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## LOCAL TRAILS OPEN THIS WEEKEND; NATIONAL FOREST CLOSED

Sierra Madre Police Department announced on Thursday that both Bailey Canyon Trail and Mt. Wilson Trail will be both open this weekend with certain restrictions. Both are open to the public until the trails reach National Forest land. There will be signs at the trailhead and at the border indicating the closure.

Angeles National Forest along with all other National Forests in California "in order to better provide public & fire-fighter safety due to extreme fire conditions. This will be effective on Aug. 31 at 11:59 p.m. through Sept. 17 at 11:59 p.m."

As a result of the regional closure, our partners at Caltrans District 7 and Los Angeles County Public Works have placed #RoadClosures in the forest.

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## ICONIC SIERRA MADRE FLAMINGOS...GONE



For more than a decade, these retired Sierra Madre Rose Float Flamingos adorned the lawn of the home of Robert Martin Young, former President of the SMRF Association. They became a landmark for locals, symbolic of the city's unique and sometimes quirky character. They celebrated every holiday including Christmas and Easter. And now they are gone.

They were recently removed following a second tragic incident at Young's home in July.

Robert Martin Young passed away at home in 2014 after choking while eating alone. His death was a shocking blow to the community but the flamingos remained as a reminder to Sierra Madre of his many years of volunteer service to the city.

Following his death, his only heir, son Robert 'Reid' Young moved back to Sierra Madre into the home and continued to let the birds add their ambience to the city, a unique and fun sight to all who passed by. And then the unimaginable happened.

Reid, as he was known by his friends, was discovered in his home in late June, deceased. Although, according to the LA County Coroner's office, he died on June 28th, his body was not discovered until several days later. Because of this, the coroner's office has not been able to determine Reid's cause of death. He was 42 years old.

In July, several of Reid's friends gathered in town for an intimate memorial. Reid is survived by his mother, Sydney Johnson of Newport Beach. Reid, like his father before him, will be missed by all who knew him and the iconic decorations will adorn that lawn no more.

S. Henderson/ MVNews

## SIERRA MADRE TO COMMEMORATE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF 911 AND HONOR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS



Even during the height of the pandemic last year, SMPD and SMFD showed took time out to honor the heroic first responders of 2001.

On Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 6:15 am, members of the Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments will hold a memorial service at the Fire Station in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11. The ceremony will be conducted in conjunction with the Verdugo Emergency Command Center.

Verdugo will coordinate with all participating cities and a moment of reflection and silence will be held at the exact moments of the attacks of 9/11/2001. Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, CERT, and VFW 3208 will also participate. A reception will follow the event.

The public is encouraged to attend and not only honor the 2001 heroes but also to honor our local first responders.

For additional information please contact SMPD Officer Lou Oronoz at 626-355-1414.

## CONGRATULATIONS SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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at the Sierra Madre Woman's Club

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**in Memorial Park**

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COULD YOU KILL THIS TREE?

The Quercus agrofolia or Coastal Oak is one of 5 types of trees that is protected by the town of Sierra Madre. They can grow to an amazing height and can create a canopy of shade that extends to 6 times the size of the tree. At least that is the case of this tree.

Possibly planted near the time the Mater Delorosa purchased the land referred to as “The Monastery” in the early 1920’s this tree has grown to a height of 40 feet and a width of 50 feet. It quietly looks over the entire meadow area, where it has stood for almost 100 years. It should have a green space created to surround it, park benches placed under it, and a light used to light it up at night for all to see and enjoy. What a magnificent space it could be. Instead the tree is quietly counting the days until it will be bulldozed by Urban West and replaced by 42 homes called The Meadows at Bailey Canyon” Is this the fate it deserves?

This tree, ‘an additional nine more Coastal Oak trees, a “supposedly protected tree” in Sierra Madre, and another 91 additional trees are slated to be “bulldozed or removed. Of the total 101 trees awaiting the same death 10 are Morton Bay figs, 64 jacaranda trees, 34 Chinese Elm trees, and assorted other varieties . It might be possible to save an additional 64 mature trees, but not all the trees on the list for removal are worth the expense of boxing to replant. However, a complete removal of all these trees to simply please the developer is also not the answer. .

One of the many concerns is that this housing development is not just a housing development but is a Specific Plan. That means it was created in conjunction with the city and the developer. if the planning commission accepts the plan as it currently is presented, none of the current rules and regulations to protect the trees on the property, the width of streets, or the updating of fire codes since the Bobcat Fire apply. Instead what the developer is proposing will be the set of rules the town will have to accept. “The Meadows at Bailey Canyon” should be just a housing development, not the “Specific Plan” it currently is. By making this change It would allow the housing development to be part of the rigorous scrutiny that all other projects have to pass in order to move forward. Think about it.



Attend the City Council meeting on September 7 in council chambers. and voice your thoughts and opinions.    Nancy Beckham, Sierra Madre

**City of Sierra Madre**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: 2021-2029 Housing Element update, General Plan Amendment (GPA 21-03), Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA 21-04), Zone Change (ZC 21-03), and Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre  
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California  
SCH Number: 2021040369

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing for 2021-2029 Housing Element update, which is a State mandated General Plan element; General Plan Amendment (GPA 21-03); Municipal Code Text Amendment 21-04 amending Chapter 17.20 (R-H Multiple Family Residential High Density) of Title 17 (Zoning); Zone Change 21-03 to amend the land use and zoning map; and draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. The Housing Element, along with Land Use, Circulation, Safety Element must be updated pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588 for the 2021-2029 planning period.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission Meeting	City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 16, 2021 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)	232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Revised Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element are available for review at City Hall front counter, City Library, and on the City’s website (under the Planning and Community Preservation Department) at <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/housingelement>. The public comment period for the draft SEIR ends on September 21, 2021. To submit public comment on the draft SEIR and revised draft 2021-2029 Housing Element, please email: [housingelement2021@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:housingelement2021@cityofsierramadre.com).

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

**City of Sierra Madre**

**PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY NOTICE**

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: General Plan Land Use Map & Zoning Map Updates  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre  
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider Resolution 21-40, approving (1) a General Plan Amendment (GPA 21-01) to change the General Plan Land Use designation of certain property, and (2) a Zone Change (ZC 21-01) to change the zoning designation of other certain property. The purpose of this change is to remove inconsistent factors of the adopted 2015 General Plan and bring the zoning consistent with General Plan Land Use Map of the 2015 General Plan, adopted by City Council on July 14, 2015 and amended for consistency by this General Plan Amendment.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 17, 2021 recommending approval of this General Plan Amendment and Zone Change to the City Council for consideration.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting	City Council Chambers
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)	232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of CEQA, as the there is no possibility that the proposed general plan amendment and zone change would have a significant impact on the environment.

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

**City of Sierra Madre**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: Consideration of Ordinance 1446 Amending Chapter 13.24 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code To include the City’s Water Conservation Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM, or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a discussion to hear testimony on the adoption of Ordinance 1446 amending Chapter 13.24 (Mandatory Water Conservation Plan) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

At the July 27, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council adopted the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). As an Urban Water Supplier (pursuant to section 10617 of California Water Code) the City of Sierra Madre must update its UWMP every 5 years. Chapter 8 of the Urban Water Management Plan contains the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The WSCP is a detailed approach of how the City intends to act, or respond, in case of an actual water shortage event. The City of Sierra Madre Municipal Code chapter 13.24 outlines a Mandatory Water Conservation Plan. The City’s Municipal Code chapter 13.24 (Mandatory Water Conservation Plan) should reflect the language and standards of the plan pursuant to California Code detailed in the 2020 UWMP/WSCP.

Amendments to the Chapter 13.24 (Mandatory Water Conservation Plan) include the following:

- Adjusted water conservation phases
- Permanent water conservation measures
- Modified base period allocation
- Clerical corrections, including section renumbering.

**LOCATION, DATE, AND TIME OF HEARING**

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30PM will take place at the City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre CA 91024

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

**COVID-19 MITIGATION EFFORTS**

As part of the City of Sierra Madre’s COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, and pursuant to the July 16, 2021 Los Angeles County Public Health Officer’s order, everyone must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose at all times while indoors. 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](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City’s website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day weekend.” Doug Larson

“Labor Day is a holiday honoring those who work for a living. Laborious Day is a lesser-known holiday honoring those who cannot stop talking about their work.” Daniel Handler

“A hundred times every day, I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.” Albert Einstein

“Without labor, nothing prospers.” Sophocles



We are in the midst of Labor Day Weekend. This used to be a joyous holiday signifying the start of school the next week. For a lot of us, school started weeks ago. So, Labor Day Weekend is now a pleasant interval at the beginning of September where we don't have to get up at the crack of dawn on Friday or Monday to prepare breakfast, pack backpacks, comb hair and drive children to school.

Labor Day Weekend is also possibly the last hurrah for outdoor BBQ's as it's going to cool off (maybe!) and the days will start getting shorter and Fall is just around the corner. In fact, the first day of fall, 2021 arrives Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 3:21 EDT. Fall may not arrive till late September but I'm so ready for it. The picture this week is a pumpkin. We need them. All the news lately is tragic and has many of us on our knees praying for help for those in Afghanistan, Haiti, Louisiana and so many other places. But I digress...back to Labor Day:

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

“I love Labor Day; what other day do you get to celebrate work without actually doing any!” Maxine

Labor Day in the United States is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. It has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. Unless, of course, you happen to be a mother and this particular holiday becomes laughable as meals, laundry and the children's eternal battle cry: “I'm bored! There's nothing to do here! What is there to eat!” rings out endlessly.

For many people, including John, my college football loving husband, now residing in heaven, it was the start...finally...of the college football season. I made sure we had plenty of Doritos and the TV screen was dusted as Labor Day Saturday was an important day. It still is, friends and neighbors. Today Alabama is taking on Miami from Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Then the Clemson-Georgia game. Sunday Notre Dame will travel to take on Florida State and be prepared for back-to-back games for months to come. I don't watch football anymore, but I sure enjoyed all the games John and I watched together. When we were first married, I had never taken a second look at football but as time went by, I realized I had two choices – have you ever noticed, there are always two choices – I could either continue spending all those hours by myself or I could learn to enjoy football. I chose football and was always glad I had made that choice as we had many lively conversations about who was playing, what their quarterback was doing wrong, what bonehead play had just been run for the seventh time in a row, and much woo-hooing over touchdowns. USC was always his first and favorite most beloved team, as he was a USC graduate, but we liked a lot of other teams, too. Ladies out there, if your sweetie is a football fan, go sit with him. You'll be glad you did. Trust me! You can have wine with your Doritos.

Speaking of John, when he proposed marriage to me the day after Valentine's Day, 1967, I joyfully accepted then asked where he thought we should live. He replied without one moment's hesitation, “Sierra Madre!” I had never been to our wonderful town yet, but we started spending lunch hours from work looking for a place to live. Our first home was one of the apartments at the corner of Mountain Trail and Highland. Sierra Madre was small, charming, delightful, uncrowded and the views in all directions, especially toward our own personal mountains, were and are awesome. Yes, it's changed since 1967 but Susan Henderson's article on the front page of last week's Mountain Views News about the new laws regarding residential zoning was scary. We would all hate to see our beautiful town become a town of apartment buildings. My friend, David Wheatley, has been a resident of Silver Lake for many years and is serving on committees to stop the tearing down of single-family residences and replacing them with apartment complexes. Sierra Madre is so beautiful, so unique. I hope it always stays that way.

Happy Labor Day, dear friends and neighbors! Do something fun, and celebrate the coming Fall season. Yes, Pumpkin Spice Latte! Pumpkin Bread, Pumpkin Cheesecake, Pumpkin Ale... The Great Pumpkin is coming, Charley Brown!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
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“A Treasure Map, A Drunken Owl & 47 Rattlers in A Bag - True Tales of Early California.”  
Hot summer is the perfect time to read this exciting adventure. For you Emma Gainsworth fans, all her escapades are there AND, there's a new Emma story in the works!

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

August 22, 2021 to August 28, 2021  
During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 143 calls for service.

**Theft**  
Two residents filed reports of thefts from their vehicles at the same location sometime between 8-22-21 at 10:00PM and 8-23-21 at 2:20PM. Unknown suspect(s) entered the carport of an apartment complex in the 400 block of Mariposa Ave. and stole tools and personal items from their secured vehicles. Cases to Detectives

**D.U.I.**  
On 8-25-21 at 2:20AM officers stopped a driver after he was observed swerving on the road before striking the curb. During the field interview and subsequent Field Sobriety Test, it was determined that the driver was driving while under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail for booking. Case to the DA's office.

**D.U.I.**  
On 8-25-21 at 8:04PM, officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of S. Baldwin Ave and Foothill Bl. Following an interview, the driver agreed to take a Field Sobriety Test. Based on the interview and the results of the test, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and taken to the Pasadena Jail for booking. Case to DA's office



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Tues	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### September 14, 2021

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!**

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 trans-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](mailto: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 Foothills Media website at [foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre](http://foothillsmmedia.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:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

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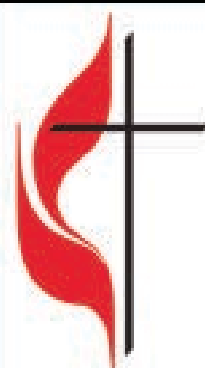
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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Labor Day Closures, Reminders

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

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

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

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

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will be closed on Labor Day. All parking meters not posted as "No Parking" will be free and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will continue to be enforced. Regular enforcement resumes Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Online permitting services are available 24/7 at [www.cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline).

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

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday and will return to regular schedules on Tuesday.

All recreation and community centers operated by the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be closed on Labor Day, but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

The city of Pasadena wishes for everyone to celebrate the holiday weekend responsibly. The very contagious, very aggressive COVID-19 Delta variant is causing a dangerous increase in illness and hospitalizations. Pasadena Public Health Department urges all those not yet vaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible. A list of Pasadena vaccination locations is available at [bit.ly/Vaccinate-Pasadena](http://bit.ly/Vaccinate-Pasadena). Please continue to practice physical distancing; wash hands often; and wear face coverings when in indoor public settings and outdoor crowded areas, regardless of vaccination status, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).

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



## Wiggle Waggle Walk Back in PAW-son

*Walkers and runners will have the option to participate virtually or in person this year*

Grab your walking shoes and a leash for the 23rd Wiggle Waggle Walk at Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on Sunday, September 19. The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) hopes to raise \$250,000 from the event, which will be used for food, shelter and medical care for the more than 12,000 homeless pets they care for every year. As of Friday, they have already raised \$166,200.

Animal lovers are encouraged to fundraiser for the animals by registering as an individual or as part of a team on the Wiggle Waggle Walk website and asking family, friends and co-workers for donations. Supporters who are unable to attend the event can still donate via the Walk website.

So far, the team, "KFI Wake Up Call Wiggles" lead the donations with \$19,716 raised. Team "Let's Wag More Bark Less" are a close second raising \$17,264.

Participants can choose

to walk a 1- or 3-mile loop around the Rose Bowl or stay behind to enjoy vendor booths at Brookside Park. Attendees do not need a dog to join the fun—just a desire to help animals. For safety reasons, cats and other non-canine critters are not allowed at the event.

Virtual participants are invited to walk and run in their neighborhoods.

"The Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run is our biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds helping to save the lives of thousands of animals in our community with programs such as foster care, kitten nursery, animal ICU, wildlife rehabilitation, spay/neuter, adoptions and animal rescue," organizers said.

General and Virtual Registration (to September 17 at Noon) is \$50 and includes a Wiggle Waggle Walk t-shirt, bib number and bandana for your dog. After September 17, the registration fee will be \$65. Pre-registration is encouraged, but Walkers may also register at the event. There are more great prizes when you raise \$100, \$250, \$500, or more.

Check-in opens at 8:00

a.m. at Brookside Park. The Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. and festivities, including vendor booths, team photos, food trucks, music and more, will continue until 11 a.m. Brookside Park is located at 360 North Arroyo Blvd in Pasadena.

For more information and to register, visit [wigglewagglewalk.org](http://wigglewagglewalk.org).

## South Pasadena Strategic Planning

The City of South Pasadena is undertaking a process to revise its Strategic Plan and is seeking input from the community. The city is encouraging residents and stakeholders to play an integral role in developing a new community-wide strategic plan by participating in one of two public focus groups.

The first Zoom meeting will be held Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and second Zoom meeting will be Wednesday, September 22, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The virtual focus groups will be interactive discussions, led by a facilitator, where residents are invited to share concerns, challenges, opportunities and aspirations for the city. The focus groups will be held via zoom; registration is not required.

Community engagement is a vital component of the strategic plan and the input provided will be key in developing needs, priorities, goals and strategies that will guide the City's vision for the future. The City Council will hold the strategic planning session on October 8 and October 9. The meeting will be broadcast live and recorded for the public to view. A separate notice for the meeting will be posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

The Strategic Planning process is intended to be a thought-provoking and comprehensive examination of the key issues confronting the community and identification of an agreed upon set of priorities which guides decision-making for the City Council.

For more information and the Zoom Meeting ID visit: [southpasadenaca.gov](http://southpasadenaca.gov), search "Strategic Planning 2021."

## Tournament to Hold Dia de los Muertos Art Competition

*Submissions due by noon Friday, October 8 with the winners bining announced Saturday, October 30*



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Thursday the second annual Dia de los Muertos art competition, a celebration of art. In partnership with the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles and the Lucille & Edward R. Roybal Foundation, winners will be awarded scholarships and gift cards in three age categories: 4 to 8, 9 to 13 and 14 to 18.

A tradition in Mexico and Central America that goes back more than 3,000 years, Dia le los Muertos is an annual holiday that is now celebrated around the world. A celebration of life and death, the holiday spans two-days, during which it is believed that the spirit world and the real world become one, even if only for a moment.

"When it comes to traditions, festivities and flowers – we get the appeal," Tournament officials said. "As an organization that's all about a rose, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses can appreciate that the marigold holds such a prestigious place in this celebration."

According to event organizers, to enter, you must be between the ages of 4 and 18. Your masterpiece can take any shape or form, as long as it celebrates, reflects and honors the traditions of Dia de los Muertos.

These are few ideas of what you can create and submit:

- Construct an ofrenda (altar)
- Build a visual art presentation
- Create a floral arrangement
- Make and decorate a Sugar Skull
- Make a traditional Dia de los Muertos costume
- Write a literary calavera
- Paint a face with traditional Dia de los Muertos makeup
- Create an art piece featuring marigolds and/or monarch butterflies

For more information and submission details visit: [tournamentofroses.com/about/diadelosmuertos](http://tournamentofroses.com/about/diadelosmuertos).

**Related News**

***Tournament of Roses and the Ups Store to give 14,000 books to Pasadena-area students starting on International Literacy Day***

Seven thousand Pasadena-area elementary school children will each receive two books given by The UPS Store and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and distributed by Tournament of Roses volunteer members and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). To kick off the Tournament of Roses month-long book distribution and literacy advocacy campaign, the group will hold a brief program and sorting of books at Rosemont Pavilion and will make the first distribution of books to San Rafael Elementary School in celebration of International Literacy Day September 8.

As part of The UPS Store literacy sponsorship for the 2022 Rose Parade®, The UPS Store and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation donated 14,000 books through its Toys Tots Literacy Program, providing two books to each child in public elementary schools in PUSD. For more information on the Toys for Tots Literacy Program visit: [theupsstore.com/literacy](http://theupsstore.com/literacy).

## South Pasadena Scary Story Contest for Kids and Teens

In celebration of Halloween, the South Pasadena Public Library will hold a Scary Story Contest. Children and teens in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to submit entries to the South Pasadena Public Library from now through Saturday, September 18. Submissions should be delivered to the South Pasadena Public Library Children's Services desk. The winners will be announced in mid-October.

Submissions must include an official entry form, which are available on the Children's Services web page at: [southpasadenaca.gov/children](http://southpasadenaca.gov/children) and in the library. Submitted stories can be up to 300 words, or one page typed. One entry

per person. No weapons may be used in the story. All entries must be the original work of the student. Parents may transcribe a young child's story. Entries will be judged for creativity and originality. The winning compositions will be featured on the library's website and social media.

The entries will be judged by the Children's Services librarians and by special judge, Sam Wineman, a Los Angeles based writer and director known for his horror film, The Quiet Room. The Scary Story Contest is sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

The library is located 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena. For more information call (626) 403-7200.

## Senior Center Flagpole to be Rededicated Sept. 11

The Pasadena Senior Center flagpole is set to be rededicated on 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 after being vandalized in February. The steel rope was cut and extracted from the pulley system and the flag was stolen officials said.

The flagpole will be rededicated during a public ceremony Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. at the center, 85 E. Holly St., in honor of everyone who perished at the hands of terrorists on America's darkest day.

During the ceremony, Pasadena firefighters from Station 31 on South Fair Oaks Avenue will install a new pulley system via a hook-and-ladder fire truck. Augustine Grube, commander of American Legion Post 13 in Pasadena, will present a new American flag donated by the post.

After the new flag has been raised, boy scouts from Troop 351 in San Marino will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center, will make brief remarks.

"We have had many inquiries from veterans and others as to why the flag was not raised here on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July," said Gibbs. "I want to extend a special invitation to all veterans, and everyone, to attend this very special event."

The Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that has been serving adults 50 and older for more than 60 years. For more information about the center's programs and services, visit: [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorcenter.org) or call 626-795-4331.

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# Huntington Library Appoints Associate Curator of American Art

The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens announced Thursday the appointment of Yinshi Lerman-Tan (pictured) as the new Bradford and Christine Mishler Associate Curator of American Art. Lerman-Tan, who currently is acting associate curator of American and European art at the San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA) and a postdoctoral fellow at Trinity University, will join The Huntington on Sept. 20.



“Yinshi brings to The Huntington a background of shaping narratives around collections by bringing older works into conversation with newer works and creating opportunities for fresh engagement and new perspectives,” said Dennis Carr, The Huntington’s Virginia Steele Scott Chief Curator of American Art. “Additionally, she brings the potential to further expand on the institution’s ongoing work in Asian art and culture. We welcome her strong voice in the field of Asian American art and her commitment as a tireless community builder and advocate for underrecognized artists.”

At San Antonio, where she has worked since 2019, Lerman-Tan recently co-curated the traveling exhibition “No Ocean Between Us: Art of Asian Diasporas in Latin America and the Caribbean,” an examination of how the experience of migration can shape an artist’s work. The exhibition, Lerman-Tan said, was meant to showcase the often-overlooked contributions of artists of Asian descent both in a U.S. and Latin American context. She also served as venue curator for “America’s Impressionism: Echoes of a Revolution” and curator for “This Is America,” a reinstallation of modern and contemporary galleries at SAMA, featuring such artists as Jeffrey Gibson, Edgar Heap of Birds, Faith Ringgold, and Dario Robleto. Lerman-Tan also taught Trinity University courses using SAMA’s collections.

Lerman-Tan’s research explores, in part, how migration, identity, and inequity shape art. In an article on Sadakichi Hartmann, published in the spring 2021 issue of Panorama, Lerman-Tan follows the career of the influential but underrecognized Asian American art critic. A photography critic in the circle of renowned photographer Alfred Stieglitz, Hartmann was also one of the first historians of American art. Lerman-Tan examines how Hartmann’s experience as a mixed-race immigrant during the Asian exclusion period shaped his discourses about American art.

Lerman-Tan’s current research focuses on the hidden history of Disney’s Bambi through the contributions of Tyrus Wong and Felix Salten. Wong, a painter who immigrated as a child to the U.S. from China, pioneered the film’s groundbreaking art. Salten, a Jewish Austrian writer whose novel the film adapts, fled to Switzerland after Hitler banned his books. Lerman-Tan connects the film to Asian American art and modernism, as well as to global diaspora and World War II.

Lerman-Tan holds a Ph.D. in art history from Stanford University and a B.A. in American studies from Yale University. She completed her dissertation on still life painter John F. Peto as a fellow at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. At Stanford’s Cantor Arts Center, she curated “Blackboard,” an exhibition

about art, education, and protest, and co-curated “Missing Persons.” At The Huntington, Lerman-Tan will work with the chief curator of American art to help develop and curate exhibitions, advise on new art acquisitions, and secure loans, among other activities.

“I am thrilled to join The Huntington, a place I have long admired for how it builds connections across art, nature, archives, and community,” said Lerman-Tan. “In working with the remarkable collections, I look forward to expanding the bounds of American art, through interventions like highlighting understudied artists and centering the cultures of California and the Pacific Rim. As The Huntington is already reimagining these collections, I am excited to help make American art relevant and alive for the museum’s diverse audiences.”

American Art at The Huntington The Huntington’s American art collection features more than 14,000 works from the colonial period to the present. Works from the 18th century include paintings by John Singleton Copley, Benjamin West, and Gilbert Stuart, as well as decorative arts from New York, Philadelphia, and New England that provide insight into the artistic development and culture of early America.

The collection of 19th-century American art includes, among others, works by Raphaelle Peale, George Caleb Bingham, Eastman Johnson, Frederic Edwin Church, and Albert Bierstadt. The late 19th-century galleries feature paintings by John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, and William Merritt Chase; furniture by Herter Brothers; and silver by Tiffany & Co. Highlights of important 19th-century American sculpture include work by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Chauncey Ives, Hiram Powers, Frederic Remington, and Harriet Hosmer’s monumental Zenobia in Chains.

The American art collection has a special emphasis on the Arts and Crafts Movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, displaying work by Charles Rohlf, the Byrdcliffe Arts Colony, George Washington Maher, the Roycrofters, and Frank Lloyd Wright. The work of early 20th-century Pasadena architects Charles and Henry Greene is also prominently featured.

Among 20th-century works displayed are those by George Bellows, John Sloan, Agnes Pelton, Edward Hopper, Robert Motherwell, and Andy Warhol; also featured are works on paper by Grant Wood and Joseph Cornell; sculpture by Paulanship, William Hunt Diederich, and Elie Nadelman; and collections of glass, silver, and ceramics.

The Jonathan and Karin Fielding Wing displays early American paintings, furniture, and works of decorative art from the Fieldings’ collection of 18th- and early 19th-century American art works. The Susan and Stephen Chandler Wing serves as a space for temporary exhibitions concentrating on American painting, decorative arts, and works on paper.

# NASA’s Perseverance Rover Cores First Rock



Data received late Wednesday from NASA’s Perseverance rover indicate the team has achieved its goal of successfully coring a Mars rock. The initial images downlinked after the historic event show an intact sample present in the tube after coring. However, additional images taken after the arm completed sample acquisition were inconclusive due to poor sunlight conditions. Another round of images with better lighting will be taken (pictured) before the sample processing continues.

Obtaining additional imagery prior to proceeding with the sealing and storing of Mars rock sample is an extra step the team opted to include based on its experience with the rover’s sampling attempt on Aug. 5. Although the Perseverance mission team is confident that the sample is in the tube, images in optimal lighting conditions will confirm its presence.

Perseverance’s Sampling and Caching System uses a rotary-percussive drill and a hollow coring bit at the end of its 7-foot-long (2-meter-long) robotic arm to extract samples slightly thicker than a pencil. Within the bit during coring is a sample tube. After completing yesterday’s coring, Perseverance maneuvered the corer, bit, and open end of the sample tube in order to be imaged by the rover’s Mastcam-Z instrument. The target for the sample collection attempt was a briefcase-size rock belonging to a ridgeline that is more than half-a-mile (900 meters) long and contains rock outcrops and boulders.

The initial set of images from Mastcam-Z showed the end of a cored rock within the sample tube. After taking these images, the rover began a procedure called “percuss to ingest,” which vibrates the drill bit and tube for one second, five separate times.

The movement is designed to clear the lip of the sample tube of any residual material. The action can also cause a sample to slide down farther into the tube. After the rover finished the percuss-to-ingest procedure, it took a second set of Mastcam-Z images. In these images, the lighting is poor, and internal portions of the sample tube are not visible.

“The project got its first cored rock under its belt, and that’s a phenomenal accomplishment,” said Jennifer Troser, project manager at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. “The team determined a location, and selected and cored a viable and scientifically valuable rock. We did what we came to do. We will work through this small hiccup with the lighting conditions in the images and remain encouraged that there is sample in this tube.”

Commands uplinked to the rover earlier today will result in images of the corer and tube to be acquired tomorrow, Sept. 3, at times of day on Mars when the Sun is angled in a more favorable position. Photos will also be taken after sunset to diminish point-sources of light that can saturate an image. The photos will be returned to Earth early in the morning of Sept. 4.

If the results of this additional imaging remain inconclusive, the Perseverance team still has several options to choose from going forward, including using the Sampling and Caching System’s volume probe (located inside the rover’s chassis) as a final confirmation of the sample being in the tube.

The Sept. 1 coring is the second time that Perseverance has employed its Sampling and Caching System since landing in Jezero Crater on Feb. 18.

For more about Perseverance visit: [mars.nasa.gov/mars2020](https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020) and/or: [nasa.gov/perseverance](https://nasa.gov/perseverance).

# Pasadena Pops set to Perform Broadway Hits to Close Season

Michael Feinstein and the Pasadena POPS close their popular outdoor summer concert series at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Saturday, September 11 with 100 Years of Broadway. The POPS Broadway celebration provides a fitting cap to a season of five concerts, all performed to nearly sold-out audiences. The season finale will provide a quintessential Feinstein experience with two of Broadway’s greatest performers bringing to life songs from hit Broadway shows from every decade leading up to today. Highlights include hits from South Pacific, West Side Story, The Sound of Music, Cabaret and Wicked, among many other beloved show tunes.

“It’s interesting to ask somebody what they think about when they hear the word “Broadway.” For me, of course it is about the music and the musical theatre legacy that has contributed so much to American culture...there are many American standards that people don’t realize came from Broadway.” – Michael Feinstein

Two outstanding Broadway alum will be joining the POPS orchestra for this showcase, with Emmy Award-winner Liz Callaway, who got her Broadway start in Merrily We Roll Along and went on to star in Miss Saigon, Baby and Cats among others, and Jordan Donica, who made his debut starring as Raoul, in the historic Broadway production of The Phantom of the Opera. Donica has since gone on to play Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson in Hamilton, and you can currently find him on the CW’s Charmed, starring as Jordan.

In order to provide the safest possible experience for all concertgoers, entry to all Pasadena POPS concerts will require proof of full Covid-19 vaccination. For a list of accepted forms of proof and the most up to date venue safety protocols, please visit [pasadenasympphony-pops.org/covid-19-safety-protocols-pops](https://pasadenasympphony-pops.org/covid-19-safety-protocols-pops).

All concerts are held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30pm and performances begin at 7:30pm. It’s the last chance to catch the best outdoor dinner party in town with spacious table seating and fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket. Each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends listening to the San Gabriel Valley’s premier orchestra. Among many venue amenities, concert goers can enjoy pre-ordered gourmet box dinners for on-site pickup from Claud’s or Julienne, or VIP table service from the Peacock Café, as well as a variety of food truck options and two full-service beverage centers.

The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Subscribers may purchase pre-paid onsite parking at the Arboretum, and all concertgoers can purchase guaranteed and convenient parking at Santa Anita Park, with complimentary non-stop shuttle service to the Arboretum’s main entrance.

Single tickets start at \$25. Tickets are now on sale, and are available by calling the box office at (626)-793-7172, online at [PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org](https://PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org) or at the Arboretum on concert days.

# September Movies at Pasadena Senior Center

Friday Movie Matinees are back onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., after having been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seating will be limited and reservations will be required on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest. Call 626-795-4331 or stop by the Welcome Desk to make a reservation or for more information.

“Analyze This” (1999, R) Starring Robert DeNiro and Billy Crystal – Friday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m. Suffering from intense anxiety, New York’s most powerful mob boss is about to get in touch with his feelings with the help of a psychologist who has plenty of issues of his own.

“World Trade Center” (2006, PG-13) Starring Nicholas Cage and Michael Peña – Friday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. In this true story of courage and survival on America’s darkest day, two New York Port Authority officers hold on to hope that they will be pulled out of the rubble of the World Trade Center alive on Sept. 11, 2001.

“A Beautiful Mind” (2001, PG-13) Starring Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly – Friday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. After the brilliant but antisocial

mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. accepts secret work in cryptography, his life takes a turn for the nightmarish. The film is based in part on the biography “A Beautiful Mind” by Sylvia Nasar.

“The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (1966, R) Starring Clint Eastwood and Eli Wallach – Friday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. In this classic western set in the Southwest during the Civil War, two men form an uneasy alliance against a third in a race to steal a fortune in gold buried in a remote cemetery.

In addition to onsite as well as online activities, members and nonmembers are encouraged to visit the website regularly for COVID-19 updates for older adults and other timely information, a weekly blog, monthly magazine, ongoing activities throughout the year and more.

The center, at 85 E. Holly St., is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has served older adults for more than 60 years. During the pandemic, doors are open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for social services and other critical services for older adults in need, as well as limited occupancy in the library, fitness center and computer lab. Masks and social distancing are required. Rooms are sanitized after each use.

# Mental Health Education Bill Heads to Governor’s Desk

Senate Bill 224, authored by State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge), was approved by the Legislature with bipartisan support and is headed to the Governor’s desk. SB 224 addresses the growing mental health crisis among California’s youth by implementing mental health education in schools.

“As students return to school this month, families, teachers, and school administrators are faced with mental health challenges,” stated Senator Portantino. “California is in the midst of a youth behavioral health crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and we need to find ways to reduce the stigma around mental health. Although this bill doesn’t nearly go as far as it should and isn’t the version I wanted to send to the Governor, nevertheless, we need to keep these critical policies moving forward to give our kids the help they need,” he added.

With no state-mandated health education course at the middle or high school level in California, a vast majority of California students do not receive any instruction on mental health. Mental health education is one of the best ways to increase awareness and empower students to seek help, while reducing the stigma associated with mental health challenges.

If signed into law, SB 224 would require that local educational agencies and charter schools which currently offer one or more courses in health education to middle or high schools students also include mental health content in those courses. Educational topics would include but are not limited to the overarching themes and core principles of mental health. SB 224 would also require that the California Department of Education develop a plan to expand mental health instruction in California public schools on or before January 1, 2024.

The measure is supported by a coalition of mental health advocates, including the National Alliance on Mental Illness – California, California Alliance of Child & Family Services, California Association of Student Councils, California Youth Empowerment Network, National Center for Youth Law, and the Children’s Partnership. “The National Alliance on Mental Illness-California strongly urges Governor Newsom to sign into law Senate



Bill 224,” said Jessica Cruz, CEO of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. “Every week, we learn more about the toll that the pandemic has taken on our youth. As the Little Hoover Commission pointed out in their recent report on COVID-19 and Children’s Mental Health, in order to address COVID’s impact on children’s mental health, California needs to center schools as hubs of mental well-being. SB 224 will serve as the map that our children can use to navigate these hubs and access the help that they need. The Governor, who has always offered compassion and support to those who live with a mental illness or developmental disability, will advance the needs of children’s mental health with implementing this new law.”

“California students are returning to in-person education, and with that return is the stress that still continues from the ongoing pandemic,” said Christine Stoner-Mertz, CEO of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services. “With the impacts of COVID-19 still reeling, we must empower students to seek help while reducing the stigma associated with mental health challenges. The CA Alliance applauds the State Legislature for supporting SB 224 and recognizing that mental health is critical to overall well-being and academic success. We now urge Governor Gavin Newsom to prioritize student mental health and sign SB 224!”

SB 224 was introduced earlier this year and reflects the Senator’s dedication to improving mental health outcomes for youth. The Senator previously authored SB 972, which required schools to print the suicide hotline on student identification cards. Additionally, the Senator dedicated three years to pass SB 328, which pushes back school start times for middle and high schools.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 22, through Saturday, August 28, the Police Department responded to 1,235 calls for service, of which 129 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 22:

- At 1:58 p.m., officers responded to a residential complex in the 400 block of West Duarte Road regarding the report of smoke seen coming from the location. An Arcadia Fire Department Arson Investigator responded and determined the fire appeared to have been started by a candle or incense left burning. The damage was minimal, and no one was injured.
- At 8:41 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Holly Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding a hit and run traffic collision that had just occurred. An officer located the suspect vehicle occupied by the female suspect and her children. Upon contacting the driver, he detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 36-year-old female from Arcadia was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 11:32 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1600 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding the report of a subject violating a restraining order. The subject arrived at the location drunk and began ringing the doorbell. He then smashed a window. The 38-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, August 23:

- At 3:30 a.m., officers responded to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding the report of a male and female fighting in the parking lot. An investigation revealed the male subject battered the female and took her phone while she was calling the police for help. The 28-year-old male from Corona was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 4:26 a.m., officers responded to the Office of Walter M. Fierson MD, 1245 West Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary alarm. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) smashed a window, ransacked the office, and fled undetected with an unspecified amount of eyewear. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, August 24:

- At 5:23 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Foothill Boulevard regarding a hit and run traffic collision. Officers located the suspect vehicle and contacted the driver. An investigation revealed the vehicle was reported as stolen. The 27-year-old female from Riverside was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 9:48 a.m., officers responded to The Original Pepper's Mexican Grill and Cantina, 181 Colorado Place, regarding a transient sleeping inside the location. Officers located pry marks on the front door and the subject asleep in a booth. The 52-year-old male from South El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, August 25:

- At 9:28 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1700 block of South Second Avenue regarding a suspicious vehicle with several occupants parked in the area for several hours. The officer contacted the female driver and three male subjects, and an investigation revealed the driver and one of the male subjects were in possession of a meth pipes. The 31-year-old female from San Diego and the 34-year-old male from Duarte were issued citations and released.

Thursday, August 26:

- At 7:46 a.m., officers responded to The Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding a female transient refusing to leave. The subject bit and pepper sprayed an employee. An investigation revealed she had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The 23-year-old female from La Verne was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, August 27:

- At 1:18 p.m., an officer was flagged down near the intersection of First Avenue and East Huntington Drive. A bicyclist notified the officer that a male subject was brandishing a knife. The officer witnessed a known male transient yelling at another bicyclist while holding an object in his hand, before walking in lanes of traffic. The subject threw the object down when he saw the officer. An investigation revealed, the object was a prison-style shank two inches in length. The 40-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 6:55 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 700 block of Country Oak Lane regarding a male transient trespassing and swimming in the pool. A records check revealed the subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 40-year-old male from Ontario was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 8:01 p.m., officers responded to Tokyo Wako, 401 East Huntington Drive, regarding a male subject throwing rocks at vehicles and harassing customers at the location. Officers located the known male transient who had been arrested earlier in the day for brandishing a shank. The subject resisted arrest and spat on the officers. The 40-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, August 28:

- At 6:31 a.m., officers responded to a call of a tracker activation in the 200 block of Arbolada Drive. To combat recent mail thefts, Arcadia Police Department Detectives have placed bait packages throughout the city which are equipped with a tracking device. Officers tracked the package to an occupied vehicle in the city of Pasadena. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and an investigation revealed the three occupants were in possession of the stolen tracker, several pieces of stolen mail, methamphetamine, and a loaded handgun. Two 21-year-old males and an 18-year-old male, from Duarte, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 12:56 p.m., officers responded to Savers, 16 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a female transient shoplifting. Upon contacting the female, the officer noticed she was making incoherent statements, talking to herself, and attempting to harm herself. The officer determined that she was a danger to herself and released her to a hospital for evaluation.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Highlighted Activity for August 26 – September 1, 2021

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 413 service events, resulting in 59 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia-for-crime-mapping>. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or Nextdoor.*

Grand Theft – Suspects Arrested

August 26 at 3:44 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of Lime and Canyon regarding subjects seen underneath a vehicle. The subjects fled when the reporting party walked up to the vehicle. They were seen driving away in a truck. A responding officer located the truck and conducted a traffic stop. An investigation was conducted and it was determined that the subjects were responsible for stealing the victim's catalytic converter. All three suspects were arrested.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision

August 26 at 4:25 p.m., a resident in the 100 block of W. Colorado called police to report a hit and run traffic collision. The resident parked his vehicle on the street. When he returned to it later, he saw traffic collision damage. No note was left. This investigation is continuing.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

August 27 at 4:27 a.m., an officer was patrolling the parking lot of a hotel in the 700 block of W. Huntington. An investigation revealed that one of the parked vehicles had been reported stolen. It was recovered and taken out of the stolen vehicle system. This investigation is continuing.

Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested

August 28 at 3:19 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of E. Lemon regarding a subject pounding on the Fire Department's door. Upon arrival, it was determined the subject was under the influence of a controlled substance. He was arrested and held for a sobering period.

Vandalism / Mental Evaluation

August 28 at 2:12 p.m., a resident in the 1400 block of California called police to report that a subject just threw a brick through a car window. Officers arrived and located the subject. They attempted to detain him, but he would not comply. After repeated commands to stop and sit down, the subject finally complied. He said he thought several people were following him in the vehicle, so he threw a brick through the windshield. It was determined he needed to be evaluated by a mental health professional. He was transported to a nearby facility for treatment.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision

August 29 at 7:37 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of W. Lime reported an unknown motorist sideswiped his parked vehicle sometime during the night. The suspect vehicle did not stop nor did the driver leave a note. This investigation is continuing.

Battery

August 29 at 6:18 p.m., a caller reported two relatives were in a fist fight at a residence in the 200 block of N. Canyon. Officers arrived and found one subject with minor injuries and the other subject fled the area. This investigation is continuing.

Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested

August 29 at 7:53 p.m., a caller reported seeing a possible drunk driver near the intersection of California and Maple. Officers responded to the area and located the vehicle. The driver was contacted and refused to comply with lawful commands. The driver attempted to drive away, but was stopped by officers. It was determined he had been driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and held for a sobering period.

Robbery

August 30 at 3:59 a.m., a female subject called police to report she had just been robbed of her purse and punched in the face in the 1700 block of S. Myrtle. The victim gave officers a description of the vehicle, which was later located unoccupied. The victim only knows the suspect by his first name and wasn't sure where he lived. This investigation is continuing.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision

August 30 at 5:22 p.m., a driver reported another motorist just collided into her vehicle in the 600 block of W. Foothill. Both motorists pulled over to the curb and stopped, however, when the driver exited her vehicle, the other motorist fled the area. Officers searched for the suspect, but could not locate him. This investigation is continuing.

Assault Report

August 31 at 1:09 a.m., a male subject called police from the 300 block of W. Huntington to report that he was just assaulted by two suspects. Officers arrived and saw the victim was bleeding from the head. They checked the area, but the suspects had already fled. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft

August 31 at 9:45 a.m., a resident in the 1000 block of E. Royal Oaks discovered a large amount of her jewelry was missing from boxes she had a moving company transport for her to her new home. This investigation is continuing.

Vandalism

September 1 at 9:28 a.m., a caller reported new graffiti on the sidewalk in the 1800 block of S. Alta Vista. The graffiti was written in black spray paint on the sidewalk. It is unknown who vandalized the sidewalk. Athens graffiti removal was notified for cleanup.

Residential Burglary

September 1 at 3:21 p.m., a landlord of a property in the 200 block of W. Lemon reported that a vehicle backed into the carport area and two male suspects broke into a storage unit. The owner of the storage unit is out of town, so the loss is unknown at this time. The landlord provided surveillance footage of the incident. This investigation is continuing.

## DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of August 22, 2021 – August 28, 2021.

August 22, 2021

Petty theft: 1600 Mountain Avenue (Walmart). Victim lost her wallet inside the location and asked to see video. Deputies arrived and checked video surveillance and observed a male Hispanic adult employee taking money from the found wallet. Surveillance available. Suspect cited/released.

August 23, 2021

Burglary (Vehicle): 1900 block of Chesson Street. Suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's vehicle and stole her employee work Identification. No Video surveillance. No signs of forced entry.

Burglary (Vehicle): 1060 Huntington Drive (Denny's). Suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's vehicle and stole miscellaneous items from the center console. Vehicles front door pried open. Loss was approximately \$300 and approximately \$200 in damages. No Video surveillance.

August 24, 2021

Burglary (Vehicle): 1800 block of Earlington Avenue. Suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's vehicle and stole miscellaneous items from the center console and glove box. Vehicles front door pried open. Loss was approximately \$100 and \$750 in damages. No Video surveillance.

August 25, 2021

Burglary (Vehicle): 1325 Huntington Drive (Big Lots). Suspect(s) unknown shattered the victim's vehicle window and ransacked the center console, nothing appeared to be missing. Approximately \$250 in damages. No Video surveillance.

August 26, 2021.

Grand theft auto: 1091 Hamilton Road (Soyfoods of America). Victim left his vehicle a 2000 Chevy C2500 unattended with keys in the ignition and engine running while he quickly went inside business. Upon returning, vehicle was gone. Surveillance video shows two male Hispanic adults arrive in a possible silver four door KIA. A male Hispanic suspect exits from the rear and enters the victims vehicle and drives it away west on Hamilton Road and out of view. Vehicle recovered by CHP-Altadena.

Grand theft auto:

2200 block of Royal Oaks Drive. The victim's 2003 Chevy Silverado was stolen from the location. Surveillance video shows three occupants arrive in an older model blue SUV. A male Hispanic suspect exits from the rear and enters the victims vehicle and drives it away south on Mount Olive Drive and out of view. Vehicle outstanding.

August 28, 2021

Burglary (Commercial): 1167 Huntington Drive (Magic Wok). A male black adult suspect wearing a red hooded sweatshirt was observed on surveillance entering the closed business. The suspect pushed the register to the ground and looked through the contents. No loss due to register being empty, approximately \$700 in damages to the locations front shattered glass door. Surveillance available.

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We all know restaurant locations throughout Sierra Madre and Pasadena that seem to turn over every fall. I have heard the word “cursed” used for several locations many times. For instance, the location on the corner of San Gabriel and Colorado seems to be one that is cursed for sure – it started as the Vault, then it became Rio Rio, then Ta Vu, and then a sushi joint (which I actually loved because the prices were right). Then is became a chicken wing restaurant. Well, I love wings but that failed. For another “cursed” location, remember Jerry’s Famous Deli in Old Pasadena? Let’s name all the restaurants that went through that location: Union Cattle Company, Pasadena Brewing, Brix, Haven Gastro Pub... and it started as a gym!



When interviewing existing owners, they often point the fingers at the landlords saying the rents are too high. The excitement and the confidence of “I’ll do it better” might be too strong of a lure for restaurateurs to handle. I was bewildered that El Chollo moved from Fair Oaks (Old John Bull) to the Paseo. As the building sat empty for a few years, I thought isn’t some rent better then no rent at all? Celebrity Chef Rocco said on his TV show that the mortality rate for restaurants is 90% the first year. My father said he’d rather have open heart surgery than own a restaurant.

Let’s look at this fact: the survival rate is higher then 10%, and these numbers are not specific to our area. Several years ago, researchers at Cornell University and Michigan State University conducted a study of restaurants in three local markets over a 10-year period. They concluded the following: after the first year, 27% of restaurant startups failed; after three years, 50% of those restaurants were no longer in business; and after five years 60% had gone south. At the end of 10 years, 70% of the restaurants that had opened for business a decade before had failed. Those are far different numbers than the 90% first-year failure rate quoted by our television star chef. Another academic research study concluded that 81.4% of all small business failures result from forces within the control of the owners/managers. The bottom line is that even if the failure rate is a little daunting, failure is not inevitable.

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## L.A. COUNTY CASE RATE DECREASES FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK; PUBLIC HEALTH OFFERS IN-HOME VACCINATIONS FOR HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

While transmission in L.A. County remains at a high level, the 7-day cumulative case rate decreased 16% from last week to 159 new cases per 100,000 residents. This is the second week in a row with small decreases in the County’s case rate. Overall, the County has seen a 22% decrease from the peak of 204 cases per 100,000 on August 19.

Public Health continues its strategy for improving access to vaccines by having mobile vaccination teams take vaccines to places where people are not yet vaccinated. This week, mobile teams are offering vaccines at 480 sites, many of which are concentrated in higher-need, harder hit areas. County mobile vaccine teams work to get vaccinations into neighborhood places where people gather and are eager to make vaccines easily available to you.

Ensuring vaccine access to vulnerable residents is one of Public Health’s highest priorities, and the County’s in-home vaccination program offers home visits to provide vaccines to those unable to leave their homes. The County has so far vaccinated 2,000 homebound residents through this program to date, and the County is also offering additional doses for immunocompromised residents through this program.

Residents who are homebound can refer themselves to this program. Caregivers, family members and loved ones, healthcare providers, organizations, and others can also make referrals. On the vaccine website, residents who are homebound can click “In-home vaccination” in the menu to submit a request, or call us at 1-833-540-0473 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. seven days a week. Public Health is able to take calls in multiple languages.

Public Health encourages everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) (English) and [www.VacunateLosAngeles.com](http://www.VacunateLosAngeles.com) (Spanish) to find a vaccination site near you, 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.

**COMPLIANCE WITH MASKING CRITICAL TO PREVENT DELTA SPREAD**  
As the highly transmissible Delta variant spreads, compliance with masking requirements at businesses is critical to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) prevention strategy. Masks are required in indoor public spaces and outdoor mega events, regardless of vaccination status.

Public Health inspectors continue to visit businesses across the county every day to ensure compliance with required safety measures and masking guidelines, provide technical assistance, and respond to complaints of non-compliance. Between July 1 and August 27, Public Health inspectors visited 7,833 restaurants, 102 bars, 1,895 food markets, 274 hotels, 282 gyms and fitness centers, 633 hair salons or barber shops, 353 food manufacturing plants, 1,522 personal care businesses, 20 shopping malls, 136 retail stores, 131 office sites, and 9 outdoor venues with a capacity for more than 10,000 people, among other businesses. Overall, the inspections revealed very good compliance with masking requirements and only 22 citations were issued to businesses, including gyms, restaurants, and office sites, for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders.

Non-compliance at businesses can contribute to increased risk of workplace outbreaks and community transmission when COVID-19 spreads among employees and customers. Violations of safety requirements and dangerous conditions can be reported anonymously to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

LOCAL STATISTICS

08/27/2021 vs. 09/03/2021

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES AS OF 08/28/2021

Cases:

Deaths:

1,397,236

25,211

CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,827	78
Arcadia	57,754	3,162	142
Bradbury	1,069	40	0
Duarte	22,016	2,607	98
Monrovia	38,800	3,659	79
Pasadena	141,371	12,646	354
Sierra Madre	10,989	570	13

TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES AS OF 09/03/2021

Cases:

Deaths:

1,412,240

25,364

CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,887	79
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Bradbury	1,069	41	0
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Monrovia	38,800	3,712	80
Pasadena	141,371	12,772	354
Sierra Madre	10,989	576	13

**EVERYONE\*, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask:**

- In all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and public and private businesses in Los Angeles County
- On planes, trains, buses, ferries, taxis and ride-shares, and all other forms of public transport
- In transportation hubs like airports, bus terminals, train stations, marinas, seaports or other ports, subway stations, or any other area that provides transportation
- Healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities)
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers.
- Shelters and cooling centers
- Indoors at any youth-serving facility (such as K-12 schools, childcare, day camps, etc.)
- In any outdoor location where it is the policy of the business or venue

**Recommendations**

- It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask at private indoor social gatherings with people outside your household, unless everyone at the gathering is fully vaccinated.
- It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask at large outdoor ticketed events when you are not in your seat. For example, while in line to enter, exit, use the bathroom, or buy food, or drinks.
- If you are not fully vaccinated, it is strongly recommended that you wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings.
- If you are in a setting where you are in sustained close contact with other people who may not be fully vaccinated, consider wearing a higher level of protection, such as wearing two masks (double masking) or a respirator (e.g., N95 or KN95). This is especially important if you are not fully vaccinated and are in an indoor or crowded outdoor setting.

**Note: You are allowed to take off your mask while you:**

- Actively eating or drinking as long as you are sitting or standing in a specific place such as a table or counter.
- Alone in a separate room or office.
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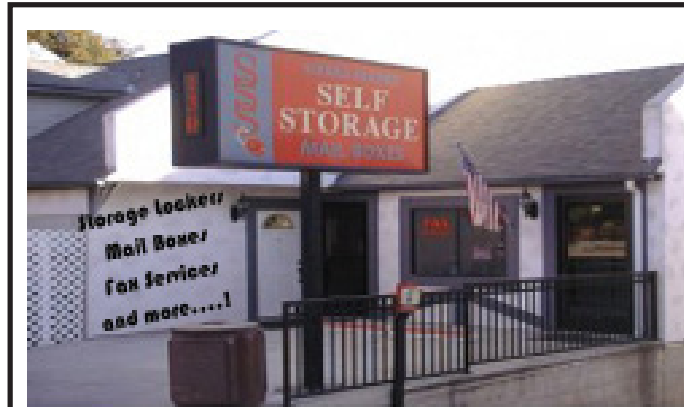
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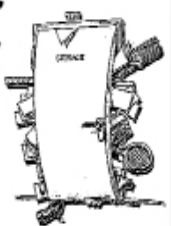
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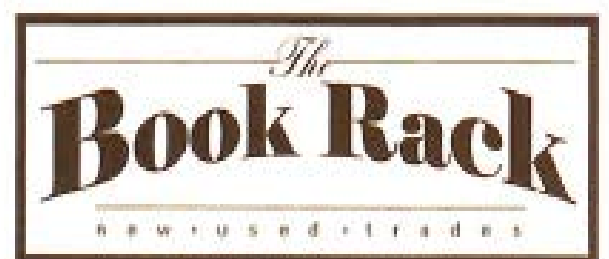
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OJAI RAPTOR CENTER  
RESCUE. REHABILITATE. RELEASE. EDUCATE.

There is nothing quite as captivating as seeing a huge hawk or owl, wings spread wide side-to-side, soaring over the treetops of our local foothills. When I am fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of such a beautiful sight, I can't help thinking it is a good sign that nature has things well in check and in good balance. Knowing the raptors are plentiful and engaged in seeking out their next meal in our area indicates to me that the local prey must be plentiful as well, and on it trickles down to each of the species, both plant and animal, in nature's food chain.

However, there are countless risks in our suburban sprawl that can cause valid concern for the local bird populations. Freeway traffic is one example. Also, the dwindling population of trees due to clearing for building and development creates a problem for birds when they go looking for a good nesting spot. Pollution, both in the air and on the ground is yet another potential hazard to the healthy proliferation and survival of all wildlife in our area.

I once read a statistic in an article telling the number of raptors killed each year by rapidly passing trucks on the freeway, entanglement in fences, electric cables and wires or other man-made obstructions. I can't remember the exact figures quoted, but I do remember being absolutely floored when I read that article. Suffice it to say there are way too many birds being killed or injured by vehicles and other obstructions versus those that die a natural death after a full life in the forest.

The good news is there are people in the world who recognize the challenges birds of prey are met with by living so close to an urban setting and they realize the importance of doing everything possible to protect them. Ojai Raptor Center (ORC) is a state and federally licensed 501c3 non-profit organization made up of just those kinds of people. Folks who are dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of birds of prey, as well as to providing educational programs about wildlife and our shared environment.

ORC director, Kimberly Stroud started her training at the Raptor Rehabilitation & Release Program in 1992. Shortly after that she co-founded Wildlife Care of Ventura in 1994, where they received permits

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



from California State and US Federal Fish & Wildlife Agencies, and went on to found ORC in 2000. There was no real 'Center' back then. In those days ORC operated out of volunteers' homes, including Kim's and a small outbuilding on the campus of outdoor clothing manufacturer, Patagonia. Thanks to the generous donations and help of many who care, today ORC has a 3 acre facility where Kim leads a small part time staff and a great group of volunteers.

The Center's core goals are to rescue, rehabilitate and release birds of prey as well as certain few other wildlife, but above and beyond these core goals, their Wildlife Education Program is also of paramount importance to the work they do. They are committed to teaching the public about local raptor species, and how human interaction affects them. They carry out this mission by going to as many public events as possible with their 'education ambassadors' and every month they go to several schools to perform education programs for children in hopes that the next generation will have a deeper love and respect for birds of prey.

ORC also holds fund raisers and open house events throughout the year, inviting the public to come and learn more about their facility and programs, and to meet a few of their winged wonders, up close and in person. Let's all do our part to help protect these beautiful birds. One very obvious way that we as individuals can be helpful, is by taking good care of any mature trees that may be on our property, since that is where the raptors make their nests. Also, refrain from using toxic chemicals that kill rodents. Inevitably, birds of prey along with lots of other wild critters end up dead too, as a result of second-hand ingestion. There are numerous ways to play a part in preserving our local raptor populations. For more information about how you can help, visit the ORC website at [www.ojairaptorcenter.org](http://www.ojairaptorcenter.org). Love and let live.

CHRISTOPHER Nyergeres A LABOR DAY LESSON



"SPEAK TO US ON THE WAYS OF THE WILLOW"  
A lesson in learning how to learn

[by Christopher Nyergeres, author of "Extreme Simplicity," "Guide to Wild Foods," "How to Survive Anywhere," and other books. Information about his books and classes is available from [www.SchoolofSelf-reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-reliance.com), or Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.]

The wise man of the forest had been hailed by the people of the land, the eager pilgrims, to teach another lesson in the ways of nature. "Speak to us on the ways of the willow, oh kind sir," asked one of the pilgrims. "The people are in great need, and it would benefit them greatly to learn the secrets of the prolific willow."

The wise man listened intently, and told the pilgrim that he would teach the les-son on the morrow, and that the pilgrim should bring the families to the spot in the river where the willows grow around mid-day.

"Oh thank you kind sir," said the pilgrim. "We shall be there, eager and ready to receive your lessons."

On the following mid-day, the wise man was at the willows early, as the pilgrims began to trickle in.

It was a cool day as the pilgrims gathered around the riverbed area, near the tall and drooping willows.

"Oh, kind sir," asked the elder pilgrim. "It is so chilly in this area. Perhaps we can build a small fire to warm up before you begin your talk?"

Without speaking, the wise man of the forest collected a long straight piece of dried willow. It was about as thick as a pencil, and about a foot and a half long. He took another dead and dried piece of willow branch, about as big around as his fist and maybe a foot long. As the pilgrims watched, the man of the forest first took his large knife and split the branch in half, and then further split the half so he had a flat rectangular piece of willow. All the pilgrims watched carefully as the wise man made a little triangular cut into the edge of the wood, and then he began to press the pencil-shaped piece of willow onto the flat piece. The wise man pressed hard, and begun to spin the willow drill onto the flat piece of willow, and soon smoke flowed from the friction. The wise man continued to spin thusly, and smoke poured out from the drilling. Soon, there was a red-hot ember in the dust that the wise man created.

The wise man quickly collected a bunch of dried willow bark from a dead branch, and scraped it with his knife to create a fluffy bunch of thin bark. He deftly placed the little ember into his nest of fluffy willow bark, and carefully blew on it until it puffed into a flame. He then placed it into a circle of stones where the fire would be safe, and added dry willow sticks so that the fire could grow and the pilgrims could warm themselves. The pilgrims gathered around the warming fire.

The wise man then began to collect his thoughts for his talk, when the leader of the pilgrims spoke up again.

"Kind sir, I don't want to trouble you, but we have an elder here with pain in his legs. He cannot stand or sit comfortably on the floor. Is there something we can do for him?"

The wise man nodded, and then proceeded to cut some of the dried and dead wil-low branches, those that were the straightest. He also peeled some long strands of the willow bark and put it to the side. First, the man of the woods created a square from the willows, and securely lashed the square. He then carefully measured, and then cut, willow branches that he then lashed to the square like legs, and the square because the seat of a chair. Taking a few more thick willow logs, he split them so they were flat, and secured these to the seat of the make-shift chair.

The wise man then helped the elder into the newly-fashioned chair, cautioning him to sit carefully.

By now, the pilgrims had warmed some rice and vegetables on the fire, and one lamented to the wise man, "Too bad we didn't bring forks and spoons." The wise man whirled around back to the willows, and carefully trimmed pencil-thin twigs about 10 inches long. He passed several pairs of these to the pilgrim, saying only "chop sticks." The pilgrims eagerly took these and began to eat their vegetables and rice.

By now, much time had passed and the sky was darkening.

As the wise man considered how to deliver his talk on the virtues of the willow, another pilgrim spoke up saying, "Kind sir, I have a terrible headache. Is there any-thing that I can do to help?"

The wise man nodded, and then carefully peeled off some fresh willow bark. He put the shredded green bark into a metal can, added water, and set it into the coals of the fire. After a few minutes, the wise man poured the tea-colored water into the pilgrim's cup, and asked him to drink it. "The willow bark is nature's aspirin," he explained.

By now, the sky was darker, the children restless, and a cold wind began to pick up. The leader of the pilgrims looked about and decided they should depart for the day. As everyone was packing and getting ready to depart, he spoke up loudly for all to hear, saying, "We are all so thankful that the wise man of the forest came here to teach us about the wonderful willow, but we are very sorry that there was no time for him to teach us anything."

The wise man tried to conceal his smile as he walked out of the canyon with the pilgrims.

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\* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737.    YEAR of birth not required.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE

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All Classes and programs will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and additionally needed supplies for each class.

Please call the Community Services Department at 355-7394 with any questions or concerns.

#### SENIOR CINEMA – 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

**ANASTASIA, Wednesday 9/8** Could an amnesiac refugee named Anna Anderson truly be the Grand Duchess Anastasia, purported sole survivor of the execution of the Tsar Nicholas II and his family during the Bolshevik Revolution of 1918, and therefore the rightful heir to the Czar's fortune? Backed by a group of White Russian exiles led by General Bounine, she faces her possible grandmother, the imperious Dowagar Empress Maria Feodorovna, and the fortune hunting Prince Paul.

#### QUEEN BEES, Wednesday 9/22

Helen is an independent widow who moves into the Pine Grove Senior Community and discovers it's just like high school—full of cliques and flirtatious suitors. What she initially avoids leads her to exactly what she's been missing: new friendships and a chance at love with newcomer Dan.

#### TEA AND TALK, SENIOR BOOK CLUB 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 9:00 am

Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

#### FIBER FRIENDS Every Friday, 10-10:45 am

Bring a lei, your flower skirt or just your desire to dance! Hula in the Park is back and waiting for you to join in on all the fun! Memorial Park Pavilion.

#### TEA AT THREE WITH CHIEF BARTLETT AND THE SMFD

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Stop by for some bingo, tea and conversations with Sierra Madre Fire Chief Bartlett and crew. Reserve your spot with Lawren.

#### TISSUE PAPER HANGING ART

Lawren is making a colorful and artistic piece to brighten up the Hart Park House! We will have fun with tissue paper, coffee filters and food coloring. All supplies will be provided for you and we will meet in the Hart Park House. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy. To reserve your spot or ask questions please call Lawren Heinz at (626) 355-7394 or email at lheinzn@cityofsierramadre.com.

#### PAINT AND SIP

Wednesday, 9/22 and Wednesday, 9/29 5:30-7:30 pm—Hart Park House

Have you wanted to join in on one of these fun and popular classes but didn't know where to go? Well look no further...Paint and Sip has come to the Hart Park House! Select one of the two choices available and enjoy this fun paint by number with a glass of red or chilled white wine. We will spread the fun over two days to ensure we are not rushed and have more time with our art and like minded friends. The cost is \$10 per person, space is limited so make sure to reserve your spot with Lawren today!

#### POKER DAY - Tuesday, 9/7, 1:00-3:00 pm—Hart Park House

Interested in a game of Texas Hold'em or 5 Card Draw? Bring your best poker face and join us in a friendly bout of card savvy competition. If this doesn't suit your card playing desires then help introduce your fellow seniors to a new and exciting card game. Cards and poker chips will be provided.

#### BINGO - Tuesday, 9/14, 1:00 pm—Hart Park House

Hart Park House Senior Bingo is back by popular demand! Come on down to enjoy this time honored game with some old and new friends. We are trying a new spin on your BINGO fun so please bring your good luck charms and BINGO markers!

### METRO MICRO— TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Micro is Metro's new on-demand rideshare service, offering trips within several zones in L.A. County. The new service is for short local trips and uses small vehicles (seating up to 10 passengers). Micro is part of Metro's family of services and has been designed hand-in-hand with Metro's NextGen Bus Plan. The service is meant to be a fast, safe and convenient option for quick trips around town, Monday-Sunday, 5:30 am-9:30 pm. At this time, a promotional fare of \$1 will run six months from the date of service launch. The \$1 will not include a transfer to Metro bus and rail. Customers can pay using their TAP Card/account (stored value only) or with a credit card (no cash). Metro staff will return to the Board at the end of the six-month introductory period to consider potential fare adjustments.

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### LITTLE KNOWN SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM HELPS SENIORS MANAGE THEIR MONEY

Dear Savvy Senior:

Does Social Security offer any special help to beneficiaries who struggle managing their benefits? My aunt, who has no children, has dementia and struggles keeping up with her bills and other financial duties. Inquiring Niece



Dear Inquiring:

Yes, Social Security actually has a little-known program known as the “representative payee program” that helps beneficiaries who need help managing their Social Security benefit payments. Here's what you should know.

#### Representative Payee Program

Authorized by congress back in 1939, the Social Security representative payee program provides money management help to beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security income. Beneficiaries in need of this help are often seniors suffering from dementia, or minor children who are collecting Social Security survivors' benefits. Currently more than 5 million Social Security beneficiaries have representative payees.

Representative payees also handle benefits for nearly 3 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a Social Security administered benefit program for low-income people who are over 65, blind or disabled.

#### Who Are Payees?

A representative payee is typically a relative or close friend of the beneficiary needing assistance, but Social Security can also name an organization or institution for the role – like a nursing homes or social-service agency. Some of duties of a representative payee include:

Using the beneficiary's Social Security or SSI payments to meet their essential needs, such as food, shelter, household bills and medical care. The money can also be used for personal needs like clothing and recreation.

Keeping any remaining money from benefit payments in an interest-bearing bank account or savings bonds for the beneficiary's future needs.

Keeping records of benefit payments received and how the money was spent or saved.

Reporting to Social Security any changes or events that could affect the beneficiary's payments (for example, a move, marriage, divorce or death). Reporting any circumstances that affect the payee's ability to serve in the role.

As a representative payee, you cannot combine the beneficiary's Social Security payments with your own money or use them for your own needs. The bank account into which benefits are deposited should be fully owned by the beneficiary, with the payee listed as financial agent.

Some payees, generally those who do not live with the beneficiary, are required to submit annual reports to Social Security accounting for how benefits are used. For more information on the responsibilities and restrictions that come with the role, see the Social Security publication “A Guide for Representative Payees” at SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf.

#### How to Get Help

If you believe your aunt may need a representative payee, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 and make an appointment to discuss the matter at her local office. Applying to serve as a payee usually requires a face-to-face interview.

Social Security may consider other evidence in deciding if a beneficiary needs a payee and selecting the person to fill the role, including doctors' assessments and statements from relatives, friends and others in a position to give an informed opinion about the beneficiary's situation.

You should also know that if you become your aunt's representative payee you cannot collect a fee for doing it. However, some organizations that serve in the role do receive fees, paid out of the beneficiary's Social Security or SSI payments.


For more information on the program visit SSA.gov/payee.

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### HALLELUJAH... SHE'S BAAAAACK

I have learned that you don't miss something until it is gone. Unfortunately, sometimes, it's too late.

Over six weeks ago, or was it nine months, I took my truck in for a regular checkup. I was going away for the week, so I thought I would drop the truck off and let them work on it when they had time, and then when I come back, it would be ready.

I love it when a plan comes together?

My family went up to Georgia for a family reunion. It was also a time to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Time goes by when we're not really focused on what's happening. That's me to a T. I took it in on Monday, then we left for our family reunion, and on Tuesday, the machine shop called me with some rather sad news. The engine in my truck was just about finished. So I had a choice of getting a new engine or buying another truck.

The last idea wasn't a good one for me.

After some serious thought, I agreed to have a new engine put in the truck. After all, the cost would be a fraction of what getting another truck would be.

I didn't know how much I liked my truck until it was gone for six weeks.

During those six weeks, my wife and I shared her little van for our travels. We had to coordinate our schedule so we could be united. The scheduling was something like this.

She would drive her van, and I would go along when we would go to church or some other function that we had to be together. So that wasn't too bad. Then, when she had to go somewhere, she would use her van. Sometimes she would drop me off at the church office and then go on her schedule and then come back and pick me up. That wasn't too bad. When she had nowhere to go, and I had somewhere to go, I would then be driving her little van. I did not know how little this van was until I started driving it. When I'm on the passenger side it is not too bad. I can squeeze in and survive. But when I'm on the driver's side, that was a completely different story.

Everything about her van was completely different from the things in my truck. Driving that little van was a very challenging job. I did not know how hard it was for a real man to drive a sissy van.

I could barely get in on the driver's side, get all buckled up and ready to go. Everything had to be changed, like the mirrors, the seat and the steering wheel. If I thought getting into that little van was difficult, all I had to do was wait until I had to get out, and that was a completely different story. Several times I actually fell out because there is no real structure for a man my size.

I am surprised I was not involved in some accident for those six weeks of driving that little van. If that would've happened, I probably wouldn't be able to get out of the van. For the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, that little van is an ideal vehicle, and she drives it like the expert she is.

I was getting a little nervous about my truck. It would only take three weeks to get the engine and have it installed and get everything fixed up to run. But, unfortunately, those three weeks graduated into six weeks. I was afraid I would never see that truck again. I didn't know how much I really liked that truck until I was driving this little sissy van. In the truck, I could be myself, but in that little van, I could not be myself, that's for sure.

There's a lot of things I miss in life, but I don't realize how much I like something until it's gone. I didn't know I liked my truck as much as I did. Then when it went to the mechanic's garage for six weeks, I realized how important that truck is to me.

Then this past Tuesday, I got that telephone call I was impatiently waiting for. The truck was ready, and all I needed to do was come by and pick it up. But, of course, that meant I needed to pay the bill for the repairs. When I hung up the phone, I was really excited.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, “Why are you so excited?” I just looked at her and smiled. “Oh,” she said with a grin, “your truck is ready.”

My wife has said many things down the years, but this was the best thing she's ever said in all of our life together. She drove me to get my truck, and as we were traveling, she looked at me and said, "You really missed your truck, didn't you?"

I thought of a verse of Scripture along this line. “Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward” (2 John 1:8). I really don't appreciate what I have until I lose it. This is also true of people. We don't realize how much a person means to us until they are gone.

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## STUART TOLCHIN



## PUT THE LIGHTS ON WHAT DO I SEE NOW?

Time marches on but I don't know if I can keep up the pace. During my years at UCLA, starting sixty years ago, seemingly the only Black students were the varsity football running backs. Oh I almost forgot. Rafer Johnson was a very visible student but of course he was the 1960 decathlon Gold Medalist in the Olympic Games. Truthfully, in those days when no one spoke of White-Privilege, I felt very privileged to attend classes with a world-famous person.

Was it that I was so "lucky" to be in such a place? As I have written many times before, my first major piece of luck was to be a White Male born in the United States. In those days UCLA was almost tuition free and by living at home and working at Bob's Big Boy I was able to afford college after being the first person in my immediate family to not only graduate High School but to go on and attend College. (There is a story that my mother, during the depression almost graduated High School but had to quit because the family could not afford the fifteen cents for carfare. Who knows; I wasn't there.)

Stories relating to past generations are connected to a realization I had while watching the second half of the UCLA game. As in past games I loudly commented that the female song leaders clearly provocative dances intended to arouse enthusiasm were very inappropriate especially in these "Me Too" times. My comments were overheard by some women sitting in front of my friends and I. The women patiently explained to me that the dancing was, in fact, highly appropriate. They explained that the women chose to participate in the spectacle for their own reasons and the dancing was an example of female empowerment.

My friend, seated next to me, at this time broke into the conversation and asked if I was familiar with the female rap song W A P. I'm sure that many of you imagined readers, especially those of you below fifty are already familiar with the song which was famously popular last year. If you are not familiar with the song I suggest you check out the lyrics and the video on the web. I am not even comfortable explaining what the letters W A P stand for. Upon becoming familiar with the song my first reaction was shock at the explicitness, vulgarity and rawness of the entire performance. On the way home from the game we stopped at my 46 year old daughter's home and I brought up the song with her. She explained that I was so behind the times that I did not realize that the song was so "last year" and today does not generate much controversy. Her view was that although she could understand why I was shocked the song simply demonstrated the contemporary realization by women that they are in charge of their own bodies and sexuality and that they are no longer restricted by the male dominance of the past.

I tried to explain to her that her own maternal grandparents were shocked by the fact that her mother and I lived together prior to our marriage. By this time my daughter was no longer interested in the conversation and with a kind of exasperated look thanked me for stopping by but explained that she had work to do while the baby was napping. Since then I have been obsessed with thinking about my reaction to the song. I am still appalled by the song and view it not as an expression of feminine empowerment but see it as the expression of a generation that no longer expects to be around for much longer and believes that now is the time to reach out and free yourself to do whatever you can imagine. There is no time for romance; it is as if in my life we have gone from free love to no love. Just get what you can while you can! Yes, probably I'm just an out of touch old prude (I hate to think of myself that way.) Perhaps I will pretend to understand and approve in order to seem like I'm with it in order to be acceptable in the eyes of young people. But young people rarely even look at old fogeys like me.

## DINAH CHONG WATKINS

### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND SUPERHUMAN



Since Tim Burton arguably started the trend of Superheroes in the movies, generations of lightening-welding, crater crushing, inter dimensional transporting beings have given us what we often fantasize of during rush hour traffic - super powers.

But if you've watched the 2021 film, The Suicide Squad, you'd notice that most of the heroes don't have superpowers, rather they rely on weapons of mass destruction and for the Millennial - a rat wand. Even the hybrid King Shark, with his tiny conehead and big teeth, doesn't go beyond much more than chomping on humans on land as well as at sea. Sure, he's strong enough to pick apart a platoon of rogue soldiers like a bucket of chicken wings, but without X-Ray vision, he has to eat them raw, sushi style.

Which brings me to think about the inherent powers we have. Not abilities, or talents, but essences that are part of us yet, out of our control. They may not be super, or even advantageous even, but let's give them their due.

We all know of "that guy", that lucky son-of-a-gun who has won the lottery two, three times. The guy who always finds an extra prize in their cereal box. The guy who snags a souvenir t-shirt at the Home Game when the t-shirt cannon swings over in his direction. My former boss was that kind of guy. Undeservingly, he would pull into the space where the parking meter still had an hour of paid time, buy cheap ink brush paintings only to have the artist become wildly famous years later, and once at lunch, find my missing diamond engagement ring baked into a muffin I served him - having thrown out 8 other burnt ones baked in the same batch.

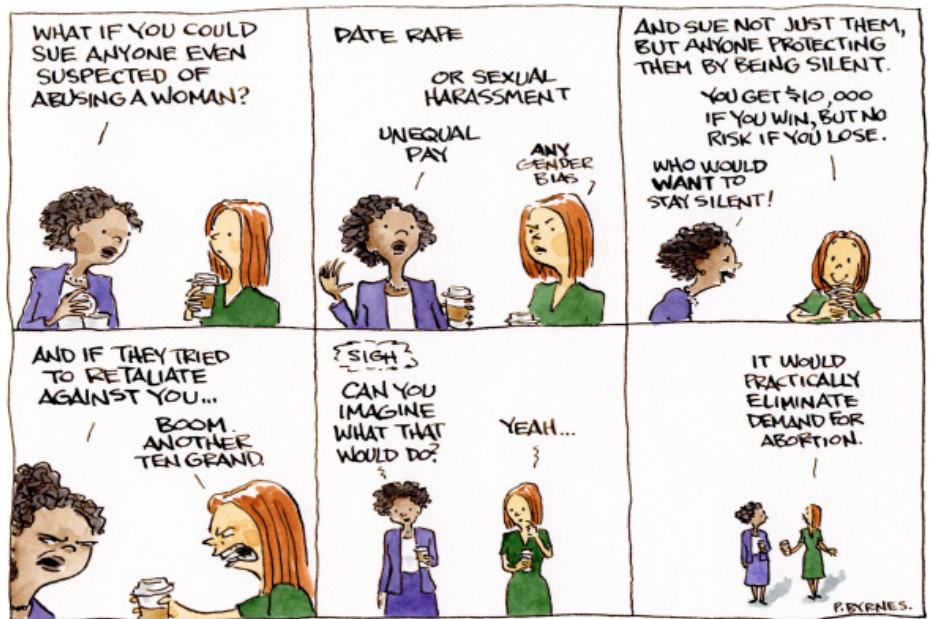
My mother has a sixth sense, more attuned when I was younger - she had a knack for being in the wrong (for me) place at the wrong (for me) time. I was working for her in China, during a period when the country was underdeveloped - no media, no entertainment, no restaurants, just soul numbing, Soviet-style, state-run enterprises. I took the chance once, to fly to Hong Kong, the bastion of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" for an unauthorized weekend of mild-mannered debauchery and fifty dollar pancakes. After getting my fill of Coke, pizza and Angel Soft toilet paper, I boarded my flight back to Beijing. As I walked towards my seat, way in the back, I passed my mother sitting in first class. Unbeknownst to me - she too was returning to work on that very same flight. I shielded my face with a very expensive export version of People magazine, I hoped the cover of Mark Harmon, The Sexiest Man of the Year wouldn't catch her eye. Whether she gave me a pass or didn't realize I was out of the country playing hooky, she never mentioned anything the next morning, when I came in at my usual time - late.

If I won the lottery as frequently as I got a "side parker", I'd be slumming in outer space with Jeff Bezos in his decidedly phallic-shaped rocket, The New Shepard. You probably have a shared experience with a "side parker", the type of driver who ignores the empty parking lot and decides to park beside you as you pull in. Like a moth to flame, I attract random drivers who I guess, want to be close to me. I'm still trying to figure out how to monetize this power.

So for the superpowers we wish for - flight, invincibility, strength, telepathy, but don't have, let's remember the good side of "everyday powers" - they don't require us to squeeze into a gut busting, spandex-tight superhero suit.

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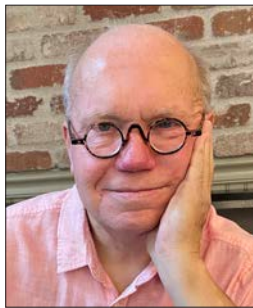
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## RICH JOHNSON

## NOW THAT'S RICH!

### REFRIGERATOR MAGNETISM



If there's one place I really hope to ascend to, it is to be attached to the door of your refrigerator. Well, not me literally. Rather my column ripped from the pages of the Mountain Views News and attached to your refrigerator door. (I recommend attaching said column to your refrigerator with a magnet strategically placed over my photo.) First, you don't want to cover up any "content". Second, and more importantly, you don't want to risk scaring small children if they see my countenance in their efforts to secure a popsicle! (I guess showing my face could be a good diet aid though.)

Actually, I'm serious (if that's possible?). I strive to equip you, the reader, with clever, hopefully funny, motivational snippets of feel good rhetoric. With the hope it assists you in not only enjoying life a wee bit more, but also help others enjoy life a wee bit more. (Be sure to cover up my face on the fridge.)

My friend, a rather "Dahring" fellow sent me this list of wonderful snippets many of us can immediately adopt into our "live life better" lexicon.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator. Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done. Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say, "close enough." Hold on while I overthink this.

I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights. (And I don't have much hair)

My bucket list: Keep breathing.

Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person. I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time! Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it! I won't say I'm worn out, but I don't get near the curb on trash day. Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done. I don't trip, I do random gravity checks. Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now I'm going to concentrate on getting taller. Day 12 without chocolate ... lost hearing in my left eye. Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. Nothing to do with the virus. I'm just a grouch.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

When you can't find the sunshine ... be the sunshine.

And I hope to run into you.

## WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT 9/11 – AND BEFORE?

Early on the morning of September 11, 2001, I was a newly minted warehouse supervisor for a farmers cooperative.

I can remember almost exactly where a customer's truck was parked when I overheard him telling one of my co-workers something or another about a plane crash up north.

A few minutes later, I received an urgent (landline) phone call from my wife. She had been watching NBC's "Today" show and saw breaking coverage of the suicide attacks on the Twin Towers (and other targets).

In my first few weeks as a supervisor, I made a practice of submitting a daily report about warehouse activities. I remember my September 11 entry unashamedly stated that I chose not to crack the whip on my staff that horrible day, instead allowing everyone a chance to come to terms with their shock, grief, anger and anxiety.

We humans have a knack for preserving such milestone tragedies in amber. We remember exactly where we were and who we were with when we learned about JFK's assassination, the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger or Kurt Cobain's death.

The incremental steps that can lead to disasters? Not so much.

One day blends into another as the decisions, shortcuts and rationalizations of our unexamined lives affect us and those around us.

True, some people are introspective enough that they can retroactively acknowledge regrettable patterns (think "Cat's in the Cradle"), but most of us feel blindsided and start finger-pointing when things go wrong.

It's ridiculous to think that the bullying we unloaded on Billy last Friday (or was it last Thursday?) could ever snowball into his committing suicide. But such things happen.

Election time again? Okay, pull the lever for the candidate with the biggest smile, flashiest celebrity endorsements

## DANNY TYREE



and wildest promises. Collect your "I Voted" sticker. Then act surprised when the city, state or country falls apart. Lather, rinse, repeat.

We get a little more desensitized every time we "dodge a bullet." If we've made it so far without fixing the brakes or having the house wiring inspected, why not kick the can down the road a little farther? Oh, yeah – all that hassle with the fire engines and the Jaws of Life.

We know the shock of stepping on the doctor's scales, even though the individual indulgences that contributed to our weight gain are long forgotten.

If we're one of many people enabling a substance abuser, we can act innocent when they wind up in prison or the grave.

We pass up a local mom-and-pop store "just this once" so many times that mom and pop eventually hang up a "Going out of business" sign.

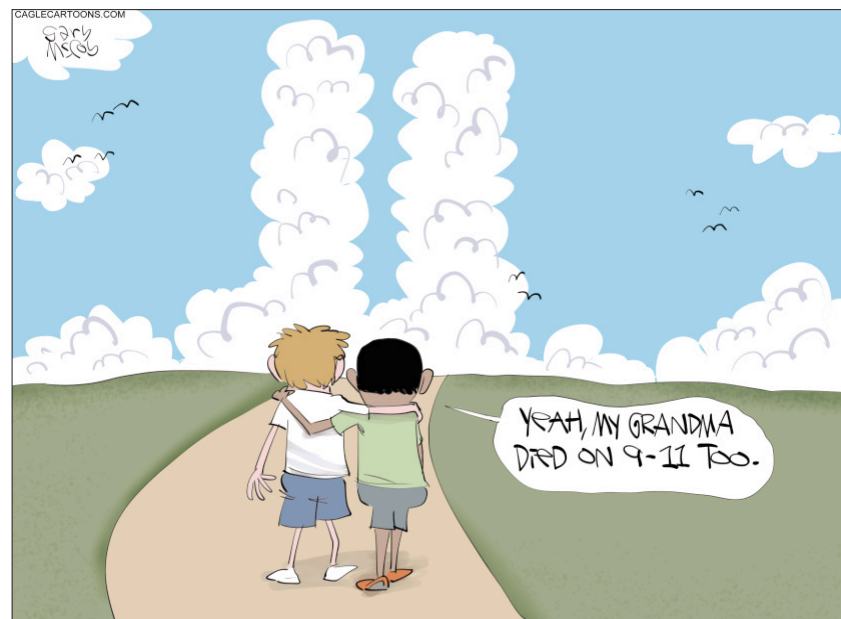
Unless we keep a detailed diary, we couldn't really enumerate all the ways in which we've frittered away the last five or 10 years; but in times of crisis, the fruits of our non-labors become painfully obvious. We haven't learned a new skill/language, gained any new friends or made a lasting contribution to the community.

Etcetera, etcetera.

As 9/11 anniversary follows 9/11 anniversary, I hope our citizens and institutions will always remember the victims of the sneak attack. I hope we will always be vigilant about terrorism, whether foreign or domestic.

But I also hope we can live deliberately every day – discerning good from evil, calculating unintended consequences.

That's how we can really obtain a happier, fairer, safer world.















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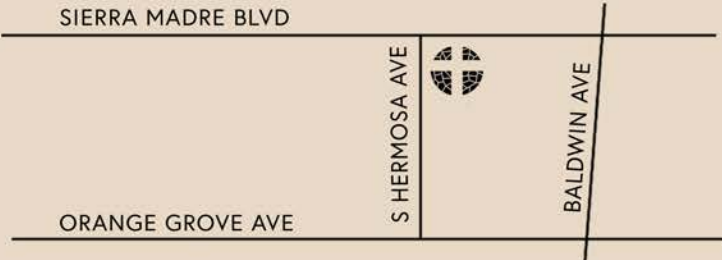


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