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British English

Brexit sometimes seems to have appeared almost out of nowhere, but the actual roots may be deep. At MIT in the 1960s half the students were foreign. The picture appeared to be similar elsewhere in Boston-Cambridge, which was in some ways one of the world's biggest college towns. For most of us, the presence of all those foreign-



ers was a definite plus. Often the top students from their own countries, they upped the level of our education, in class and out. Plus the cultural enrichment, along with all the sayings and jokes that we would never have been exposed to.

But in my experience there was an exception – the Brits. They didn't seem to mix as well as the others, or to be very interested in doing so. Or even learning how to pronounce common words in another language.

Back then it sometimes seemed as though the Brits were just being nasty, or that English was the only language they knew, while those from the Continent typically knew several. And also had really funny multilingual jokes. For example: A Frenchman and a Spaniard are seated on a park bench. A woman walks by and just then a blast of wind blows her skirt up. The Frenchman says, "C'est la vie." And the Spaniard answers, "Y yo tambien." But I digress.

In fairness, almost two centuries ago the British GNP was equal to that of northern Europe. She was a commercial and military superpower, and perhaps has never forgotten it. Who needs the Continent? Hence, maybe, Brexit?

In any case, are we so different? After WWII there was the underdeveloped world, the developed world in ruins, and the USA. It's very different today, but mentally plenty of our voters and politicians are still living in those times. So the British may be due for a comeuppance, but, so may we. – *Richard Titus* 📖

Clothes for Afghan children

Groveton Baptist Church (6511 Richmond Hwy, across from Target) is partnering with Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area in collecting children's winter coats (toddler – 5T) through February 4. The coats will then be delivered directly to Afghan refugee children in our area by LSSN-CA volunteers.

Donations can be taken to the Groveton Baptist Church office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It would be wise to call the office (703-768-9084) to be sure that someone is available to greet you. Tell the secretary (Gina) or the pastor that Karen Barnes suggested you come. Or, to make it simpler, you can bag your donations and leave them at the Barneses' door, Building 1-506, to be taken to the church for you. – *Karen Barnes* 📖

Uphill battle

When driving uphill in the snow, you need to maintain your speed. Once you stop, it is game over. The challenge, however, is the curves on the long and short Montebello drives. If you are going too fast you can slip sideways off the road or into an car coming downhill.

I was coming in at 2:45 Sunday following a car that was going super slow up the long Montebello drive. I was so concerned that we both would get stuck that I stopped at the little crest before the speed hump, waited until I thought the car would be gone and then started again at a moderate speed (10-12 mph). I actually caught up with the slow car before the top so I should have waited longer.

Fortunately we both made it. Surprisingly, there were two cars on Richmond highway that didn't and it took several people pushing them up toward the light (I couldn't see beyond that).

These are potentially dangerous conditions and if you are not experienced on snow and ice then don't leave the warmth of your unit. – *John Powers* 📖

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Are we really communicating?

By Bob Shea

In the darkest hours of 1942 and World War II, the late Dame Vera Lynn sang the iconic song of optimism and hope “When The Lights Come On Again All Over The World.” Reaching out only by personal performances and radio (the only media available), she gave a glimpse of what was to come (hopefully) to a world desperate for a positive message. Communications counted.

Recently the Virginia Department of Transportation silently watched I-95 turn into a gigantic parking lot when they failed to communicate what was obvious to everyone: a threatening snow storm was coming. Yet, unlike 1942, they had multiple means to send out a message, not one of hope, but of necessity to prevent misery and hardship on the highway. Communications counted, but failed.

On Friday, January 7, Montebello management, like VDOT, also failed. From mid-morning emails started to appear telling only the residents of Building 3 that an evolving power outage was happening. Emails worked as long as some people still had power or fully charged laptops. Of course, those without power did not need to be told that – they were already in the dark when the temperature outside was in the high 20’s.

The event progressed to a total loss of power for Building 3 with a replacement transformer in Richmond and the need for a heavy duty crane to remove the failed transformer and unload the flatbed transporter. An “under the door message” appeared in Building 3 about 4 p.m. confirming that “we have a problem, Montebello,” but unlike the Apollo capsule when Houston jumped in to suggest a fix, Montebello did nothing. It was getting dark and units were getting colder. The apparent suggested fix was to wrap up in a blanket and light a candle.

What types of communication would have made a difference? Maybe, at the least, the residents of the other building could have been also notified. Email? Under the door messages? Notification by the gatehouse staff to people entering the property? Personal wellness checks for those known to be vulnerable? Making the shuttle available to transport residents who needed to relocate to alternative housing?

I am sure that the Montebello engineering staff was 100% committed to working with Dominion Energy to co-



ordinate the physical things that needed doing: moving the new transformer from Richmond, finding a crane, removing the damaged transformer, setting the new one in place, and connecting all the right cables. For the uninformed, we are talking about one of the transformers, probably 8 feet square, that are located around the campus in large green sheet metal boxes. A tip of the hat to the engineering staff, but a question for Dominion Energy: with the multitude of highrise buildings in DC, Maryland, and northern Virginia, why was the only available spare 100 miles away?

Unlike the engineering staff, the rest of Montebello management sat on their hands and became spectators to the hardships of Building 3. The sense

of community and caring for one another was in short supply.

The residents in the other four buildings were not notified. Like the folks in Building 3, they were (figuratively) “in the dark” about the hardships of their neighbors. How many residents would have reached out to neighbors and friends if they had known about the event? We all have others we look out for in times of misfortune, but you cannot reach out to help if you are not aware of the event. BuildingLink lists no information about other residents unless they opt in to be listed, which is a significant change from the original format. So, unless a resident of another building noticed that Building 3 was strangely dark, they were unaware that some residents might have needed a helping hand, as well as warmth and light. Shame on management.

We are a community with values and compassion. While engineering worked on wires and power flow, where was the staff focused on residents’ welfare and human kindness? They probably all went home at 5 p.m., looking forward to the weekend. I submit that they, like engineering, had an obligation to take steps to solve a very real problem, the people who live here who needed help.

I strongly suggest that this incident be looked at by the powers that be (management and the Board) to determine what could have been done to help members of our community who were literally waiting for the lights to come on again in Building 3.

Some of us packed an overnight bag and went to a nearby motel for the night, but not everyone had that easy option. Shame on management who punched out at 5 p.m. on Friday and went home. Our residents deserve better when a transformer fails in one of the other buildings on a cold and dark night – a possibility. Resident and staff assistance is mandatory; not “see you on Monday, have a great weekend.” Are we collectively up to it? 🕯️

Born without sight, Dr. Arielle Silverman has never missed the visual. Being blind never bothered her much but, as she grew, she discovered others saw her blindness very differently. Many people saw her as either helpless or inspirational, but rarely did they see her as just human, with the same capacities and desires as her peers.

Arielle has spent a lifetime exploring ways to foster respect and inclusion, not only for blind people like her, but for all of us whose bodies or minds differ from the norm. In *Just Human*, she reflects on her formative years and presents unique anecdotes from her life that carry teachable moments for all of us. She recalls the feel of her mother's embrace, the smell of her grandparents' brisket, the inner sensations of a pre-teen crush, the music on her wedding day, and scholarly lessons from her dissertation research. Her words paint pictures from her mind's eye: a vision of a world where we can radically accept ourselves and our fellow humans, while at the same time work to change systems of inequality. As she writes of the past and the present, Arielle looks toward the future, considering how we can build a more inclusive world for those who come after us.



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Just Human

The quest for disability wisdom, respect, and inclusion



By Arielle Silverman

I am a disabled activist and a social scientist who is passionate about improving public understandings of disability. This passion was kindled when, as a college freshman, I joined the National Federation of the Blind and became aware of the many misunderstandings about disabilities that exist in our society. I discovered two important things: that many of the challenges facing people with disabilities are correctable, and that most people want to include people with disabilities, but the inclusion they want to create is often blocked by pervasive misunderstandings and stereotypes. I made it my life's mission to find and remove the unnecessary barriers keeping people with disabilities from reaching our potential.

In pursuit of this goal, I obtained a

Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2014, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2016. I have authored over a dozen peer-reviewed research articles on disability psychology, including resilience and adjustment to disability; disability identities; employment barriers; the importance of peer support; and good and bad ways to teach others about disabilities.

My real passion lies in the process of bringing research findings and disability voices to the general public through trainings and knowledge translation efforts.

In the spring of 2016, I founded Disability Wisdom Consulting. As principal consultant, I provide trainings on disability inclusion and etiquette; social science tools that facilitate involvement of disabled people in research and development; and technical writing services, such as preparing reader-friendly summaries of research on disability topics.

<https://www.disabilitywisdom.com> 📖

What I learned from our veterinary emergency

By Sarah Newcomb

Teat bran flakes for fiber every day. For many months, none have been available without raisins. I have been extremely diligent about handling the raisins because grapes and raisins are harmful for dogs, and I have two.

On December 22, I was not alarmed when my 14-pound pup vomited just a little bit. Dog's tummies can get out of sorts sometimes, and the matter is quickly resolved. That appeared to be what happened until December 23 when my pup vomited another tiny bit. Worried, I dissected it. I found three and a half raisins.

My heart sank. I immediately called my regular vet, VCA Alexandria on Duke Street. My pets have been their clients for decades. An accredited hospital, VCA told me they no longer provide any overnight emergency care that my little guy needed right away. The vet tech emailed me a list of available emergency veterinary hospitals in our area.

In past emergencies, I would immediately drive pets to our usual back-up ER just off Route 50. The VCA tech now warned me to call before driving my pet anywhere. She said not only was Covid straining vet resources with staff shortages – and a one-third increase in newly adopted dogs – but there was a back-up being day before Christmas Eve. She advised me also to call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.

I knew that the ASPCA runs a nationwide 24-7 clearinghouse staffed by veterinarians. They diagnose cases and advise pet owners and other veterinarians, using their expertise in poison treatment, from chemicals to snake bites to poisonous plants. ASPCA gets \$75 for each veterinary consultation. They provide a case number and call back number for any vet who later treats your pet for this substance or for you, if you have additional concerns.

Their vets advise clients about whether the emergency can be treated at home or whether it requires a rush to the ER. They remain a resource for the local vets handling your pet's emergency.

I did not need to pay that fee because I subscribe to HomeAgain <https://www.homeagain.com> through my regular VCA vet. HomeAgain provides identification, search and return and other pet services for an affordable annual fee. HomeAgain pays the ASPCA Center fee for subscribers who purchase HomeAgain through a participating veterinary hospital. The center has been a wonderful resource for us. I recommend that every pet owner enroll their pet(s) in HomeAgain.

ASPCA advised me that two raisins could be fatal to a dog my tiny pup's size. Raisins cause kidney damage that is not apparent right after the food has been ingested. My pup needed immediate treatment at a veterinary ER.

I called every Northern Virginia veterinary ER on the list. I explained my desperate need for immediate emergency care. I begged and pleaded. Each ER told me they were "at capacity" and could not treat my little guy.

Desperate, I called one of two numbers not in Virginia. Thank the Lord, the Anne Arundel ER center in Annapolis was not at capacity and could admit my little pup. By then it was dark. I took my pup and his vomit containing raisins. We left right away for Annapolis in holiday traffic via the Wilson Bridge. We arrived about 9 p.m.

The Annapolis ER induced vomiting and then began to flush my pup's kidneys with IV fluids to prevent kidney damage. His kidney values were still in the normal range but the ER vets were able to bring them down farther. They also gave him a bland diet and probiotics. Then my pup began having terrible diarrhea. After three days, Annapolis released him to me indicating his diarrhea was due to stress.

Back home, I called my regular VCA

vet as soon as they opened. My doctor had no available appointments literally for weeks. She prescribed antibiotics based on knowing me and my pup's history and symptoms. As soon as the antibiotics were in place, my pup slowly began to recover. He is still recovering at this writing, almost a month later.

I want to share my episode with everyone who might need veterinary care for a beloved pet, especially emergency care. All veterinary care is not what it was just a few years ago. Booking even a regular vet appointment for a check up and shots can take weeks.

If your pet suddenly becomes ill or is injured, it is nearly impossible to get a standard same-day appointment unless you accept whoever has time at any area facility that has a routine opening and will see you. Or you can pay their emergency fee during regular hours to see whoever is working emergencies that day – if emergency space is available. If your pet needs to be admitted for all-night care, you must find an available ER. Many area vets no longer provide this. You cannot jump in your car in an emergency and transport your sick or injured pet to the nearest veterinary ER. Call first to determine whether they are at capacity so that you will not arrive only be turned away with a sick pet in your car.

Below is the list of Northern Virginia veterinary ERs that VCA gave me, including the Annapolis ER and one in DC. Also, this is the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center phone number to post on your fridge and put into your phone: (888) 426-4435.

I am including a link to HomeAgain. <https://www.homeagain.com/homeagain/enhancedConsumerEnrollmentEntry.do>

Among other services, membership removes the \$75 fee for calling the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center for potentially life-saving advice and links your pet to a national pet recovery data base.

Virginia clinics

Columbia Pike Animal Hospital
 4205 Evergreen Drive
 Annandale, Virginia 22003
 Phone: 703-256-8414

Regional Veterinary Referral Center

6651 Backlick Road
 Springfield, VA 22150
 Phone: 703- 451-8900

VCA Southpaws

8500 Arlington Blvd
 Fairfax, VA 22031
 Phone: 703-752-9100

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street
 Vienna, VA 22180
 Phone: 703-281-5121

DC clinic

Friendship Hospital for Animals

4105 Brandywine Street N.W.
 Washington DC 20016
 Phone: 202-363-7300

Maryland clinics

Anne Arundel Veterinary Emergency Clinic

808 Bestgate Rd
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 Phone: 410- 224-0331

Veterinary Referral Associates

500 Perry Parkway
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877
 Phone: 301-926-3300

EmmaVet

Non-24 hour urgent care/emergency services. Note: if your emergency requires care over night, this facility closes at 11 p.m. and does not provide it.

1628A Belle View Blvd
 Alexandria, VA 22307
 Phone 703-373-3774

<https://emmavet.com/> 📞

Gadsby's Tavern



The Speaker Series presents:

**18th Century Taverns and
 the Making of the New Nation
 as offered by museum historian, Kristy Huettner**

As places of business, politics, and socialization, taverns provide a glimpse into the formation of the United States. Learn about the people of Alexandria and the national events they experienced through the lens of the two taverns that make up Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

Day/Date: Monday, January 31st
 Time: at 7:30 in the evening

Residents will receive the Zoom link in advance

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What does America stand for? Are our national interests secure?

By Chester Taylor

The United States was once revered as the world leader for democracy. Now it is as Carl Sagan predicted, a nation in dystopia with its dumbed down values and celebration of ignorance. We see so many ignoramuses getting away with their lies, shenanigans, and worse. Truth has truly become a candle in darkness.

We have been pushing the hard issues out to tomorrow. Well, tomorrow is today. We all need to look in the mirror and ask ourselves, is this what America stands for? If we want the United States to be a democratic leader in the world, it needs to set the example, *ductus exemplo*.

We need to grab the helm and redirect our course. Our security as a democratic state and as a people depends on it, the world depends on it. Essentially, we have four national security interests. Listed in priority order, they are protecting our **survival and security interests**; promoting and maintaining a strong **economy**; supporting our **democracy** and democracies of other countries; and contributing to **humanitarian efforts** here and abroad. In our constitution-based federal system, both the national and state governments need to shoulder the responsibility to govern and legislate laws that protect our interests as outlined below.

Protecting our survival and security interests

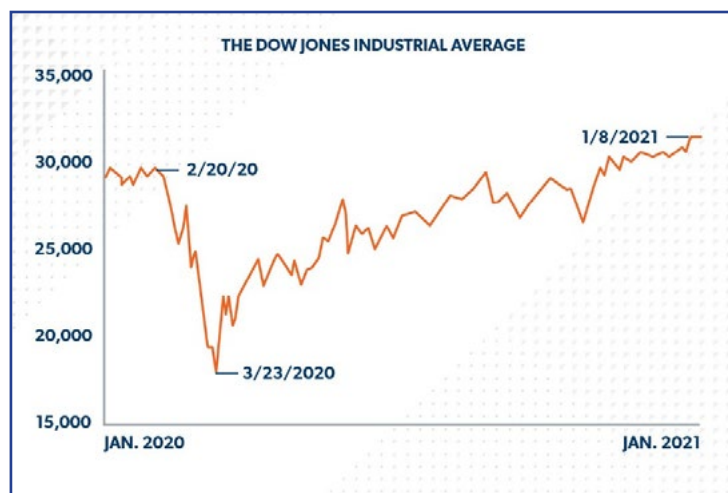
There are some bad actors in the world we must contend with: Putin, Lukashenko, Xi Jinping, Kim Jong-un, and Ali Khamenei. They have threatened the survival interests of the United States, even saying they would turn us into “white ash.” Weakness and appeasement won’t work against these guys. You have stand up to bullies and, unfortunately, sometimes they

only stand brute force. Are our submarines, Aegis class cruisers and destroyers, fighters, bombers, and other major weapon systems ready? Have we looked at our force structure and major defense systems for the future critically? Are we ready to respond to a cyber-attack? With a nuclear option, a no-win situation for everyone, can we get other nations to cooperate in diplomatic, economic, or military solutions like the EU, NATO, or recreate/restructure alliances in the Pacific? More importantly, can we count on the act?

Another survival interest we and all the world face is the catastrophic effects of global warming. The United States can’t go it alone, but we can support and show leadership to all nations. Rejoining and support the Paris Climate Agreement helps, but what else can the United States afford and do? Have we planned and funded for the government to mitigate the effects of weather extremes caused by global warming, *i.e.* rising water levels, violent storms, drought, and forest fires? Do we need a bigger fleet of multipurpose aircraft and equipment to fight forest fires and assist in other emergencies? Also, global warming is one of the significant factors for recent immigration of millions of people to the United States and Europe. Can we agree on a fair and consistent immigration policy? Do we need an open-door policy or a wall? How many immigrants per year can we absorb? What are the true costs? Is it fair to keep the “dreamers” in constant limbo of their status?

Promoting and maintaining a strong economy

Our economy is doing fairly well considering we are entering our third year of a pandemic. The current national unemployment rate reported this month is 3.9%. The stock market is



good, with all markets trending up for the year. The economy is expected to grow 4.0% starting this year.

Inflation is currently around 7%. There is too much free money in the market. The Federal Reserve will try to correct this with four short-term interest rate hikes in 2022. Also, the supply chain issue is expected to resolve itself later this year.

One concern is the price of oil. It will depend on the impact of the omicron variant on oil demand and whether OPEC decides to boost production. Can we depend on and afford foreign oil? Do we need to eliminate oil sources just yet (*i.e.*, the Keystone Pipeline)? Of course, we are concerned about the environment and eliminating carbon emissions, but how fast can we build an infrastructure to support alternate energy for homes and electric vehicles, 30 years maybe?

Then there is the huge trade imbalance with China. Can the United States continue to buy \$500 billion worth of goods from China and sell only \$165

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billion worth of stuff and services to them?

The pandemic has had significant impacts on state and local governments budgets. Moody's Analytics estimates that the total budget shortfall facing states for fiscal years 2020-22 would reach \$434 billion, which would have amounted to the worst cash crisis since the Great Depression. How do we cover that? Should wealthier or well-managed states help states that don't tax enough, haven't maintained their infrastructure, or lost their tax base due to manufacturing jobs moving elsewhere? Is it wise to rely on most of our manufacturing done overseas and getting our computer chips from Asia?

Supporting our democracy and democracies of other countries

The United States is a representative democracy. This means that our government is elected by citizens. Here, citizens vote for their government officials. These officials represent the citizens' ideas and concerns in government. Voting is one way to participate in our democracy. Citizens can also contact their officials when they want to support or change a law. Voting in an election and contacting our elected officials are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy.

It appears that our political system is broken. Our Electoral College has been severely compromised five times throughout our history. In the elections of 1824, 1876, 1888, 2000 and 2016, a presidential candidate won the election, despite losing the popular vote. In 2000, Al Gore won the popular vote by 540,520, yet lost the Electoral College by five votes. George W. Bush was sworn in as President. In 2016, Hillary Clinton received 2,868,686 more votes than Donald Trump, but lost the Electoral College vote 227 to 304. Clearly, this isn't democracy.

Is it right to pass voting laws whose intent is to suppress the voting privileg-

es of any American citizen? Is the gerrymandering game that cause minorities to have less of a say in the areas in which they vote for an official fair? Has our public education system (the cornerstone of democracy) become a political playground? Do we really want a politically oriented Supreme Court? Do we have a country that is being governed by a two-party system with one party still leaning toward democracy and the other leaning towards autocracy? Is one party trying to cement minority rule?

Yes, it is in the interest of the United States to support democracies of other countries. In this past decade, however, the image and leadership role of the United States has plummeted, particularly with the Europeans – we can't be trusted. Exiting Afghanistan was needed, but our "cut and run" exit poorly planned and poorly coordinated with our allies, diminished our leadership influence in Europe, NATO, and other allies. Now, we are faced on what to do about helping Ukraine? Is this more for Europe to solve? Then, there is Taiwan. Can we go to war against China over Taiwan?

Contributing to humanitarian efforts here and abroad

Finally, how will we maintain the health and welfare of all Americans. How much welfare can we afford and how much is healthy? Can we improve our health care system? Hospitals are down 90,000 jobs. How are we going to make up for the shortfall of 600,00 nurses this year and a shortage of 121,900 physicians by 2032? How can change the law to get a fair price for our drugs? The federal government is working with the pharma firms to prepare for the next pandemic, but will we be ready?

Also, there is a great humanitarian need (starvation and medical) in the world such as Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, and Ethiopia, and others. Millions of people are migrating towards Europe and the United States. Can we help the United Nations World Food and Health Organizations more?

What about those countries in our own backyard like Haiti? Many here in the United States go hungry. As a result of increased production and decreased exports, the United States has a surplus of almost everything. Warehouses, distribution centers, and grocery stores are overflowing with some food staples, such as milk, eggs and frozen fruits and vegetables. Can we share it? Should we have our hospital ships (USNS Comfort and Mercy) tied to the pier or go out to those countries hit by hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, floods, and tsunamis, building good will for the United States? Maybe, flying in the needed aid would be faster and more cost effective?

Conclusion

So, with the planet on the brink of cataclysmic environmental destruction, democracy caving into autocracy, millions of people starving to death, and bullies ruling the world, we see the petty bickering between politicians and political parties. So many in power in this country that cannot show leadership. They speak political hate. The press loves to whip it up. Little responsibility of what they say, no delineation of what is significant, and hardly any understanding of the issues they are talking about. Whenever an expert or witness is brought onto a show or a Congressional hearing, who does the talking? The monitors, in most cases. I often toggle between the TV channels from lefty CNN and righty FOX to try to get a clearer picture of what's happening. Both networks are weak on international news. Even BBC World News and PBS News Hour are a little on the softball side of reporting issues, but both are significantly better than many of our national news networks.

What can we do? Write thoughtful single-issue letters to Congress. Vote more on the issues, less for the party. Unless the United States raises the bar a little higher for governorship and democracy, we will continue to live in dystopia, an imagined nation that is dehumanizing and frightening. 📧

Who would buy an electric car?

By Chester Taylor

Well, my son for one. He has an order in for a 2022 Ford Mustang Mach E, base price \$44,995. It will have a range of about 230 miles, plenty enough to get him back and forth to his job from his home in Lantana, Texas to the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport, his home base with American Airlines. He says the car will come with an electric charger he can have installed in his garage and set to charge at night when rates are lower. For longer trips, he will drive his wife’s gasoline engine car. He figures the switch from his older Jeep Cherokee should save him on fuel and total ownership costs.

I was surprised. Raised with movies like Bullitt starring Steve McQueen and enjoying Indy 500 racing (meeting Mario Andretti, A. J. Foyt, and the Unser brothers), an electric car just seemed so impractical to me. I loved the old muscle cars like the Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra GT 500 Mustang and the Pontiac GTO. My best friend had a Plymouth Roadrunner. At the time, like most folks, I wasn’t tuned into



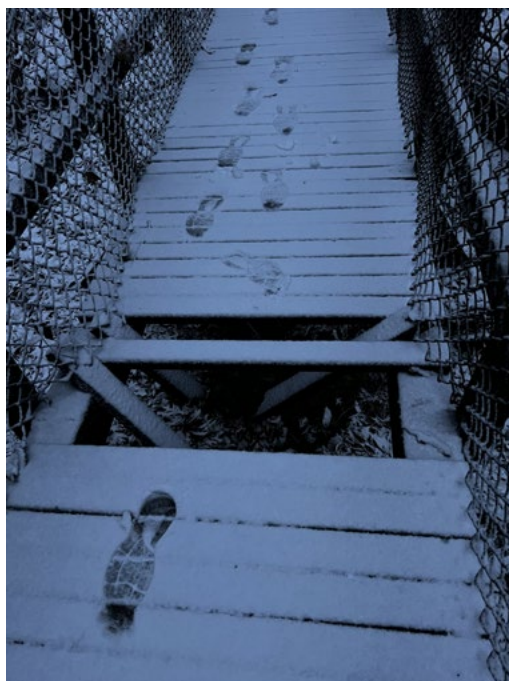
the air pollution cars caused. We were starting to get a whiff of it in Arizona as California became more populated and cars of old kinds packed the freeways. Smog was a daily occurrence in the San Fernando Valley.

Although we talk about the need to switch to electric cars and reduce carbon emissions here in the United States, we are seriously lagging behind many other nations in infrastructure (the charging stations, electrical grid upgrades, and battery supply chains) to support them. When do you think Montebello will have charging stations



at each parking space in the garage and outside? There is a lot of work to do.

By the way, I recently saw one of the Ford Mustang Mach Es parked inside the Pentagon shopping mall at the entrance to Nordstrom. It was a beautiful car. I peeked inside and the instrument panel looked more like a cockpit for an F-35 fighter plane – essentially a computer screen. I am happy for my son. He was never afraid of technology and like many others are progressing along for change with electric or hybrid cars. 🇺🇸



*Before and after
Photos by Patricia Jacobec (January 3) and Linda Brownlee (January 26)*

Art in Montebello seeks new members




Music to My Eyes
Montebello Café
March 18 – April 21

Opening reception
March 18
4 - 6 p.m.

Refreshments
Featuring new artists
Cash bar




By Harriet Duval

Calling all creatives – painters, photographers, fiber artists, ceramicists, film lovers, and jewelers – to join Art in Montebello.

With the upcoming reopening of the Community Center, members will again share their work with our community with solo and group shows. Our committee membership includes a wide range of very talented neighbors who regularly share their work in a variety of media, as well as hold classes on polymer clay, photography sessions, and art techniques workshops. Plus we have a films group that shows and discusses everything from classic films to opera to documentaries.

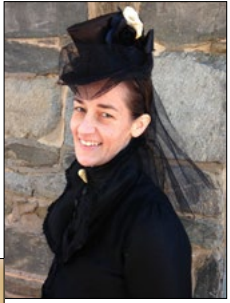
I hope you are as excited as I am about the opening of the new Community Center, which will have an updated location for featuring resident work.

If you're a new resident interested in joining a vibrant group of creative individuals, please attend a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.

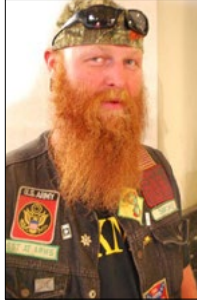
For more information about Art in Montebello, please contact me at hazuval@gmail.com.

Brief Encounters
Lasting Memories


A photo exhibition by
Dian McDonald



Photographs of individuals from North America, Europe, and Asia



Montebello Café
July 30 – September 9
Opening Reception
July 30, 4 – 6 p.m.
Light refreshments, cash bar



Art in Montebello Group Show
Montebello Inside and Out
Curated by Joel Miller

A dozen artists looked into themselves and into Montebello to produce some novel impressions of our 35 acres atop Mount Eagle



November 3 - January 4
Opening Reception on
Saturday, November 3, 4 to 6 p.m.
Montebello Café



Montebello Film Society and AiM

Invite you to our film & discussion



THE THIRD MAN
THURSDAY MAY 25 7:30 P.M. PARTY ROOM 2




The Third Man, generally acknowledged to be a cinematic masterpiece, film boasts a remarkable creative team headed by producer Alexander Korda, directed by Carol Reed, written, for the most part, by Graham Greene and starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, Alida Valli and Trevor Howard with an unforgettable supporting cast. The intriguing, suspenseful action takes place in atmospheric, corrupt, post-WW II Vienna. Who is the third man? You will want to find out.

Caryl Curry will introduce the film and lead the post-movie discussion




RECREATE
AiM - Art in Montebello group show
May 27 – June 30
Curator Harriet Duval

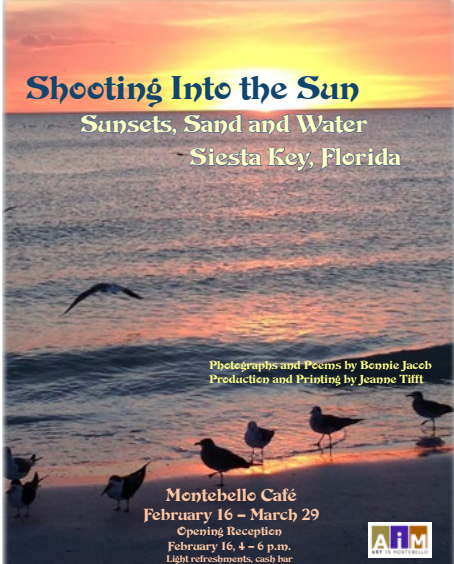
Anna Schalk
Abstract Exploration of Fauvism



Montebello Café
April 7 – May 11
opening reception on April 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.




Shooting Into the Sun
Sunsets, Sand and Water
Siesta Key, Florida



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Montebello Café
February 16 – March 29
Opening Reception
February 16, 4 – 6 p.m.
Light refreshments, cash bar



Greece

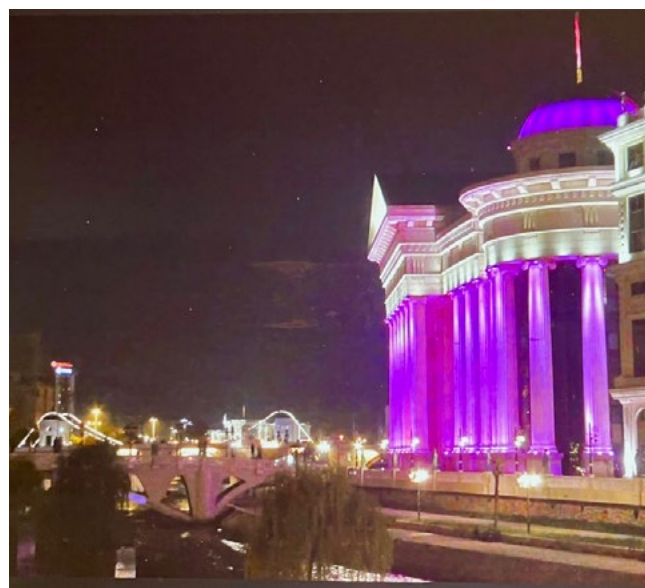
Albania

Serbia

Macedonia

Montebello Travel Information Club
Exploring the Southern Balkans
 Traveling in the Time of Covid
 Presentation by Paul Zeisset
 Thursday, Jan 13, 7:30p
 On Zoom

Screen photos by Dian McDonald



Dian McDonald	Joan Burg	Karen Barnes	Trudy Suchan
Rob & Brenda Maruca	Terry Wharton & Carol A...	Marlyn Keel	richard titus
Paul Zeisset	Frank Sandy Spagnolo	hugh & maria rosa schw...	Beth and Mike Copps
Erwin Jacobs	Katherine Spivey	Don Hinman & Sue All...	Michael J Fogarty
Gulnevère 's iPad	Candi Carpenter	Susan Dexter	(monitor)
Jack Quick	cherylsilkwood	Turo Dexter	Rebecca McNeely





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