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CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY MOVING TO SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre is getting a new resident. The Cancer Support Community Pasadena is moving in.

CSC, an organization which currently provides ten weekly support groups and one monthly support group facilitated by professional mental health therapists, and over 125 monthly education workshops led by experts in their field along with stress management classes plans to move to Sierra Madre in April, 2023.

CSC recently purchased the 7,000 square foot plus facility at 331 W Sierra Madre Blvd. CSC resided in Pasadena for 30 years.



The new home of CSC on the corner of Lima and Sierra Madre Blvd. Left, survivors attend an educational workshop in Pasadena.



Patricia Ostiller, Executive Director of Cancer Support Community said, "Sierra Madre is a beautiful neighborhood for our mission. It's very friendly, down to earth, and relaxing. We look forward to our participants finding peace, comfort, relaxation, and support in Sierra Madre - and we look forward to getting to know our neighbors."

She also noted, "Our donors are excited about this news, too. We look forward to joining hands with our entire community to help us ensure a successful move. A variety of permanent naming opportunities for our new building are available at bethekey.cscpasadena.org.

This larger building will allow Cancer Support Community to offer new programs at our participants' request. An outdoor oasis will provide solace with a water feature and peaceful

landscaping. It'll provide for a beautiful outdoor space."

The Cancer Support Community organization was established in 1982, Harold and Harriet Benjamin transformed the way our culture faces cancer. Harriet, a cancer survivor herself, sought to create an organization that would provide social and emotional support to not only cancer patients, but also to families, friends, and caregivers. The Benjamins strongly encouraged psychosocial care because they believed in a strong correlation between emotional and physical well-being. Thus, the first walk-in community facility of its kind, The Wellness Community (TWC), was founded in Santa Monica, CA as an outlet for those suffering from cancer to receive appropriate support.

WHAT DO SIERRA MADREANS DO WHEN IT IS 100 DEGREES OUTSIDE? - Volunteer Of Course!



Pictured above left to right: Community Services Manager Rebecca Silva, Commissioners Pat Holland, Anita Thompson, Patricia Krok, Marlene Enmark and Jacquie Pergola. Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre

It is a well known fact that nothing can stop the lifeblood of Sierra Madre - its volunteers - from functioning as it should. That was very apparent on Thursday when the thermometer reading was in excess of 100 degrees and the Senior Community Commissioners would not cancel their regular meeting. The commission's purpose is to "conduct city business" as it relates to activities that benefit Sierra Madre Seniors. Their agenda was full including planning and discussions on past and future activities such as the Senior Art Show, Senior Excursions, the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program and much more. Like the popular motto that used to be associated with the US Postal Service, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night. shall stop the US Mail.", the SMSCC could justifiably adopt, 'neither traveling through extreme heat of day nor glaring sun shall stop us'. The Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

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City of Sierra Madre

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: All Residential Households in the City of Sierra Madre
From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS, SPECIFIC PLAN, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AND CERTIFY AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVE RELATED MITIGATION MEASURES AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR A PROPOSED 42 LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Project Location: 700 North Sunnyside Avenue

This notice serves to inform you that the City Council will be conducting a Special Meeting Public Hearing on the date, time, and the location described below regarding a request to construct up to 42 single-family detached residential units on approximately 17.30 acres of the property owned by The Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community referred to as "The Meadows at Bailey Canyon."

The City Council will consider project applications to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, approve amendments to the update the General Plan and Land Use Map to change the project site from Institutional to residential low density, and update the Zoning Code and Zoning Map to change the project site from Institutional to Single-Family Residential Specific Plan Overlay, approve the Lot Line Adjustment, and approve the Development Agreement. Application approval may be made pursuant to applicable findings for each independent action.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmidmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum). The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3 PM on the day of the meeting.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Special Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022
(Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: State law requires the preparation of an EIR for projects that have the potential for environmental impacts. Public Resources Code Section 21002 requires that an EIR identify the significant effects of a project on the environment and provide measures or alternatives that can mitigate or avoid these effects. The EIR evaluates the environmental effects associated with the development of the project and discusses the manner in which the project's significant effects can be reduced or avoided through the implementation of mitigation measures or feasible alternatives to the proposed project.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on a proposal for an amendment to the Master Lease to allow easements to the TowerPoint Capital LLC infrastructure to AT&T and Crown Castle for telecommunication technology. This amendment includes a term of 99 years and a one-time payment to the City of \$122,100.

The City of Sierra Madre has received a request from AT&T and Crown Castle for the addition of two hundred eighty-five square feet to the existing nine hundred eighty-four square feet of leased land they currently lease. The additional land is for the installation of two new emergency generators to have continuous power to their equipment during rolling blackouts and power outages.

The City of Sierra Madre received a Letter of Intent from TowerPoint Capital, LLC to consider an amendment to the Master Lease. The Letter of Intent proposes an amendment to the Master Lease to allow easements to the TowerPoint Capital LLC infrastructure to AT&T and Crown Castle for telecommunication technology. This amendment includes a term of 99 years and a one-time payment to the City of \$122,100.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Director of Public Works Chris Cimino at 626.355.7135.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council
Chris Cimino,
Public Works Director
Published: September 3rd and 10th, 2022

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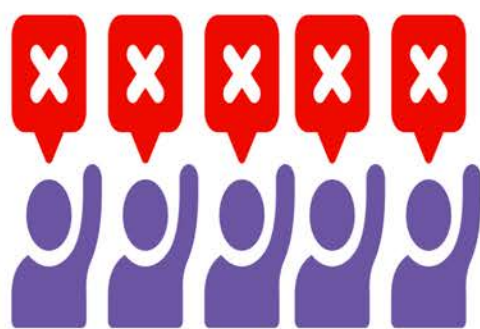
Progress continues at the Post Office as we prepare for the big design reveal from our great landscape architect, FormLA, on Tuesday, August 30. Remember, if you want to see what the new landscaping design will look like you can register to be in the 6 pm Zoom meeting by going to FormLAinc.com and registering under "Upcoming Events". Everyone is welcome and invited. We want to hear your feedback.

The new landscaping of the Post Office is designed to show residents that they can save water and have a beautiful and fire safe yard. If you swing by the Post Office you will notice a nice walkway of crushed gravel next to the building. At your house, this same walkway would act to protect your home from wildfires. The walkway would keep flammable plants from sending flames up under eaves and into attics. The walkway would be one of your first steps to create defensible space around your home by removing all combustible material. Some of the plants that will be chosen for the new Post Office design are fire resistant as well as drought tolerant.

Please keep an eye out for some of the public demonstration days we will be holding on Saturdays in October, November and December. The topics we will include are Building a Bioswale to collect and save water, Installing a Rainbird Underground Irrigation System, and Planting Native Drought Tolerant Plants. Details will be posted in this paper and at the Post Office.

If you would like to help us with this project, please send a tax-deductible donation check payable to the "Post Office Landscape Project c/o SMCE." The mailing address is Sierra Madre Community Foundation, P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. If you prefer to make your donation by PayPal, please scan the PayPal QR Code below:

Thank you for your support to safeguard the viability of this important Sierra Madre community resource by helping us attract people to the re-landscaped Sierra Madre Post Office. We hope that, when people come to the newly landscaped building, they will admire the planting, learn about the water saving vegetation options, and transfer that interest to their own yards. We hope to see you at the Zoom call on Tuesday, August 30 at 6 pm.



What does the Sierra Madre City Council
have to say about Measure HR?

"MISGUIDED AND MISLEADING"

"DISASTER FOR OUR TOWN"

"ABSURD AND IRRESPONSIBLE"

"POORLY DESIGNED"

"ILL CONCEIVED"

NO ON HR

Source: Ballot argument and rebuttal in opposition to Measure HR, Sierra Madre City Council, August 18, 2022

Sierra Madre City Council & the Mayor unanimously voted to
oppose Measure HR. Scan the QR Code to read the complete argument →



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and Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center; Committee major funding from
New Urban West



AGAIN, NO DISCRIMINATION

Let’s get some facts straight about the November Initiative Measure HR. The Initiative only changes the Zoning designation of the Mater Dolorosa Property from “Institutional” to “Hillside Management”.

The Initiative does not require any amendment to the existing Sierra Madre Municipal Codes to enable its provisions. Once the Initiative is adopted, the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code kick in, and the existing structures on the Mater Dolorosa Property automatically become “non-conforming” due to the change of the zoning designation of the Mater Dolorosa Property.

The Sierra Madre Municipal Codes allow the Passionists to continue to use its existing structures in their current form, and also allow changes and additions to its structures as long as there is compliance with guidelines provided in the Sierra Madre Municipal Codes.

There has been a lot of discussion that the Initiative is subject to legal challenge on the grounds that it results in religious discrimination against the Passionists or otherwise constrains the mission of the Passionists. Any such discussion is misguided.

Under the Initiative, the Monastery Property will be rezoned as a Hillside Management Zone. If the trail of SMMC Section 17.52.070 C (1) of the Hillside Management Zone is followed, one arrives at Section 17.60.030 (A) which clearly states, that “Churches, temples and other places of worship” are uses that are permitted in basically all zoning classifications, including the Hillside Management Zone.

The purpose of allowing “Churches, temples and other places of worship” in virtually all zones within the City is to ensure that there no discrimination against the free practice of religion in Sierra Madre, including the building of churches, temples and other places of worship in essentially all zones that are occupied by people.

The Sierra Madre Municipal Codes have clearly been drafted so as not to run afoul of existing federal and state laws, including the Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act (“RLUIPA”). Any conclusion that the Initiative prohibits the right of a religious organization to exercise its religious freedoms is blatantly incorrect.

All that the Initiative does is change the zoning of the Mater Dolorosa Property from Institutional to Hillside Management. The City of Sierra Madre, or the people through an Initiative, have the right to re-designate the Monastery Property from Institutional to Hillside Management, absent a prohibited restriction. From that point on, the existing provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Codes can be relied upon to protect against religious discrimination from occurring. To suggest anything different would be to conclude that the City of Sierra Madre Municipal Codes are defective. If they are defective, then any unintended consequences from the adoption of the Initiative cannot be blamed on the Initiative, but rather on the defects that may be embedded in the City of Sierra Madre Municipal Codes, if they exist.

Perhaps the confusion regarding the claim of religious discrimination rests with the following language contained in the City’s Memorandum dated July 8, 2022 from the City Attorney to the Mayor and Councilmembers. The Memorandum states that if a zoning district is silent as to prohibited uses, it is considered prohibited if it is not expressly permitted. The Memorandum on Page 11 goes on to examine the Sierra Madre Municipal Codes and concludes that “since a retreat center and religious depictions are not listed as permitted or conditionally permitted uses, they are prohibited in the Hillside Management Zone.”

We are not sure why that conclusion was reached. As noted above, the language of Section 17.60.030 (A) of “other places of worship” is unquestionably a broad and all-encompassing enough term that certainly includes a religious “retreat center” and “religious depictions”. The City would be wrong to deny any requests from the Passionists to build or improve such structures on the pretense that they are not allowed.

The conclusion in the City’s Memorandum that the Hillside Management Zone prohibits structures relating to places of worship affects many other arguments in the Memorandum. If churches, temples and other places of worship are permitted in the Hillside Management Zone, then all of the other conclusions noted in the Memorandum that deny this fact fall by the wayside.

So again, why does the Memorandum of the City Attorney dated July 8, 2022 reach the conclusion that the Monastery cannot build a church, temple or other place of worship on its property if its property is designated as Hillside Management, when the language of our Municipal Codes allows for such structures? This question has been posed to the City on many occasions and those questions have not even merited the courtesy of an acknowledgement of receipt by the City.

We patiently await the City’s reply!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR GRASSHOPPERS AND CATTLE

In the Mountain Views News July 23rd edition’s column by Preserve Sierra Madre discusses the report to City Council with a recap: “. . . the Passionists, who own the Monastery property, have entered into an agreement with a developer, New Urban West (NUW) to sell 20 acres of their property. . . .” “A citizens’ petition to place the 20 acres in the Hillside Management Zone (HMZ). . . .was under discussion.”

Note: the entire 35 buildable acres owned by Mater Dolorosa would be placed in the HMZ.

The column goes on to argue that the City Attorney made major errors in his report and the Council Members had faulty reasoning to challenge the initiative, and the council meeting was in “total disregard of the input of 1300 residents. . . .” Protect Sierra Madre in that same paper asks “Who Does Our City Council Represent?” Bottom line “It’s one thing for residents to have to deal with an unscrupulous developer who will go to any means to get this project approved, but quite another when we can’t trust our city council to stand up for its residents and essentially tell 1,300 constituents, . . .we know better than you.” There is an old saying that goes like this, “Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate clink, whilst thousands of great cattle reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field.” –William Blake. The City Council Members in all their wisdom decided to oppose Measure HR and in fact, write a ballot argument against it. The five members of the council are all educated, intelligent citizens elected to do what is best for Sierra Madre and its Citizens. They get feedback not only from grasshoppers but also from the cattle in the field. Council did read the Initiative and all have the ability to make an informed decision. Our Council Members are upstanding members of the community and it is an insult to imply they are otherwise. The Council debated on the merits of the Initiative. They had no say on the merits of the NUW proposal. They are concerned about Measure HR taking away the rights of property owners and of it setting a dangerous precedent of taking away land rights. The Council IS looking after their residents and are fighting against a poorly written, sloppy initiative, and protecting the rights of property owners who apply to the city for a zoning change. Vote No on Measure HR to protect property owners and prevent the building of 6500 Sq.Ft. houses

SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

HERE COMES THE BUS AGAIN

When the ill-conceived ballot initiative to rezone the Monastery property first reared its ugly head the proponents made an odd claim. In their infinite wisdom, they divined that, “Residents of Sierra Madre are no longer confident that enforcement of those policies and goals in our General Plan are a priority of our City Council...” One has to wonder how they came to this grand conclusion when the city council has yet to receive an action item on the Meadows project.

While supporters of Measure HR had been unfairly critical of the City Council, this was the first time they had firmly pushed them under the bus. This is despite claiming this week that they “...do not throw anyone under the bus for disagreeing with our position.” Then we think it is fair to ask why they do it.

In a rare social media commentary where they allowed dissenters to respond, the proponents said that they support the Planning Commission because they have “read and analysed [sic] and questioned [...] responded to comments”. But their complaint with the City Council is that “they usually accept the recommendations [...] without considering any other arguments or the opinions of their constituents.” Last time we checked the City Council was mandated to allow public comment at every meeting. Can you see the bus coming?

In another claim their spokesperson said, “But I DO not support their inferring to the people that theirs is an informed and well studied opinion and that the people should accept it when it is NOT!” What is the basis for this claim? How do they know what individual city council members have or have not studied? We suppose facts do not matter when the foundation of accusations is to just push the City Council under another bus.

In another accusatory attack, they say, “...when we see [the city Council] make decisions based on someone else’s [sic] recommendation [...] we don’t [sic] feel they are adequately representing the constituents they have all PROMISED to represent.” What they seem to be saying is that they don’t like when the conclusion differs from their own. If someone’s recommendation is sound then the City Council should accept it, right?

Here is where the issue gets tricky. The Planning Commission’s job is to evaluate the Meadows project and to make a recommendation to the City Council. The proponents accept that the Planning Commission has fairly assessed the Meadows project, but somehow the City Council is not allowed to accept the Planning Commission’s educated conclusions without it being biased and uninformed. Why discuss the facts when one can keep pushing the City Council under every bus?

The proponents’ answer to the City Council supposedly not having made an informed decision is to put the decision to a vote of the electorate. How does that result in a more informed decision? Why believe that the average voter knows anything at all about the Meadows project? What we do know is that the proponents spoon-fed lies to voters when they collected their 1300 signatures. (See our previous articles on what these lies were.)

The reality is that the Hail Mary play of the supporters of Measure HR is that an uninformed electorate will make a decision based on an emotional appeal to “protect the Meadow”. Forget the fact that Measure HR instead allows for 64 mansions, something those signing the initiative were apparently never told.

For all the crying the proponents do about giving the citizens a chance to have their say, it is ironic that their new social media presence disallows ALL commenting. They have already abandoned most public discussion on social media because they can’t control the narrative with lies.

What can they control? The bus they keep driving around the block so they can push the City Council under it again and again. Vote No on Measure HR

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The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

TAYLOR'S MARKET THE PLACE FOR WINE !!

We jump up in class a bit this week and still stay in California. We are still opening the darks reds as we travel to Paso Robles. Why Paso Robles? Paso Robles Wine Country is home to plenty of wineries throughout the region. The perfect climate for producing award-winning premium wines, Paso Robles Wine Country is located in California between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Paso Robles Wine Country is home to more than 200 wineries, mostly comprised of boutique and small family-owned vineyards and wineries. Speaking of award winning wines from Paso Robles this past week I enjoyed the San Simeon 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon. And boy did I ever, this Paso Robles stand out is aged for at least 18 months in French oak barrels leading to structured tannins** and provides texture and depth with a lengthy somewhat spicy finish.

Winemaker Anthony Riboli tells me that this wine is one of his favorites when he is home with his family enjoying a dinner he went on to say "As a fourth generation winemaker, I really want every consumer to taste the quality and care that our family imparts into every bottle of San Simeon Cabernet Sauvignon. From estate vineyards to artisan winemaking, we want the consumer to feel part of our family... to feel special." Thanks Anthony! With Labor Day fast approaching this reviewer would suggest some dark chocolate though on my tasting I enjoyed it with a Firm Cheddar Cheese.

Tannins.... A Dills Definition.. Tannin is the textural element that makes the wine taste dry, though I use the word often to describe how it feels on my tongue, thus dry, sandy, bitter etc...

Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Total Score 89

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Dining With Dills

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"The butterfly counts not months, but moments, and has time enough." R. Tagore

"If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies." "Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, he became a butterfly!"

"Like a butterfly evolving, we must love each stage we pass through. Be not judgmental of yourself. You are becoming a wondrous butterfly."



This week's glorious picture, dear friends and neighbors, is of Lucas, the chrysalis that said, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can!" And here he is, in all his glory. A fabulous Monarch butterfly, triumphantly emerged and gearing up to spread his wings and fly. This is Leah's second success as her first chrysalide, Larry, also made it to butterfly-hood. There has been much heartbreak as Linda and Leo struggled to emerge but did not succeed. This picture, courtesy of Chuck Seitz, shows details of Lucas' wings that sent him/her so quickly upward when the door was opened. This is truly a miracle!

Here's a little Wikipedia to help you understand what's happening in Leah's milkweed garden:

"To prepare for its chrysalis stage, the caterpillar chooses a safe place for pupation where it spins a silk pad on a downward-facing horizontal surface. It then turns around and securely latches on with its last pair of hind legs and hangs upside down, in the form of a letter "J." (This is best case scenario as they don't always do that, frequently attaching themselves to the bottom of the cage, the zipper or someplace else completely inappropriate.) After "J-hanging" for 12-16 hours, they straighten out their bodies and go into peristalsis some seconds before the skin splits behind its head. It then sheds its skin and little by little turns into a gorgeous butterfly."

Still ahead, Lorraine, Lorenzo and Lulu will either live or die. This process takes an eternity! 11-12 days. I admire Leah tremendously for taking on this project. As she is having her kitchen remodeled, she can't go anyplace anyway, so observing this life and death struggle has been a good preoccupation as the kitchen remodel takes longer and longer. Any of you who have had a kitchen or bathroom remodel will understand completely. We had our bathroom remodeled some years ago and I thought I'd never get the plaster dust off of everything. Yes, it's beautiful when it's finished but it makes you crazy while it's going on.

Of course, I am reminded of what a bad day really looks like: On August 24th, A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died. Worse than plaster dust.

We're all experiencing more heat than we ever wanted to endure and it's gone on forever. I've started decorating my house for Fall anyway, and it makes me feel less hot and sweaty to look at glass pumpkins and other Fall stuff.

"That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering and football in the air. Another Fall, another turned page; there is something of jubilee in this annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer." Wallace Stegner

Almost everyone is back at school. Jessie and Emily have already had picture day and the first seventh grade school dance was a week or so ago. School dance for seventh grade girls is an opportunity to wear something other than what they wear to school every day of their lives, take group photos in the photo booth, looking as goofy as possible, and hang out together. There is absolutely no dancing involved. Which is just as well, as it's way more fun to eat all the junk food provided and giggle together.

All the children I know are experiencing the back-to-school cold, flu, pinkeye and other forms of contamination they and their friends bring back with them along with the new backpacks.

Friday was VJ Day (1945) and this is Labor Day weekend!!

"Labor Day is a great opportunity to reflect on what you failed to accomplish this summer."

Labor Day in the United States is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. It has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. Unless, of course, you happen to be a mother and this particular holiday becomes laughable as meals, laundry and the children's eternal battle cry: "I'm bored! There's nothing to do here! What is there to eat!" rings out endlessly. The new Jurassic Park movie, "Jurassic World Dominion," is streaming now so we're all going to watch it and devour a little junk food on Monday, Labor Day. Less terrifying on the TV screen.

For many people, including John, my college football loving husband, now residing in heaven, it was the start...finally...of the college football season. I made sure we had plenty of Doritos and the TV screen was dusted as Labor Day Saturday was an important day. Today will feature the Rice University Owls vs. USC Trojans at the Coliseum. John will be watching from a seat on the heavenly 50-yard line.

Remember: Celebrate Everything! Especially Butterflies!

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SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN ART EVENT

Sierra Madre Civic Club is announcing their 2022 Downtown Halloween Art Event. This is a community event, just for fun and the enjoyment of all who will see Halloween-themed art displays throughout downtown Sierra Madre.

All Sierra Madre households are invited to create and participate in the Halloween Art Event that will be displayed on downtown merchants' windows from October 22 through November 1, 2022. All ages from a single Sierra Madre address are welcome to draw or paint any Halloween theme on paper 'canvas' delivered free to your front door. Any medium you choose is acceptable—crayons, markers, pencils, paint, ink are just a few ideas. Be creative! Sign up on-line September 17 — October 7 at sierramadrecivicclub.org. The deadline to return completed artwork is October 18.

Sierra Madre Civic Club is a not-for-profit, community service organization that was founded by a small group of women in 1944. Since that time, Civic Club has grown to over a hundred members of all ages who are committed to creating a better community. Learn more about Sierra Madre Civic Club at: www.facebook.com/sierramadrecivicclub



If you have any questions about the Sierra Madre Civic Club Downtown Halloween Art Event, please contact Shannon Vandevelde, Civic Club Halloween Chair at 626-840-6384, or info@sierramadrecivicclub.com



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Fri	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2022 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transparency efforts and The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The public may also comment in person at the meeting.

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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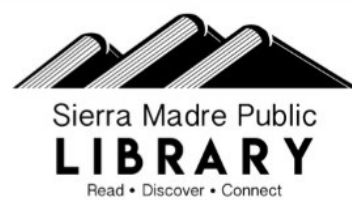
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September 5—10

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Thursday

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Saturday

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Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

September Is Pedestrian Safety Month

As part of Pedestrian Safety Month, the Pasadena Police Department announced Friday that they will participate in activities throughout September encouraging the safety of people walking.

"People should not feel in danger walking," Pasadena Police Department Lieutenant Anthony Russo said. "Drivers, please slow down and be aware of people who are walking. If we all look out for one another, we can all get where we need to go safely." Based on data projections from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), 7,485 people, or an average of 20 people every day, died after being struck by a vehicle last year – an 11.5% increase from 2020 and a 40-year high. To promote the safety of people walking, the Pasadena Police will conduct a traffic safety operation on Sept. 16 focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of pedestrians at risk. These violations include speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield and running stop for signs or signals. The Pasadena Police Department offers safe driving and walking tips, including staying off the phone when behind the wheel or walking:

Drivers
-Do not speed, and slow down at intersections. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks.
-Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
-Never drive impaired.
Pedestrians
-Be predictable. Use signalized crosswalks where drivers may anticipate foot traffic.
-Watch for approaching vehicles and practice due care crossing the street. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to stop.
-Make it easier for drivers to see you at night – wear light colors, reflective material and use a flashlight.
-Be careful crossing streets or entering crosswalks at night or on busier streets with higher speed limits.
For more information visit:

Pasadena Humane Free Adoption Day

Join us at Pasadena Humane on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Free Adoption Day sponsored by the Spence family and Petfinder Foundation! Adoption fees will be waived for all available dogs, cats, and critters. Adoptions include spay or neuter, a microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

This is a walk-in event, so no appointment is needed. Regular adoption screening applies. Pasadena Humane is located 361 S Raymond Ave. For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org.

City to Dub Park Stage after Van Halen



Pasadena city officials are set to unveil and dedicate the community stage at the new Playhouse Village Park after the famed 80s rock band Van Halen during a ribbon cutting ceremony September 10.

The Pasadena City Council decided last year to name the stage after the entire band and not just guitarist Eddie Van Halen. The change was none at the request of the Van Halen family. Eddie Van Halen passed away in 2020 after a battle with cancer.

According to city staff, The new park features open space for informal recreation, relaxation, and community gatherings, a shaded children's play area, separate dog runs for large and small dogs, benches and seating, a 48-space parking plaza, among other amenities.

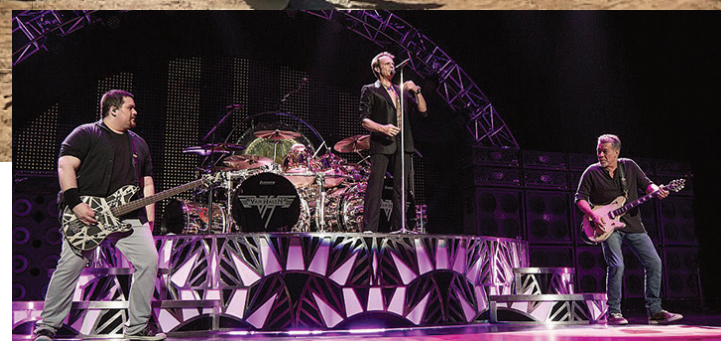
In addition to exploring the park's amenities, guests are invited to participate in grand opening activities where you

can:

- Park officially opens with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9 a.m.
- Learn how to create a fun fan with USC Pacific Asia Museum
- Develop a love for reading with story time with Mr. Steve from Vroman's Bookstore
- Make traditional Mexican tissue paper flowers with Mercadito Monarca
- Play a round of giant games with Playhouse Village Foundation
- Discover the joys of riding an e-bike from GoSGV
- Join a read-aloud and then bring the story to life through arts and crafts with Southern California Children's Museum
- Get creative with a craft from the Pasadena Public Library

- Enjoy light refreshments from Tepito Coffee and El Portal
For more information visit: playhousevillage.org/park.

Photo (top) the stage being built, credit Pasadena 4 Van Halen



Tournament Announces Día de los Muertos Art Competition

The Tournament of Roses announced Friday the third annual Día de los Muertos art competition, a celebration of art, in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles, Pasadena Unified School District, the Greater LA Education Foundation, La Plaza de Cultura y Artes, Los Angeles Unified School District, Mercadito Monarca, 360 Agency and Yankuititl.

Winners of this year's regional competition will be awarded scholarships and gift cards in three age categories: 4-8, 9-13 and 14-18.

Submissions are due by noon on Friday, October 7

Winners will be announced at annual Día de los Muertos celebration on Saturday, October 29

To enter, students must be between the ages of 4 and 18. Masterpieces can take any shape or form, as long as it celebrates, reflects and honors the traditions of Día de los Muertos. Students should consider the following art categories:

- Paintings & Drawings - Create an art piece featuring marigolds, monarch butterflies or other representations of the holiday
- Calavera – Make and decorate a sugar skull
- Ofrendas – Build or construct an altar
- Catrina – Paint a face with traditional Día de los Muertos makeup
- Digital Art/Graphic Design – Use technology and graphic design to bring your art to life
- Other visual arts – Get creative in some other form, including sculptures, making a traditional Día de Muertos costume

A tradition in Mexico and Central America that goes back more than 3,000 years, Día de los Muertos is an annual holiday that is now celebrated around the world.

For submission details visit: tournamentofroses.com/diadelosmuertos.

Chu Honors Senior Center As Nonprofit of The Year

Congresswoman Judy Chu, who represents the 27th Congressional District, recently honored the Pasadena Senior Center as Nonprofit of the Year during her Congressional Leadership of the Year awards ceremony.

The annual awards recognize individuals and organizations that have provided exceptional leadership in the district, which encompasses 16 cities from Pasadena to Upland.

Unlike most senior centers nationwide that are managed and funded by local government organizations, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that receives no government funding and relies solely on shared investment by the greater Pasadena community, foundations and other sources that make it possible to provide social services, offer classes, pay instructors, maintain facilities and more.

"We are so grateful and pleased to receive this distinction," said Akila Gibbs (pictured), executive director of the Senior Center. "This is a pleasantly surprising validation of the broad array of innovative services, programs and activities older adults have come to expect here for more than 60 years."

With the population of older adults in the U.S. increasing exponentially every year due to longer life expectancy, the Pasadena Senior Center



continually serves as a vital community asset that offers new and inventive programs and services to meet every need and interest. Annually, in recent years, more than 10,000 adults 50 and older have come to the center for a sense of community, to continue lifelong learning, discover new opportunities for social interaction and engage in a multitude of activities to keep their minds sharp, bodies healthy and spirits soaring. Services also are provided for frail and homebound older adults.

In 1999 the center earned national accreditation by the National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers, which made it the first nationally accredited senior center in California.

For more information visit: pasadenaseniocenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Water & Power Tests New Grid Reliability Project

Jeffrey Kightlinger, Interim General Manager of Water and Power announced that earlier this month, Pasadena Water and Power ("PWP") successfully tested new equipment that may reduce power disruptions in the future.

PWP receives most of its power from power generation plants and renewable power facilities located outside the City. The power is sent to the City through high voltage transmission lines under the direction of the California Independent System Operator ("ISO"). In August 2020, the ISO ordered their participating utilities, including PWP, to curtail load because they had a shortage of power due to high heat and power system issues. Utilities typically achieve load curtailment by turning off a portion of their customers for an hour, and then rotating the outage to another set of customers until the situation is resolved.

In response, PWP began exploring options to avoid future power disruptions to its customers during ISO load curtailment events. The solution was to take advantage of existing power lines that come to Pasadena from our neighboring utility, the Los Angeles Department of Water &

Power ("LADWP"). Originally built to bring power from the Hoover Dam to Pasadena in the 1930s, PWP later switched its incoming power to the ISO in the early 1970's and those lines were placed on stand-by for emergency use in case there was a total loss of power from the ISO.

New equipment installed at PWP's Glenarm Receiving Station enables PWP staff to quickly transfer part of its customer load to the power lines that come from LAD WP. In the future, if the ISO needs to have utilities curtail load due to a system emergency, this load transfer to the LAD WP lines should satisfy that request without the need for rotating power outages for PWP customers.

For the first time in over 50 years, LADWP's system served load in Pasadena after a recent successful test of the new equipment. The project was the result of the support from LADWP and the collective work by PWP staff from various sections of the Department including Engineering, Electric Test and Construction, Transmission and Distribution, Substation Operations and Power Dispatch; For more information about PWP, visit: pwpweb.com.

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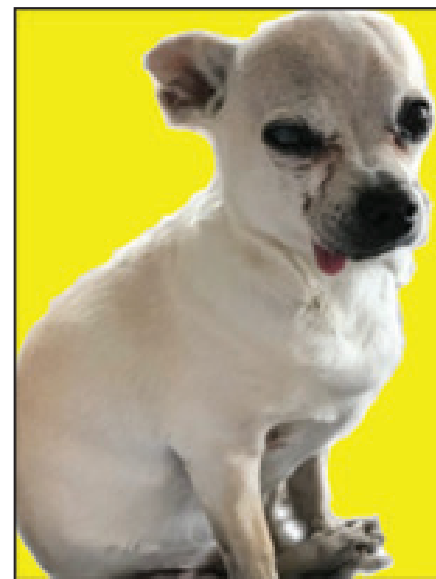
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Pasadena Labor Day Closures & Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

Trash and recycling services will be postponed by one day. Monday pickup will occur on Tuesday; Tuesday pickup on Wednesday; Wednesday pickup on Thursday; Thursday pickup on Friday; and Friday pickup on Saturday. There will be no bulky item pickups on Saturday or Monday.

The Citizen Service Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Pasadena residents and businesses experiencing power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at www.PWPweb.com or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will be closed on Labor Day. All parking meters not posted as "No Parking" will be free and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for

overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will continue to be enforced. Regular enforcement resumes Tuesday, Sept. 6. The Permit Center will be closed on Labor Day but will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 a.m. Online permitting services are available 24/7 at www.cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on Labor Day. Normal service will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 and 5, and will return to regular schedules on Tuesday, Sept. 6. All recreation and community centers operated by the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be closed on Labor Day, but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. For life-threatening emergencies, always dial 9-1-1. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

Tournament To Host Golf Classic

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation announced Thursday the inaugural Golf Classic presented by J.P. Morgan Private Bank. Golfers will tee off on Monday, September 12, and raise funds to support a diverse range of local organizations.

"Since our founding, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses has given more than \$4 million to support the greater Pasadena community. All the proceeds from our inaugural Foundation Golf Classic will allow us to provide even more support to exceptional non-profit groups serving the community. We are extraordinarily grateful to our Golf Classic sponsors and participants. Their philanthropic generosity will benefit many organizations ranging from youth sports to

senior wellness programs," said Mark S. Harmsen, President of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation.

Golfers will enjoy the Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena, designed by famed golf architect William P. Bell, nestled in the beautiful Arroyo Seco. The Golf Classic offers a unique opportunity, a chance to hit a golf ball onto the field where the Rose Bowl Game® has been played for the past 100 years.

The Tournament of Roses Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit public benefit corporation established to receive and manage contributions from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, its supporters and the general public. Organizations or individuals interested in making a contribution or inquiring about the grants process should contact the Foundation by visiting: tournamentofroses.com/foundation.

South Pas Library Receives Bequest for Children's Room



Officials announced Wednesday that Lifelong South Pasadena resident Bert Edward Carlyle (1940-2022) left a bequest to the South Pasadena Public Library for the express purpose of adding a "Story Room" to the Library's Children's Room. At a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 31, 2022, the Library Board of Trustees will consider adopting a resolution to formally accept the bequest. The donation will also be considered by the City Council at its September 7, 2022 meeting.

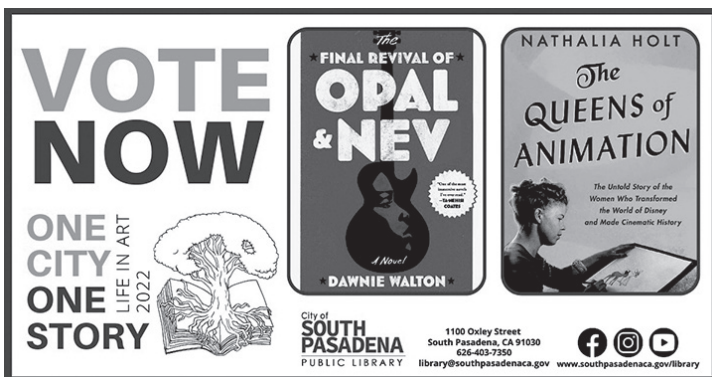
Mr. Carlyle's generous gift is conditioned on the Library Board only using the proceeds for a capital improvement to the Children's wing of the Library, in the form of a "Story Room" with tiered seating. The bequest includes \$100,000 in cash and two residential properties in South Pasadena, located at 704 and 712 Mound Avenue. A formal valuation of the properties has not been completed. If the bequest is accepted, the properties would be sold through the probate process and the funds remitted

to the Library, to be used for the purpose described in the will.

Library Director Cathy Billings said that the gift was a surprise. "This bequest was totally unexpected. We are so touched by Mr. Carlyle's generosity. We like to think that his fond memories of attending Storytimes as a child were his inspiration. Whatever his motivation may have been, the fact is that the Children's Room desperately needs more space to accommodate our large Storytime audience. This gift is a legacy that will profoundly benefit the families and children in our community."

Library Board of Trustees president Dean Serwin expressed excitement about this unique opportunity to expand the Library's footprint and make more room for the outstanding services the Library offers youth. "This generous donation, which can only be used to build a new children's story room, and nothing else, perfectly complements other restricted funds for the Library which can only be used for operations like programs, staff and books: one to build, one to fill!"

South Pasadena Library Opens Voting for One City One Story



This fall the South Pasadena Public Library is celebrating art, culture, and reading with its One City One Story (OCOS) citywide reading program. This year's OCOS theme is "Life in Art." Beginning on September 1st, the South Pasadena Public Library encourages residents to vote online or in the Library to decide which of two arts and culture-themed books

will be the chosen OCOS 2022 title. Nominee titles are The Final Revival of Opal and Nev by Dawnie Walton and The Queens of Animation: The Untold Story of the Women Who Transformed the World of Disney and Made Cinematic History by Nathalia Holt. Voting will close at midnight on September 10th and the winning title will be announced on September 26th.

The Final Revival of Opal and Nev by Dawnie Walton is kaleidoscopic fictional oral history of the beloved rock 'n' roll duo who shot to fame in 1970s New York, and the dark, fraught secret that lies at the peak of their stardom. In The Queens of Animation, Nathalia Holt tells the true story of how an influential group of women infiltrated the boys' club of Disney's story and animation departments and used early technologies to create the rich artwork and unforgettable narratives that have become part of the American canon.

Residents are encouraged to read the OCOS choice and participate in our themed programming throughout October! Take part in Library events like author talks, natural indigo dyeing, and a virtual book discussion. Visit www.southpasadenaca.gov/ocos for more information.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at: southpasadenaca.gov/library for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at www.southpasadenaca.gov and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

Statement from Interim City Manager Kurtz & PUSD Superintendent McDonald

Much has transpired after the incident at San Rafael Elementary School. There have been many difficult conversations in the city and in the district that have surfaced pain points and areas where we can and must grow. It's now time to look to the future and to put to work what we have all learned together.

In the last week, we, as superintendent of the Pasadena Unified School District and interim city manager, have met and held long and candid conversations to discuss the interests of the people we serve. Foremost in our minds is that we must work together every day to serve the children, youth, families, employees and residents of our great community. We rely on each other both as institutions and as leaders.

Our focus is on affirming the strong relationships between the City and its first responders and the school district, its schools, students, employees and families. We will work jointly to improve interagency communication and collaboration and build better mechanisms to prevent and quickly resolve any issues in the future.

One of our shared goals is to make certain that the entire community knows that the children, educators and staff are safe and secure at school. In that regard, the Pasadena Police Department will continue to meet its obligation to respond to all calls for service. Officers often approach these calls with many unknown circumstances, and it is critical that the police department and the district integrate communications to minimize any uncertainties.

Our mutual goal is civility. We will continue to foster a climate of civility, collegiality, tolerance and reasoned debate, embracing our diversity as a strength that adds vibrancy and creativity to our perspectives, deliberations and decisions.

The district and the City often have to navigate sensitive situations that impact the lives of our students, employees and residents. We affirm our commitment to respecting the personal dignity of all students, employees, community members and residents. Each of us and those we serve are deserving of respect and courtesy, and this must underlie every interaction and communication.

We are privileged to serve a vibrant and diverse community rich in its perspectives.

We know that it is imperative to maintain a consistent line of communication on a day-to-day basis that will continue to work even in times of crisis.

We commit to our entire community that we will continue to move forward and work together.

Cynthia Kurtz
Interim City Manager
City of Pasadena
Brian McDonald, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Pasadena Unified School District

San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Puppy Love Dog PAW-ty
Saturday, September 17 at 9 AM, Lacy Park

Get ready to PAW-ty with our 4-legged friends! Join us at Lacy Park to enjoy the morning with our furry pals. Two dog runs will be installed and there will be obstacle courses, doggy snacks, goodie bags (limited supplies), music, dog contests, and more!

Meetings
Design Review Committee
Wednesday, September 7 at 6 PM; Teleconference

Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday, September 12 at 6 PM; Teleconference

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 14 at 6 PM; Teleconference or San Marino Center

Parks & Public Works

The City's tree maintenance contractor, Mariposa Landscaping, recently completed a one-time cleanup of City medians along Huntington Drive, Sierra Madre Boulevard, and Old Mill Road. This involved mowing, edging,

weeding, spraying, removal of tree suckers, and pruning of shrubs on the medians to ensure they remain safe and aesthetically pleasing. Earlier this week, Mariposa began work to raise prune additional street trees to ensure Fire Department vehicles have sufficient clearance when driving on City streets.

This past week, Public Works maintenance staff completed the trimming of existing and removal of dead oleander shrubs along the Huntington Drive between Granada Avenue and Los Robles Avenue. When overgrown, these shrubs can encroach into the traffic lane, which presents a traffic and public safety hazard. The trimming and removal of these shrubs helped improve both public safety as well as the aesthetic appearance of the City's streets and right-of-way. The Parks and Public Works Department wishes to recognize the hard work of the maintenance staff to efficiently address this issue. For more information visit: cityofsanmarino.org.

South Pasadena Library Scary Story Contest for Kids

The entries will be judged by the Children's Services librarians and by special judge, Xanthé Pajarillo, a director-writer, podcaster and Air Force veteran from Germany and Virginia. She directed the 2021 Fangoria Chainsaw Awards on Shudder, has written for Fangoria and Bloody Disgusting and with her 13-year old niece, co-hosts a kids horror podcast titled Kindergeist which explores horror through fun, inspiring and meaningful dialogue. She received her MFA from USC's School of Cinematic Arts, her BFA from CalArts, and is an intern alumni of HBO, Will and Jada Smith's Overbrook Entertainment and Michel Gondry's Partizan Entertainment.

The Scary Story Contest is sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at: southpasadenaca.gov/library for information about services and programs.

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The City of South Pasadena will host two Cooling Centers in response to excessive heat.

Dates:
August 31, 2022 through September 7, 2022

Locations:
South Pasadena Senior Center
1102 Oxley St., South Pasadena
Weekday Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

South Pasadena Public Library
1100 Oxley St., South Pasadena
Tuesday - Thursday Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Residents are invited to sit and enjoy the air conditioning during normal business hours of the facility.

Tips to Stay Safe During Extreme Heat



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Stay indoors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest



Drink Plenty of Fluids
Drink 2 to 4 glasses of water every hour during times of extreme heat



Wear Appropriate Clothing
Wear a wide-brimmed hat & light-colored lightweight loose-fitting clothes when you're outdoors



Stay Cool Indoors
If you don't have AC, visit a public air conditioned facility.



Keep Pets Indoors
Heat also affects your pets. Keep them indoors or make sure they have shade & water.



Monitor Those at High Risk
Check on elderly neighbors and family and friends who do not have air conditioning.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 403-7360

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

IRWINDALE’S NEW POLICE CHIEF ROB CASTRO



Mike Castro on left (Arcadia PD Lieutenant at the time) & Rob Castro on right Glendale PD Chief at the time.

By Joan Schmidt

The City of Irwindale has a new Police Chief, Rob Castro, who has 33 years of law enforcement under his belt. His career began at Glendora Police Department in 1985; promoted to Sergeant in 1995; Lieutenant in 1999; and Captain in 2004, managing daily operations and budget for the entire department. In January 2011, he was chosen as Glendora’s Chief of Police. His tenure there was outstanding as his peers selected him as Officer of the Year in 1991 and 2000.

At Azusa Pacific University Castro graduated Magna cum Laude in 1997 (Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Business Management) and a Master’s Degree in Business Management in 2005. He also graduated from West Point Military Academy Law Enforcement Leadership Program and from California PPST Command College.

During his 33 year career in law enforcement, Castro worked many assignments; four years as a narcotic detective (three undercover apprehending major narcotic cartels) in Glendora. His partner and close friend, Glendora Detective Louie Pompei was killed in the line of duty in 1995.

After a nationwide search, the City of Glendale swore in Rob Castro as their Chief, assuming command of the third largest police department in L.A. County with a department of 500 personnel. Chief Castro created the only independent municipal police crime lab and provided crime lab services to police agencies throughout California. Chief Castro developed an Emergency Medical Technician program in Glendale with 40 EMT police officers, two Paramedic police officers and trained two hundred officers as Field Tactical Medics, the first of its kind in Los Angeles County. Hundreds of lives were saved as police officers often are on the scene first at many dangerous situations.

Chief Castro has focused police department resources to address homeless issues, traffic safety and technology advancement. He believes all employees are an organization’s most important resource for a police chief. Chief Castro attended patrol and special operations briefs to support his troops and trained and worked with his patrol, division, helicopter operations unit, bicycle patrol investigative divisions and K-9 teams.

For their Police Chief, the City of Irwindale has chosen Rob Castro, who is surely very experienced and qualified.

PUBLIC SAFETY

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER



August 21 – August 27, 2022 The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Monday, August 22 Hit and Run Traffic Collision
Officers responded to the area of Lima St. and Montecito Ave. for reports of a hit and run traffic collision. Upon arrival, officers contacted the victim, who reported that an unknown vehicle collided with their parked car, and fled the scene. The Detectives’ Bureau is following up on this incident.

Thursday, August 25 Weapon Brandishing Investigation
Officers responded to the 300 block of Sierra Madre Blvd for reports of an unknown suspect brandishing a weapon. Upon arrival, officers contacted the reporting party, who stated that they witnessed an unknown suspect filming them with a drone. After a brief altercation, the reporting party stated that the suspect produced a handgun while he was leaving scene. The Detectives’ Bureau is following up on this incident.

Saturday, August 27 Suspicious Circumstances
At approximately 5PM, officers took a report for a possible attempted kidnapping near the 300 Block of W Grandview Ave. The reporting party stated that a suspicious vehicle followed them as they were walking on the sidewalk. The vehicle then proceeded to slow down, and open their car door closest to the victim. The victim walked away from the vehicle and the car drove away from the scene. The vehicle was described as a black SUV with dark tinted windows. The Detectives’ Bureau is following up on this incident.



ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 21st through Saturday, August 27th, the Police Department responded to 797 calls for service, of which 106 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 21:
1. At 1:27 a.m., an officer responded to Tastea Arcadia, located at 304 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary that had just occurred. Surveillance footage captured a lone suspect entered the secured business with a key and once he was inside, he searched the register. Thankfully, the Hispanic male suspect fled empty-handed. The suspect fled in an older model, grey, Chevrolet SUV or truck.
2. At 12:29 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a mail theft report. The victim discovered someone forced open her mailbox and fled with an unknown amount of mail. The crime occurred sometime between August 18th and 21st.

Monday, August 22:
3. At 3:42 p.m., an officer responded to Dana Middle School, located at 1401 South First Avenue, regarding a weapons violation. An investigation revealed a 12-year-old male student was found to be in possession of a folding knife and a taser. He was cited and released to his parents.
4. At 4:03 p.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a fraud report. The victim, a resident of the 1100 block of West Duarte Road, reported experiencing technical issues with her computer causing her to reply to a pop-up notification with a phone number. After contacting the phone number, the suspect, disguised as an employee from Microsoft, used a ruse to convince the victim to transfer a large sum of money into a bitcoin using a nearby kiosk. The victim complied and was then solicited to complete another fraudulent transfer to bitcoin. The victim realized she had been scammed but ultimately sustained a loss of more than \$18,000.00.
5. At 10:23 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, located at 1401 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery investigation. Store employees witnessed the suspects steal nearly \$700.00 worth of hair products and cosmetics and flee in a gray Toyota Camry. One of the suspects pushed an employee as they exited the store. The suspects are described two heavy-set Black females and a Hispanic female.

Tuesday, August 23:
6. At 12 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, located at 125 North First Avenue, regarding a bike theft report. Sometime between 1:20 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., someone cut the victim’s bike lock and stole his electric bike from the front of the gym.
7. At 3:24 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot at 51 North First Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim stated he witnessed four suspects flee in a tan Toyota after stealing the catalytic converter from his car. The investigation is pending a review of the available surveillance footage.
8. At 10:23 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Live Oak Avenue regarding the notification of a stolen vehicle in the area. The driver pulled over and during an initial search of the vehicle, the officer located a large amount of what appeared to be marijuana. The 56-year-old male from West Hollywood was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, August 24:
9. At 11:02 a.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on August 24th, someone broke the front passenger window and fled with the victim’s wallet and personal identifiable information.
10. At 6:37 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary. Surveillance cameras captured three suspects use wire cutters to remove the security cables from ten designer wallets before fleeing in a silver sedan. The suspects are described as one Black male and two Black females, all between the ages of 20 and 25-years-old.

Thursday, August 25:
11. At 12:48 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Las Tunas Drive and Baldwin Avenue regarding a notification of a stolen vehicle nearby. After conducting an area search, the vehicle was located, and a brief pursuit ensued and ended when the suspect stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect was located in the 5600 block of Lenore Avenue. The 27-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. At 7:55 p.m., an officer responded Nordstrom, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft arrest. The suspect admitted to stealing a handbag from the department store. The 24-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and cited in the field.

Friday, August 26:
13. At 4:14 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed an adult son assaulted his elderly father during a family dispute resulting in the father sustaining injuries to his ear and hand. The 42-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, August 27:
14. At 12:54 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of South Fifth Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Surveillance footage revealed a lone Hispanic male, approximately 25 to 35-years-old, entered his residence and fled with the victim’s tools. The suspect was wearing dark clothing and appeared to be 5’7” tall and around 210 pounds.

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The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is pleased to announce that Catherine Galanti is the recipient of our 2022 SMRFA Scholarship Award.

This award recognizes one student in either their senior year of high school or first year of college who has demonstrated academic excellence, service to the community, and a dedication to the work of the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.

Catherine served as a SMRFA float rider for the 2022 parade. She has been a contributor to both the construction and the deco crew.

Catherine is a student at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where she is pursuing a degree in journalism and communication studies.

It is her goal to pursue a career in sports journalism.



CALL TO SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS & FAMILIES:

Our School Site Council is a school governance body that strives to improve student achievement through the development, review and approval of the School Plan for Student Achievement, oversight of funding for specially funded accounts, dissemination of information about school events, and planning of current and future programs.

School Site Council membership consists of 50% School Staff and 50% parents/community members. Members serve a two year term, and elections are held each Fall for any vacant seats.

Currently we have two open seats for parent members, and we will be holding elections at the end of this month. If you are interested in serving our school in this capacity, please contact Mr. Newsom at newsom.garrett@pusd.us.

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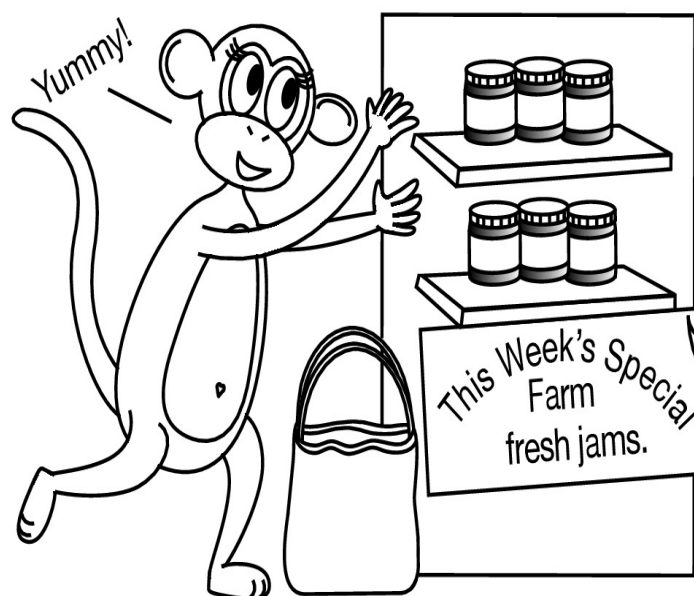
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... keep it running smoothly.



Kids: color stuff in!



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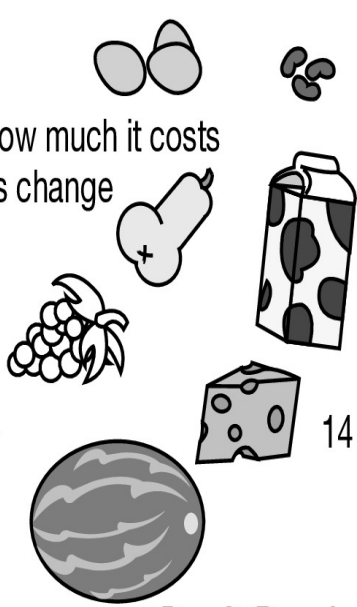
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3. _____ clerk changes tickets on an item to show how much it costs
4. scans items on the belt, collects payment and makes change
5. keeps the whole store running smoothly
6. watches customers and works to keep theft low
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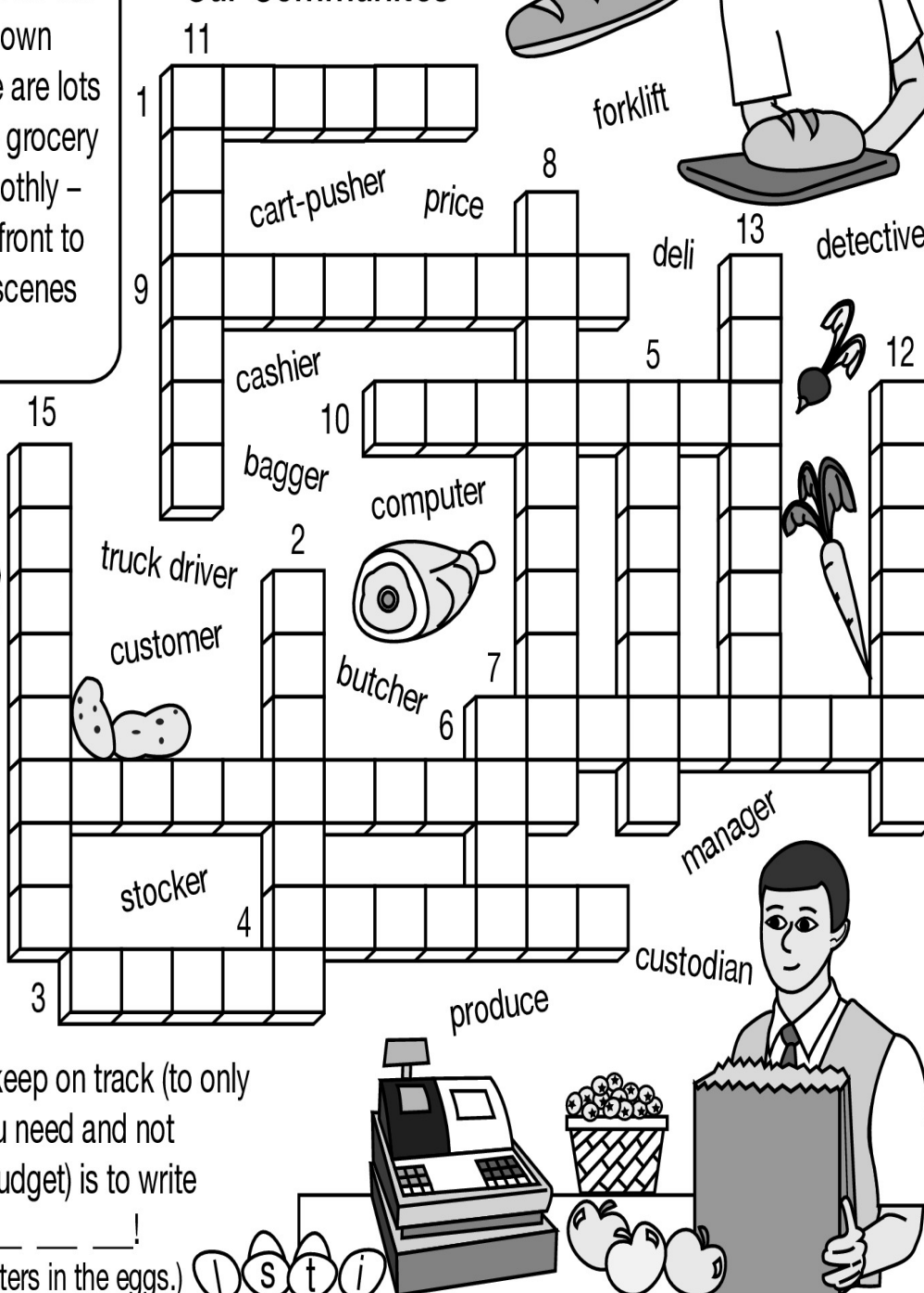
We all visit the grocery store to buy food and supplies for our homes. I like to take my own bags when I shop. There are lots of people working at the grocery store to make it run smoothly - from the baggers at the front to the workers behind the scenes in the warehouses.



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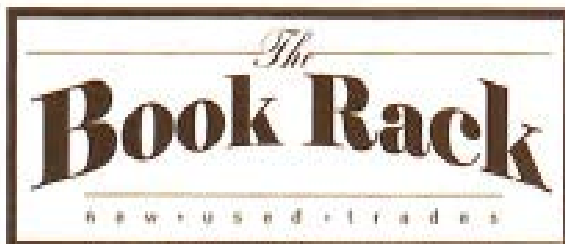




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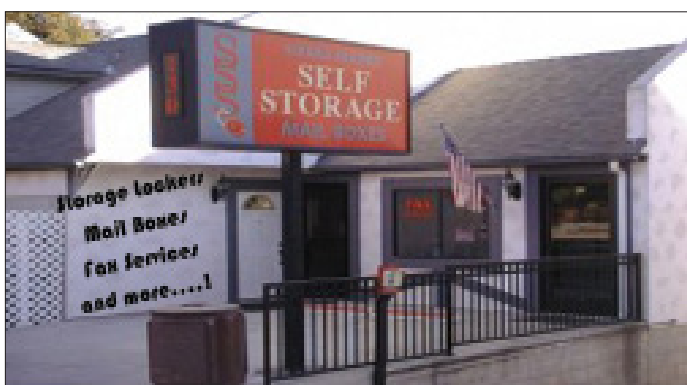
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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



search & rescue responders. Here's the article. I hope the people who need it, read it.

LOVE 'EM & LEASH 'EM

Growing up in the deep south, I was fortunate to have had lots of animals in my life throughout my childhood. I remember enjoying the luxury of letting our dogs roam free, confident that they'd have fun wandering in the woods behind our house and visiting the neighbor's dogs, then eventually return home in time for supper. It was quite a privilege to have had such freedom back in those days, and I imagine there are lots of people my age who have similar childhood memories. With oodles of undeveloped land, ample space between homes, and a heck of a lot less traffic passing through the neighborhoods, the risks were minimal for a kid or a pet who wanted to explore the great outdoors. It just seemed natural then, right?

Well, it's 2022 now folks, and the open acres, natural spaces and lush land gaps that existed in the 1960's and '70's have shrunk dramatically in most parts of America. Few and far between are the moments of silence without swiftly passing vehicles on the boulevards and streets where we live. And ever-so-rare (rarer by the day) do we find undeveloped fields, or ample spaces between. Let's face it, free-range pet ownership in our "neck-of-the-woods" is far-and-away long-gone. Not only is it too risky to allow a domestic dog to run around off-leash, it is also against the law in LA County. Even pet owners in our "village" should know better.

I learned my own lesson about the importance of using a leash several years ago, while living in Hermosa Beach with my dog, "Lady". She was such a friendly pup, I was never concerned that she might get into a doggie tussle, or hurt anyone. I loved to let Lady play on the sand and follow along while I rode my bike on the strand, particularly during the off-season months when there was less traffic and fewer tourists in town.

One day I let Lady saunter along when I went to get coffee at the local breakfast nook and a cop cited me for having her off-leash. The leash law was new to me, so I was more than surprised when I was told I had to take a day off work to appear in court and pay a hefty fine. That was the last time I allowed my dog to roam off-leash outside the perimeters of a fenced-in space. Though I admit it seemed ridiculous at the time, I've since learned to respect the leash law, and I've become somewhat of a compliance advocate, for the sake and safety of the animals. To me, it's just simple common sense.

While we would all love to assume that our own dog is smarter than the others, it is not a safe assumption. First of all, you never know what the "other guy" might do. And secondly, it only takes a matter of seconds, for a tragic accident to happen. Ultimately, allowing your dog to roam off leash where we live, here in the foothills, whether on the street or on a trail, amounts to nothing less than pure negligence.

A domestic dog is still a creature driven more by instinct than allegiance to it's master, regardless of how much training is involved. In fact, the human's delusion of owning the perfectly obedient dog is an excellent example of how, in some ways, the dog is far smarter than the human. Sadly, though, a dog's intelligence is typically not aligned in a way that will protect him from human ignorance.

I mean no offense to those responsible owners who've taken the time to properly train their pets. In fact, I want to encourage you responsible pet owners to keep up the good work! It's just that in a moment of urgency, a canine will most likely do what comes naturally to itself, and much of the time that canine instinct is not in tune with what a human might or might not do, particularly when an oblivious human is behind the wheel of a fast-moving vehicle.

Even a well-trained, aware and obedient domestic dog will have a tendency to default to nature. Meaning, he or she may chase a squirrel scrambling up a tree, a bird taking flight or a cat meandering on the opposite side of the road. And when that happens, the dog's instincts are likely to override any obedience training it may have had, prompting it to take chase after whatever caught it's attention.

It only takes once for a car to come flying by at the wrong place and wrong time, to end the life of a precious pet. So I say, please set your "smart pet pride" aside, and take proper precautions. The risks are never worth it and it would be you, not your dog, to blame if such a tragedy should happen. The 'I'm so sorry' afterwards won't fix it. A loving, caring pet owner will always protect their pet from harm, and that kind of unconditional love includes educating oneself and forfeiting some of the freedoms we used to enjoy, such as roaming off leash, like in the good old days. If you love them, you will leash them!

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES WITH SOUND

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Though I've marginally studied meteorology, as well as simple physics, I don't claim any expertise in the characteristics of sound, something all hearing people deal with every day and take for granted.

I've observed that higher pitches travel longer than lower pitches, which I think is fairly well accepted, especially as it pertains to whistles.

I've also observed that sound seems to travel horizontally. I know that doesn't sound right, but various experiences have demonstrated to me the horizontalness of sound. When I lived in Highland Park, the neighborhood street ran east to west through the low spot in the hills, and the houses were set back on both sides. I lived on the south side of the valley, and to get up to my home, I had to walk 51 steps.

One early Sunday about 7 a.m., I had planned to visit my neighbor, who lived across the street, about level with my house. You walked up a driveway 1/10 of a mile, uphill, to get to his place. I was outside my home before I departed, and though everything was very quiet, I noticed some people talking. Probably two people. I paused and listened. Who could that be, and from where? Amazingly, I was listening to the two people I was going to visit across the street, and they were apparently on their own back porch. Our homes were about 1/5 of a mile apart, and I then realized that both our back porches were on the same horizontal level. I listened. I could distinctly make out their words! I don't recall ever hearing anyone with such clarity that far apart. In fact, I don't ever recall hearing with clarity people who were just down on the street from me, much closer. I did "cheat" a bit, and I cupped my hand around my ear in the direction of the sound, something I learned years earlier. I could hear their conversation with much greater clarity.

When I walked down my 51 steps, and then up the 1/10 of a mile driveway, my two neighbors were there still talking when I arrived. I told them what I heard them saying some 15 minutes earlier. They looked at me in disbelief, as if I was making it all up. "That's impossible," Prudence told me. "You were hiding back there behind the bushes, right?" "No!" I told her. But I am pretty sure they never believed me.

Whatever I experienced could have been an anomaly, but ever since I have taken note of the horizontality of sound waves, keeping in mind that other factors - such as the landscape and wind - can also affect sound.

On another occasion, I was walking in a long narrow canyon where a small stream flowed. The canyon meandered north to south, and there were tall stony walls to the canyon. The stream trickled over rocks that clinked back and forth as the water flowed along. While pausing to eat an apple, I heard it. It sounded like three or four people chattering away, just around the next bend upstream. I got up and curiously walked upstream to see who was there. I listened carefully to the conversation, trying to make out the words. The people must have been walking upstream, since when I got around the next bend, no one was there but I still heard them.

It was not English, I thought. Not Spanish. I listened carefully as I walked. Maybe Mandarin? Maybe not.

Bend after bend, I saw no one. Then I decided to start looking at the footprints and to my amazement, I saw none! I ran briefly, trying to catch up with the elusive hikers. But no one was there. I was baffled! What was I hearing?

After sharing this experience with others, I was led to Craig Childs' book, "The Secret Knowledge of Water." Childs describes a nearly identical experience in a slot canyon in the desert Southwest where he hears voices of people talking where there was only water trickling through a narrow canyon. Were we each hearing what we wanted to hear? Was it a unique fluke of nature?

I never heard a precise explanation for this phenomenon but it's something I never forgot - phantom voices springing from the canyon streams.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

3 ESTATE PLANNING CONCERNS FOR MARRIED, SAME-GENDER COUPLES

Now that same-gender couples can legally marry in all 50 states, more Americans than ever before are enjoying the rights and benefits that come with marriage. Estate planning is one arena where these new rights and benefits are readily apparent.

While the planning vehicles available to same-gender and opposite-gender married couples are generally the same, there are a few unique considerations those in same-gender marriages should be aware of. Here are three of the most important things to keep in mind.

Relying solely on a will is risky: For several reasons, putting a trust in place—rather than relying solely on will—is a good planning strategy for nearly everyone. Upon the death of one spouse, a will is required to go through the often long, costly, and conflict-ridden court process known as probate. However, assets passed through a trust go directly to the named beneficiaries without the need for probate.

What's more, a trust works in cases of both your death and incapacity, while a will only goes into effect upon death. Given this, it's usually best for those in any marriage to create trust based plans.

Don't neglect to plan for incapacity: Estate planning is not just about planning for your death; it's also about planning for your potential incapacity. Should you be incapacitated by illness or injury, it's not guaranteed that your spouse would have the ultimate legal authority to make key decisions about your medical treatment and finances.

Absent a plan for incapacity, it's left to the court to appoint the person who will make these decisions for you. Though spouses are typically given priority, this isn't always the case, especially if unsupportive family members challenge the issue in court. To ensure your spouse has the authority to make decisions for you, you must grant him or her medical power of attorney and financial power of attorney.

Medical power of attorney gives your spouse the authority to make health-care decisions for you if you're incapacitated and unable to do so yourself. By the same token, financial power of attorney gives your spouse the authority to manage your financial affairs. And be sure to also create a living will, so that your spouse will know exactly how you want your medical care managed in the event of your incapacity.

Ensure parental rights are protected: While the biological parent of a child in a same-gender marriage is of course automatically granted parental rights, the non-biological spouse/parent still faces a number of legal complications. Because the Supreme Court has yet to rule on the parental rights of non-biological spouses/parents in a same-gender marriage, there is a tangled, often-contradictory, web of state laws governing such rights.

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HOW THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT WILL LOWER YOUR
DRUG COSTS

Dear Savvy Senior:
What kind of changes can Medicare beneficiaries expect to see in the Inflation Reduction Act that was recently signed into law? I'm enrolled in original Medicare and have a Part D prescription drug plan but spent more than \$6,000 out-of-pocket last year on medications alone.
Overpaying Paul



Dear Paul:
The climate, tax and health care bill known as the Inflation Reduction Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden last month includes significant improvements to the Medicare program that will kick-in over the next few years.

These changes will lower prescription drug prices for millions of seniors by allowing the government to negotiate drug prices for the first time and capping seniors' out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000 annually. Some other popular changes will include free vaccinations, lower insulin costs and expanded subsidies for lower income seniors.

Here is a breakdown of the changes to expect in Medicare and when they will roll out.

2023: Starting this January, all vaccines covered under Medicare Part D, including the shingles vaccine, will be free to beneficiaries. And the skyrocketing cost of insulin will be capped at \$35 per month. This will be a significant saving for the more than 3 million Medicare enrollees who currently use insulin to control their diabetes.

Also starting next year, drug makers will be penalized in the form of "rebates" that they would be forced to pay to the government if they impose price increases that exceed general inflation.

2024: Cost sharing for catastrophic coverage in Part D will be eliminated. Under the current Part D benefit, once your out-of-pocket costs reach \$7,050 in 2022, you enter "catastrophic" coverage but are still responsible for 5 percent of your prescription drug costs, with no limit.

But in 2024, people with Part D coverage will no longer be responsible for any out-of-pocket drug costs once they enter catastrophic coverage. This is significant for seniors who use expensive medications for conditions like cancer or multiple sclerosis.

Also starting in 2024 through 2029, Part D premiums will not be allowed to grow faster than 6 percent per year.

And for lower income Medicare beneficiaries, eligibility for the Part D Low Income Subsidy (also known as Extra Help) will be expanded to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, from today's limit of 135 percent. This change will mean about 500,000 more seniors will qualify for financial assistance to help pay some or all of their prescription drug premiums and deductibles.

2025: One of the biggest cost reduction measures for Medicare beneficiaries will begin in 2025 when out-of-pocket spending on Part D prescription drugs will be capped at \$2,000 per year. This will be a major savings for the more than 1.5 million beneficiaries who currently spend more than \$2,000 out-of-pocket each year.

2026: When Medicare's Part D program was enacted in 2003, negotiating lower drug prices was forbidden. But because of the Inflation Reduction Act, starting in 2026 Medicare will be empowered to begin negotiating prices with drug companies for 10 of the most expensive drugs covered under Part D. In 2027 and 2028, 15 drugs would be eligible for negotiations and in 2029 and subsequent years, 20 drugs would be chosen.

And, in addition to all the Medicare improvements, the Inflation Reduction Act also extends the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) premium subsidies for three years that have helped millions of Americans gain coverage before they're eligible for Medicare.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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PAINT PALS Tuesday, 9/8 10:30 am—Hart Park House If you enjoy painting, sketching, water color, or making some other form of artistic creation please join our new program, PAINT PALS!!! Bring a project that you are working on to the HPH and enjoy some quality art time with other artists looking to paint with a new pal.

TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB Tuesday Se3pt. 14 and Sept. 28 — 9:00 am Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

FIBER FRIENDS Tuesday, 9/6 and 9/20 —10:00 am If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, a nonalcoholic beverage, then sit and chat with likeminded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House

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OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
A BANANA SPLIT ON MY MIND

I must confess I heavily lean towards being a workaholic; I just love working and keeping myself busy.

Years ago, I discovered that the busier I am, the less liable I am to get into trouble. No matter the trouble, I just don't like it.

Sitting at my desk working on a project is the theme of my life.

The other day I took a little break, got a cup of coffee, sat down, and caught up with the news on TV. Just as I was ready to turn off the TV, there was a commercial of some ice cream company. I don't remember which one but the focus was on a banana split. I didn't have too much interest and just returned to my office.

As I was working, I started thinking about that banana split. I couldn't remember the last time I had a banana split, but it has been quite a while. Why that commercial buzzed in my head is beyond me.

I shook my head and returned to my work, but it didn't last long. I had a banana split on my mind.

If The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knew I was thinking about a banana split, she would have something to say about it. I just shook my head and chased those banana split thoughts right out.

It didn't last long, and a song began dancing in my head, "Tra la la, one banana, two banana." Where that came from, I have no idea. I had never heard that song before in my life, or at least I cannot remember ever hearing it.

I set back in my chair and began thinking about that delicious banana split and how I would enjoy it.

Not too long ago, an ice cream truck set up not far from our house. I remember one of the things they had to offer was a banana split. At first, I didn't think too much about it, but now it was beginning to dance in my mind like never before.

Unable to focus on my work, I began thinking of how I could sneak out, go and get one of their banana splits. Then, of course, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would have nothing to do with this. I'm on a special diet that does not include banana splits, at least in her opinion.

If I could sneak out and get a banana split without her finding out, that would cause me to ease back on my thinking about banana splits all day long. The trouble is, how do I sneak out without getting caught?

I thought about it and could not come up with any solution. Certainly, there has to be something I could do to get out of the house without being questioned by her Majesty.

Since my office is in the home now, I do not have the freedom I once had. I have to devise a foolproof plan for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I've never had this happen before, but I was becoming obsessed with a banana split. Why? I have no idea why it obsessed me like this. After all, it's not an Apple Fritter!

Maybe I can go to the post office and pick up the mail? Or, maybe my wife would like me to pick something up at the grocery store? Maybe I need to get gas in my truck?

The ideas flowed in my direction, and I hoped to devise the perfect plan. After all, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has perfect plans for everything. If only I could set her down and have her explain how she would handle this situation and how in the world I could fool her and go get my banana split.

Suddenly, my wife appeared at my office door and said, "I have a headache, and I'm going to go to bed and sleep this off. Maybe you can get your own lunch today."

Talk about being handed a golden goose; my plan came together. I could sneak out while she was sleeping and get that infamous banana split I've been thinking about all morning.

Waiting a few minutes after she went to bed, I very carefully snuck out, got into my truck and drove to the ice cream truck. I sat there and enjoyed a wonderful banana split. Then, as I was eating, I sang, "Tra, la, la, one banana, two banana."

I was rather ecstatic as I drove home, parked the truck and went inside the house still singing. Then, as I went inside, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was standing there, looking at me with both hands on her hips, and said, "And where were you?"

Trying to change the subject, I asked how her headache was, but it did not work, as usual. So I decided to tell her the truth and take my punishment like a husband.

As I humbly returned to my office, I thought of what King Solomon once said. Proverbs 12: 22, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight."

Although I sometimes think that lying is a strategy to get me out of trouble it always has the opposite effect. I'm not smart enough to be a good liar. Also, to be a good liar you have to a very good memory of which I don't. Telling the truth is one thing that delights the Lord.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON ADMIRATION

Right now my iPhone says the temperature outside is 100 degrees and I admire anyone who is walking around out there when they don't have to. I, in my air conditioned bedroom, have spent the day watching the U.S. Open tennis matches. Just now I saw Venus, age 42, the older of the Williams sisters, lose what might well be her final singles match after turning professional at age 14. As most of you know, after seeing the award winning "King Richard" Movie, Venus and her sister grew up in Compton. This is a place in what was then called South Central Los Angeles, right next to Watts. (In 2003 the Los Angeles City Council voted to officially replace the name "South Central Los Angeles") the places may have been changed but the neighborhoods character and reputation remain the same.

Let me describe my major impression of Watts to you. In 1966 while in Law School I ended up with a work-study job helping to create a program which brought Hispanic students from Boyle Heights and African-American students from Watts and Compton to UCLA to live in the dorms for the summer. As the student-coordinator I was allowed to reside in the dorm with the male students. I think the program was a life-changing experience for many of the students; it certainly was for me. In the program there was a brother and sister who lived in a Watts apartment. We received a call that there was some sort of emergency at the kids' home. A few staff members and I accompanied the kids who were 15 or 16 to their apartment. When we got there a crowd and some policemen were gathered around the house and as we all walked towards the open door of the apartment someone from the crowd yelled, "Sorry Whiteman, she's closed for the night." Almost at the same moment we saw, the kids and staff members, we all saw their murdered mother lying on the apartment floor. I looked away as soon as I could but the horror remains in my mind as a fitting description of Watts.

In the movie Venus and her sister Serena are shown playing tennis under the watchful eye of their father. Playing, or practicing on the cracked concrete courts with broken wire nets separating one side from the other. Their father, who was not a tennis player, hatched an idea after seeing female professional tennis players receiving large checks that he could oversee his daughters to do the same thing. Of course the White female players were not only of a different race, they were from a completely different social class. At the time there were no African American (all right they were called Black then) on the professional tour but amazingly they both made the big time and are both considered to be among the best female players in history. (Actually Serena is generally recognized to be the all-time greatest.) I don't know if their abilities were compared in the movie because to be truthful I have difficulty watching movies about sports heroes which seem like glamorographies, hardly truthful and overly dramatized such that I don't pay much attention.

Anyway this article is not about the movie, it is about Venus. Venus is an amazingly supportive, complicated person. All along her father was telling all who would listen that Venus would win a major championship but his younger daughter Serena would be acclaimed as the best player of all time. Remarkably the younger sister did win a Major Championship, the U.S. Open in 1999. I think I remember seeing Venus absolutely thrilled by her sister's victory as she stood snapping pictures of her. Actually, this might have been after another Serena victory during which she defeated Venus. In fact in one year Serena defeated Venus in the final of all 4 major championships and Venus always seemed overjoyed by her sister's victories.

By this description it may sound as if Venus is a self-effacing person easily dominated by others. Anything but! She has a remarkable record of her own victories together with as record for longevity. Venus has been the major force demanding that female players receive comparable compensation as do the men. After being racially insulted at the annual Southern California tournament held at Indian Wells near Palm Springs, Venus and Serena both boycotted the tournament for a few years depriving the sponsors of attendance revenues. Originally Venus and Serena were criticized for not being committed enough to the game. It was predicted that after their original early success they would fade from view succumbing to destructive pressures and pleasures of celebrity hood. This is exactly what happened to teenage champions like Jennifer Capriati and Mary Pearce. This year the number one female player, Ashleigh Barty has retired explaining that the pressures and expectations made continuing too much of a burden. Recently young players like Naomi Osaka and Coco Gauff have missed tournaments and complained about depression and emotional pressures.

Over the years Venus has been afflicted by some chronic disease which has sapped her energy, her older sister was murdered in Los Angeles, her parents have separated. Nevertheless Venus has matured into being on her own a very successful business-woman and a political spokesperson. She lost the match today, but will play doubles tomorrow or the day after with Serena as her as her partner. Win or lose she is a person to be admired and it's hard to find such people these days.

JOHN MICEK



BIDEN'S PHILLY SPEECH WAS A CHALLENGE TO ALL OF US

Returning to the state where he launched his candidacy — and the one that handed him the White House in 2020 — President Joe Biden on Thursday called on Americans to join him in a fight to preserve democracy and to beat back the forces of extremism.

The 30-minute address was equal parts tribute to the nation's resilience and a wartime call to arms from a president who based his candidacy on restoring the soul of a nation buffeted by the pandemic and four years of domestic unrest.

"For a long time, we've reassured ourselves that American democracy is guaranteed," Biden said, speaking before a nationwide audience in Philadelphia with Independence Hall as his backdrop. "But it is not. We have to defend it. Protect it. Stand up for it. Each and every one of us."

With little more than two months to go before this November's midterm elections, Biden drew a stark contrast between Democrats, independents, and "mainstream Republicans," who support and defend democratic norms, and "MAGA Republicans" who embrace political violence because they cannot accept that they'd lost an election.

"Too much of what is happening in our country today is not normal," Biden said. "[Former President] Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the foundations of our democracy."

Biden's speech came even as Trump, who faces the very real prospect of a federal indictment over top secret documents found at his Florida residence, said he would not rule out pardons to Jan. 6 rioters who sacked the U.S. Capitol and violently attacked law enforcement officers if he regains the White House in 2024.

The optics of Biden's speech were hard to miss. More than two centuries ago, the Founders, with a bloody revolution barely in the rearview mirror, gathered in Philadelphia to hammer out the framework of a new nation.

Then, as now, the future was hardly assured. Then, as now, there were deliberate choices to be made about what kind of country the new United States of America would become.

What emerged was a nation forged in compromise, with branches of the government designed to counter and temper each other; a system designed to rein in the tyranny of both the majority and the minority. It was a breakthrough, but it was hardly perfect. It was then, and remains now, a work in progress. And it remains as fragile as ever.

Elections, they say, always are about choices. This year, at this point, those choices never have been more clear.

From book bans and efforts to restrict voting rights to the ahistorical insistence that America is a Christian nation (which condemns millions of our fellow citizens to second- and third-class status), these extremists and nationalists seek to turn back the clock on the "faith, freedom and reason," as the historian Jon Meacham describes it, that the Revolutionary Generation (as flawed as it was) fought so hard to usher into existence.

In these dark times, it's easy to give into cynicism, to dismiss Biden's speech as a political pep talk, given in a political season, that was designed to energize the base, and likely would not win him any new converts.

But as he exhorted Americans, in classic Biden fashion, to stand up, to get involved, and to "vote, vote, vote," it was hard not to feel a cautious optimism that his message would cut through the noise, and hit its intended mark, uniting the country in common purpose.

In his closing pitch, Biden made it clear he believes that's the case.

"There's nothing more important, nothing more sacred, nothing more American. That's our soul. That's who we truly are. And that's who we must always be. I have no doubt — none — that this is who we will be and that we'll come together as a nation. And we'll secure our democracy," Biden said, adding, "We just need to remember who we are."

Whether the passion behind Biden's plea will work only will be known on Election Day. But the gauntlet has been thrown down.
An award-winning political journalist, John L. Micek is Editor-in-Chief of The Pennsylvania Capital-Star in Harrisburg, Pa.

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Twos' a dark and stormy Sunday night. 8 pm. A small black and white television set turned on and tuned in to the CBS Television Network.

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And suddenly there they were. Four long haired young guys from Liverpool: John, Paul, George, and Ringo. The Beatles! They performed four songs and they had me.

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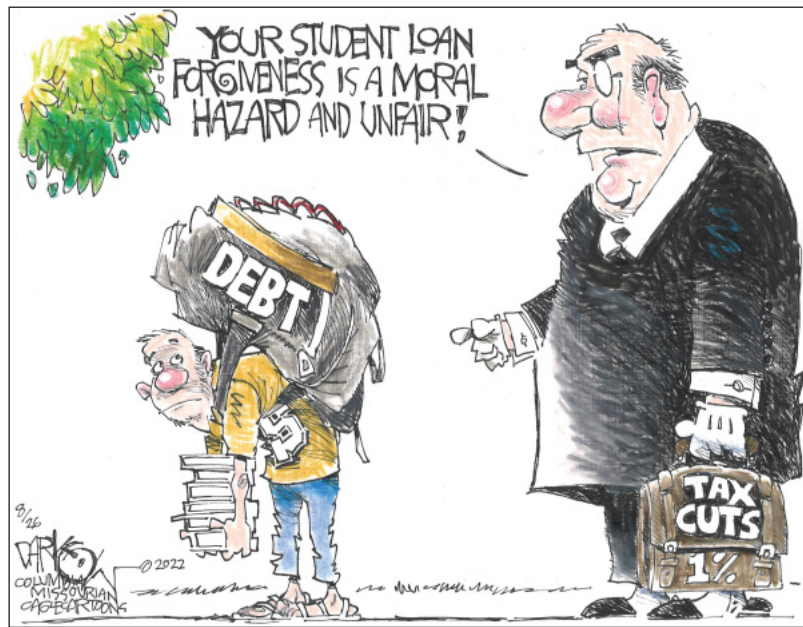
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So, whether you have never picked up a guitar before, or are looking to advance to the next level, Eric can teach you to play at a level few people ever achieve. In addition to his teaching talents, Eric is simply a nice guy. I'm signing up too!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-182011
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SCRUB VENTURES, 13609 DAPHNE AVE, GARDENA, CA 90249. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIC MATEO WEBB, 13609 DAPHNE AVE, GARDENA, CA 90249. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIC MATEO WEBB/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SELF LUV, 14135 FRANCISQUITO AVE SUITE 106, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Mailing address: 17103 NORTHAM ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE REYNOSO MACEDO, 17103 NORTHAM ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEPHANIE REYNOSO MACEDO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/20/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-177562
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SISTA SISTA EVENT PLANNING & CREATIONS, 14519 S. KEENE AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DOLORES HUDSON, 14519 S. KEENE AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DOLORES HUDSON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/10/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-181769
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SONIDO AGS DJ, 2664 RANDOLPH STREET APT F, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AGS CLOTHING'S, 2664 RANDOLPH STREET APT F, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GUSTAVO ALVAREZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-175889
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE JUICING FOX, 236 E 65TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WESCINA GERI FOX, 236 E 65TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WESCINA GERI FOX/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-182627
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TURF LIQUOR, 13608 TELEGRAPH RD, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TURF LIQUOR MART INC, 13608 TELEGRAPH RD, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: FADI ABDULATIF SATAH/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/17/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-182531
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNFORGETTABLE LEMONADE, UNFORGETTABLE LEMONADE LLC, 339 E JANICE STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNFORGETTABLE LEMONADE LLC, 339 E JANICE STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: BEVERLY POLK BOYER/MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/17/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/20/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-180858
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIVA MARKET 2, 651 E ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GRACIELA SOTO PENA, 651 E ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GRACIELA SOTO PENA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: AUG 20, 27 SEPT 03, 10, 2022

FILE NO. 2022-183794
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) MARTA C ARGUETA, 4437 BELL AVE, BELL, CA 90201, MARIA EDELLA CABALLERO, 4437 BELL AVE, BELL, CA 90201, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: EL COATEPECANO PUPUSERIA, 2719 TWEEDEY BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90260. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/24/2022, in the County of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2022139988. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 08/18/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) MARIA EDELLA CABALLERO/GENERAL PARTNER
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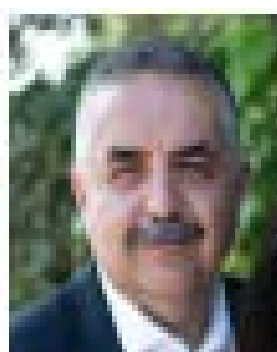
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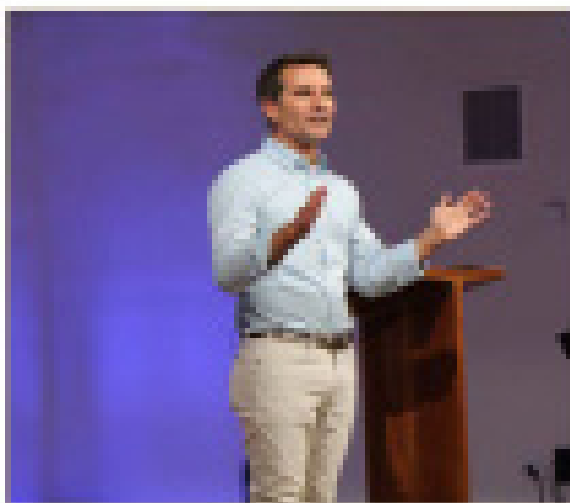
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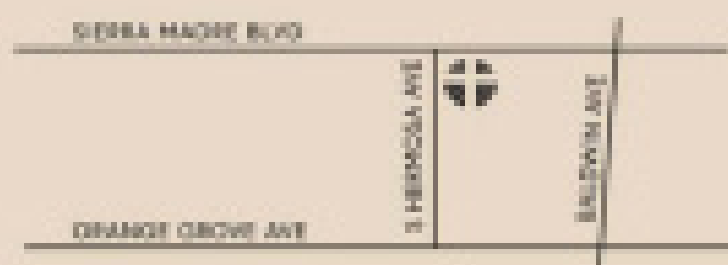
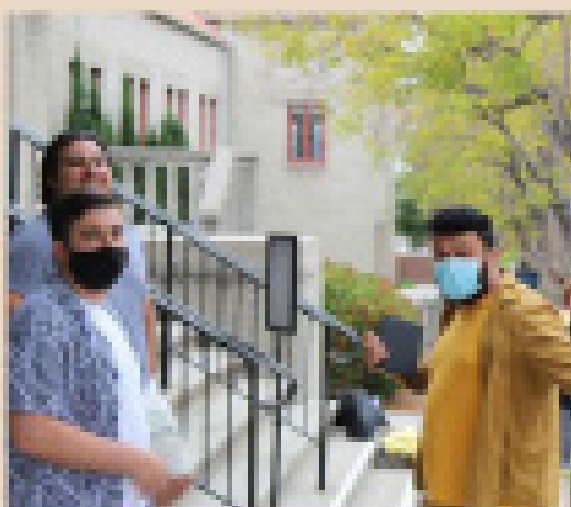
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