me to see Santa Claus. I stood in the line and waited my turn to climb up on his lap and tell him what I wanted for Christmas. That first Christmas time, I told Santa that all I wanted for Christmas was a pony. Just a pony.

At the time, he told me that that was a good wish and he would see to it that I got my Christmas present when I needed it. I was so anxious when I jumped off his lap, I went over to my parents and told them Santa would get me a pony for Christmas.

Looking at me, my parents just smiled, patted my head, and said, "Okay, it's time to go home now."

That was two weeks before Christmas, and during those two weeks, I was ecstatic about that pony that was coming because my parents always told me Santa Claus never lies. So I can trust him as much as I can trust them. That turned out to be true.

That Christmas Eve, I could hardly go to bed. Once in bed, I could not keep my eyes shut thinking about that marvelous pony Santa would give me for my Christmas present. I kept thinking about the name I would use for that pony. I had half a dozen names; it just jingled through my mind.

This was going to be the best Christmas I would ever have.

I don't know how I did it, but I finally drifted off to sleep and dreamed about my Christmas pony.

When I awoke that Christmas morning, I was so excited, I could hardly get out of bed quick enough. So I ran downstairs to the Christmas tree, expecting to see my Christmas pony. When I didn't see it, I asked my parents where it was. All they could say was, "Well, we haven't seen it. Maybe it's just late."

Before we could open our presents, we had to go and have breakfast, and we tried to make that as fast as possible. Then after breakfast, we were able to go to the Christmas tree and open up our Christmas presents as a family.

I was a little depressed because my little Christmas pony was nowhere to be seen.

There was no explanation for that. All I could do was hope that maybe it would come true next year.

"Well, son," my father said to me as seriously as possible, "maybe your Christmas pony will come next year. So let's just hope for it."

That was a long year for me. So every month that went by, I thought about that Christmas pony.

Then, finally, December came into view. I began getting excited about my Christmas pony because this year was probably the year. Last year I was only six, but this year I was a full seven years old, old enough to take care of a Christmas pony.

Again, my parents took my siblings and me downtown to see Santa Claus. I stood in line with my brother and sister, anxiously waiting for the time to confront Mr. Santa Claus.

Then my turn came, and I walked up to Santa, sat on his lap, and began the conversation.

The first thing I said was, "Santa, the Christmas pony you promised last year never came. Why didn't it come?"

I didn't realize that this was a different person; I just thought it was Santa Claus. He looked at me and said, "Ho ho ho, I'm not sure why it didn't come, but I'll check into it and see if it got lost on the way down from the North Pole, ho ho ho."

Then I told him what I wanted for Christmas, and all I wanted was a Christmas pony. He assured me that he would check into this and make sure that my Christmas pony arrived on time this year. Then he said, "Just have faith, ho ho ho."

This continued for the next ten years, and to this day, I have never seen that Christmas pony. So I began to think that maybe that old Santa Claus was a fake.

As I thought about this, I remembered a verse of Scripture. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

The only truth is what comes from God's word. I know this verse is often taken out of context, or only half of it is given. When I discovered the truth out of God's word, it sets me free from everything else in the world.

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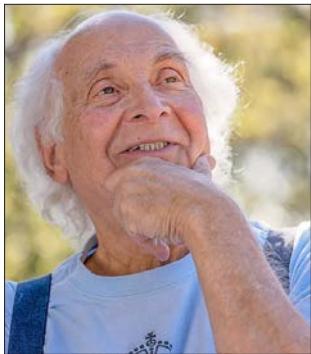
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PUT THE LIGHTS ON

THINKING IS NOT ENOUGH BUT IT'S A GOOD START



Basically I have no reason to leave the house because I don't have to DO anything. I start the day with Democracy Now on PBS at 7 a.m. every weekday morning. The show describes, often accompanied by terrifying videos, the current horrors of the world. Also included are presentations by individuals who have done their best, and are still doing their best, to combat these horrors. I watch every morning and even tape it so that I can re-watch it. The host of the show is Amy Goodman, whose maternal grandfather was an Orthodox Rabbi while she was raised by secular parents and graduated from Radcliffe College. In 1991 she was badly beaten by Indonesian soldiers after witnessing a mass killing of peaceful demonstrators. I was not beaten, maybe spat upon a few times, but I still identify a bit with Amy.

The content of the show and the background of Amy contribute to my maintenance of a certain attitude about myself. I am proud of being a Jewish person, a secular Jewish person, with no religious belief or religious education or much knowledge of Jewish traditions but who firmly believes in authentic Jewish principles. These principles are fairness, equality, and compassion for the oppressed. I like knowing that an elitist education at Radcliffe (now Harvard) and an orthodox grandfather are not necessarily impediments to engaging heroically with the present horrors of today's world. Democracy Now guarantees that I remain aware but it is accompanied by a strong dissatisfaction with myself.

I still want to help the world but have lost my way. As an attorney representing mainly indigent and politically persecuted people I tried to do my best. But now I am retired and am rarely out in the world. My wife takes loving care of me, prepares our meals, washes our clothes, and uses technology to shop for our food and to pay our bills. She even presses the right keys so that my weekly articles are sent to the editor of this paper. I bemoan the fact that I don't do anything and she says "so learn"; but I don't. So why not? Like Lady Gaga was "I born this way?" After all I was raised in a home with mothers and grandmothers who told me not to touch anything. I never went to the refrigerator myself and never thought of saying that I wanted to pick out my own clothes or that I had much preference for anything. I never had any particular ambition as far as professions were concerned and I went to College because my friends did. I went to Law School because I didn't want to get drafted—that was one thing I knew. My present inaction and indecision leaves me feeling dissatisfied with myself. Probably this feeling is intensified by watching Democracy Now. Maybe that's what I like best is this continual dissatisfaction with myself. It is familiar and comfortable and does not require that I do anything else.

Well, I spend a lot of time thinking, mainly about myself, I guess. Notwithstanding my internal disapproval I still manage to quite like myself. Without comparing myself to others I think I am okay. Forgetting infants and toddlers I am one of my favorite people. I know there is a kind of unforgivable privilege and complacency associated with this overall picture and, as typical of me, I do think about it. I wonder what else I should be doing. It is not my desire to be beaten by soldiers as Amy Goodman was. But I know that there is more that I should and want to be doing. I keep writing but writing isn't enough.

Let's think about that because that's probably all that I will do. Remember the Hippocratic Oath (not hypocritical—but sometimes you wonder) First: Do No Harm. Right now I'm just trying for honesty and believing my curiosity and continuing to talk with all kinds of people and carefully listening will help me to find the right track. Strangely today, in these impossible times, I am continually delighted by my experience of existence. Being alive is pretty great and beatings are not required. Happy Holidays

DICK POLMAN

NOW RAND PAUL IS IN FAVOR OF BIG GOVERNMENT



Rand Paul has long been a laughable lightweight – at Senate hearings, Dr. Fauci beats him up on a regular basis – but now he has outperformed even himself.

Republicans like him always equate "big government" with "socialism" and routinely condemn it as a matter of principle – until catastrophe hits their own backyard, and then suddenly, without even a scintilla of embarrassment, they dump their doltish boilerplate and plead for big government socialist money to rescue them.

Look, the tornado victims in Kentucky deserve all the help that Joe Biden can possibly provide, and he's already doing it. But we can still take a moment to laugh ourselves silly at the letter Paul sent to the president over the weekend, where he begged for federal assistance and asked Biden to "move expeditiously to approve the appropriate resources for our state."

Isn't it amazing how all the idiot talk about the evils of "socialism" gets blown away as soon as killer weather (the "new normal," thanks to climate change) comes calling?

If memory serves, Paul is the purportedly principled "libertarian" who voted in 2013 not to send billions in federal relief aid to the New Jersey victims of Hurricane Sandy, who voted in 2017 not to send billions in federal relief to the Texas victims of Hurricane Harvey, who voted in 2017 not to send federal relief money to the Puerto Rico victims of Hurricane Maria, and who voted in 2019 not to appropriate billions in new relief money to several federal agencies.

As he once explained, "This (relief spending) has to stop. We spend too much. We owe too much. We cannot keep spending money we do not have."

But now that his state has been hit hard, he wants to spend as much as possible with all expeditious speed. In the past he always insisted that if the feds wanted to hike disaster spending, they should offset those costs by cutting the budget somewhere else. But lo and behold, you can read the entire letter that Paul sent to the president, and not once is there any insistence that Kentucky should be helped only if the federal budget is cut elsewhere.

No amount of air freshener can erase the stench of his hypocrisy.

Actually, that's standard Republican behavior. Mick Mulvaney, the Trump budget director, was a congressman who voted in 2013 not to send money to New Jersey, insisting that Sandy relief should happen only if budget cuts were made elsewhere. But in 2015, when his state of South Carolina was flooded by a killer storm, he pleaded for federal money without first insisting on other budget cuts: "There will be a time for a discussion about aid and how to pay for it, but that time is not now."

The state's senior senator, Lindsey Graham, did the same thing. He'd voted No on the Sandy package, but suddenly, after his flood, he declared: "Rather than put a price tag on it, let's just get through this, and whatever it costs, it costs."

There's much more. Tom Cotton, the Arkansas senator, voted No on the Sandy package, but pleaded for expeditious federal money a few years later after Arkansas was hit by floods. Four House Republicans from Colorado voted No on the Sandy package, but a pleaded for socialist help a few months later when Colorado was hit by floods. In 2011, the two Republican senators from Oklahoma voted No on the Sandy package and in 2011 they tried to cut the Federal Emergency Management Agency budget – only to pull a miracle switcheroo in 2013 when Oklahoma was hit by tornadoes.

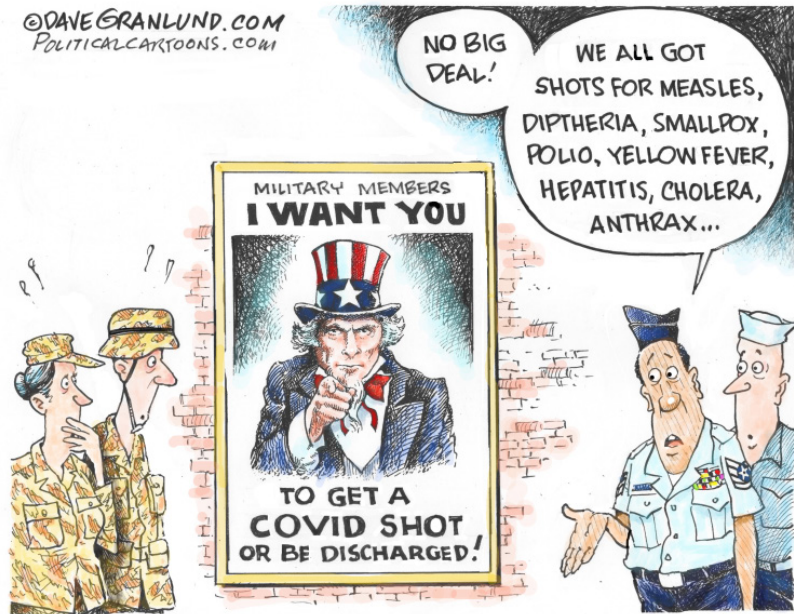
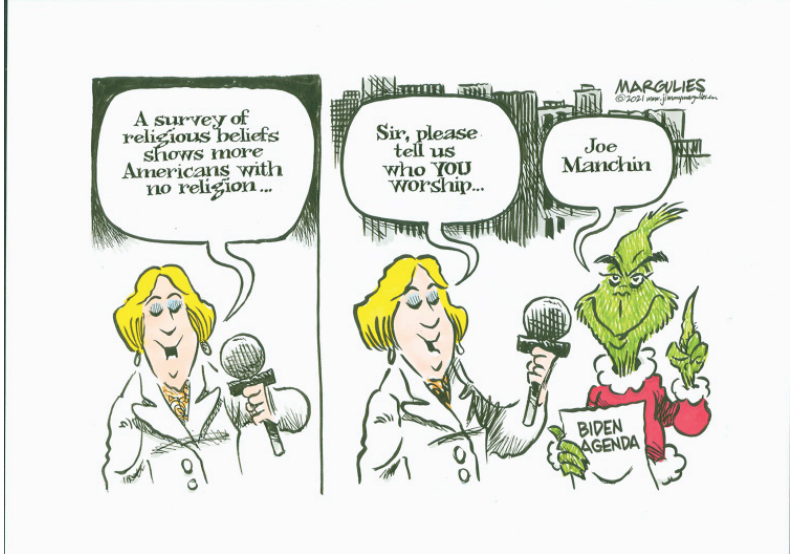
One of those senators, Tom Coburn, told his constituents: "As the ranking member of the committee that oversees FEMA, I can assure Oklahomans that any and all available aid will be delivered without delay."

So Rand Paul is merely one rotten egg in the basket of deplorables. Nevertheless, he was still a committed scrooge as recently as last month. When Biden's infrastructure package reached the Senate floor – with its \$47 billion outlay to combat climate change; with its \$6.8 billion for FEMA – Paul again voted No. How fortunate for his benighted citizens of Kentucky that he was powerless to stop its historic passage.

And how fortunate Kentuckians are that Paul's hypocrisy has been trumped by Biden's sense of responsibility. The president has already approved massive federal relief aid with all deliberate speed – without fuming that the state's red electorate had voted against him, without ranting that the state's two red senators were horrible people or whatever, without offering to throw paper towels, without telling Kentuckians that maybe the tornadoes would've never happened if they'd bothered to rake their forests.

That's called governing.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



POLITICALLY CORRECT SANTA

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically correct.
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves,"
Vertically challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labor conditions at the north pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul
Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
We're replaced with 4 pigs and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolph was suing over unauthorized use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in overdue compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion
That making a choice could cause such commotion.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.

Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.
No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.

And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
We're like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe';
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was there to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue, Everyone, everywhere...even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI
CASE NO. 21AHCP0069

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner
KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI

FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI

Proposed Name:
KAREN ALLAN HENDRICKSON

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 02/18/22 at 8:30 AM in Dept. X located at 150 W. COMMONWEALTH AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated above to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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'TIS THE SEASON FOR STUDENT LOAN SCAM CALLS

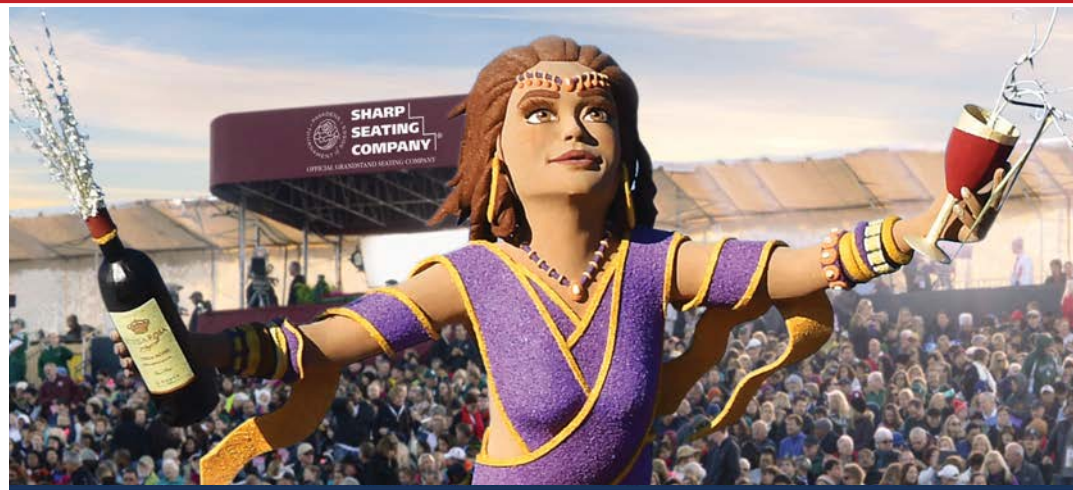
by Emily Wu
Attorney, FTC, Division of Consumer & Business Education

If you have a federal student loan, you probably already know that the Coronavirus emergency relief program that has paused your payments is ending. Repayments will begin again after January 31, 2022. Scammers know it, too, and are looking for ways to take advantage: they're calling, texting, and e-mailing to try to use any confusion around restarting your student loan payments to steal your money and personal information.

If you get a call, text, e-mail, or message on social media from someone about your federal student loan, here are some things to keep in mind:

- Never pay an upfront fee. It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you. If you pay up front to reduce or get rid of your student loan debt, you might not get any help — or your money back. Also, remember that there's nothing a company can do for you that you can't do yourself for free. And you never have to pay to get help from the Department of Education.
- Never give out your Federal Student Aid ID, your Social Security number, or other personal information to anyone who contacts you. Scammers posing as student loan servicers can use this information to log into your account, change your contact information, and even divert your payments to them. Instead of giving out your FSA ID, call or contact your servicer.
- Don't sign up for quick loan forgiveness. Scammers might say they can get rid of your loans before they know the details of your situation. Or they might promise a loan forgiveness program — that most people won't qualify for. They might even say they'll wipe out your loans by disputing them. But they can't.
- Scammers use fake seals and logos to lure people in. They promise special access to repayment plans, new federal loan consolidations, or loan forgiveness programs. It's a lie. If you have federal loans, go to the Department of Education directly at StudentAid.gov.

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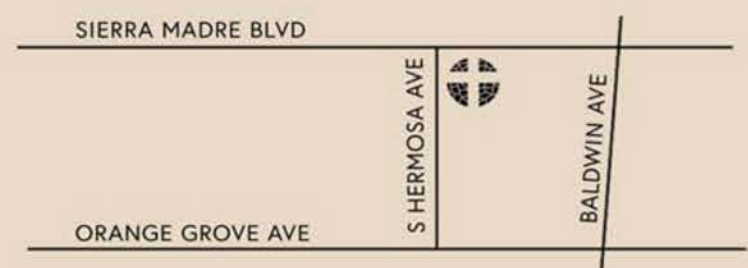


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