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CITY SEES \$2.3 MILLION SURPLUS; ADOPTS BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

By Kevin McGuire

Celebrating a balanced budget and a General Fund surplus of \$2.3 million, Sierra Madre City Council unanimously adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget with plenty of praise for City Manager Gabe Engeland and staff, past and present who helped make it happen.

The Citywide budget sits at \$24.2 million with a positive change in reserves estimated to be \$2.4 million before Capital and debt expenditures. The proposed budget includes a \$200,000 General Fund Contingency.

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget presentation was given by Selena Yang and Satnam Rait Senior Accountants with the City. The presentation was made before a moderate crowd at Memorial Park on the sunny afternoon of June 8 with most Council members donning their stylish shades for the bright budget outlook. The surplus will be reinvested in Capital projects.

Looking ahead to the future, some of the upcoming Capital projects include:

- Library Site Plan Remodel (phase1) - \$500,000
- City Hall and Public safety improvement project - \$200,000
- Water Main replacement project - \$2.5 million
- Well Rehabilitation program - \$415,000
- Street Rehabilitation program - \$965,000.

The city is also looking to fill three full-time positions which include a police officer, library technician and planning technician, while reducing part-time opportunities.

Due to a steady growth in property taxes (4% increase) and sales tax revenues as a result of Measure S, the General Fund revenue has seen a growth of \$13.3 million. Property tax revenue came in at \$7,239,300 which calculates 54% of the General Fund Revenue. Utility taxes brought in \$2,650,000 or 20% of the General Fund Revenue. The General Fund Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is a proposed \$10.5 million. The \$2.3 million change in reserves (surplus) is being credited to City Council leadership and the city pandemic response plan.

The Pandemic Response Plan called for \$450,000 for CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability from human resources internal service funds (ISF), \$120,000 for Private Sector Adjustment Factor fund balance, and \$230,000 for Underfund ISF. This total of \$800,000 will be added back to the General Fund after Fiscal year ending 2021-22.

Water revenues proposed are \$6.3 million with \$4.5 million for operating expenses. There was a surplus of \$1.7 million which will be reinvested in Capital projects which total a proposed \$3.05 million, a million dollar increase from the previous year. There was a \$2.5 million increase in infrastructure replacement projects which includes water main line replacement recommended to be done every 50 to 75 years. Some of the added costs to this project includes an increase in materials which jumped almost 50% over the past year. The goal is to replace two-miles of pipes over the next fiscal year as the water loss through leakage is at 14%. The city repairs approximately 400 leaks per year on average.

Sewer revenues are projected to bring in \$1.1 million, but operating costs will run approximately \$1.2 million. Capital sewer projects are expected to cost \$125,000.

Some Capital projects have seen setbacks as a result of the pandemic which paralyzed most 2020 plans. For Sierra Madre this caused delays in street repair projects and the purchase of a new ambulance.

The finance team was met with kudos from City Council members for their hard work on the budget. "I want to commend the finance team for not only an amazing presentation...but for putting a lot of technical data in a very digestible form," noted Council Member Kelly Kriebs.

"This is really an awesome budget," City Treasurer Michael Amerio exclaimed. "It's over \$2 million surplus in operations which is so commendable not only for the city staff, but for the Council and prior Councils and then that money is being reinvested back in the city in the form of Capital expenditures...that is what a budget is supposed to do," Amerio said.

"It's really nice to see all of this work put together...and the fact that we are in a surplus, we went through a pandemic, we went through so many challenges this past year, 90% funded in our obligations for pension projections is almost unheard of," noted Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi. "I want to commend the staff on a really great job especially City Manager Gabe Engeland for his leadership over this past year to get us to this point," she said.

Council Members Robert Parkhurst and Edward Garcia both credited the Finance Department and past City Councils for the positive outlook of the city budget and emphasized the importance of investing surplus monies back into the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss complimented the efforts of the newest Council Members as well as his former colleagues John Capoccia, John Harabedian, Denise Delmar and Mayor Arizmendi for their efforts leading to a balanced budget and surplus. He also praised City Manager Engeland. "The best thing we did was hire our City Manager," Goss said. "We are getting great staff direction. This kind of budget is precisely what our Treasurer called it. It is exactly how government is supposed to be done."

Copies of the budget report can be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

Going, Going, Gone! METRO TO STOP SIERRA MADRE BUS SERVICE

Traditional bus routes to be replaced with Metro Micro, an on demand rideshare service.

Just as we prepare to return to "normal", a big change is coming to Sierra Madre. On June 27th the two Metro bus lines that run through Sierra Madre, #487 and #268, will be eliminated and replaced with a high tech, 'on demand' service called Metro Micro. "This will mark the first time in 114 years, that the city will have no regular, direct service to downtown Los Angeles", according to local resident Howard Ruben.

According to the Metropolitan Transit Authority, (MTA/Metro), in their place will be a service that "is for short local trips and uses small vehicles (seating up to 10 passengers)". Access will be an app-based reservation system. Those without access to the latest technology will be able to make reservations via telephone.

The new Metro Micro transit on-demand service will be available in Sierra Madre, Altadena and Pasadena, and to JPL. Reservations will be required. Service will be provided in a vehicle driven by Metro employees who are extensively screened before they are hired and will receive specialized safety training, including how to protect against COVID-19, the agency stated.

Riders can't hail a Metro Micro vehicle from the curb, like they would a bus. Trips must be scheduled in advance. Customers must plan a separate bus trip to complete any trip outside the service area.

According to the MTA public information line, a reservation using the Metro Micro system will require the rider to make an appointment to be at a designated pick up location (not your residence), and you will be taken to a scheduled stop along the route. Once at the stop, the wait times for the next regular bus is stated to be 10-15 minutes max.

Two bus lines served Sierra Madre. The segment of Line 487 will now operate from the Gold Line - Sierra Madre Villa Station and proceed via San Gabriel Bl, Las Tunas Dr, Mission Dr, Del Mar Av, I-10 Express Lanes to 7th St Metro Center in downtown LA during week-day peak hours and LA Union Station during off-peak weekdays and all day weekends.

Line 268 is also shortened and will operate from the El Monte Station to the Gold Line - Sierra Madre Villa Station, providing direct service on Foothill Bl and no longer travels along Sierra Madre Bl via Baldwin Av and Michillinda Av. A Metro Micro reservation will take you to the nearest bus stop.

The hi-tech Metro Micro service has already been established for routes that service Watts/Willowbrook, LAX/Inglewood, North Hollywood/Burbank, Compton/Artesia and El Monte. In addition to the changes in Sierra Madre, June 27th will include changes to North-San Fernando Valley, Highland Park/Eagle Rock/Glendale, Altadena/Pasadena. UCLA/Westwood/Century is slated for Fall 2021.

These changes were to have been announced in 2020 but were delayed due to the pandemic.

"Metro is pushing the envelope in order to give people more affordable, flexible options to get around Los Angeles County without driving alone," Metro CEO Phillip Washington said.

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Below: Yesterday - Sierra Madre's Red Car circa 1907 (Archive photo); Today - #487 Bus and Tomorrow: Metro Micro Van Courtesy MTA



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SATURDAY, JULY 3RD

MADRE STARS & STRIPES BLOCK PARTY ▶ 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Come celebrate Sierra Madre! Join us in downtown Sierra Madre for a family friendly event walking along the Blvd. and BYOC (bring your own chair). Featuring food and beverages from all of our local restaurants and bars.

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Kick-off ceremony starts at 5:15 pm in the newly remodeled Kersting Court followed by a live musical performance by Groovy Lemon Pie.

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MONDAY, JULY 5TH

7:30 am **8:00 am** **8 am - 10 am** **10:00 am**

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The kitchen has beautiful oak cabinets with designer stained glass inserts. Very spacious with a breakfast nook. All the stained glass in home was designed by Susan Wallace.

The living room has a fireplace, cherry mahogany wood floors, surrounded by windows. The den family room off kitchen has a fireplace also. There is also a half bath with washer and dryer.

The master suite is upstairs with full bath. The two other bedrooms share another full bath.

The attic on 3rd floor is finished, carpeted.

The home has newer heating and central air. Water heater is on 3rd floor. The yard has mature landscaping in front and back yards. The back yard is fully fenced. There is a very large 3 car garage with a loft (garage has 220volt). Perfect for maybe an ADU or home office.

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WILLIAM “BILL” CROWHURST

It is with great sadness that we announce that our beloved brother, uncle, and great uncle William “Bill” Crowhurst passed on May 17th in Mission Viejo, California. He passed peacefully in his sleep from natural causes.

Bill’s parents, Janis and Frank Crowhurst were thrilled when Bill was born on June 9th, 1950. When he was young, he enjoyed living in Hancock Park, Menlo Park, La Jolla, and Scottsdale, where he would ride horses every afternoon at the Judson School.

Bill was very proud of his family heritage. His maternal grandfather, William Hendrie, settled in California in 1906, and started one of the first automobile tire manufacturers in the country. Bill’s paternal grandfather, Frank Scott Crowhurst, was an architect and general contractor who built Disney’s first studio and Walt Disney’s and Roy Disney’s home.

In 1958, the family settled in a new home in Hastings Ranch, Pasadena. Bill attended Pasadena High School and then graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business from the University of Southern California. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

In Bill’s early career, he became a top computer salesman for the medical industry. Later, Bill worked as a contract administrator for nine years at Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena. For many years, Bill enjoyed working as a field inspector for the Automobile Club of Southern California, where he evaluated hotels and restaurants. Bill found his true passion and calling, though, as an actor. He appeared in several plays at the Pasadena Playhouse and the Sierra Madre Playhouse, acted in many television shows and feature films, and was a longtime member of the Screen Actors Guild. Bill worked regularly with a group of background actors with whom he became very close friends, they were like family to one another. He loved to make people laugh, and could often be seen performing his impersonations for his friends and family. He even performed a comedy routine on the Gong Show and was selected to return to the show as a finalist.

Bill loved God, his family, and his friends with all his heart and strength. He nurtured close friendships and had a wide circle of dear friends. Bill’s friends were his greatest treasure in life. Bill had a wonderful sense of humor and was an amazing storyteller, which always made him the life of the party. He was kind, loving, charming, intelligent, and had a great zest for life.

Bill was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Pasadena and worked at the Reading Room for many years, where he treasured his time reading and praying with visitors.

Bill enjoyed his beloved friends at Beantown Coffee Shop in Sierra Madre, where he would daily enjoy good conversations before taking his morning walks along the quaint tree-lined streets.

Bill was an active and committed member of Alcoholics Anonymous and celebrated over 38 years of sobriety. He was a devoted sponsor for many people on their journey to sobriety. Bill was a great friend to many in AA.

Bill’s hobbies included tennis, paddle tennis, hiking, chess, swimming, and traveling. He even ran in the Long Beach Marathon.

He is survived by his two sisters ; Sue Rosenast (Tom), Nancy Stone(Chip), his nieces and nephews; Jennifer Pryor (Josh), Brian Sweeney; Rob Rosenast; Sarah Wedel(Collin); Rob Stone (Kelly), and his great-nieces and great-nephews; Trey, Finn, Emma, Jude, Leah, Lev, and Pax.

Bill will be deeply missed by his family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held for his family and friends in July. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy at cnstone7@aol.com



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“Respect your parents. They passed school without Google.”

“I survived home schooling!”

“All of the kids who were taught common core math are about to learn “carry the one” from their new home school teacher...also known as Mom.”

“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

A year of missing. That’s what this last school year has been. It’s been downright miserable in many ways for kids, parents, teachers and our fingers are crossed that when school starts again in the Fall, that it will be the wonderful thing it used to be.

But in the midst of online classes that sometimes worked and sometimes didn’t, teachers who are absolutely incredible in the classroom but who were never trained to be computer techs and stand-up comedians and parents who are at a complete loss as to how to force a kid who just doesn’t want to do this to sit down again in front of a computer... there have been some bright spots.

Our Arizona granddaughters, Jessie and Emily, emerged somehow from 5th and 7th grade. They are now on summer hiatus, which looks a whole lot like all of 2020 and most of 2021. Much to everyone’s relief they were able to go back to actual school for the last few weeks. Yes, there was dancing in the streets.

One particular bright spot is that Emily’s teacher, Mr. Reynolds, was able to organize a book of stories written by the 5th graders. The picture is the cover of “Personal Stories” and was composed by Natalie O’Callaghan. “Personal Stories” is filled with charming artwork and the book is dedicated to: Our friends and family.

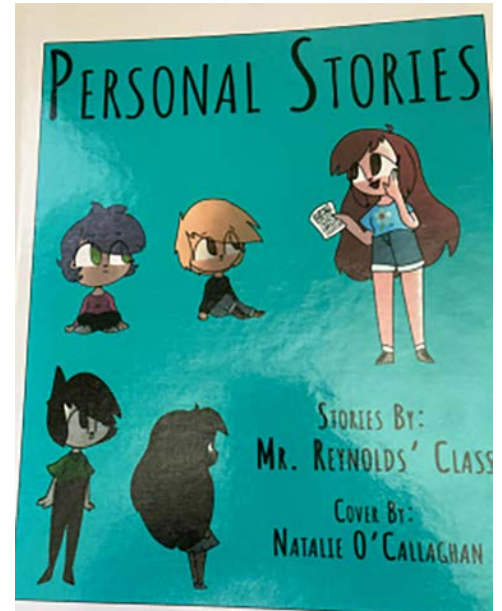
Each story is a delight to read. I learned about Reagan’s pet cat, Muffin. She says, “Before I got Muffin, I was just a kid with dreams. I know Muffin is just a cat, but she is more to me. I talk to her about everything, even if she was never listening. Animals need you and you need them. Just like how she comforts me, and I would give the world to her.” Accompanied by a picture of Muffin embracing their home and a bright yellow sun in the sky.

Our own Emily’s story is about swimming with her cousin, Nicole, and Nicole’s fiancé, Chris. These are the newlyweds I wrote about last week. Emily says, “I nearly fell out of my bed in excitement. My cousin is a sea lion trainer and every time she comes over she shows pictures of the sea lions. I jumped into the deep end to show off my amazing skills. We played fun games like Marco Polo and tag. We got bored so we got out and ate some watermelon and candy.”

Luke talked about his favorite board games. “I like board games. Anything that doesn’t require skill I’m a huge fan of, especially since I’m bad at everything, like the game Chutes & Ladders.” Luke’s picture is of “Sorry, The Game of Sweet Revenge!”

Maia wrote about her brother, Jason, in “Lost in IKEA,” “Even though we had been searching for him for only an hour; it felt like it had been forever. We then got notified he had been spotted. He was afraid of the employees and ran off. I had been shaking and crying on how it was my fault. Finally, we caught him, purchased our items and left. That day was a very frightening experience.” Her picture shows her standing in front of all the cabinets she opened trying to find her brother.

One story, writer remaining anonymous, related how her sister almost burned the house down, making Ramen noodles after



she had been told not to touch the stove. There was smoke, scolding and, mercifully, no real damage.

Izabella spoke of her family’s Christmas tradition of making Pupusas every year. “It takes two hours to make everything just right to make the Pupusas. Also, this recipe is an El Salvador dish. We wait for my Tia and my cousins to come and wait for my sister and her family to come over as well and then we eat the Pupusas. I love making the Pupusas, it’s so fun. We play board games and wait till midnight to open our presents.” Her picture is a beautiful green Christmas tree with a glowing star on top and many presents underneath.

Annabelle gave us her views on World Evolution. Gavin explained his dog problem where a German Shepherd bit him and he had to have stitches and ride in an ambulance and it hurt! Dylan likes video games and gives many details on Fortnite. Jude described a “typical vacation in Florida” where he got thrown in the water and scratched by “barnicals (Jude’s spelling). “My uncle picked me up and carried me to his truck. He knew a lot because he was in the military. He cleaned the wound and wrapped a bandage around it. I have the scar to this day.” Jude’s picture is a huge Florida sun and the ocean.

Addison wants no more masks. Ryan is another Fortnite player. Jacob talked about his dog, Gypsy who was sad and lonely till they got her a new brother and sister. “I am happy we got Gypsy. I love her so much!”

Rachel went on a Disney cruise, “One of my most fond memories was dinner every night. The setting changed every night but my favorite one was a beautiful ballroom with a golden chandelier and green vines going all through the walls. The meals were magical! And then, sadly, it came the time to pack up and go back home.” These are only a few of the stories. They are all wonderful to read. 5th graders, if you don’t remember, are in the 9-11 age group.

“Personal Stories” is a huge bright spot coming out of this last strange year. Thank you, Mr. Reynolds, for persevering, for getting these stories written and illustrated in the midst of this hard time. And thank you 5th graders for sharing yourselves with us, your family, friends and readers of Walking Sierra Madre. You have blessed and encouraged us. Next year is going to be better!

My book page: [Amazon.com: Deanne Davis](https://www.amazon.com/Deanne-Davis/e/B08YK1YK1Y)

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HEAT ALERT: HIGH TEMPERATURES FORECAST FOR PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued a Heat Alert as high temperatures have been forecast for the following areas:

- West San Fernando Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- East San Fernando Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- East San Gabriel Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- Santa Clarita Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- Antelope Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16
- San Gabriel Valley – Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 16

Public Health reminds everyone to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness, especially older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and people with a chronic medical condition who are especially sensitive to negative health impacts from extreme heat. Public Health offers the following recommendations during high temperature days:

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day.
- If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Cars get very hot. Never leave children or pets in cars and call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone.
- Beware of heat-related illness, like heat stroke and call 911 if you see these symptoms: high body temperature, vomiting, and pale and clammy skin.
- Check on those at risk, like those who are sick, older adults, pregnant women, and children, and those who live alone.
- If you are wearing a mask, avoid strenuous workouts wearing face coverings or masks not intended for athletic purposes..
- Visit your power company’s website or contact them by phone to determine if you are scheduled for a rolling power outage.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

May 23, 2021 to June 5, 2021 - During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 365 calls for service.

Arrest
On 5-23-21 at 12:49AM, an officer made contact with a subject inside a parked vehicle at Baldwin Ave. and Sierra Madre Blvd. During the contact it was discovered the subject was on parole for burglary and in possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Case to DA’s office



Possession
On 6-1-21 at 2:17AM, a pedestrian was stopped in the 200 block of E. Orange Grove Ave. During the field interview, the subject acknowledged that he was in possession of Methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Subject was cited in the field. Case to DA’s office

On 6-2-21 at 12:16AM
Driver was stopped for a vehicle code violation at Sierra Madre Blvd. and Lima Street. After further investigation, the driver was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of controlled substance. The driver was cited and released.

Missing Person
On 6-3-21-at 9:03PM in the area of W. Highland Ave. and N. Lima Street a driver that was stopped for a traffic violation was found to be reported as a missing person out of Altadena. The person that filed the missing person report was contacted and the driver was returned home.

Arrest
On 6-4-21 at 11:34AM, a vehicle was stopped for a vehicle code violation at W. Grandview Ave. and Sunnyside Ave. The driver was on probation and had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. A vehicle search was conducted. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail and booked for a possession violation and the outstanding warrants. Case to DA’s office

Theft
An online report filed on 6-4-21 at 2:16PM, stated that between noon and 3:00PM on 5-28-21, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package from the victims front door of her apartment in the 00 block of Esperanza Ave. Suspect(s) left in unknown direction. Case to Detectives

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS June 22, 2021 4:00 pm

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City Council meeting will take place at the City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Bandshell located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre CA 91024. As part of the COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City recommends that all attendees bring their own chair. In the event of rain or other inclement weather, the meeting may be moved to Zoom.

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 meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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

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

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

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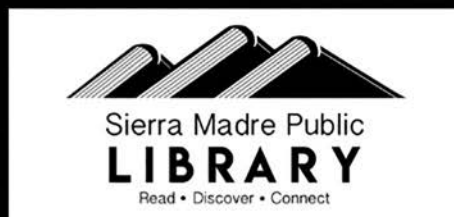
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Pasadena to Celebrate Local 626 Day



Visit Pasadena and the City of Pasadena have announced 626 Day, a citywide campaign encouraging locals and visitors to support the businesses and cultural institutions that make our city shine. From its hip dining scene to its unique shops and museums, Pasadena is a city ready to be explored.

The day-long event on Saturday, June 26, includes a planned social media takeover with posts by Pasadena businesses and social media elements for locals and visitors to use on their own social feeds. For ways to celebrate and support local business, visit the Pasadena 626 Day page at visitpasadena.com/626-day.

“We have a lot to celebrate in anticipation of statewide restrictions being lifted and our businesses and museums finally returning to normal,” said Economic Development Manager Eric Duyshart, “I encourage everyone to join in the fun of Pasadena 626 Day by supporting our local businesses, making plans to visit our cultural institutions, and taking in the amenities that Pasadena has to offer.”

Businesses and cultural institutions across the city are invited to participate in Pasadena 626 Day by offering discounts and in-person promotions to entice locals and visitors back. Interested businesses can find out more details and fill out the 626 Day Business Participation Form at: cityofpasadena.net/search/626Day.

“Pasadena has always been a diverse destination with many attractions to explore. We are excited to be able to showcase all that the city has to offer and allow visitors to participate in Pasadena 626 Day. We hope that by doing so, they will discover new adventures they can experience. Now that things have reopened, this encourages traveling and helps our businesses recover,” said Jeanne Goldschmidt, executive director of Visit Pasadena.

Visit Pasadena and the City of Pasadena will also be hosting an Instagram giveaway contest featuring Pasadena prizes. Those interested can fill out the Instagram story survey using the hashtag #Pasadena626Day for a chance to win.

For questions contact the Economic Development Office at (626)744-7357 or visit: cityofpasadena.net/economicdevelopment/626-day.



Illegal Fireworks Gut Pasadena Home

A local family of three lost everything Tuesday after a fire, caused by illegal fireworks, tore through their home in the 800 block of Summit Avenue in Pasadena.

According to Battalion Chief Anthony James, when firefighters arrived on scene around 1:20 p.m. they found the one-story house with heavy fire showing from the rear of the property.

The fire began as an exterior fire in vegetation that caught numerous vehicles on fire and then spread into the main house on the property according to James. The fire extended into the structure causing heavy damage inside the house and attic. Fire also impinged on an adjacent apartment building and caused minor damage to a neighboring house.

“Fireworks are Illegal in the City of Pasadena for a reason,” he said.

Investigators later confirmed that the fire was caused by two

children, next door, playing with fireworks.

James said, three adults were displaced from the home. Pasadena Fire provided the homeowner with a SAFER Card valued at \$250 for any necessities. Additionally the family was offered and accepted the services of the Red Cross for shelter.

“We’re experiencing high heat, drought, very dry vegetation and add fireworks and you create the perfect storm for a significant wild land fire, injuries and major property damage like we saw this week,” said Pasadena PIO Lisa Derderian. “The residents literally escaped with the clothes on their back.”

A neighbor started a GoFundMe campaign for the family. At press time, 126 donors raised \$9,051.

Officials also cautioned that the city maintains a zero tolerance enforcement policy for fireworks, and Pasadena police and firefighters are

teaming up for special fireworks enforcement patrols before and during the Fourth of July holiday. The city municipal code holds property owners and tenants responsible for permitting the possession, sale, usage or discharge of fireworks on their property. The ordinance allows for the prosecution of fireworks-related offenses and for the demand of payment for all costs associated with the safe disposal of confiscated fireworks they said. For more information on Fourth of July safety visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Blood Drives in South Pasadena

The Red Cross is hosting the last in a series of blood drives in South Pasadena.

The next blood drive is set for 1 p.m. – 7 p.m., South Pasadena Public Library, 1115 El Centro St.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive. Appointments can be made via RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: SOPASLIB.

On the Day of the Drive: Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions.

Discover Wildlife: Bixby Marshland Virtual Tour

Pasadena Central Library is set to host a virtual tour Wednesday at 5 p.m. of The Bixby Marshland near Carson. Event organizers said that The Bixby Marshland is a remnant of a formerly extensive, natural-freshwater wetland known as Bixby Slough. Over the years, most of Bixby Slough was destroyed due to development. To restore the Bixby Marshland, the site was vegetated with a large number of native plants and regraded to improve the flow of water. A pump was installed to lift storm water and urban runoff from Wilmington Drain into the marshland. After going through the marshland, the water exits back into Wilmington Drain. Through this restoration effort, the site has been rejuvenated, renewing the marshland’s health and increasing its value to wildlife. Join us to learn more about this amazing wetland environment and the plants, birds, fish and animals that inhabit it. For more information and to sign up visit: PasadenaPublicLibrary.net.

Mount Wilson Observatory Announces Re-Opening



Accompanied by First-Ever History Showcase “Discovering Mount Wilson.”

Officials at the Mount Wilson Observatory, Southern California’s historic home to over 100 years of groundbreaking astronomical discovery, announced it will re-open to the public on Tuesday.

Located on a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains of the Angeles National Forest, near Pasadena, the Observatory closed in early 2020 in accordance with the US Forest Service’s observance of Covid-19 and pandemic safety guidelines they said. The gates to Mount Wilson’s acreage will open at 10 a.m. every day the remainder of the summer and close at sunset. Parking will be available, and visitors can hike the grounds, gaze at the telescope domes that dot the landscape, and browse through the Historic Museum in the Lecture Hall.

To accompany the reopening, the Observatory also announces the creation of an expansive multi-platform campaign to celebrate its history, “Discovering Mount Wilson.” Starting also on Tuesday, Mount Wilson “Chapters” – brief stories about the Mountain’s history – will pop up on the Mount Wilson website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, donor newsletters and other platforms to showcase a rich legacy of astronomy narrative in the 20th century. The Chapters will utilize stunning archival images captured by the telescopes, and pictures of the physical evolution of the mountain facility itself, which hosts two historically important telescopes: the 100-inch Hooker telescope, (featuring

the world’s largest aperture from 1917 to 1949), and the 60-inch telescope (world’s largest operational telescope from 1908 to 1917).

Founded by George Ellery Hale in 1904, Mount Wilson Observatory has played host to a who’s who of important figures in 20th century astronomy, including Edwin Hubble, Albert Einstein, Harlow Shapley, Milton Humason and many others. The Chapters will lead readers to a better understanding of why Mount Wilson is “Where we Discovered Our Place in the Universe.”

As part of the complete re-opening, Mount Wilson Observatory has now released a limited number of reservations for night sky viewing on the 60-inch and 100-inch telescopes. These can be booked for evenings throughout the summer. Information about fees, available viewing dates, and reservation forms for private observation can be found at: mtwilson.edu/60-telescope and at: mtwilson.edu/100-telescope.

“We’re excited to announce the “Discovering Mount Wilson” campaign in celebration of our history, just as we can now welcome guests from all over the world, back to the mountain top,” said Sam Hale, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mount Wilson Institute. “Mount Wilson is unlike any place in the world from both an astronomical viewing and historical standpoint. We’re hoping this campaign will help even more people discover both the rich impact and significant discoveries of this beautiful and important place.”

Sam Hale is the grandson of founder George Ellery Hale.

For more information visit: mtwilson.edu.

Pasadena Fire Chief Chad Augustin Sworn In



Newly hired Fire Chief Chad Augustin (pictured right) was sworn in Thursday by City Clerk Mark Jomsky in front of City Hall. Due to COVID the ceremony had been postponed, he was joined by city officials, his former co-workers from Sacramento and Merced Fire, friends and family and Pasadena Firefighters.

Augustin became fire chief of Pasadena Fire Department, Feb. 22. As fire chief, he oversees 190 full-time employees and the departments annual department budget of \$55.5 million.

According to City Manager Steve Mermell Augustin began his career with SFD as a firefighter paramedic and has risen through the ranks over the last 20 years, serving in a wide range of areas, including training, fire prevention, administration, human resources, professional standards, operations and emergency medical services. He comes to Pasadena with a diverse background in hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, large-scale emergency/disaster incident management, and developing short- and long-range plans.

As deputy fire chief for SFD, Chief Augustin is responsible

for the department’s Fire Operations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Divisions, overseeing the daily operations of 24 fire stations with an annual budget responsibility of \$100 million. During his tenure with SFD, he has provided leadership in support of high-quality EMS care and transportation, streamlined the emergency response model for ambulance dispatch, and managed cost recovery efforts and billing improvements. In February 2020, Chief Augustin was selected for the highly competitive Fire Service Executive Development Institute, a program developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, to provide new and aspiring chiefs with the tools they need to have successful and productive tenures.

In February Mermell said, “The chief’s passion for the fire service is infectious, and he has a reputation as being a leader others want to follow. His desire to foster innovation, collaborate with school districts and state and local agencies, and mentor the next generation of fire service leaders will benefit the Pasadena community and fire department employees.”

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 30th through Saturday, June 5th, the Police Department responded to 1,042 calls for service, of which 109 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 30:

- At 4:45 p.m., an officer responded to Bank of America, located at 1234 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a fraud report. The officer discovered someone installed a credit card scanning device on one of the bank's ATM machines. A similar incident was reported a week prior.
- At 9:30 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed the victim interrupted the suspect as he was trying to steal the wheels from the victim's vehicle. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 24 to 26-years-old, who was seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black hat, and a black neck gator-type mask covering his face. The suspect fled in a red, older model, Dodge Ram truck.

Monday, May 31:

- At 7:59 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of Alster Avenue regarding a possible residential burglary. The officer determined an unknown suspect attempted to enter the home, but was unsuccessful and left empty-handed.
- At 2:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of East Santa Clara Street regarding a vandalism report. Sometime between Sunday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, May 31st at 2:30 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victim's locked vehicle by unknown means, cut into the driver's seat upholstery, and cut a cable in the trunk for no apparent reason.
- At 4:54 p.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, located at 125 North First Avenue, regarding a burglary report. The victim discovered someone cut the lock to his locker and fled with the victim's cash. The incident occurred sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. on May 31st.

Tuesday, June 1:

- At 3:07 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a fire. An investigation by the Arcadia Fire Arson revealed it was an arson. The fire was extinguished, and the investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, June 2:

- At 6:29 a.m., an officer responded to Coco's Restaurant, located at 1150 West Colorado Boulevard, regarding a vandalism report. The officer determined someone shattered one of the business windows for no apparent reason. They did not enter the business and no loss was reported.

- At 9:33 a.m., an officer responded to Lily's Lashes, located at 663 Fairview Avenue, regarding a burglary report. Sometime between June 1st at 5:00 p.m. and June 2nd at 9:00 a.m., someone shattered the rear glass door and stole a cell-phone from the front counter.

- At 5:12 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a package theft. Surveillance footage revealed a heavy-set Hispanic male in his early 30's and a thin Hispanic female in her late 20's stole the victim's package. They fled on foot.

Thursday, June 3:

- At 1:06 a.m., officers responded to Pizza Hut, located at 161 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage captured a lone suspect smash the front glass door and attempt to steal a safe. The suspect failed and fled empty-handed. He is described as a Hispanic male, between the ages of 30 and 35-years-old, approximately 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 180 to 200 pounds, and seen wearing a jersey with the number "4" on it.
- At 9:10 a.m., an officer responded to Chevron, located at 500 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a road rage incident. The officer determined that after the victim honked at the suspect's vehicle, the suspect exited his vehicle and began hitting the victim. The suspect is described as a white male in his late 50's, seen wearing gray pants with a white and blue shirt.

Friday, June 4:

- At 5:58 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Unified School District's Maintenance Facility, located at 35 West St. Joseph Street, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. An investigation revealed someone cut a hole in the chain-link fence to the facility, cut the locks to multiple storage units, shattered a window of a city-owned vehicle, and fled with tools and welding supplies.
- At 3:11 p.m., officers responded to Leslie's Pool Supplies, located at 324 East Huntington Drive, regarding a grand theft incident. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects, described as Hispanic males in their 30's and 40's, stole two pool vacuums and fled in a white, 4-door Volkswagen.

Saturday, June 5:

- At 6:44 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Encanto Drive regarding a residential burglary investigation. An investigation revealed a 42-year-old female from Los Angeles entered a secured and vacant residence and was found in possession of a wallet with numerous access cards not in the arrestee's name. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

ARCADIA GREAT NEWS! We're having an event.

Celebrate our great community and country! Patriotic Reverse Parade & Food Drive



In this reverse parade, you drive through the parade route and wave to the stars of the parade stationed on the sidewalk as you go by. Heroes of the pandemic (fire, police, medical and others) will be dressed up for the occasion and waving back. Please bring canned food for Foothill Unity Center.

Plus...We're giving away \$100 gift certificates to the Downtown Arcadia businesses.

Learn more about the event and how you can enter to win at: ArcadiaDT.com

DUARTE 66ERS SENIOR SOFTBALL TEAM TO CELEBRATE OPENING DAY ON JUNE 17

Come cheer on Duarte's very own senior softball team, the Duarte 66ers, for the season's opening day on June 17 as they play the Diamond Bar Diamonds at Otis Gordon Sports Park (2340 Central Ave).

The festivities will begin with an opening ceremony introducing players. Additionally, former Duarte AmeriCorps Fellow Diana Perez will sing the National Anthem with Duarte Councilmember Jody Schulz throwing out the first pitch at 9 AM to commence the games, which will meet all Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines.

"We are excited to safely bring back recreational opportunities for our seniors, starting with the Duarte 66ers," Councilmember Jody Schulz stated. "We wish the Duarte 66ers the best of luck in their upcoming season."

The Duarte 66ers, named to honor the historic Route 66, are part of the Intercity Senior Co-Ed Softball League of Southern California, which is open to men and women 50 years of age and older. About 200 players make up 10 League teams, representing Commerce, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Pasadena/Arcadia, and South El Monte.

"We are very pleased that the Duarte 66ers will have a fairly normal season this year," Duarte Recreation Coordinator Kelly Barnes commented. "This is a great program bringing together seniors across our region to enjoy one another's company, have some fun, and get their exercise in."

For more information and to view the full 2021 schedule, please visit

<http://intercitysoftball.org/schedule-2021/>

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One City, One Story, Talk with Author Conor Knighton

Join the Pasadena library on Thursday, June 24 at 5 p.m. via Zoom as Library Director Michelle Perera welcomes author Conor Knighton to discuss his book *Leave Only Footprints My AcadiaTo-Zion Journey Through Every National Park*. A question-and-answer session will follow. To attend, sign up at:

Visit cityofpasadena.libguides.com/onecityonestory to learn about upcoming community activities planned in celebration of this year's book selection. Events include book discussions, programs, films and more. One City, One Story is sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.

The One City, One Story Summer Edition, *Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia - To - Zion Journey Through Every National Park* by Conor Knighton is a behind-the-scenes look at the author's year of traveling to each of America's national parks, discovering the most beautiful places and most interesting people our country has to offer.

When Knighton set off to explore America's "best idea," he worried the whole thing could end up being his worst idea. A broken engagement and a broken heart had left him longing for a change of scenery, but the plan he'd cooked up in response had gone a bit overboard in that department. Over the course of a single year, Knighton would visit every



national park in the country, from Acadia to Zion.

In *Leave Only Footprints*, Knighton shares informative and entertaining dispatches from what turned out to be the road trip of a lifetime. Whether he's waking up early for a naked scrub in a historic bathroom in Arkansas or staying up late to stargaze along our loneliest highway in Nevada, Knighton weaves together the type of stories you're not likely to find in any guidebook. Through his unique lens, America the Beautiful becomes America the Captivating, the Hilarious, and the Inspiring. Along the way, he identifies the threads that tie these wildly different places together—and that tie us to nature—and reveals how his trip ended up changing his views on everything from God and love to politics and technology.

Leave Only Footprints is a fun summer read and a perfect selection to help you plan your post COVID-19 vacation, with thematic programs and opportunities for community dialogue and discussion planned around the book this summer.

ASTEROID HUNTING TELESCOPE TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT

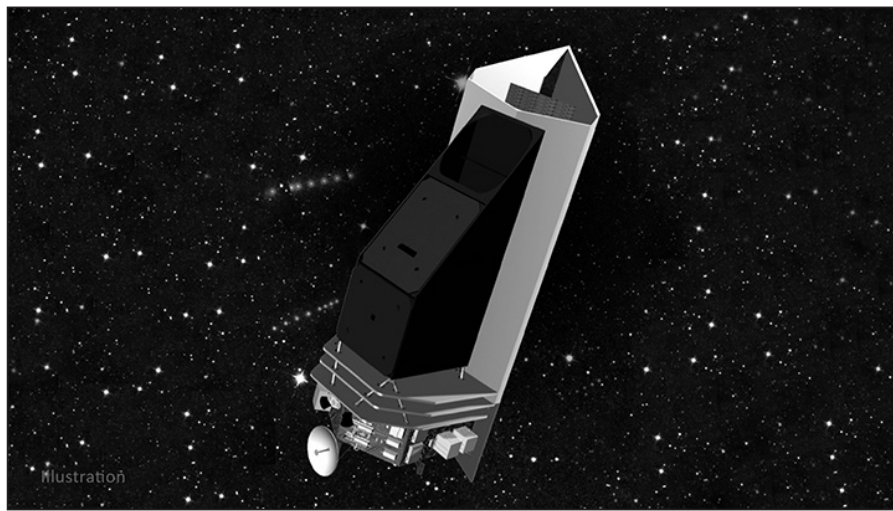
NASA announced Friday they approved the Near-Earth Object Surveyor space telescope (NEO Surveyor) set to move to the next phase of mission development after a successful mission review, authorizing the mission to move forward into Preliminary Design (known as Key Decision Point-B). The infrared space telescope is designed to help advance NASA's planetary defense efforts by expediting our ability to discover and characterize most of the potentially hazardous asteroids and comets that come within 30 million miles of Earth's orbit, collectively known as near-earth objects, or NEOs. The mission is being developed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena.

"NEO Surveyor will have the capability to rapidly accelerate the rate at which NASA is able to discover asteroids and comets that could pose a hazard to the Earth, and it is being designed to discover 90% of asteroids 140 meters in size or larger within a decade of being launched," said Mike Kelley, NEO Surveyor program scientist at NASA Headquarters.

Following completion of the goal to discover 90 percent of all NEOs larger than 1,000 meters (3,280 feet) in size in 2010, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-155) directed NASA to discover 90% of NEOs larger than 140 meters (459 feet) in size. The agency is diligently working to achieve this directive and has currently found approximately 40% of near-Earth asteroids within this size range.

"Each night, astronomers across the globe diligently use ground-based optical telescopes to discover new NEOs, characterize their shape and size, and confirm they do not pose a threat to us," said Kelly Fast, program manager for NASA's NEO Observations Program. "Those telescopes are only able to look for NEOs in the night sky. NEO Surveyor would allow observations to continue day and night, specifically targeting regions where NEOs that could pose a hazard might be found and accelerating the progress toward the Congressional goal."

Discovering, characterizing, and tracking potentially hazardous NEOs as early as possible is crucial in ensuring that deflection or other preparations for impact mitigation can be carried out in time. NASA will test one deflection technology



– the kinetic impactor – with its Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission, to be launched later this year. While there are no known impact threats to Earth for the next century, unpredicted impacts by unknown NEOs – such as the 2013 Chelyabinsk event in Russia – still pose a hazard to Earth. Using sensors that operate in the infrared, NEO Surveyor would help planetary scientists discover NEOs more quickly, including ones that could approach Earth during the day from closer to the direction of the Sun – something that is not currently possible using ground-based optical observatories.

"By searching for NEOs closer to the direction of the Sun, NEO Surveyor would help astronomers discover impact hazards that could approach Earth from the daytime sky," said Amy Mainzer, principal investigator for NEO Surveyor at the University of Arizona. "NEO Surveyor would also significantly enhance NASA's ability to determine the specific sizes and characteristics of newly discovered NEOs by using infrared light, complementing ongoing observations being conducted by ground-based observatories and radar."

NEO Surveyor's approval to move to this next mission milestone brings the telescope one step closer to launch, which is currently scheduled for the first half of 2026. The mission is being developed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California and managed by NASA's Planetary Missions Program Office at Marshall Space Flight Center.

For more information, visit: nasa.gov/PlanetaryDefense.

Pasadena Heritage Virtual Spring Home Annual Tours

Pasadena Heritage is proud to present a new version of our annual Spring Home Tour. Instead of a one-day event, tours of six architectural works of art will be offered as a series. Part 3, Revival-style Architecture, will premiere on the last Sunday of June and all three recordings will be available through July 4th.

Premiering June 27th, we will visit the charming Lansing Beach House, a French Norman-style home built in 1927 by David Witmer and Loyall Watson. The original owners of this house, Lansing and Katherine Beach, met in France during WWI. It is said that they had this home built in this style as a tribute to their courtship. We will also virtually visit architect Everett Phipps Babcock's own home. This home, known locally as the "fairy tale castle" then, has the feeling of a medieval manor. Built in the English Tudor style in 1926

for the architect and his wife Clare, it served as Babcock's residence and home office for a period. The home is a City Landmark and is part of the recently designated Arden Road Historic District.

Parts 2 and 3, April and May, recordings are now available.

Pasadena Heritage is a nonprofit organization founded in 1977 and dedicated to historic preservation in and around Pasadena, California. The organization advocates on behalf of historic resources, educates the public about local history and the benefits of preservation, provides referrals and consultations to those restoring historic buildings, and demonstrates quality restoration through its own preservation projects.

For more information visit: pasadenaheritage.org.



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THE CREATIVE ARTS GROUP SUMMER SESSION BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

As spring turns toward the lazy days of summer, we are very much looking forward to welcoming students back for the Summer Session that begins next week (the week of June 14th). We have a full offering of classes both in person and online, both adults and for youth.

A number of our classes are full, but there are still spots available for you to experiment in a new media, meet a new teacher, or return to a favorite practice.

The following Youth classes have a limited number of seats still available:

Drawing & Painting (5-8 years) - Wednesday, 2, 30-4:00pm (inside classroom)
(New) Youth Wheel Throwing (9+) - Wednesday, 4:30-6:00pm (outside studio)
Youth Ceramics 9+ - Friday, 3:00-4:30pm (outside studio)
Advanced Wheel Throwing - Friday, 5:00-7:00pm (outside studio)

In our Adult Classes & Workshops, we have spots re-

maining in a variety of offerings. Here are some highlights, but look at our full schedule for all remaining opportunities:

Watercolor Basics and Beyond - Monday, 9:30-12:00noon (Zoom)
Studio Art at Night - Monday, 7:00-9:30pm (Zoom)
Oil Painting - Portraits - Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00pm (Zoom)
Adult Sketchbook Drawing - Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00pm (Zoom)
Painterly Charcoal Drawing - Thursdays, 2:00-4:00pm (Zoom)
Oil Painting - Wednesday, 9:30-12:30pm (inside classroom)
Drawing - Thursdays, 10:00am - 12:00noon (inside classroom)
Mosaics - 8/1 & 8/8 (outside studio)
Fold Forming - 8/22 (outside studio)

Art History Lecture Series (Zoom) - Saturdays 7/24, 7/31, 8/7

Interested in a class that is already full? You can always join our waiting lists by calling our offices.
We look forward to seeing you soon! And as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. *(See ad on page 9)*

MOSQUITO CONTROL OFFICIALS CONFIRM FIRST WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 2021

– The first indication of West Nile virus circulating in Los Angeles County in 2021 was detected in a dead crow collected in South Pasadena, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) announced Monday, June 7, 2021.

20210607 1st Confirmation of West Nile virus in LA County in 2021

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West Nile virus (WNV) is spread to people through mosquito bites. Birds can become sick from WNV, but do not spread the virus directly to people.

"West Nile virus is endemic, which means we'll detect it every year in our communities," said SGVMVCD Scientific Program Manager Melissa Doyle. "As the weather heats up, everyone should prevent mosquito bites and eliminate stagnant water around their home."

Doyle urged everyone to take the following actions to stay healthy and bite-free:

Tip out stagnant water around the home weekly;
Toss unused containers that can hold stagnant water; and
Protect against bites by using insect repellent containing any one of the following CDC-recommended ingredients: Picaridin, DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus (or PMD), or IR3535.

"It only takes one bite for a mosquito carrying West Nile virus to get you sick," warned SGVMVCD Public Information Officer Levy Sun. "Don't take your chances and assume the next mosquito bite will be harmless."

Mosquitoes in Southern California are generally more active from May to October.

"Mosquito control is a responsibility shared by all residents, businesses and property owners," Sun said.

For more information, or to report neglected swimming pools of stagnant water, visit www.SGVMosquito.org or call 626-814-9466.

About West Nile Virus

According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, West Nile virus (WNV) is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. One in five individuals infected with the WNV, for which there is no cure, will exhibit symptoms that include fever, headache, body aches, nausea or skin rash. The symptoms can last for several days to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis and possibly death. Those at greatest risk include seniors and individuals with compromised immune systems. People over 50 years of age and those with chronic health problems are at higher risk of severe illness. While not all mosquitoes carry this virus, the type of mosquito that spreads this virus is found throughout Los Angeles County.

About SGVMVCD

SGVMVCD is one of five vector control districts in Los Angeles County. Year-round, the agency monitors stagnant water sources, such as gutters, storm drains, channels and non-functional swimming pools. The agency also routinely monitors populations of adult mosquitoes using traps and tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of WNV and other mosquito-borne diseases. In addition, the agency submits samples from dead birds, such as crows, for testing, which can provide insight into the spread of WNV.
San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District | 1145 N Azusa Canyon Road, West Covina, CA 91790

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

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HOT DOGS OR HAMBURGERS?

I run this almost every year and it never gets old, Hooray for the Parade coming back so let's kick off BBQ and Grilling Season

Over seven billion hot dogs will be eaten by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the July 4th weekend alone (the biggest hot-dog holiday of the year), 155 million will be downed.

Every year, Americans eat an average of 60 hot dogs each. They are clearly one of the country's most loved, but most misunderstood, comfort foods.

Like most great events in history, there are varying accounts of how it all began and who started it. The history of the Hot Dog is no different. You will find many references throughout history to the origins of a Hot Dog-like thing called a sausage. Here are some stories of how the Hot Dog was born.

The invention of the Hot Dog, is often attributed to the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition. However, similar sausages were made and consumed in Europe, particularly in Germany, as early as 1864, and the earliest example of a hot dog bun dates to New York City in the 1860s. German immigrants appear to have sold hot dogs, along with milk rolls and sauerkraut, from pushcarts in New York City's Bowery during the 1860s. The Hot Dog's association with baseball also predates the 1904 World's Fair. Chris von der Ahe, owner of the St Louis Browns, sold Hot Dogs at his ballpark in the 1880s.

Who's Served the First Hot Dog? Also in doubt is who first served the first Hot Dog. Wieners and frankfurters don't become Hot Dogs until someone puts them in a roll or a bun. There are several stories or legends as to how this first happened. Specific people were have been credited for for supposedly inventing the Hot Dog. Charles Feltman and Antonoine Feuchtwanger were among the few.

In 1867, Charles Feltman, a German butcher, opened up the first Coney Island hot dog stand in Brooklyn, New York and sold 3,684 dachshund sausages in a roll during his first year in business. He is also credited with the idea of the warm bun.

Although the exact origins of the Chicago Dog are not documented, Vienna Beef of Chicago claims the "Chicago-style" Hot Dog was invented by two European immigrants at the Chicago World's Fair and Columbian Exhibition in 1893.

– I know this may be very difficult for some Dodger fans but the love of the hotdog and baseball did not start with the Dodgers.

Program Note This Sunday Radio Show will be on at 5 PM AM 830 KLAA



L.A. COUNTY UPDATE

New Vaccination Sweepstakes with the LA Clippers, Rams, & Chargers Begins Tomorrow, Modified Health Officer Order to be Issued Next Week; Nearly 75% of L.A. County Seniors Fully Vaccinated

Beginning tomorrow, Friday, June 11 to next Thursday, June 17 at County-run vaccination sites, participating LA city and mobile sites, and St. John's Well Child and Family Center sites, everyone 18 and older coming to get their first vaccine or who brings a first-time vaccine recipient with them to their second dose appointment, will have an opportunity to win a pair of season tickets to the 2021-2022 home season of the Clippers, the Rams, or the Chargers. Official rules and participating site locations will be posted on the Los Angeles County Vaccination Sweepstakes page online tomorrow. The LA Football Club soccer team or the LA Dodgers season tickets vaccination sweepstakes is currently in effect through the end of the day today.

Next week, L.A. County will issue a modified Health Officer Order to align with the State that will include new masking guidance, requirements for workplaces to adhere to the Cal/OSHA standards, and any needed sector-specific protocols that remain in place for schools, day cares, camps, and high-risk congregate settings. These sector specific guidance documents will be aligned with the State guidance for these sectors. The many other sector-specific protocols that are currently on the Public Health website will be retired on June 15.

Masks will not be required for fully vaccinated people, except in the certain settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be required for unvaccinated people in indoor public settings and businesses.

Visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish) to find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more. If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

LOCAL STATISTICS AS OF 06/11/2021

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES

	Cases:	1,245,949	
	Deaths:	24,416	
CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,354	76
Arcadia	57,754	2,735	137
Bradbury	1,069	38	0
Duarte	22,016	2,320	98
Monrovia	38,800	3,190	78
Pasadena	141,371	11,304	349
Sierra Madre	10,989	471	13

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IS FOUNDATION FOR PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM

By Jeff Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor

My name is Jeff Prang. I am the 27th Assessor of the great County of Los Angeles. I was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. I am here to share with you exactly what my office does and how this office directly affects you in, what I hope, is a most positive manner.

First, every county in California has an elected Assessor. This part of government was deemed so important by the founders of the state that it is in the State Constitution as an independent department with an elected leader in each of the 58 counties. Every four years voters in every county in California elect their Assessor.

The Assessor's Office is the foundation of the property tax system, which this year will provide nearly \$18 billion to local governments and school districts across the 4,751 square miles of Los Angeles County, including 88 cities and numerous unincorporated areas. I have about 1,200 employees to establish accurate values on 2.57 million parcels and other assessments. The total assessment value for 2020 was almost \$1.8 trillion. We will be rolling out the latest figures this summer.

I sometimes tell people what I do not do — I do not collect taxes. There is another guy, with a really intuitive title that does that: The Tax Collector. Actually, there are five departments involved in the local property tax system. The Assessor's Office is the first in the process. We are responsible for determining the value of property used to calculate your taxes. We are primarily appraisers. However, we also administer a number of savings programs for homeowners, for veterans, for seniors, those with disabilities, and the victims of natural disasters.

Property taxes in California are governed by Prop. 13, which was passed by voters in 1978. Prop. 13 introduced event-based reassessment. That means that instead of property being re-valued every year, or every few years, as is done in other states, property in California is only reassessed if there is a transfer of ownership or new construction. So when you buy a house, or other property, my office enrolls the market value at time of purchase, which remains the assessed value (or base-year value) of your home until there is a transfer (or new construction) plus a maximum annual inflation adjustment of 2 percent.

So here is how it works: when you buy a house, you record a deed with the Registrar-Recorder, who then sends my Office a copy of that deed. We then evaluate whether a transfer of ownership has occurred and assess the property accordingly. All of those values are added to the Assessment Roll—the list of all taxable property and their values - which we compile each year and send to the Auditor-Controller, who then applies the relevant tax rate.

Prop. 13 mandates a statewide property tax rate of 1 percent of market value at the time of transfer, but various local ballot measures, including voted indebtedness and parcel taxes, increases the effective rate above that. Once the Auditor-Controller applies the tax rate, it is transferred to the Tax Collector, who sends out bills and collects taxes.

The same process works for new construction, except that municipal building and safety offices send us copies of building permits that prompts us to dispatch appraisers to determine the added value. It is important to note that in the case of additions, remodels, and other new construction, it is only a partial reassessment for the new, added-value.

My office oftentimes can be overlooked because of the nuance of our complicated property tax system. But as you can now understand, it's the vital first step on the journey to tax revenue that pays for the services we have come to rely on and we have come to expect in our daily lives.

For more information, please go to assessor.lacounty.gov.

MONROVIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES GRADUATES WITH IN-PERSON COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Nearly 430 graduates from Monrovia Unified School District cheered as they walked across the graduation stage to receive their diplomas during in-person and drive-thru commencement ceremonies, held June 8 and 9.

Canyon Oaks High School and Mountain Park School celebrated the success of 45 graduates on June 8 during a drive-thru ceremony, where administrators and teachers delivered emotional speeches that detailed each student's hardships and successes that led to graduation day.

"We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2021 and are thrilled to have celebrated their achievements in-person, acknowledging their dedication during a year that challenged us all," Board President Maritza Travanti said. "On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish all of the graduates continued success as they go on to college and career."

During the Canyon Oaks and Mountain Park graduation, students received thousands of dollars in scholarships from local organizations, including Rotary, Kiwanis, Monrovia Reads, Citrus Bright Futures, Terrence Hall Memorial and more. Many Class of 2021 graduates from Canyon Oaks and Mountain Park will continue their education at four-year universities such as California State University, Los Angeles, Utah State University and the University of La Verne.

"Congratulations to all of our graduates, who have gone above and beyond to get to where they are today," Director of Alternative Schools Flint Fertig said. "Our graduating Class of 2021 is made up of devoted students who have a great capacity to love and to serve, and that is our motto at Canyon Oaks and Mountain Park – to go forth and serve."

On June 9, Wildcat Stadium roared as administrators, teachers, and families celebrated 378 seniors who persevered during an unprecedented school year.

This year, Monrovia High School honored Zoe Gathers, Charlie Heatherly, James DeLisio, Zachary Szymkowski, Haily Sarmiento, Cory Spaeth, Allen Santos, Brooke Gould, and Anthony Nava as valedictorians for receiving a cumulative unweighted GPA of 4.0 or higher.

During the ceremony, the high-achieving scholars were recognized by Principal Kirk McGinnis as he celebrated the entire graduating class for their exceptional educational journey while at Monrovia High School.

"Congratulations to the Class of 2021 – you are all exceptional and have reached this milestone in your life during a year filled with many adversities," McGinnis said. "Your dedication to your studies is admirable and we cannot wait to see where life after high school takes you. We know that with the skills and knowledge you have gained while being at Monrovia High, there is truly nothing you cannot achieve."

Valedictorian Heatherly, who has helped build the school's prestigious game development team Forge Interactive and will attend USC in the fall to study game design, addressed his classmates during a heartfelt speech which recounted their time at Monrovia High and the challenges of the last year.

"I don't talk about all of these magical moments simply to reminisce, I do it to define. They are the meaning and value of our high school experience," Heatherly said. "This class has been made stronger because of that struggle – not in spite of it – and now, whenever you encounter those same feelings of fear and isolation in your future, know that you have a network of friends to support and care for you. We will always be connected by the moments that defined us, and I am certain that the Class of 2021 will not leave this ceremony as graduates saying goodbye; we will leave it as Wildcats greeting the future hand-in-hand."

Monrovia Unified School District implemented health guidelines as outlined by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, such as the use of face coverings and social distancing throughout both events, to ensure the safety of its students, families, and entire school community. "Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You have achieved this milestone under the most difficult of circumstances," Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "As you commence your journey outside our school walls, continue to work hard and be nice. We are proud of your resilience and resolve; and we look forward to celebrating your future successes."



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SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE SEEKS COLLEGE STUDENT FOR PAID INTERNSHIP

Thanks to a grant from Los Angeles County Arts and Culture, Sierra Madre Playhouse is able to offer a PAID internship to a current college student.

Description

Seeking an intern with a love of theater and an interest in education (or vice versa) to work directly with our Educational Programming Coordinator and Marketing Manager in planning and marketing our education programs and audience engagement events. This position will work approximately 20 hours a week from July to mid-November.

Qualifications

Strong writing and organizational skills required. Social media savvy, experience working with kids and teens a plus. Ideally, the intern will be proficient in the use of spreadsheets and/or online databases.

Background

The Sierra Madre Playhouse is an award-winning, intimate theater situated in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. We provide a programming mix of diverse American theater productions, youth education programs, audience engagement, and community outreach. Other offerings include films and music performances.

How to Apply

Submit a resume and cover letter to education@sierramadreplayhouse.org no later than June 21st, Attn: Christa Backstrom, Educational Programming Coordinator.

Sierra Madre Playhouse is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Website: <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org> For more information about the internship program, go to <https://www.lacountyarts.org/opportunities/arts-internship-program-students/about-arts-internship-program-students>

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

SMP is now accepting applications for an Educational Programming Intern



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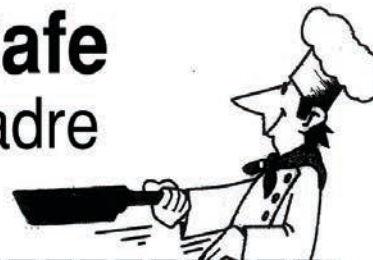
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TREATING UPPER RESPIRATORY ISSUES -- AND THE FLU -- WITH HERBS

Nyerges has led and organized ethnobotany walks since 1974. He is the author of *Guide to Wild Foods and Useful Plants*, *How to Survive Anywhere*, and other books. Information about his classes and books is available from School of Self-Reliance, Box 41834, Los Angeles, CA 90041, or www.Schoolof-Self-Reliance.com. The following information came interviews with Dr. James Adams, recently retired pharmacologist at USC. Dr. Adams is the author of "Healing with Medicinal Plants."

PART TWO - HERBAL KNOWLEDGE

Here are some of the herbs commonly available in the wild, and typically can be purchased in the dried form in herb shops.

ELDERBERRY FLOWERS (*Sambucus nigra*; formerly *Sambucus Mexicana*) Different species of the elderberry tree can be found world-wide, often near water. It can be a large bush or a small tree, with pinnately divided leaves. Though the fruit has long been cooked and used for juices, wine, jam, and jellies, it is the flowers that are used for colds and flus. Indigenous people of California used the flowers to cure colds and flus. The flowers are made into an infusion and drunk. The flowers are only available in the spring, so you'd need to collect and dry them to be available year-round.

Here is the procedure: Add one teaspoon of flowers to 1.5 cups of water in a covered pot, and let the flowers simmer in the water for 5 minutes. Drink when cool enough to drink.

One popular liqueur, St. Germain, is made in France from elder flowers; it is commonly used as a safe remedy for colds and flus.

You can also purchase Sambucal over the counter. However, read the label to ensure that it does not contain high fructose corn syrup and other undesirables.

You can also purchase Elderberry fizzies from health food stores.

EVERLASTING, CALIFORNIA (*Pseudognaphalium californicum*) This one, and several related species, are somewhat widespread in the West. Leaves have a sweet odor, akin to butterscotch or oranges. It's easily grown in backyard gardens, and the flowers can be collected and dried, so that the herb can be available year-round.

I learned about its uses from Dr. James Adams, author of "Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West." Whenever I feel congested and have difficulty breathing, often after a day of being out in the willow forest, I drink an infusion of the everlasting flowers. There is a quick and immediate effect. (I often drink this along with stinging nettle tea, which also has mild decongestant effects.)

Dr. Adams recommends using these flowers at the first signs of a cold, or flu.

The flowers contain flavinols which stimulate the immune system and help get rid of flu virus.

The medicine is the flowers. For a cold or flu, put 1 teaspoon of flowers into a (covered) pot of water, and heat until it simmers. Dr. Adams suggests drinking it for 4 nights in a row for colds and flus.

YERBA SANTA (*Eriodictyon* spp.) This is a very common western herb, with several species that are more or less used alike.

Yerba Santa leaves are boiled in water, and the fumes are inhaled for upper respiratory issues.

Herbalists use this herb for many afflictions, and it is particularly good for coughs, breathing, and congestion issues. The indigenous peoples of California used this herb for coughs.

The infusion or decoction of yerba santa can also be drunk for a sore throat, cough, or breathing issues. However, the straight yerba santa decoction is very strong. Hummingbird sage is often added to make it palatable. Some herbalists add a sweetener before serving, but not all.

Another method is to boil the leaves in a covered container, and then open the container and inhale the fumes. Use about 5 leaves per cup. You can reuse this liquid for up to five days, then use fresh leaves.

WHITE SAGE (*Salvia apiana*) This is a common native plant of the West, whose leaves are used in a broad spectrum of medicinal applications.

According to Dr. Adams, white sage is used as infusion for sore throats, and made into a drink to cure colds and flus, and other uses.

The leaves can be made into a drink by putting a leaf in cold water to promote strengthening, and cure colds and flus. The leaves can also be used in an infusion.

White sage is a great herb to have, and to grow, and to use in daily drinks and medicinal applications.

Please note: White sage is being threatened due to over-harvesting, mostly by those who sell it at markets as a "new age smudge." I strongly suggest that you grow the plant in your own yard for personal use. Buy the plants (or seeds) from a local native plant nursery.

COMMENTS There are many other remedies for flu, coughs, and sore throats. Included here were just a few of the common wild plants which are safe and easy to use.

Note: None of the above should be construed to take the place of competent medical advice in a face-to-face setting. Chronic coughing or chronic sore throat may be an indication of a more serious disorder. Use your common sense, and consult a medical authority if you are experiencing any sort of chronic disorder.

SUGGESTED REFERENCES Dr. James Adams' (et al) "Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West." An excellent guide with color photographs of the medicinal uses of plants by native people of the West. Includes the chemistry of the plants, practical advice, and sound warnings. Available from the store at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com, or Amazon.

Michael Moore's "Medicinal Plants of the Mountain West" (and other books by Moore). Moore's books cover a lot of territory. They include mostly line drawings and some photos.

Katnip News!



SWEET SENIORS NEED NEW HOME

Meet BABY & ZENA, born 2007. These two very lovely girls belonged to an older couple who can no longer care for them. Baby is a beautifully colored tortie (tortoiseshell), and Zena is a medium-haired mix with stunning blue eyes. Zena is super friendly, seeks out people and loves to be touched. She is very engaged in what's going on around her and loves to hang by the window to check out what is going on outside. Baby is not as friendly as more cautious than Zena. She is not one you can pet immediately but rather you have to allow her to know you a little bit and warm up to be petted. However, she is calm and not demanding of anyone's attention. She just prefers to just hang out and check out people. Both cats are very good eaters. The girls are healthy for their age and would make someone very happy for many years. Purr-haps that would be a retired person, or a couple who work from home in a quiet, calm environment (just examples). Please fill out the adoption application on the Adoption Procedures page on our website at www.lifelineforpets.org.



Pet of the Week

Daisy Mae is nine years old and loves to snuggle! She wants to be her favorite person's shadow all the time. If you leave the house, she'll give you lots of wiggly tail wags and excited little huffs when you return. Daisy Mae's hobbies include exploring outside, playing "find the kibble", and anything that lets her be close to her person. Daisy Mae would do best as the only pet in the home and can't wait to bond with you!



The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet. View photos of adoptable pets and schedule a virtual adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every day at 5:00 p.m. for the following day. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

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By Jeff Brown

ONE DAY AT A TIME

"As more and more of the population is vaccinated, governments need to give Americans an off-ramp to the post-pandemic world. Ending outdoor mask man-dates is a good place to start. Requiring that people always wear masks when they leave home, and especially in places with low levels of viral transmission, is over-kill. Covid-19 is basically an indoor/talking disease. The coronavirus disperses out-side, posing little risk to people who are walking alone or even swiftly passing by strangers. In fact, almost all of the documented cases of outdoor transmission have involved long conversations or face to face yelling. So go outside, get vaccinated, and get your life back." Derek Thompson in TheAtlantic.com

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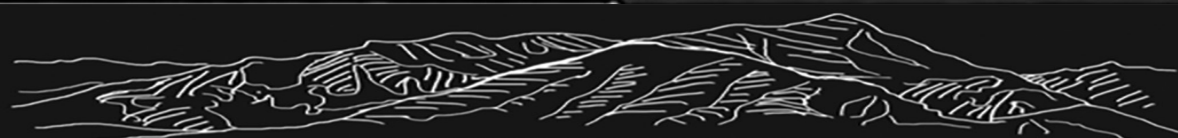


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COPING WITH COVID EXACERBATED TINNITUS

Dear Savvy Senior:

I've had mild tinnitus – ringing in my ears – for years, but when I got COVID in January it got worse. Are there any treatments you know of or can recommend that can help? Almost 60

Dear Almost:

Unfortunately, new research indicates that tinnitus, a common hearing problem that affects around 50 million Americans, may be worsened by COVID-19 or possibly even triggered by it. Here's what you should know along with some tips and treatments that may help.

What is Tinnitus?

Tinnitus (pronounced tin-NIGHT-us or TIN-a-tus) is the sensation of hearing a ringing, buzzing, roaring, hissing or whistling sound in one or both ears when no external sound is present.

The sounds, which can vary in pitch and loudness, are usually worse when background noise is low, so you may be more aware of it at night when you're trying to fall asleep in a quiet room. For most people tinnitus is merely annoying, but for many others it can be extremely disturbing.

Tinnitus itself is not a disease, but rather a symptom of some other underlying health condition. The best way to find out what's causing your tinnitus is to see an audiologist, or an otolaryngologist – a doctor who specializes in ear, nose and throat diseases (commonly called an ENT). The various things that can cause tinnitus are:

Hearing loss, which is the most common cause.

Middle ear obstructions usually caused by a build-up of earwax deep in the ear canal. The side effects of many different prescription and nonprescription medicines like aspirin, ibuprofen, certain blood pressure medicines and diuretics, some antidepressants, cancer medicines and antibiotics. Various medical conditions such as high blood pressure, vascular disease, diabetes, allergies, thyroid problems, ear or sinus infections, Meniere's disease, Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, otosclerosis, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder, a tumor, an injury to the head or neck, traumatic brain injury, depression, stress and more.

Treatments

While there's no cure for tinnitus there are many ways to treat it depending on the cause. For example, if your tinnitus is caused by a wax build-up in your ears or a medical condition like high blood pressure or a thyroid problem, treating the problem may reduce or eliminate the noise. Or, if you think a medication you're taking may be causing the problem, switching to a different drug, or lowering the dosage may provide some relief. Or if you have hearing loss, getting a hearing aid can help mask your tinnitus by improving your ability to hear actual sounds.

Another good treatment option for tinnitus that can help suppress or mask the sound so it's less bothersome are "sound therapies." These can be as simple as a fan or a white noise machine, listening to music or podcasts, or leaving the television on.

There are also apps created by hearing aid companies, like ReSound Relief (ReSound.com) or Relax by Starkey (Starkey.com), which allow you to stream customize sounds directly to your hearing aids, or (if you don't use hearing aids) through Bluetooth audio devices like headphones or speakers to help you manage your symptoms.

Cognitive behavioral therapy and psychological counseling can also be helpful. Your audiologist or ENT can help you figure out the best treatment options.

There are also certain medications that may help. While currently there's no FDA approved drugs specifically designed to treat tinnitus, some anti-anxiety drugs and antidepressants have been effective in relieving symptoms.

Other things you can do to help quiet the noise is to avoid things that can aggravate the problem like salt, artificial sweeteners, sugar, alcohol, tonic water, tobacco and caffeine. And protect yourself from loud noises by wearing earplugs.

For more information on tinnitus treatments, visit the American Tinnitus Association at ATA.org.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

VITAL ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



With the arrival of summer, young people across the country are about to reach a key milestone: high school graduation. If you have a child claiming their diploma, now is the time to prepare them for life after leaving the nest.

Graduating high school is a significant accomplishment. However, it comes with serious responsibilities that your child probably isn't thinking much about right now. Once your child turns 18, they become a legal adult, and specific areas of their lives that were once under your control

will be solely their responsibility.

For instance, should your child get into a severe car accident and require hospitalization, you would no longer have the automatic authority to make decisions about his or her medical treatment or handle their financial matters. In fact, without legal documentation, you wouldn't even be able to access his or her medical records or bank accounts without a court order.

To address this vulnerability and ensure your family never gets stuck in an unnecessary court process, before your kids move out or head off to college, have a conversation about estate planning and have them sign the following three documents.

1. Medical Power of Attorney

The first document your child needs is a medical power of attorney. A medical power of attorney is an advance healthcare directive that allows your child to grant you (or someone else) the immediate legal authority to make healthcare decisions on their behalf if they become incapacitated and are unable to make decisions for themselves.

Without a medical power of attorney in place, if your child suffers a severe accident or illness that requires hospitalization and you need access to their medical records to make decisions about their treatment, you'd have to petition the court to become their legal guardian. While a parent is typically the court's first choice for a guardian, the guardianship process can be slow and expensive.

And due to HIPAA laws, once your child becomes 18, no one—not even a parent—is legally authorized to access his or her medical records without prior written permission. But an adequately drafted medical power of attorney will include a signed HIPAA authorization, so you can immediately access their medical records to make informed decisions about their treatment.

2. Living Will

While the medical power of attorney allows you to make healthcare decisions on your child's behalf during their incapacity, a living will is an advance directive that provides specific guidance. These are specifications on how your child's medical decisions should be made, particularly at the end of life.

For example, a living will allows your child to advise if and when they want life support removed should they ever require it. In addition to documenting how your child requests their medical care be managed, a living will can also include instructions about nutrition, hydration, intubation, ventilators, and experimental medications.

3. Durable Financial Power of Attorney

Should your child become incapacitated, you may also need the ability to access and manage their finances, and this requires your child to grant you durable financial power of attorney.

Durable financial power of attorney gives you the authority to manage their financial and legal matters, such as paying their tuition, applying for student loans, paying their rent, negotiating (or re-negotiating) a lease, managing their bank accounts, and collecting government benefits if necessary. Without this document, you'll have to petition the court for such authority.

Start Adulthood the Right Way

Before your kids head out into the world, make sure they've got the proper planning in place. By doing so, you are modeling good financial stewardship and setting them up right from the start. Financial and legal illiteracy is an epidemic that you can quickly address, starting with yourself and your own family.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

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IDEAS

Do you have any ideas for programming? Is there a class or club you would like to see in our Senior Community? Please call or email Lawren Heinz with ideas or questions. 626-355-5278 x 704 lhein@cityofsierramadre.com

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SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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Community Services Department will continue email communication with Senior residents and aging community members.

If you know of family members or neighbors who may benefit from accessing information electronically, and to receive the department's Seniors Newsletter via email but may not otherwise have been included on an email group list, please send your request with email address to the following team members: Lawren Heinz lhein@cityofsierramadre.com and Clarissa Lowe Clowe@cityofsierramadre.com.

City Social Media will continue via Facebook as well as Instagram, and information sharing will include updates as details becomes available.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHERE DO WRINKLES COME FROM



Several months ago, I had two cataracts removed from my eyes. How they got there, I don't know.

As far as I can remember, they never asked my permission, and furthermore, they never paid rent for being there.

According to the eye doctor, and doctors are never wrong, I now have 2020 vision. I've never had such vision since I was ten years old.

All I really need now are reading glasses, and my vision is quite good.

That sounds like a good thing on the surface, but every good thing has a little dark corner somewhere hidden.

The good part is that I can see excellently.

The bad part is that I can see excellently.

I didn't quite understand this until just recently it came to full view.

Usually, when I go to the bathroom in the morning to prepare for the day, I don't wear my glasses. Before my cataract surgery, everything was blurry, and I was just accustomed to that. Isn't it funny how you get accustomed to some things and then don't notice them?

Now my vision is so good that when I go into the bathroom in the morning to get ready for the day, I have perfect vision in the mirror.

If that isn't scary, then you haven't looked in my mirror on any given morning. If I didn't know better, I would think it was Frankenstein's grandson.

What shocked me so much was that as I looked at my face to prepare to shave, I noticed some things I never noticed before. Those things were "wrinkles."

I've noticed these things in other people, such as the one who lives in the same house with me. But I've never noticed it on me. But there they were. There they were in all their disgusting glory.

Not only did I have one wrinkle, but for some reason, that wrinkle brought all his family with him. And, to make matters worse, the first wrinkle never asked permission to take up residence on my face.

But there they were, and I was staring at them for the very first time.

I do not know the real purpose of wrinkles or where in the world they come from or where I can send them.

I do have a relative, which shall remain anonymous, that deals with wrinkles all the time. She has had so much plastic surgery that it's hard to recognize who she really is. She reminds me of Joan Rivers.

I've always played jokes on her. When I saw her, I would look at her face and say, "Is that a new wrinkle on your face?"

I would laugh, and she would laugh, but her laugh

wasn't as genuine as my laugh. In a few moments, she would disappear, and I never knew where she went except I suspected she was looking at the new wrinkle in the bathroom mirror.

The next time I saw her, that wrinkle had disappeared.

Have you ever noticed that things always come back on you when you try to pull them on somebody else? I did think about calling her and asking her opinion of what I should do about my wrinkles. I knew if I did, she could not stop laughing, so I'm not going to go in that direction.

But what are wrinkles really for? What is the purpose of a wrinkle? And, where did they come from? And, do I need to wear a mask?

Because of my confusion in this area, I thought I would take the chance of asking the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage about my wrinkles.

Cautiously I approached her and said, "I discovered I have some wrinkles on my face, and I don't know where they came from? Do you know what I could do?"

Obviously, she thought I was joking because I couldn't get her to stop laughing.

When she finally calmed down, she said, "You've had wrinkles for as long as I can remember." Then she began laughing again.

When she quieted down again, she said, "The purpose of wrinkles is to keep track of your age. Every wrinkle represents a certain age in your life." Then she broke down in laughter again. Obviously, this is funny to her.

The next time I was in front of the mirror, I carefully looked at my wrinkles and tried to count them. If what she says is true, I must be 397 years old.

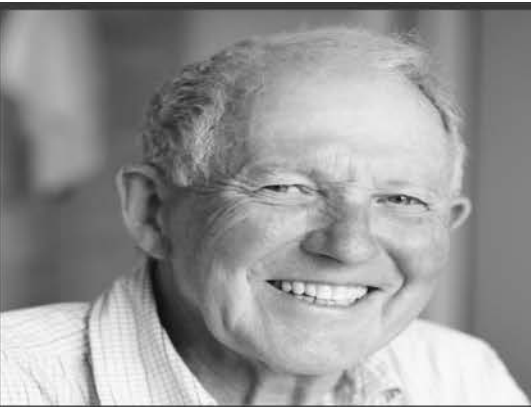
I exited the bathroom with a very sour grimace on my face, and when my wife looked at me, once again, she broke down into hilarious laughter. I'm glad she thinks it's funny!

I'm not sure what to do with my wrinkles, but I'm not going to have plastic surgery.

I need to accept things as they are and not allow something as silly as a wrinkle define who I am. If I do that, I will never come to any kind of reality about myself. I surely am not my wrinkle.

Thinking about this, I was reminded of a verse in the Bible. "Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face" (Psalm 5:8).

My face has more important things to do than fuss over wrinkles. I need to trust the Lord each day to set before my face the way that he wants me to go for his glory.



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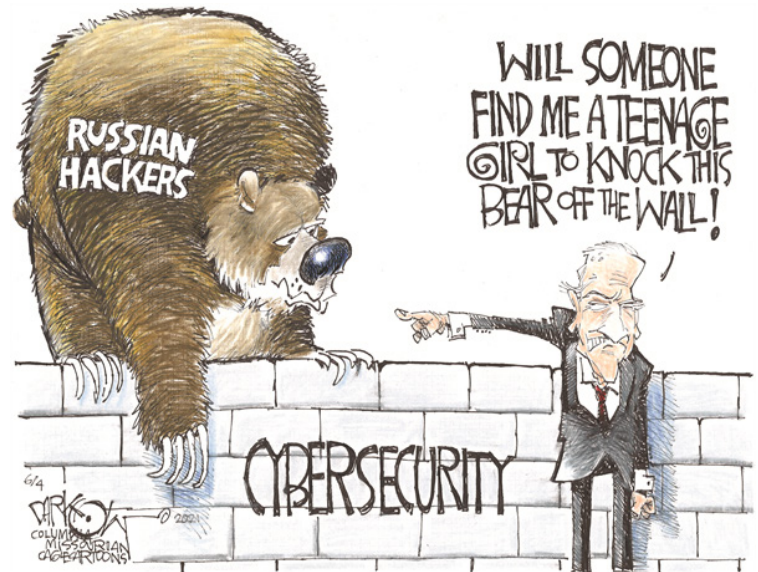
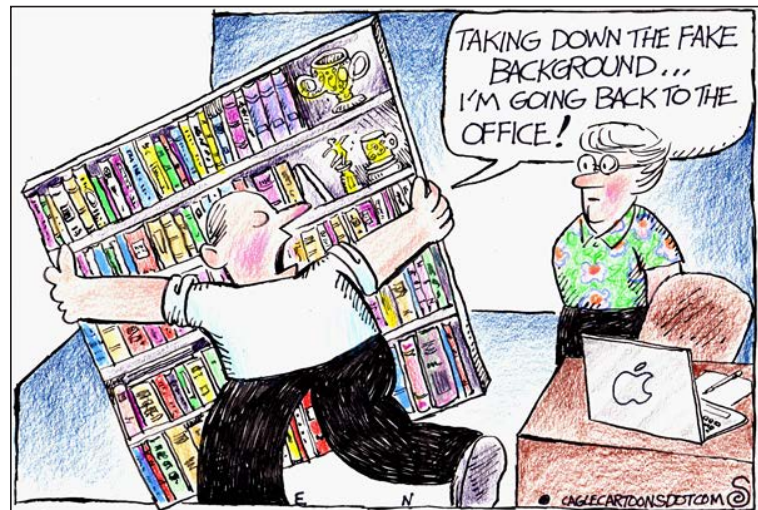
Last Friday was the opening of a new time of life for me. After a year of isolation related to the Covid, my family and I were going out into the world. My daughter had made reservations at the LA Zoo and I expected that this would be an unforgettable experience for my twenty month old granddaughter. As we walked past the primate section I had the distinct feeling that someone was staring at me. I looked up and there very nearby but within an enclosure was this huge gorilla staring right into my eyes. We stayed locked in this connection for only a few minutes but as we stared at one another a zoo worker came up behind me and explained that generally adult gorillas will not look directly into the eyes of a human but that this gorilla had been born in the zoo and was raised by humans and felt comfortable looking into their eyes. This might well explain the gorilla's behavior but it does not describe my reaction. To me it felt like my experience of riding in the backseat of our car sitting right next to my granddaughter locked into her car seat. At that time my granddaughter had no desire to do anything but to exchange deep soul searching looks with me. It was as if we wordlessly understood each other and could answer the questions that never needed to be asked. We reassured one another that everything was all right and was going to be all right. We loved one another and believed that this love would last for an eternity.

Sure this all sounds crazy but as I walked away from the gorilla enclosure I read a quote on a poster that proclaimed that a meeting with a gorilla is potentially a life-changing experience that allows for a deeper sense of the connection of all living things or something like that. I wish I had written the quote down or memorized it but I know it was there.

My granddaughter's behavior at the zoo was also quite unexpected. She reacted to some of the animals and could say elephant and ostrich and gorilla but the thing that interested her most were the umbrellas that provided shade to the animals and the visitors. On the deck of our house we have an umbrella that often moves about in the wind and sometimes has to be taken down. The baby is very concerned about the umbrella's health and will comment when strong winds blow the umbrella around. When the wind blows the umbrella around she will get our attention and say "It's moving." When the umbrella is taken down and placed flat on the deck she will run to inspect it and see if it's okay. I believe that she experiences the umbrella as a living thing which protects her from the elements and she grieves when the umbrella is taken down. Perhaps she feels that the umbrella needs to be loved and cared for?

This is not as crazy as it may sound as I have heard her upon waking from her nap and just out of a dream, say in a worried voice, "Is Moana okay?" For those of you as ignorant as I am, Moana is a cartoon character beloved by our granddaughter. Apparently the baby has some trouble distinguishing now between what is real and what is not real. Today many of us have become aware of fears and guilts and worries that we never knew we had before. What is real and what is not real and what should we really be concerned about?

Will Moana and everyone else, human or non-human, real or a cartoon, going to be okay at least for a while? Is the climate still warming, are there guns everywhere, is democracy in trouble? Maybe it's best not to think about it and just go back and visit the zoo and watch cartoons. I hope not but I just don't know.



LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!

DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND

TOY STORY



After a break of 20+ years from handling hazardous baby waste, I set foot again in a baby store. My eye caught the fleet of personal shopping scooters lined up at the entrance and while I can understand their need at my local Walmart or Target, I thought it was odd and age-inappropriate perhaps - to have them at the Baby Superstore.

For anyone reentering the World of Babies again, sticker shock is an understatement. In the 90's, the predicted average cost to raise a child to 18 years in a middle class family was \$120,000. Today, that figure has risen to \$280,000. I think my parents paid out a total of \$347 for me when I look back at the number of hand-me-downs and our "backyard free play summer programming".

To be fair, when my my parents were kids, they scrounged up loose rocks and branches or creatures that didn't run away fast enough as playthings. I guess that's why they thought a metal slop bucket was an acceptable substitute for Malibu Barbie's Beach-Spa. Back then, parents wanted toys that lasted. We had a glob of Silly Putty, the kid's version of carbon paper, we must have copied a hundred weeks of the Funnies from the Sunday paper. Eventually we had to dump it after it turned grey from absorbing all the newsprint. Etch-a-Sketch lasted a few years too, only because all the parts were attached. I continue to believe the inability to draw a curved line in that toy will be the root cause of the algorithm that Skynet will use to take over the world.

There was a short blip in the 90's when static toys were popular - Beanie Babies, Cabbage Patch Kids, Pet Rocks - don't ask, it's literal - then the electronic age stomped in and hasn't relinquished its gorilla grip since. From Pong to Mario to Mortal Combat, if the toy didn't come with a screen, it ended up in the back of a messy closet.

And the prices of course, jumped up like Donkey Kong.

Remember those comic book back page ads in the 70's? Where a few mail order seed sales could earn you enough in just a few weeks to buy a Sting Ray bicycle with a cool banana seat? You'll need a small home loan to pay for a game console and monthly subscriptions to Warcraft, Fortnite and Call of Duty.

As I walked down the aisles in Baby Superstore, the massive variety of products was overwhelming. Parents of babies seem to need a lot more stuff now than when we were in diapers. Even pillows had their own specific use, density and removable pillow cases. It looked ominous and really expensive for the next 18 years.

I stopped a store clerk and asked what the most popular toy was now.

"An iPhone," she said.

"But, the baby's only 13 months old."

"Yep, they love it."

"What about a 3 year old?"

"An iPhone. From a year up to 18, it's the number 1 request. You'll find them on aisle 27."

"What's the second most popular gift then?"

"Oh, that's easy. It's our gift cards."

I might as well give cash I thought. After all, isn't cash the Swiss Army knife of all gift cards?

I could feel my heart and pocketbook flutter, I fished out my Jitterbug flip phone with the Emergency "I've fallen and I can't get up!" button. I took a few steps, sat down in the personal shopping scooter and put it in gear.

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THERE'S TOO MUCH BREAKING NEWS TO BEAR

Lost in the press of recent world events was news from Washington state about a dramatic jury trial resulting in the conviction of a 77-year-old Ilwaco woman, who now faces a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and/or a

fine of up to \$1,000.

Doris Parks pleaded not guilty, just as she did back in 2014 when tried on similar charges. That trial was interrupted when prosecutors offered a deal, resulting in a \$500 fine but no jail time.

The latest case hinged on gripping testimony from officer Paul Jacobson. Acting on a tip from a neighbor, Jacobson conducted extensive video surveillance. Despite objections from defense attorney Killian Dunkeson, the footage was played for the six-member jury, accompanied by testimony by an expert witness, Scott Harris, a wildlife biologist.

A turning point came during officer Jacobson's testimony about surveilling the Parks' home. He told Judge Nancy McAllister that he saw a bear walk up Parks' driveway and onto her deck.

Although Jacobson conceded under cross-examination that he never saw Parks feeding bears, he said the animals he observed were obese.

Officers had been alerted by a neighbor, Gerry Douglas, who testified that he compiled more than 60 video clips of bears on Parks' property. Asked by defense lawyer Dunkeson if he had ever personally witnessed Parks feeding a bear, Douglas conceded he had not. However, he told the court, "I have seen the door open up there, on the patio, and I have seen a hand with food slide out."

Biologist Harris told the court that he examined the video evidence and concluded that some bears in the footage appeared "huge" considering that it was spring and the bears had only recently emerged from hibernation. He said he was "kind of amazed" that the bears returned to the same place so often.

Testifying in her own defense, Parks said she only feeds raccoons and birds, noting that raccoons "have very good manners." She added that she is cautious around bears, but "I have never seen a bear hurt anyone."

The jury took only 30 minutes to deliver its verdict, finding Doris Parks guilty of "intentionally feeding, or attempting to feed, large wild carnivores or intentionally attracting large wild carnivores to land or a building." Sentencing is due later this month.

I'd like to thank reporter Brandon Cline of the Chinook Observer for his close-up coverage of the trial. It's a shame that in these tense and troubled times, so much breaking news is easily overlooked.

Peter Funt's new memoir, "Self-Amused," is now available at Candid-Camera.com.

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