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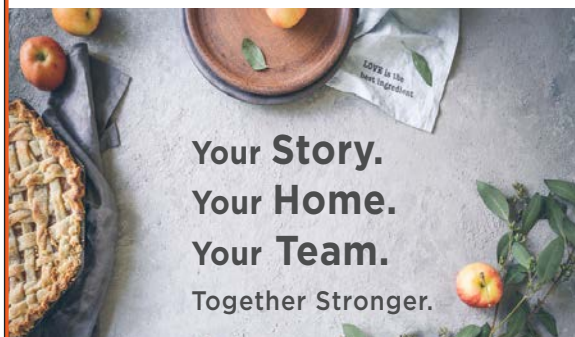
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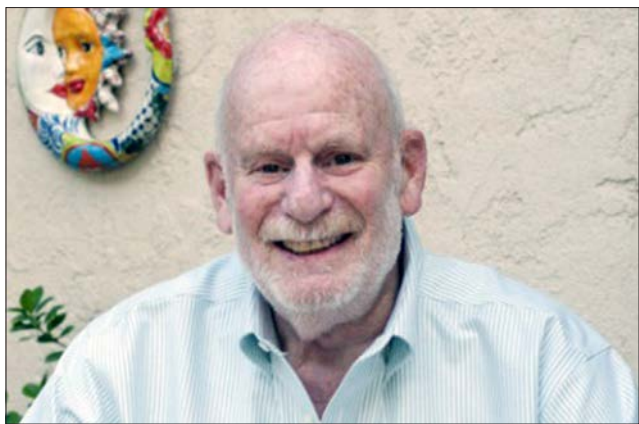
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FORMER CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE BARRY GOLD PASSES AWAY



Tragic Accident Occurred Days Before His 75th Birthday

Well-known Sierra Madre resident and community activist Barry Gold, died Monday, November 4, 2019, as the result on injuries sustained when he was hit by a Van. He passed away at USC Keck Medical Center where he was taken immediately following the incident.

Barry, as he was known throughout Sierra Madre, was born in Chicago, but his family moved to Los Angeles when he was just three years old. He attended Hamilton High School in Los Angeles and graduated from Cal State Northridge with a degree in Business Administration. He managed the family businesses and properties until the time of his death. He was the founder of the Downtown Property Owners Association in Los Angeles, organizing efforts to assist businesses as they faced challenges with the rise of 'big box stores'.

In 2016 Barry threw his hat in the ring in Sierra Madre Politics as a write-in candidate for City Council. Although his bid was unsuccessful, he was so passionate about his concerns that many of the platforms he supported, such as protecting Sierra Madre from development, were embraced.

Preserve Sierra Madre organizer, Matthew Bryant recently shared the following, "Barry was there from the very beginning when the Save the Monastery Coalition was formed to stop a large housing development on those sacred grounds. After that project was stopped by a huge effort on the part of our supporters led by Barry Gold and then the water meter moratorium, Barry helped form the Preserve Sierra Madre coalition to respond to threats from over-development throughout the entire city. No one fought harder than Barry Gold to preserve our 'village of the foothills'."

While Barry was a warrior in his efforts to protect Sierra Madre, he fought the battle as a gentleman. Barry did not yell or stomp his feet. Instead he used his great wisdom and communication skills to get his points across. Whether it was stopping the Monastery project, improving the General Plan or standing in the way of the proverbial bulldozer at various developments around town, Barry was in the arena and giving his all which benefited all the residents of Sierra Madre."

Barry Gold is survived by his wife, Judy, sons, Darrin (Azusa), Kenn (New York), Andrew Thayer (Sierra Madre) and daughter Lisa Thayer also of Sierra Madre. He is also survived by his sister, Shirley Newman of Calabasas; Stepmother Nan Gold; Grandchildren, Kyle, Dina, Chelsea, Justin and Amanda; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held on Friday, November 8th, 2019 at Mount Sinai Hollywood Hills.

Donations in Barry's memory can be made to: glaucomafoundation.com or sent to LAC-USC Medical Center Foundation, 1200 N. State Street, Los Angeles, Ca. 90033.

MEASURE S PASSES

Tuesday's Special Election in Sierra Madre made LA County history. Residents of the city who voted, resoundingly passed Measure S, a 'protective' sales tax increase that will keep the funds from the increase in Sierra Madre, rather than have a much smaller amount trickle down to the city when the county raises the sales tax to the state limit next year. Measure S will raise the local tax rate 3/4 of a percent and will effectively lock out future sales tax increases by other agencies. It is anticipated that the city will receive approximately \$225,000 in additional revenue each year.

Other cities have also passed similar measures including Arcadia, and most recently Monrovia. However, not all votes in the election on Tuesday supported similar measures for their towns. In Claremont, the measure was defeated by a very narrow margin.

Election results at press time (preliminary with 100% of the precincts reporting are:

Measure S YES: 80.71%

Measure S NO: 19.29%

Although turnout was lower than expected, history was made in Sierra Madre on Tuesday, however. Sierra Madre had the largest margin of victory of any other city with a similar measure on their ballot! Moreover, voters in Sierra Madre had the unique opportunity to vote using the new electronic system that will be introduced county wide for the March 3, 2020 primary.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
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The Kensington is proud to salute our Veterans on Monday, November 11th. Please join us in celebration. We will begin with a flag ceremony, readings and acknowledgements. We are featuring Kensington residents Richard Mauch and Wayne Wong's military stories with photos. We will also have refreshments. All are welcome!

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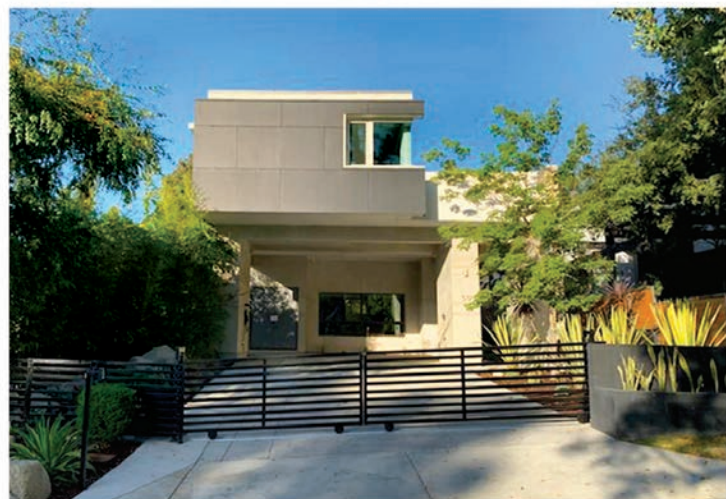
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The public is invited to attend our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 10, 2019, with special guest speaker Philip B. Haney, founding Member of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and former Federal Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Officer, at Sierra Madre Memorial Park, Hart Park House, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, start time 1:00 PM. Major sponsor of the event with VFW Post 3208 is the Knights of Columbus 'SK Matthew P McDonagh (4th Patriotic Degree) Assembly 3784', Pasadena, CA.

Room is limited, so come early. Refreshments following the program will be provided.



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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

City Council

November 12th at 6:30PM

November 26th at 6:30PM CANCELED

Planning Commission

November 21st 7:00pm, 2019

Community Service Commission

November 18th, 2019 at 6:30PM

Senior Community Commission

December 5th

Library Board of Trustees

November 27th 2019 at 7:00PM CANCELED

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission

November 20, 2019 at 7:00PM

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



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Tuesday

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Weekly LEGO Challenge 3:00—5:00 pm

Free Homework Help 3:00—5:00 pm

Virtual Reality 5:30—7:30 pm

Wednesday

Parent Café: Growing Together 10:00—11:00 am

Middle School Crafty Book Club 4:00—5:00 pm

Thursday

Free Homework Help 3:00—5:00 pm

Barks & Books 3:30—4:30 pm

Saturday

Buster Balloon 10:00—11:00 am

STEAM Open House 10:00 am—1:00 pm

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude." Jeff Miller

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same." Ronald Reagan

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. Thank you for your service, protection and support." John F. Kennedy



This coming weekend, featuring beautiful weather, I hope, will be filled with celebrations of our veterans throughout the land. Children will sing, my granddaughter, Emily will be out at the Goodyear ball park on Monday with her school choir singing, "America The Beautiful." There will be flyovers, flags will fly. Our veterans will come out in full dress uniforms, and our Nation will thank them once again for their service and their sacrifice. Thinking about all the festivities, including Sierra Madre's annual Veteran's Day ceremony tomorrow at Memorial Park's Hart Park House at 1:00 p.m., featuring Philip P. Haney, founding member of the Department of Homeland Security, I was reminded that my Dad was in the Navy during World War II. He never talked much about what he did, what his job was, what happened to him. As we commemorate Veteran's Day this weekend, I thought I'd put up a picture of some of our Sierra Madre veterans and add the following poem. We are fortunate here in Sierra Madre, to have quite a few veterans who come out smartly and impeccably dressed in their uniforms to carry the flag, march in our July 4th parade, be on hand to kick off the Mt. Wilson Trail Race and be part of the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day observances. They stand tall and straight and we admire them. If you haven't been down to Memorial Park to look at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, take a few minutes, look at the pictures and see who you might know.

"Just A Common Soldier"
A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Next time you see the flag go by, held in the hands of one of our veterans, stand and salute, for our flag and our veterans both deserve that honor.

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SIERRA MADRE UNITING AGAINST HATE

By Donna Jaffee, Marianna Nikolaidou and Lauren Pressman.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and many of us will be at the dinner table, looking forward to connecting with family and friends. Sierra Madre residents have much to be thankful for. Our beautiful, serene and safe city remains free from the strife and violence that other communities are experiencing. Yet, given the political climate of the last few years, we may more acutely feel the need to address some difficult questions as we celebrate this holiday of gratitude. How do we talk to people we hold dear but whose views conflict with our own? How do we find common ground with those who are different from us, whether by origin of birth, sexual orientation, religion, race or political persuasion?

As fortunate as we are to call Sierra Madre our home, we're not immune to the toxicity and hate surging across the country which often permeates our work and social environments. We can, however, take steps to raise awareness and spark action against hostility and for inclusion. By doing so, Sierra Madre can become a city United Against Hate.

The United Against Hate campaign, in coordination with "Not in Our Town," is a call for seven days of local civic action by communities nationwide to stop the hate and implicit biases that threaten the safety and civility of our towns and cities. This year, activities will take place November 16 – 22. On Saturday, November 16 from 11 am – 2 pm SMART (Sierra Madre Activists Rebuilding Together) will have a table at Kersting Court where children and their families can show their commitment to be kind to each other by creating art and compiling a list of ways to show empathy and respect for our commonalities and differences. SMART will hold another gathering at Kersting Court on Thursday, November 21, 5 pm – 7 pm, to show our solidarity as a community of peace, understanding and inclusion. Join us on November 16 and/or November 21 to share stories and stand together United Against Hate.

October 19, 2019



This year marks the 3rd 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 the past there have been two separate events – Sierra Madre Honors at Alverno and The Citizen of The Year Dinner. Last year we merged those events into one very special evening! The event will be held in the Sierra Madre Room at the Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. However, we need your help in choosing this year's honorees.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

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.

The 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.

The Community Youth Service Award presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply email or drop off a short letter to City Hall listing the qualifications of your nominee by 5:00 pm November 15th, 2019.

Email: smadrecc@gmail.com or fax them to 626-609-3285.

KATIE Tse...This and That



When I tried to save this Word Doc just now it claimed this file already exists. So I must've written on this topic before. Oops. Anyway, I don't remember the original one, which means you won't, either.

Just got our "school pictures" back at work. It's the same company and virtually the same process the kids go through. They make you stand on black footprints and cock your head a certain way (even if you know from years of experience that they're aiming at your bad side...).

One nice difference for staff is that we get to "okay" our picture before committing. I guess some people really get into the inspection process, and take as many re-dos as necessary to get the perfect shot.

But I'm always afraid of coming off as presumptuous if I were to do that. So I usually just give a quick glance and cursory wave toward my mug on the computer screen, mumbling something like, "Great. That's fine, thanks."

Usually I'm prepared for results that are less than a glamour shot, but this time I actually shocked myself when I opened the envelope. My expression was its typical mix of forced cheeriness and underlying trepidation. Nothing new there.

In this one my hair's actually standing straight out sideways from my head. That was a new one. I wonder if the photographers are trained to push certain people to redo their pictures if they came out particularly bad. But then I look at some of the kids' pictures, and realize this probably isn't the case.

I remember picture day when I was a kid in elementary school. They had us all lined up to take our turn in front of a fake background. Usually muted neutral colors, all blended together like soggy Fruit Loops. (You know I could've drawn a worse analogy.)

But what I remember more than the stiff backgrounds and bright lights was the conspicuous jars of water with combs resting inside. They'd whip one out to tame any unruly hair, then stick it back in the same old water. By the end of the day it was chock full of floating stray hairs and dandruff flakes. You just hoped your class went early in the day and that you were near the front of the line.

Yes, school pictures are a right of passage. As universal as zits and the first advent of body odor. One of my favorite wineries in Paso Robles, Herman Story, has put these otherwise embarrassing portraits to good use on some of their bottles.

It used to be that they only used guy's pictures, but now I see that they've branched into girls' dorky photos as well. Their current "Late Bloomer" release is a lovely 2015 Grenache, sporting what looks to be a fifth grader with lopsided glasses, buck-ish teeth, and hair resembling my own staff pic, only more so. I'm sure the girl in question's a beauty bombshell by now.

Maybe Herman story would like staff portraits, too? There's an idea. I think they'd take mine. It'd fit right in with others they've used in the past, and they know I'm very sincere.

Order "Late Bloomer" now and decant for thirty minutes. Or age for four to six years. Either way, it's sure to please. Unlike most of our school and staff pictures.

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City Officials Announce Veterans Day Closures



Pasadena City Hall and many city services and administrative business offices will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day, a day to honor the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces. The public is invited to attend a Veterans Day ceremony in front of City Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Specific Veterans Day closures and exceptions are noted below.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services, but not business or administrative offices. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and make payments by phone at (626) 744-4005 or online at: PWPweb.com.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, and will return to normal hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday. CSC is available via the web and by calling (626) 744-7311. Residents with City trash and recycling service will be on their regular pickup schedule for Monday, including any previously scheduled pickups for bulky items.

Both Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-a-Ride services will operate on normal schedule Monday. All parking meters will be free, and parking time limits will not be enforced; however, violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement resumes Tuesday.

All Pasadena Public Library sites and the city's recreation and community centers will be closed on Sunday, and Monday. All parks will be open for picnics, fun and play; however, no site reservations are accepted for the holiday. City Council will not meet on Monday. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 18.



Tournament Spreads Hope Across the City

Officials including The Tournament of Roses, in partnership with the city of Pasadena, unveiled a large bold colorful symbolic HOPE sign Friday that will travel to multiple destinations in the city before its last stop as part of the post parade float viewing Jan. 1 and Jan 2.

Tournament of Roses President Laura Farber (pictured above right) said the 2020 theme, "The Power of Hope," celebrates the influence of hope. With hope anything, in fact, everything is possible she said.

"My family came to this county under very difficult circumstances because of what was happening in their home counties," Farber said. "It was not a time that people like to talk about... there were some horrible things going on, but they had no choice, they had

to leave... and this country represented a beacon of hope, hope for freedom of expression, of speech, religion, economics and educational opportunities... this theme is about the hope that our American's New Year's celebration brings. We are much more than a parade and game."

Vice Mayor of Pasadena Tyrone Hampton (pictured above left) said "We want to make sure the parade is not just a place or something down on Orange Grove Blvd. But something that embodies the whole community,"

Hampton went on to talk about big changes in the leadership of The Tournament of Roses as it relates to diversity and hope.

"Its important that we can't forget where we have come from and we can't take steps backwards, we can only take steps forward," he said. "As of

last year, we had our first African American President of The Tournament of Roses Gerald Freeny... and this year we have our first Latina president of the Tournament Laura Farber."

Along with Farber, the three 2020 Grand Marshals, Rita Moreno, Gina Torres and Laurie Hernandez are also Latinas spanning six decades.

After being highlighted in La Pintoresca Park the HOPE sign will be next displayed at Paseo Colorado.

The 131st Rose Parade takes place Wednesday, January 1, 2020, followed by the 106th Rose Bowl Game. For more information, visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

Thanksgiving at Pasadena Senior Center



Membership in the Pasadena Senior Center is not required

Gobble gobble! The Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will offer a traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings Thursday, Nov. 28, at noon. They'll even do all the cooking and cleanup, so all anyone has to do is come!

Diners will sit comfortably at beautifully decorated tables and enjoy a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving meal in a festive and fun atmosphere, accompanied by piano music performed by Morey Wolfson.

Prepaid reservations must be received at the Welcome Desk no later than Tuesday, Nov. 26. The cost is only \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members of all ages.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people 50 and over in a welcoming environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

New Exhibition Looks at Pasadena's Early History



Fenyes Mansion

The Pasadena Museum of History is set to open a new exhibition Wednesday looking at how Pasadena came to be.

Starting Anew: Transforming Pasadena, 1890 - 1930 will explore the city's private and public sector development by examining themes such as: Why did people come to Pasadena? Why did they choose to stay? What local, national, or international influences served as a catalyst for the city's remarkable transformation?

The forty years between 1890 and 1930 were a dynamic time in Pasadena's history. The area changed rapidly from a small agricultural community to a renowned winter resort and bustling young city. Newcomers came for many reasons. They were taken by the region's natural beauty and the opportunities associated with its growth and potential. It was an appealing place to launch a new venture, or in some cases, to start over. The railroad provided convenient and affordable transportation to the appropriately nicknamed "Crown City," Pasadena was changing significantly, fashioned by a rapidly

burgeoning population and its hopes, dreams, and achievements.

Historic images, documents, artwork, clothing, and ephemera, many selected from the Museum's collection - along with research compiled over decades by scholars, PMH staff, and volunteers - will illustrate the scope of these vibrant decades in Pasadena's history. The exhibition will also feature the legacy of Museum benefactors Eva and Aldalbert Fenyes.

After arriving in Pasadena as newlyweds in 1896, this sophisticated couple quickly embraced the city as their new home. They purchased real estate, developed businesses, and contributed to the cultural and artistic development of Pasadena. Their 1906 Beaux Arts mansion is an important component of the exhibit story line, providing visitors with a glimpse into what life was like on Pasadena's Landmark Millionaire's Row in the early 1900s.

The Pasadena Museum of History is located 470 W. Walnut St. For more information visit: Info@PasadenaHistory.org or call 626.577.1660.

Turkey Giveaway Plus Job and Resource Fair

Councilmember John Kennedy (pictured) invites the public to his annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway and Job and Resource Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. The event will be held in the multi-purpose room and gym. There will be one turkey allotted per household, while supplies last.

The job and resource fair will feature a mixture of at least 50 potential employers and providers of important information, exemplifying what it means to be a community.

"The more we fill our hearts with gratitude, the more we experience the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Knowing the incredible number of residents the turkey giveaway event



attracts, we have added the job and resource fair to give constituents the opportunity to network with key employers and obtain information essential to them personally and professionally."

For more information, contact Susana Porras at (626) 744-4738 or sporras@cityofpasadena.net.

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Pasadena Police Officers Join Fight Against Cancer With "No-Shave November"

Pasadena Police Department is proud to participate in "No-Shave November," a fundraising opportunity to bring greater awareness and support for cancer research. No-Shave November is about setting aside razors for 30 days and letting hair—which many cancer patients lose—grow wild and free. The money typically spent on shaving and grooming will be donated to cancer charities and facilities like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Fight Colorectal Cancer and the Prevent Cancer Foundation.

Pasadena Police Chief John Perez wants to give Police Department employees the opportunity to participate in this fundraiser stating, "By supporting this cause, members of the Pasadena Police Department are joining in the fight against cancer. Together, we are a formidable opponent against this illness."



Employees participating in No-Shave November have each made a minimum contribution of \$50 at: no-shave.org/donate. Anyone can visit the same website to donate on behalf of survivors or loved ones by mentioning their name in the comments section of the donation form. To donate on behalf of Pasadena Police Department, simply go to: no-shave.org/donate, click on Member, and search for 'Pasadena Police.' We thank you for any support you can offer!

City to Host Workshop on Accessibility Requirements

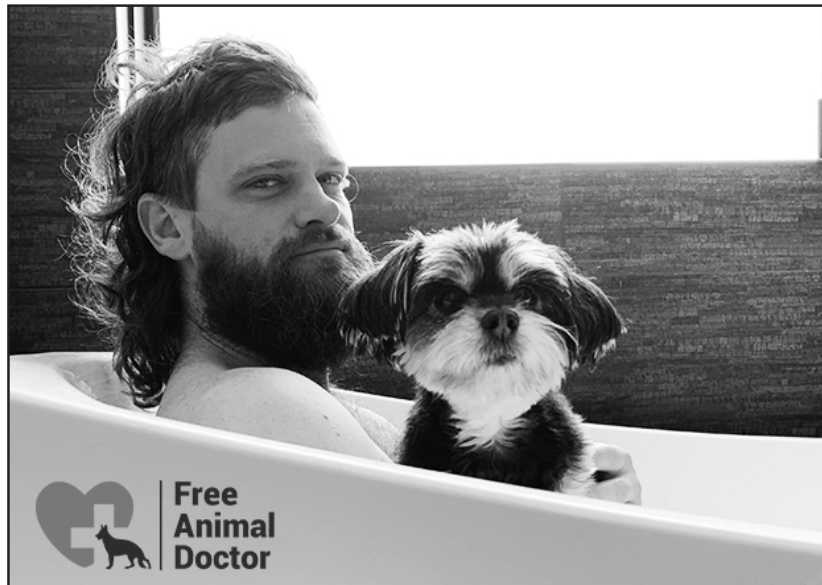
The City of Pasadena is hosting a free workshop for Pasadena business owners interested in learning about federal and state accessibility requirements and resources. "The ABCs of ADA for Businesses" workshop will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Rocooco Room, 70 W. Union St.

Attendees can select one of two time slots: 8- 10 a.m. or 2- 4 p.m. Both sessions will cover what is required of businesses under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as it pertains to physical accessibility, effective communications and general nondiscrimination. Business

owners will also learn about resources and tools available to achieve greater business accessibility, including the California Certified Access Specialist program (CASP) and financial resources for small businesses.

RSVP for this free workshop at: tinyurl.com/ADAworkshop. Parking is available at 30 E. Union St. in the One Colorado public parking structure (southeast corner of Fair Oaks Avenue and Union Street).

For questions, accessibility information, or to request an accommodation, please call the City of Pasadena Economic Development Office at (626)744-4660.



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 27th, through Saturday, November 2nd, the Police Department responded to 1,003 calls for service, of which 102 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 27:

1. Shortly before 3:58 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Monte Vista Road regarding a traffic collision between a vehicle and a tree. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her person. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The 22-year-old female from San Dimas was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 10:57 a.m., an officer responded to the 2200 block of South Second Avenue regarding a stolen license plate. Sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. on October 26th, the victim's license plate went missing. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, October 28:

3. Just after 5:28 a.m., an officer responded to a doctor's office at 1245 West Huntington Drive regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed an unidentified suspect broke the glass window, ransacked the business, and fled with an unknown amount of property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

4. At approximately 9:55 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of South Second Avenue regarding a battery report. The officer discovered an argument between a formerly-dating cohabitating couple resulted in the female suspect hitting the male victim with a metal pole. A records check revealed the male had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 50-year-old male from Arcadia was cited and released in the field. The 65-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

5. Around 8:14 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Winnie Way regarding a residential burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect smashed a rear sliding glass door, entered the home, and fled emptyhanded. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, October 29:

6. Just before 8:17 p.m., an officer responded to Spencer's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a fraud report. The officer determined the suspects used a fraudulent \$100 to purchase miscellaneous items, and when they attempted to return the item a short time later, the cashier noticed the original bill was fraudulent. The suspects are described as two Hispanic males, 17 to 18-years-old, one approximately 5'3" with a thin build and the other approximately 5'8" with a stocky build. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, October 30:

7. Around 11:20 a.m., officers responded to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 512 West Duarte Road, regarding a stolen vehicle report. The officer discovered the victim left his car unlocked and with the keys inside while he was working at the location. Sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., an unknown suspect stole the victim's white Chevrolet Express van. The investigation is ongoing.

8. Shortly after 5:50 p.m., an officer responded to CVS, 9952 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a theft report. A store employee witnessed the suspects steal \$100 worth of miscellaneous items. The suspects are described as a Hispanic male and a Hispanic female, both in their early 20's. The investigation is ongoing.

Holding the L.A. Sheriff's Department Accountable for Abandoning Abuse Reforms

What: LWV-Pasadena Area Forum
Where: Altadena Public Library, 600 E. Mariposa
When: Tuesday, November 12th, 2019, 7-8:30 p.m.

Less than a decade after Under Sheriff Paul Tanaka and numerous Sheriff's Deputies were sentenced to prison—with former Sheriff Lee Baca currently appealing his prison sentence—for jail inmate abuse, dishonesty and obstruction of justice, LASD now claims deputies were unfairly fired for misconduct, and aims to reverse the reforms that followed.

The County Board of Supervisors, local press, government oversight organizations and a growing number of citizens who supported the reforms are now concerned that the Department is abandoning them with impunity. Many previously fired deputies are being rehired.

Internal investigations of deputies alleged to have committed misconduct have been halted, and other reforms reversed. For example, deputies' heavy metal flashlights, often used to abuse jail inmates, were forbidden and now have returned.

Speakers:

- **R. Samuel Paz**, civil rights attorney and Board Member of the ACLU of Southern California who helped initiate citizen oversight of LASD.
- **Brian K. Williams**, Executive Director of the L A Sheriff's Department's Citizen Oversight Commission, the official watchdog of the Sheriff's Department.
- **Melina Abdullah, Ph.D.**, Professor, Pan African Studies Department of Cal State Los Angeles, and Co-Founder of Black Lives Matter LA who frequently appears before policing oversight bodies.
- **Sharon Kyle**—Moderator, ACLU SoCal Union Board, ACLU National Board Representative, Publisher, LA Progrssive.
- **Elisa Arcidiacono**, Justice Deputy, Supervisor Barger's office, will address legal implications of the reforms being reversed.

Co-sponsors include The LWV-LA, The LA County LWV, the ACLU SoCal/Pasadena-Foothills Chapter, Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP), NDLO (National Day Laborers Organizing Network), Altadena Town Councilwoman Veronica Jones, The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Pasadena (IMA), Indivisible Pasadena/Altadena Chapter, Allen Edson, President, NAACP Pasadena, NBBA (Neighbors Building a Better Altadena), LA Progressive



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Friends of the Library Looking for New Board Members

The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library are recruiting for new board members. The Friends are an important part of the Library's success. Their efforts and advocacy support collections, public programs, Summer Reading Program and much, much more.

If you or someone you know are interested in a volunteer opportunity that would allow you to support the library while working with great, like-minded people please contact Laura Kieffer of the Nominating Committee at laurakieffer@me.com or 323-578-4203.

The mission of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library is to serve the informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the patrons of the Library and the community at large.

LOCAL ELECTION NOTICE: CANDIDATE FILING OPENS

The City of Pasadena's primary municipal election will be held on March 3, 2020. The official nomination period opens Tuesday, Nov. 12, and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. During this time, nomination papers for qualified candidates seeking local City offices will be available in the Office of the City Clerk, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228.

Candidates may receive and circulate nomination petitions to gather signatures of registered voters in order to place their names on the March 3 ballot for the Office of Mayor (elected citywide) for a full four-year term, or for members of City Council for Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6, each elected for a full four-year term.

Two identical candidate workshops will be hosted by the City Clerk at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The first workshop will be held at 8 a.m. in Council Chambers, Room S249. The second workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Conference Room, Room S038 on the basement level.

Election information is available online www.cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/elections-2020 or by calling the City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. The webpage will be updated periodically with candidate nomination information.

Need to register to vote? Voter registration information is available at City Hall, public libraries, post offices, and online at: registertovote.ca.gov. The deadline to register to vote for the March 2020 primary municipal election is Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Aspen Institute Names PCC as a Top 150 U.S. College



Pasadena City College in the running for \$1 million national prize

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Pasadena City College as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. Based on strong and improving in student outcomes—including in learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings, and equity—15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by the College Excellence Program for the third cycle in a row," said PCC Superintendent/President Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D. "It's no secret that PCC is a leader among the nation's community colleges, and our inclusion on this list for yet another evaluation period just drives that point home. It's a testament to the hard work and commitment our faculty, staff, and students show toward their educational goals each and every day.

"I know we're going to rock this process!" Endrijonas added.

The 150 community colleges named today as eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen Prize were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide using publicly available data on student outcomes. Located in 39 states in urban, rural, and suburban areas, serving as few as 500 students and as many as 75,000 students, these colleges represent the diversity and depth of the community college sector.

Data show that over the last two years, student retention, graduation rates, and degree completion have improved at the top tier of 150 Aspen Prize eligible colleges.

"Community colleges play a vital role in developing talent and enabling social mobility across the country, and it's critical for them to get better at what they do," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "We're pleased to see evidence that these institutions are improving, that more are delivering on their promise. We're also pleased to play a role in honoring outstanding community colleges and sharing what works to ensure great outcomes for students—through graduation and beyond."

The top ten finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize will be named in May 2020. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data. A distinguished jury will make award decisions in spring 2021.

Previous winners of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence are: Miami Dade College (FL) and Indian River State College (FL), 2019; Lake Area Technical College (SD), 2017; Santa Fe College (FL), 2015; Santa Barbara City College (CA) and Walla Walla Community College (WA), 2013; Valencia College (FL), 2011.

For a full list of the top 150 eligible institutions and to read more on the selection process, visit: highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize.

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BREEDERS' CUP 2019: EXCITEMENT, SURPRISES, AND A TRAGEDY

By Joan Schmidt

The Breeders' Cup returned to Santa Anita Park for a record 10th time! The races themselves are awesome, but there's so much excitement throughout the week. One morning I ran into old friend, agent Vince De Gregory. He's 80+ years young and had MANY great jockeys' books over the years. One, Laffit Pincay Jr., stopped by to visit; also announcer Frank Mirahmadi and his gal, Jennifer. Then I met Japan's leading jockey Yutaka Take! I decided to take photos of the workouts and got one of Vino Rosso, who won the Classic, ridden by Irad Ortiz.

Friday Breeders' Results: JUVENILE TURF SPRINT: FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, Jockey, Irad Ortiz, Jr., Trainer, Wesley Ward; JUVENILE TURF: STRUCTOR, Jose Ortiz, Chad Brown; JUVENILE FILLIES: BRITISH IDIOM, Javier Castellano, Brad Cox; JUVENILE FILLIES TURF: SHARING, Manuel Franco, H. Graham Motion; JUVENILE: STORM THE COURT, Flavien Prat, Peter Eurton.

Saturday Breeders' Results: FILLY & MARE SPRINT: COVFEFE, Joel Rosario, Brad Cox; TURF SPRINT: BELVOIR BAY, Javier Castellano, Peter Miller; BIG ASS FANS DIRT MILE: SPUN TO RUN, Irad Ortiz Jr, Juan Carlos Guerrero; MAKERS MARK FILLY & MARE TURF: IRIDESSA, Wayne Lordan, Joseph O'Brien; SPRINT: MITOLE, Ricardo Santana Jr, Steve Asmussen; TVG MILE: UNI, Joel Rosario, Chad Brown; LONGINES DISTAFF: BLUE PRIZE, Joe Bravo, Ignacio Correas IV; LONGINES TURF: BRICKS AND MORTAR, Irad Ortiz Jr, Chas Brown; LONGINES CLASSIC: VINO ROSSO, Irad Ortiz Jr, Todd Pletcher.

Todd Pletcher, trainer for Vino Rosso had his 11th Breeders win over the favored McKinzie. Many fans were not happy when Bob Baffert replaced Mike Smith with Joel Rosario on McKinzie.

Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr led with four wins; Joel Rosario on RAYANA; Mike Smith, BEEN STUDYING HER; Victor Espinosa, TAP BACK; Giovanni Franco, JUST GRAZED ME; Victor Espinosa, FLAGSTAFF; and Joel Rosario, MO FORZA.

Wayne Lordan is based in Ireland, rides for Aiden O'Brien, but his winner, Iridessa was trained by Aiden's son, 26 year old Joseph.

Some interesting tidbits: Jockey William Buick was born in Norway and is fluent in four languages; winters in Dubai, England the rest of the year. I also learned the Ortiz brothers, Manuel Franco and apprentices JC Diaz and Jose Leon hail from Puerto Rico and attended their Escuela Vocacional Hipico Jockey School.

In addition to the Breeders' Cup Races, there were seven "Stakes" races. Winners included Drayden Van Dyke on ITSIN THE POST; Joel Rosario on RAYANA; Mike Smith, BEEN STUDYING HER; Victor Espinosa, TAP BACK; Giovanni Franco, JUST GRAZED ME; Victor Espinosa, FLAGSTAFF; and Joel Rosario, MO FORZA.

It truly was a GREAT Breeders' Cup.



HORSE, VINO ROSSO, WINNER OF THE CLASSIC DURING WORKOUTS

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

COMMENTARY CELL PHONES

What ever happened to the TV and Radio Commentary? A commentary is simple, one person's opinion on an event, a happening or a live event, well that's what I got when I googled it. I plan to offer a commentary here every now and then. Obviously these are social commentaries and are not aimed at a person, ethnicity or any certain restaurant. Basically things that happen to you and me on a daily basis. If you have a counterpoint I'd love to hear it, these commentaries are also available in print, you just need to join my mailing list! That is easy just go to my website diningwithdills.com and contact me and of course on Tuesday we have our podcast available just type in Peter Dills and subscribe.

Here way go!! A few years back before texting became popular I would encounter certain restaurants, hotel lobbies and gyms that would have signs that plainly said NO Cell Phones. Boy have we gotten away from that, because of the texting? Not sure, but just the other day and I do mean just a few days I was getting my daily dose of my Chai Tea Latte at the local coffee shop the line was long but my thirst was real!!! Did I mention the line was long? I was at the rear of the line but not for long as I heard a conversation going on behind me that I couldn't understand but it was there it was loud, and I don't think the person on her cell phone could even stop talking for air, the line was moving and I turned around just to glance no stink eye on my part just wanted to see who and why this

was happening, made my order and to my surprise she continued the conversation with her phone cradled to her ear while trying to tell the barista her order, I want to give a huge high five, the barista asked her if the person on the other end will be also making an order, she got the point and hung up. Recently a co-worker returned from a vacation in Japan and he told me that is a major No-No. Should I start my own crusade? I checked with Ms. Manners and she says there is no taboo about answering and talking on phones except in theaters, churches and formal restaurants, she says that in Japan culture places a high emphasis on social harmony even on the train users are asked to put their phones on silent, taking a call in a restaurant is considered disruptive. Maybe it's time for some social harmony here. My opinion? Let's be more considerate, let's put the cell phones down in public spaces and return the civility to civilization!



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FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



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In the weeks before her death from ovarian cancer, author Amy Krouse Rosenthal gave her husband Jason one of the most treasured gifts a person could receive.

She penned the touching essay "You May Want to Marry My Husband" in the New York Times as a final love letter to him. The essay took the form of a heart-wrenching yet-humorous dating profile that encouraged him to begin dating again once she was gone. In her opening description of Jason, she writes:

"He is an easy man to fall in love with. I did it in one day."

What followed was an intimate list of attributes and anecdotes, highlighting what she loved most about Jason. It reads like a love story, encompassing 26 years of marriage, three grown children, and a bond that will last forever. She finished the essay on Valentine's Day, concluding with:

"The most genuine, non-vase-oriented gift I can hope for is that the right person reads this, finds Jason, and another love story begins."

Just 10 days after the essay was published in March 2017, Amy died at age 51.

Finding meaning again Amy's essay immediately went viral, and Jason received countless letters from women across the globe. Although he has yet to begin a new relationship, Jason said the outpouring of letters gave him "solace and even laughter" in the darkest days following his wife's death.

Just over a year later, Jason wrote his own essay for the Times, "My Wife Said You May Want to Marry Me," in which he expressed how grateful he was for Amy's words and recounted the lessons he'd learned about loss and grief since her passing.

He said his wife's parting gift "continues to open doors for me, to affect my choices, to send me off into the world to make the most of it." Jason has since given a TED Talk on his grieving process in hopes of helping others deal with loss, something he said he never would've done without Amy's motivation.

Toward the end of his essay, Jason gave readers a bit of advice for how they can provide their loved ones with a similar gift:

"Talk with your mate, your children, and other loved ones about what you want for them when you are gone," he wrote. "By doing this, you give them liberty to live a full life and eventually find meaning again."

Preserving your intangible assets This moving story highlights what could be the most valuable, yet often-overlooked aspect of estate planning. Planning isn't just about preserving and passing on your financial wealth and property in the event of your death or incapacity. When done right, it equates to sharing your family's stories, values, life lessons, and experiences, so your legacy carries on long after you (and your money) are gone.

Indeed, as the Rosenthals demonstrate, these intangible assets can be among the most profound gifts you can give. Of course, not everyone has the talent or time to write a similarly moving essay or have it published in the New York Times, nor is that necessary.

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AMERICA'S KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER



Alexia Saigh, a senior at Mayfield Senior School, recently won the 2019 Sweepstakes Award in the America's Kids Photography Contest which at the Los Angeles County Fair. Her winning entry "Hair In Motion" was the sole winner in the Teen Division and it was selected out of hundreds of entries. Starting when Alexia was 6 years old, she has won the Sweepstakes (sole winner) 5 times over the years for her paintings and creative entries. This is the second time Alexia won the Photography Sweepstakes Award in this contest. Alexia Saigh is also a 3rd place category winner in the International Photography Awards for her photo "Lady and the Tramp ala Santorini". There were over 12,000 entrants from over 110 countries. The International Photography Awards were held in conjunction with the 17th Annual Lucie Awards at Carnegie Hall in New York City on October 22nd, 2019. These awards honor the greatest achievements in photography. This year's honorees included Jay Maisel, Stephen Shore, Annie Leibovitz, Ellen von Unweth and Tyler Hicks. This past May, Alexia won first place in the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for her photograph "Marred". This photo will be on display in the U.S. Capitol until June, 2020.

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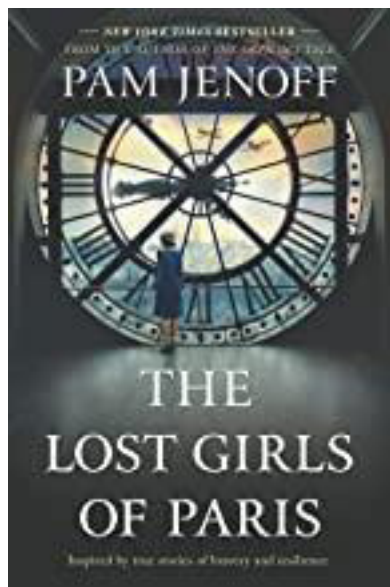
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THE LOST GIRLS OF PARIS by Pam Jenoff

From the author of the runaway bestseller *The Orphan's Tale* comes a remarkable story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female spies during World War II. 1946, Manhattan. Grace Healey is rebuilding her life after losing her husband during the war. One morning while passing through Grand Central Terminal on her way to work, she finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Unable to resist her own curiosity, Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs—each of a different woman. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes the photographs and quickly leaves the station. Grace soon learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, leader of a ring of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Setting out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs, Grace finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie, whose daring mission overseas reveals a remarkable story of friendship, valor and betrayal. Vividly rendered and inspired by true events, New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff shines a light on the incredible heroics of the brave women of the war, and weaves a mesmerizing tale of courage, sisterhood and the great strength of women to survive in the hardest of circumstances.



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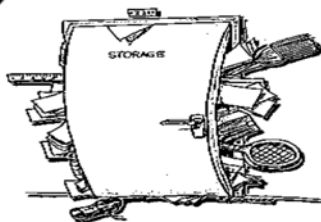
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Eucalyptus is a tree with a mixed reputation. This stately tree is renown for the "forest effect" due to the high transpiration rate of its leaves. According to one report, "In Sydney, a large gum tree [eucalyptus] transpires up to 200 litres of water a day. A well-maintained garden in Sydney will transpire nearly twice the volume of water as the total rainfall."

The tree was included in my Guide to Wild Foods book since it was so useful in its native Australia by the Aborigines: the leaves for various medicines (mostly upper bronchial issues), the bark for infections and many other uses, and even the little psyllid bugs can be harvested and eaten like a backwoods dogs. And the honey produced from eucalyptus flowers is a dark almost-medicinal honey.

So is it wise to remove the eucalyptus trees and replace them with natives? In order to fully grasp the effects of eucalypti on the environment, let's look at its effect in other parts of the world.

Eucalyptus is a fast-growing tree. When you cut them down, they will sprout right back up again. Because of this, there have been major plantations in various countries throughout the world from Europe to China to Africa in order to supply the wood for lumber, paper products, and firewood. If the eucalyptus trees are planted in non-agricultural areas where nothing else will grow, they survive quite well. A eucalyptus tree in a plantation can be cut as little as every four years.

Around the time that the U.S. was experiencing long gas lines during the 1970s "energy crisis," many countries around the world discovered that the eucalyptus tree seemed like a miracle tree. It grew easily anywhere, and could be regularly harvested for fuel wood, building materials, and pulp for paper. It was also a financial boom to the public and private businesses in various countries who grew these plantations. Today, eucalyptus is the number one tree planted in plantations around the world. With so many undeniable benefits, what could go wrong?

Over the last 30 to 40 years, countless business, governmental, and academic studies have been done to weigh the pros and cons of the largescale use of the eucalyptus tree. I've spent time over the last year compiling hard data on the eucalyptus tree.

There were very real worries about deforestation and desertification that began in the 1980s. Eucalyptus trees, with its obvious economic benefits, were planted in ever-greater numbers. Today we can analyze the ecological effects of over 30 years of eucalyptus plantations.

Because the eucalyptus tree is such a great transpirer, it follows that it generally consumes far more water than other native or non-native trees. In fact, one of the stated reasons that eucalyptus is planted in certain countries is to dry up swamps and wet areas, either for development or because the wet area was believed to be a source of malaria. The deep roots of eucalyptus, and their extensive network of small surface roots, has been noted to extend deep to the water table.

Although a eucalyptus plantation does very well in

ARE EUCALYPTUS A DESIRABLE SPECIES IN THE SIERRA MADRE LANDSCAPE?

dry areas where nothing else is growing, in areas as diverse as China, Ethiopia, Vietnam, etc. local villagers of these diverse places have noted that their water wells run dry. In fact, this seems to be one of the main objections to eucalyptus plantations: it dries up the local sources since it generally consumes more water than is received by rain in any given area, which then means there is far less water for agricultural crops and orchards.

In studies done to determine if the leaf drop from eucalyptus is "allelopathic" (exuding soil toxins), various plants grown in a mixture of eucalyptus mulch and soil have exhibited a germination rate as low as 3%, compared to normal rates of germination with an oak mulch.

Another argument against the eucalyptus plantations is that there is a great depletion of soil nutrients. In general, eucalyptus take up more nutrients (and water) from the soil than other native or non-native trees because they are fast-growing. And, in theory, if all the leafy matter was left on the ground (as opposed to cleaning it up), those nutrients would degrade and enrich the soil. But unfortunately, eucalyptus mulch takes a very long time to be degraded by bacteria and fungus due to its oils, and so in actual practice, the soils around eucalyptus tend to be very desert-like due to the unavailability of nutrients. [Source: The Effect of Eucalyptus and Oak Leaf Extract on California Native Plants, Kam Watson, UC Berkley]

This effect results in the lack of biodiversity and understory that is commonly observed under and around eucalyptus trees, in stark contrast to native forests.

One study was also done with soil under the eucalyptus trees, along with a soil sample not influenced by eucalyptus. Soil samples from under eucalyptus trees proved to be less able to absorb water. This meant that though eucalyptus trees have been planted in areas to reduce runoff and flooding, this result is not usually successful because of the effect of the tree's oil on the soil. These same results have been documented in eucalyptus plantations in China, Kenya, Ethiopia, Vietnam, and other sites.

Kenya Forest Service has published guidelines, basically aimed at promoting eucalyptus plantations in the country, called "A Guide to On-Farm Eucalyptus Growing in Kenya", December 2009. They advise not growing eucalyptus in wetlands and marshy areas, and riparian areas. They advise not growing eucalyptus closer than 30 meters from rivers, and ideally 50 meters, so that the trees do not adversely interfere with the water source.

They add that other areas where eucalyptus should not be planted include around lakes, ponds, swamps, estuary and any other body of standing water. They advice that eucalyptus not be planted closer than 50 meters to farm lands, and other measures. In other words, even those who are pro-eucalyptus recognize the adverse effects of eucalyptus on the environment, and offer ways to minimize those effects.

Though there are medicinal benefits to the eucalyptus tree, there are better native trees to plant which provide the same benefit.

CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!



SAMMIE
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Pet of the Week

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DOES IT RUN IN THE FAMILY? HOW TO CREATE A FAMILY HEALTH PORTRAIT

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Dear Approaching:
This is a very good idea. An accurate family health history remains one of the most important tools in keeping yourself healthy as you age, and the holidays when family members come together is a great time to do it. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and tools to help you create one.

Know Your Genes
Just as you can inherit your father's height or your mother's eye color, you can also inherit their genetic risk for diseases like cancer, diabetes, heart disease and more. If one generation of a family has high blood pressure, for example, it is not unusual for the next generation to have it too. Therefore, tracing the illnesses suffered by your relatives can help you and your doctor predict the disorders you may be at risk for, so you can take action to keep yourself healthy.

To create a family health history, you'll need to start by collecting some basic medical information on your first-degree relatives including your parents, siblings and children. Then move on to your grandparents, aunts, uncles and first cousins.

You need to get the specific ages of when they developed health problems like heart disease, cancer, diabetes, arthritis, dementia, depression, etc. If family members are deceased, you need to know when and how they died. If possible, include lifestyle information as well, such as diet, exercise, smoking and alcohol use.

Some relatives may not want to share their medical histories, or they may not know their family history, but whatever information you discover will be helpful.

To get information on diseased relatives, get a copy of their death certificate. This will list their cause of death and the age he or she died. To get a death certificate, contact the vital records office in the state where your relative died, or go to VitalChek.com.

Or, if you were adopted, the National Foster Care & Adoption Directory Search (see ChildWelfare.gov/nfcad) may be able to help you locate your birth parents so you can get their medical history.

Helpful Tools
To get help putting together your family health history, the U.S. Surgeon General created a free web-based tool called "My Family Health Portrait" (see phgkb.cdc.gov/FHH/html) that can help you collect, organize and understand your genetic risks and even share the information with your family members and doctors.

Another good resource that provides similar assistance is the Genetic Alliance's online tool called "Does It Run In the Family." At FamilyHealthHistory.org you can create a customized guide on your family health history for free.

Handling the Results
If you uncover some serious health risks that run in your family, don't despair. While you can't change your genes, you can change your habits to increase your chances of a healthy future. By eating a healthy diet, exercising and not smoking, you can offset and sometimes even neutralize your genetic vulnerabilities. This is especially true for heart disease, stroke, type-2 diabetes and osteoporosis.

A family medical history can also alert you to get early and frequent screening tests, which can help detect other problems (high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and cancers like breast, ovarian, prostate and colon cancer) in their early stages when they're most treatable.

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NOVEMBER EXCURSION

Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul. - Emily Dickinson

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\$25.00 **Level of Walking: LOW Money for lunch and souvenirs is optional.**
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OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder GETTING OLD IS NOT FOR THE WEAK

I will not admit to being old, but I am older than I was 10 years ago. Those 10 years have been filled with all kinds of things helping me to get older.

I saw an article that said that 60 is the new 40. I have no idea what that means, but I think out in our culture there is an obsession about age. People cannot accept getting older.

This year was the 50th anniversary of my high school graduation. Unfortunately, I did not get to go, but I did see many of the pictures from that celebration. Looking at those pictures, I did not know how old my high school friends really were. It probably was a good thing that I did not go for a variety of reasons.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were sitting around enjoying an evening cup of coffee. Nothing like a good hot cup of coffee to settle the nerves. It's not that I have nerves, but it's just an excuse to drink coffee.

I think of what my old uncle Ed used to say, "I never had a bad cup of coffee, but I do confess I have had a cup that was better than others." That seems to be my sentiment as well.

The older I get, the more I enjoy my coffee. One year I tried to switch from coffee to hot tea. Sorta like the Britons do. Let me say I did not last the whole year with drinking hot tea. No wonder Britains speak with an accent. I decided to go back to coffee and I am unanimous in that decision.

Getting back to my wife and me drinking coffee together, the conversation shifted in the direction of how old we actually are.

"Boy, we've come a long way, haven't we?" I think my wife is right in that observation.

We spent a few moments reminiscing about what people call the "good old days." I must say we had quite a few of them. Of course, my wife remembers more of them and the details about them than I do. But that's okay. Sharing a memory is one of the great blessings of life.

It is often said by certain people that we remember things in the past better than we do things that have happened today. I go along with that. I cannot remember what I had for breakfast today, but I do remember what I was doing 50 years ago.

Fifty years ago, I began my Bible college days. Then, a year later I met what became the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Those memories are forever etched in my mind.

What is strange about this is that I can remember more details each year than I did the year before. Oh, isn't memory a wonderful thing.

The thing that troubles me is that my wife remembers a memory different than I remember that same memory.

She begins a conversation by saying, "Do you remember..." Then she'll go off when some memory deep in the past. Some of the details of that memory seem to be familiar, but I go along with her.

It is wonderful to have memories and everybody has memories. The thing is, some people have good memories and some people up bad memories. Some people choose to focus on their bad memories and others choose to focus on their good memories.

The other day I forgot something I was trying to remember. For the life of me, I could not remember it. Why is it that you cannot remember some things that are happening right now?

Then it hit me. My memory is like a computer disk, which has a certain amount of memory on it. Once you use all the memory, you cannot put any more memories on it. You must get a new disc.

I wonder if that is what's going on with my memory? Maybe I have used up most of my memory space.

I shared this with my wife and she looked at me and said, "I think you have something there."

My memory is not quite that bad, but I can never remember her saying anything along that line especially to me. I just went along with her.

"Maybe," my wife said rather thoughtfully, "we should delete memories in the past that we no longer need. That will make room for new memories."

Only my wife could come up with something like that. But as she talked on, it sounded like a good thing to do.

I looked at her and said, "Can you tell me where the delete button is on our memory?"

"Silly boy," she said, "do I have to think of everything?"

Whatever the solution, I think it is important to make room for new memories. Enjoy the ones in the past, but do not let the past hinder the present.

Thinking on these things it occurred to me that getting old is not for sissies. It takes a real man and a real woman to blossom into old age. If you are not careful, getting old can wear you out both physically and mentally.

Thinking about this I thought of what David said. "They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness" (Psalm 145:7).

No memory is better and more refreshing than my times with God.

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STUART TOLCHIN BLAME THE PARTIES



even the unmentionable one with the long red tie and the orange face; notwithstanding cancer or heart attacks they're in there giving their all for some goal. I'm the same age—so how come I'm having trouble walking down the stairs.

It's not only the politicians. Think of the recently deceased but very, very old sportscasters like Vin Scully, Chick Hearn, or Harry Caray. I cannot even watch a Dodger game, or a Laker game, or even a Cub game without unfavorably comparing the present broadcasters to the wonderful broadcasters who recently left us. I know it's not really these young guys fault that they generally completely fail to describe what's going on. They were not trained as radio broadcasters who sat with their great mentors like Red Barber and learned to make the games visible to listeners and then to viewers who trusted their impressions and their honesty, and their integrity. Now the flow of all these sports have been ruined by instant replays which are often eternal delays when nothing is happening and the announcers are as befuddled as we are. Have you heard; there is talk of prohibiting the home plate umpires from calling balls and strikes and replacing them with robots! I'm not kidding. Pretty soon probably the players will be eliminated and replaced by avatars. Now won't that be thrilling?

It's the same in the news business. In my youth the newscasters were war-time correspondents like Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite who had been through it all and were seemingly incorruptible. Walter Cronkite was called the most trusted man in America and when he teared up announcing JFK's death or rejoicing over the moon landing we felt the experience with him. Did you happen to go to the simulation of the Apollo Landing expensively presented at the Rose Bowl? It was very much like an amateurish high school play with special effects. I found it kind of blasphemous.

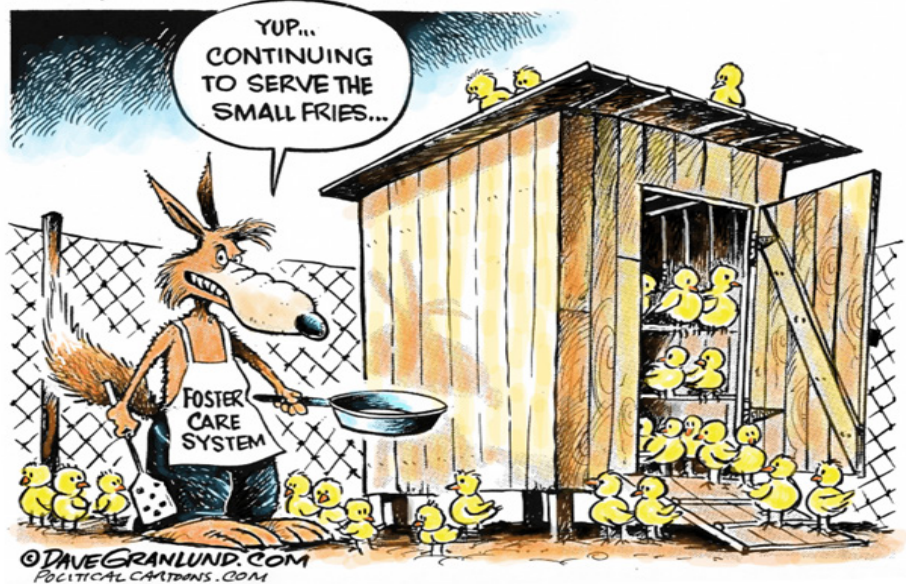
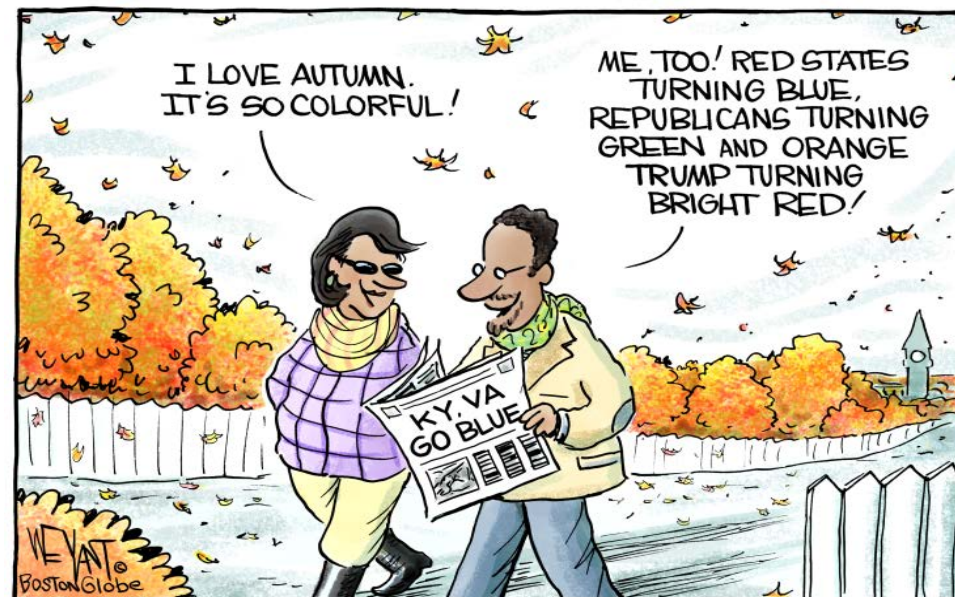
Speaking of newsmen my favorite was Charlie Rose. He was, and probably still is, extremely knowledgeable, had interviewed everybody, and gave his guests time to talk. Compare him to Chris Mathews or Bill Maher, who despite their experience, talk over their guests responses and tolerate nothing but agreement. I believe they and all the other news readers

are more like entertainers seeking ratings rather than responsible people presenting their mannered views to the public. By the way, of course I know that Charlie Rose had other problems but, nevertheless, I wish he was still on the air even if he had to broadcast in his bathrobe. (HUMOR)

I don't think the difference in quality can be explained just by reliance on technology or even by the idea that newscasts are presented not to educate but instead to obtain high ratings and make money. I suggest that the difference in quality stems from the different kinds of lives lived today as opposed to previous generations. The young lawyers today that I hear talking are substantially different than the lawyers who were around fifty some years ago when I started in the Law (not the business). It's funny but right on Colorado there's giant picture of this guy who was in my Law School Class who really didn't seem any smarter than anyone else. His fame and fortune come from the fact that he and another classmate got the idea that Lawyers should be able to "advertise". Lawyering should be a "business" and not a "profession" and should be made more available to everyone, not just the rich.

It sounded good and I was all for it and some of my Legal Aid Buddies started working with them and I think made big bucks which lead to expensive vacations and different kinds of lifestyles. This happened not to a few lawyers but to a whole profession which no longer focused on Civil Rights and overall fairness but instead became interested in mergers and acquisitions and lucrative personal injury practices. Maybe those kinds of changes are inevitable and maybe I've just been left behind but my life has been fine just doing the same stuff I have always done. When I read about the lives of politicians and their boats and affairs and lies I wonder if things would have been different if my Law School Mates had never gotten the idea to make the Law and lawyers into businessmen rather than professionals. Certainly what I am talking about is reflected in the present Presidential Administration. Did these lawyers ever care about anything more than making money and staying acceptable to prestigious firms by closing their eyes to indisputably despicable behavior? If Walter Cronkite and Edward R. Murrow were still around would these accomplished men have been at parties on Jeffrey Epstein's yacht while ignoring the likely destruction of the entire planet?

Maybe none of these conditions are connected but I like to think things could have been different if wealth and amusement and permanent adolescence had not become the goal of most Americans who are manipulated so that the rich folk can become even richer. I wonder if Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren go to parties.



LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

DICK POLMAN



The lesson of the 2019 state elections confirmed the lesson of the 2018 congressional midterms: Donald Trump can stage all the demagogic rallies he wants, but he's powerless to reverse the

GOP's hemorrhaging in the populous suburbs.

Let's borrow one of his favorite metaphors. On Tuesday night, his captive Republicans died like dogs. Or, as party strategist Alex Conant told the Associated Press, "Republican support in the suburbs has basically collapsed under Trump."

Today's suburbs, once typically lily white, are racially and ethnically diverse, and bursting with people (especially women) who have college educations. This means they're bright enough to read the news, see Trump for what he is, and be rightly repulsed by a craven Republican party that abets and excuses his serial abuses of power.

And now we're seeing the payoff. One year ago, Democrats recaptured the House in an historic blue wave that subsumed Republican suburban seats even in red redoubts like South Carolina, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Utah. And in this week's 2019 elections, Virginia Democrats snatched both legislative chambers for the first time in a generation, wiping out every last Republican (including a state House GOP leader) in the Washington D.C. suburbs. A Muslim woman even won in the Richmond suburbs, ousting a Republican state senator who'd long sought to weaken Obamacare.

Most of Virginia's Republican candidates tried to distance themselves from Trump, but the voters punished them anyway. Down in ruby-red Kentucky, incumbent Republican Gov. Matt Bevin tried the opposite tack, embracing Trump and stumping with an anti-impeachment banner, but voters in the Louisville and Lexington suburbs punished him anyway. Most notably, in the vote-rich suburbs across the river from Cincinnati – the same suburbs he'd won easily back in 2015 – he was wiped out.

Kentucky will surely vote for Trump in 2020, but it's far less certain that pivotal Pennsylvania will do so for the second time. Republicans have long been losing clout in the Phila-

REPUBLICANS REMAIN TETHERED TO TOXIC TRUMP

delphia suburbs, but Trump's toxicity has greatly accelerated that trend, especially at the grassroots level. In the 2019 elections, Democrats took control of suburban Delaware County for the first time since the Civil War, captured a governing majority in suburban Chester County, and did the same in suburban Bucks County for the first time in 36 years. Those results may well foreshadow a titanic blue turnout when Trump is (presumably) back on the ballot, where his rural and small-town fans may not be numerous enough to hold back the wave.

And that's the Trump team's core quandary. It aims to maximize rural and small-town turnout (especially among non-college white men) in the handful of states that will sway the Electoral College, in order to offset massive losses in suburbia and, of course, in the cities. But that math may not work, because suburbia is where the most votes are. Tom Davis, a former national Republican leader, warns: "What's happening is that the fast-growing areas (are) where the Democrats are doing better. There aren't enough white rural voters to make up the difference."

Dennis Bonnen, the speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, recently put it more bluntly. In an audio recording obtained by The Washington Post, Bonnen was heard whining to an ally: "I just think we've got to get through 2020... With all due respect to Trump, who I love by the way, he's killing us in the urban-suburban districts."

True that. Spiking Democratic turnout in the Texas suburbs – and the defeat of two GOP House incumbents in the 2018 midterms – have prompted at least five House Republicans to announce their "retirements."

Reality-based Republicans are well aware that they need to reconnect with educated white-collar suburban voters, especially women. But, alas, they're tethered to a font of intolerance who becomes more toxic with each Orwellian lie. And they're tragically too timid to revolt.

Twice now, in successive years, the suburbs have sent Trump a message, but he's too pig-headed to hear it. And I'm reminded of a scene in Citizen Kane, when a political boss warns the megalomaniacal mogul: "If it was anybody else, I'd say what's going to happen to you would be a lesson to you. Only you're going to need more than one lesson. And you're going to get more than one lesson."

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Only about 110,000 of the 400,000 children in government foster care are even eligible to be adopted.

And now, thanks to a federal rule change proposed last week by the Trump administration, even fewer kids are likely to get the chance to escape from the cruel prison of foster care.

The rule change would remove language in funding grants from the Department of Health and Human Services that protect LGBTQ and other prospective parents from discrimination when they seek to adopt or foster children.

The rule is being pushed by evangelical Christians, who in their exalted opinion don't think gay or lesbian couples should be allowed to foster or adopt children.

It's very sad. It used to be that Christian churches were in the forefront on adoption.

According to the research, compared to the general population practicing Christians are more than twice as likely to adopt. Catholics are three times as likely and evangelicals five times as likely.

Maybe that eagerness to open their hearts and homes to unloved children has something to do with James 1:27 – "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: take care of orphans and widows in their affliction, and keep oneself unstained from the world."

If evangelical Christian churches are so gung ho about wanting their political hero President Trump to write laws making it impossible or more difficult for LGBTQ families to adopt children from our foster care system, I have some advice for their pastors.

It's incumbent on you and your congregations to pick up the slack and start adopting as many of those 110,000 foster children as fast as you can.

If you're not willing to put your professed love for the children of God into practice in the real world, then don't prevent others from doing a good thing.

Any foster child is much better off being adopted by Rosie O'Donnell and her partner, or any other loving gay or lesbian couple, than remaining in a system infamous for fostering the physical and mental abuse of children.

The churches like to say they really care about the children and that Jesus really cares about the children. Well, if they really believed that, they wouldn't let 110,000 children languish in foster care.

If they really cared about Jesus' children, they'd push for laws to make sure as many people as possible can adopt them.

This issue is particularly sad for me. I never had to experience the abuses of the foster care system because I was adopted by a loving couple from Hollywood.

But as I say in my book "Twice Adopted," until you stop looking at abuse through the eyes of an adult and start looking at it through the eyes of a child you can never understand it.

Which of us adult Christians would go up to a foster child of 8 and say, "There's a nice couple who would like to adopt you and take you home, love you, raise you well, see that you are well educated and prepare you for a successful life."

"But the problem is, they are gay, so we're going to keep you here."

What would that child choose if it were up to him – ten more years of cold foster care or being adopted by a loving gay couple?

I know what the kid would say. And all good Christians should agree with him.



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